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Narcotics division arrests 3 more

Herald Staff Report
Three people were jailed following a Thursday afternoon drug bust in north Big Spring.
The Big Spring Police De-

partment Narcotics Division executed a search warrant at 801 Wyoming St. at around 2 p.m. Thursday, BSPD Public Information Officer Sgt. Tony Everett said.
Assisted by the Big Spring/

Howard County SWAT Team, investigators made three arrests and seized marijuana, crack cocaine and U.S. currency.
Arrested during the incident were Fredrick Dotson,

42, Christopher Tyler, 35, and Nathaniel Rice, 24.
All were charged with felony manufacture/delivery of cocaine and possession of marijuana, Everett said.
Found during the search

was 38.5 grams of crack cocaine, 67 grams of marijuana and \$872 in U.S. currency.
Dotson, Tyler and Rice were booked into the Howard County Detention Center.

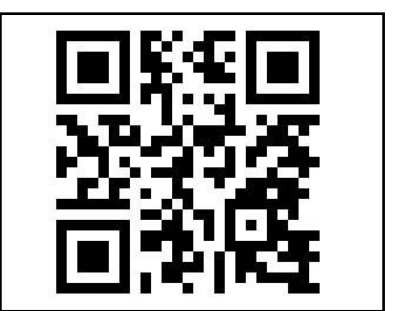
It's pedal to the metal at Bauer Fundraiser for St. Jude's

BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer
Ready, set, pedal...
The inaugural St. Jude Trike-A-Thon was held at Bauer Head Start Friday with enthusiastic children riding bikes, trikes, scooters and even a red wagon around the outside classroom halls to raise money for St. Jude Research Hospital.
"We want to thank our sponsors for their help and to show our children the importance of giving back to others," said Brenda Hamm, Bauer Head Start family advocate.
This is considered the inaugural event because it's the first time to be held at the Bauer Head Start campus. It's actually the 10th year the local early education program has raised money for St.

Jude's through the trike-athon, Hamm said.
This year, Head Start moved from its long-time residence at the Lakeview building to Bauer, which, until the past few years, was an elementary school for Big Spring Independent School District.
More than 20 bicycles and scooters were donated by outside sponsors for the trike-athon, Hamm said. An estimated 160 children, parents and Head Start employees participated. Some children rode slowly, taking time to wave to the crowd; others felt the need to put the pedal to the metal. One 4-year-old zipped through the traffic on his scooter with such a look of pure concentration and



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Four-year-olds Bella Garcia, left, Gabriella Salazar and 5-year-old Braden Anderson start a new lap at the Bauer Head Start St. Jude's trike-a-thon. Head Start held its annual St. Jude Trike-A-Thon Friday. The heavily attended event raises funds for St. Jude's Research Hospital, a non-profit pediatric treatment and research facility which focuses on children's diseases.



Faculty housing gets FISD study

BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer
FORSAN — Trustees with the Foran Independent School District took no action on a set of bids for the next phase of the new elementary school construction project when they met last week.
According to FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson, trustees opted to allow additional time to review and receive more information before taking action on the next round of bids. Possible action may be taken at the April meeting on the \$14 million-budgeted construction project.
In other business, trustees headed into closed session to discuss negotiations on additional teacher housing. Johnson said moving the elementary facility and competing for teachers in an area with a severe affordable housing shortage are promoting trustees to focus on providing help to retain and attract teachers to the area.
Johnson added the district has been

able to purchase three pre-manufactured homes in the last year to help with this issue, which many area school districts, including Coahoma and Big Spring, are facing. No action was taken.
A large part of the meeting was given to hear the annual SHAC — School Health Advisory Council — report. The council, which consists of the district school nurse and parents, reviewed several health-related issues for the district and suggested three areas for officials to review more closely, Johnson said.
Those areas were:
• Review local policies regarding cell phone usage in schools,
• Consider an animal-assisted therapy program that brings trained dogs into school to help lessen student stress, especially during testing time,
• Consider a volunteer program called Watch Dogs — Dads of Great

Election notice, proposed budget to greet HC board


BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer
Election matters and budget discussion will be on tap when trustees for the Howard County Junior College District meet Monday.
The first item of new business listed on the meeting agenda is for the district to post notice of the May 6 trustee election. The four candidates — Cole Morgan and incumbents Dr. John Freeman, Marie Ethridge and Dr. Charles Warren — will draw for their place on the election ballot. Former candidate Ryan Williams withdrew from the race Tuesday, according to Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.
In other business, district officials will give trustees an update on the current 2014 budget and discuss plans for the 2015 budget process. According to Sparks, the district is preparing leaner budgets for the Big Spring area and San Angelo sites due to decreases in student enrollment. Sparks added officials



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Obituaries

Oliver Benjamin Nichols Jr.



Oliver Benjamin Nichols Jr. (Bud), 80, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, March 24, 2014, at the First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Calvary Callender and the Rev. James Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Bud was born to Oliver and Myrta Nichols on Jan. 25, 1934, in Big Spring. He graduated from Knott High School and then attended Howard College. He served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957 and was stationed in Germany during this time. He had been affiliated with the Elbow community since 1960. He married Edna Harrell in 1956 and later married Lisa Lemons in 1981. Oliver was a lifetime cotton farmer and owned Nichols Trucking Company. He served on the Howard County Farm Bureau Board and also served on the Forsan ISD Board for eight years, four years as president.

He was known as Buddy, Bud, Benjamin, Dad and Pa-Pa. He loved to travel to new places and meet new people. Oliver treasured his time in the outdoors while hunting in Colorado, playing tennis and going to tractor pulls. He enjoyed being with his friends at the coffee shop learning the latest news. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include five children, Marcie Goza and husband, Micah of Liberty Hill, Texas, CharitiXan Nichols of Big Spring, Melissa Munden and husband, Cody of San Angelo, Texas, Weldon Nichols of Big Spring and Oliver Benjamin Nichols III, of Austin, Texas; 12 grandchildren, Skyler Nichols, Stephanie Nichols, Noah Goza, Aubrey Goza, Chesney Goza, Smilla Stephens, Dillon Munden, Karson Munden, Zola Stephens, Lars Stephens, Jordan Munden and Logan Brooke Munden; one great-grandchild Blake Wattinger of San Angelo; three brothers, Jerry Nichols and wife, Rita of Seminole, Dick Nichols and Lonnie Nichols, both of Big Spring; one sister, Charlotte Jackson and husband, Darrell of Andrews, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Billy Nichols.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Texas ALS Community of Hope.

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

Paid Obituary

Larry Malone

Larry Malone, 78, of Big Spring, died Saturday in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

T. M. Allen

T. M. Allen, 82, of Big Spring, died Friday at his residence. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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.

Police blotter

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

- CHARLES EDWARD MORGAN, 57, of 708 Pine, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.
- DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ, of 608 Caylor, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.
- AUSTIN DERROLD HUNT, 18, of 2911 W. Highway 80 No. 204, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- JUAN G. MONTELONGO, 60, of 606 N. Gregg, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more offense.
- MICHAEL EVERET BARNETT, 26, of 207 Moore Rd., was arrested Friday on a warrant for theft greater than or equal to \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at the 800 block of E. 11th Pl.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at Whipkey Dr.
- HARASSMENT was reported at the 1200 block of Ridgeroad.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of N. Bell and NW 8th St.
- THEFT was reported at the 1000 block of Nolan and the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20 - Plaza Inn.

Fire/EMS

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

- Thursday:
- MEDICAL call reported at the 500 block of N. Lamesa Highway. No transport.
 - MEDICAL call reported at the 5100 block of Dawson. One patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - GRASS fire reported at the 900 block of Sergeant Paradez St. Extinguished.

Take Note

- A fund has been set up to help the Renteria family who lost their house from a fire. Donations can be made at State National Bank, Renteria Fire Fund, No. 9012478.

- Relocation Rescue, a non-profit animal rescue, is holding a "Paint Your Pet" fundraiser event 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at the Heritage Museum located at 510 Scurry. We supply all the materials needed for participants to paint a picture of their pets while enjoying a silent auction, wine and cheese, hors d'oeuvres, and a whole lot of fun. For more information call the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

- 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 per person.

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

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

TUESDAY

- 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.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 3/23	Mon 3/24	Tue 3/25	Wed 3/26	Thu 3/27
51/38 Overcast. High 51F. Winds NE at 20 to 30 mph.	68/40 Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	69/46 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	68/51 A few showers possible, windy.	83/48 Mostly sunny and windy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 8:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 8:02 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	50	38	cloudy	Kingsville	72	57	t-storm
Amarillo	52	32	cloudy	Livingston	62	47	t-storm
Austin	59	47	rain	Longview	59	40	pt sunny
Beaumont	67	49	t-storm	Lubbock	52	34	cloudy
Brownsville	84	63	t-storm	Lufkin	61	45	cloudy
Brownwood	52	40	cloudy	Midland	49	39	cloudy
Corpus Christi	70	57	t-storm	Raymondville	80	60	t-storm
Corsicana	58	44	cloudy	Rosenberg	65	53	t-storm
Dallas	60	41	cloudy	San Antonio	64	50	rain
Del Rio	67	53	rain	San Marcos	60	49	rain
El Paso	76	48	sunny	Sulphur Springs	58	40	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	55	40	pt sunny	Sweetwater	50	38	cloudy
Gainesville	56	37	pt sunny	Tyler	60	43	cloudy
Greenville	58	39	pt sunny	Weatherford	56	39	cloudy
Houston	66	51	t-storm	Wichita Falls	56	37	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	59	37	rain	Minneapolis	25	12	mst sunny
Boston	39	15	pt sunny	New York	44	23	cloudy
Chicago	31	20	pt sunny	Phoenix	78	54	sunny
Dallas	60	41	cloudy	San Francisco	64	49	sunny
Denver	55	29	sunny	Seattle	56	40	cloudy
Houston	66	51	t-storm	St. Louis	44	25	pt sunny
Los Angeles	65	51	pt sunny	Washington, DC	50	28	cloudy
Miami	85	69	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sun 3/23	Mon 3/24	Tue 3/25	Wed 3/26	Thu 3/27
4	8	8	8	8
Moderate	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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- 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

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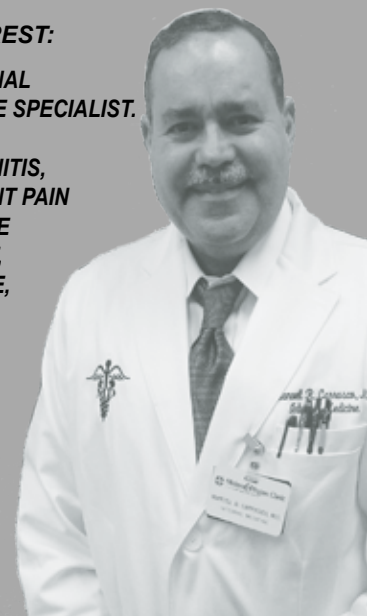
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Bauer Head Start riding for St. Jude's



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determination that would make a Olympic gold medal winner proud.

There was laughter, smiles, giggles and a even a few spills.

"Just wait until they get their driver's license," one participating adult remarked.

"We'd all better watch

out," another adult quipped back.

St. Jude's Research Hospital is a non-profit pediatric treatment and research facility which focuses on children's diseases. The hospital

is located in Memphis, Tenn.

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Students — which is an effort to encourage more men such as fathers, uncles and grandfathers, to become more involved in school.

"They did a great presentation and highlight-

ed some things for us," Johnson said.

In other business, trustees:

- Approved junior high, high school and elementary teacher contracts.

- Canceled the trustee election which was scheduled in May. Incumbents Glen Graves, Becki Walsh and Darren

Weaver faced no challenges for the three at-large spots.

- Recognized the success of the boys and girls basketball teams and the powerlifters.

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COLLEGE

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anticipate a fairly similar proposed budget for the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf once details have been worked out.

Trustees will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Tumbleweed Room located in the campus Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

In other business trustees will:

- Consider a bid on the district's air handler unit for the Big Spring campus.

- Hear construction updates for the San Angelo campus.

- Review an internal audit report and consider personnel matters.

- Consider changes to the investment policy and catalog and handbook.

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2	3	1	9	6	4	8	7	5
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Saturday, March 22

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

◆ Snake Shows, Demonstrations, Races

◆ Arts & Crafts Show - Dora Roberts Bldg.

Sunday, March 23

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

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The Comanche and their role in Texas history

How did Big Spring and Texas come to be what they are today? Many different events transpired in order for it to turn out as it has, so who gets the credit? Is the credit owed to the early Anglo settlers who formed the Republic of Texas, or the United States for taking Texas into the union? I think a little of both, but much of the credit should go to the Comanche Indian.



RANDY A. MCKINNEY

This sounds a little strange, does it not? To understand this thinking, we have to take a trip back in time. As we move forward, I think you will understand why I give credit to the Comanche.

Let's start our time trip around 1500. Around this time, the Spanish began their conquest of central America in Mexico. Once the Aztec were defeated, Spaniards began to move north across the Rio Grande River into southern Texas. The Spanish began to establish missions all across south Texas — there were four in San Antonio alone.

The furthest north they ever got was Mission De San Saba in present-day Menard, built in 1759. Within six years, it was destroyed by the Comanche. Abandoned and never rebuilt, the ruins are still there today.

This episode ended Spanish expansion into West Texas. Clearly, they could not handle the Comanche.

The Comanche Nation covered a very large area and they had full control of their lands, especially after they became mounted.

It has been said the Spanish introduced the horse to North America and unwittingly created the finest light cavalry the world has ever known — the Native American Indian. Native Americans quickly adopted the horse, especially the Plains tribes. They became excellent horsemen in a very short time and the Comanche were some of the best.

With the horse, the Comanche Nation expanded rapidly, cover-

ing an area from Big Bend up to New Mexico, east to around Fort Worth and from Oklahoma south to the Texas hill country. Only the Lakota on the northern plains controlled a larger area. It is no wonder the Comanche Nation became known as the Comanche Empire.

After Mexicans won their independence from Spain, they still had to deal with the Comanche. They could only hold their breath and hope the Comanche stayed north, but the Nation kept moving south, expanding its range.

With this in mind, the Mexican government made a mistake — it began letting people from the United States settle in Texas. To acquire 160 acres of land, all a person had to do was pledge allegiance to Mexico and become Catholic.

The Mexican government was trying to create a buffer zone between Mexico and the Comanche — a human fence built with Anglos. Mexico failed, however, to foresee the prospect of the Anglo rebellion which followed.

Texas became a republic, then later joined the United States. The republic could not control the Comanche, but the United States managed to, eventually.

To put it all in perspective, let's go back: The Comanche kept the Spanish from expanding north; they kept the Mexicans in Mexico; Mexico allowed Anglos into Texas; and those Anglos rebelled and formed a republic.

If the rebellion had failed, Texas might still be a part of Mexico, although I am sure the United States would have acquired it somehow, perhaps purchasing Texas as the Americans had purchased the Louisiana Territory in 1803.

Mexico probably would have given the United States a good deal on Texas, because it was of no use to the Mexicans because of the Comanche. By that time, however, the Comanche could have grown more powerful and controlled most, if not all, of Texas, and the defeat of the Comanche Nation would have taken much longer. It's hard to say how that time line might have played out, but it could

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This motel is a real winner

I traveled to Kingsville to do some filming and interviewing on King Ranch. Tom Arcand was with me doing the video work. We arrived in Kingsville around 8 p.m. and checked into the first decent motel we found. It was a recognized upscale national chain; in fact it had been voted the best motel of the year within the chain. We asked for two rooms. The clerk said she had two rooms, but they were not next door to each other. She told me I was in room 238 and Tom was in room 223. She handed me a sheet of paper with details about the rate, etc. and asked me to initial it and sign it, which I did without taking much notice of it. She then handed me the little envelope with a plastic key card and a voucher for breakfast.

When Tom finished with his check in, we got our luggage and equipment and went to our rooms. At least Tom did. I was loaded up with all my luggage and recording equipment, which I hauled up two flights of stairs. When I got to room 238, I sat down my heavy luggage and equipment and was looking forward to stretching out and getting comfortable. It had been a busy day and I was tired. The

key wouldn't work. I must have shoved that card in that lock 25 times. I noticed a light was on inside the room. I loaded up all my stuff; trudged down two flights of stairs with it, put it in the car, then hiked the 200 yards to the office. She gave me another key.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

I dragged myself back across the parking lot, up the stairs (this time without my stuff. I left it in the car) and tried to open the door to 238 with that card. It wouldn't work.

Back to the office. I told the girl behind the counter I thought maybe someone was in that room, since the light was on. She called it and sure enough, it was occupied. I asked for another room. She said she could put me in room 117. Just about that time a woman came through the door and said she couldn't get her key to work in room 117. Wow. Now it was getting interesting. The girl behind the counter called the maintenance person, who was gone somewhere. She called someone else and that person was gone

also.

I remembered the piece of paper she had given me earlier. I got it out. It indicated I had been assigned to room 222, next to Tom. She gave me the key to 222 and it worked.

I got my stuff and was all set for a relaxing evening. I called my wife by cell phone because the phone hadn't been activated yet. I tried calling the front desk, but got no answer. I turned off the light and went to sleep.

I got up at my usual early hour a little after 5 and turned on the TV. It wouldn't work. All I got was video static. I went to the lobby to check my email. The computer wouldn't work. Tom came over and we went to the restaurant for breakfast. Tom ordered the Eye Opener, the top item on the menu. The waiter told us that was the only item on the menu that was not covered by the breakfast voucher. Tom said he would pay extra to get the Eye Opener.

Next time I was in Kingsville I stayed somewhere else. .

Tumbleweed Smith loves to travel Texas and listen to people tell their stories. Contact him at 432 263-3813

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop the 'nitpicking'

To the Editor:

I have been a tax-paying resident of Big Spring for about 50 years. So why would this senior citizen be concerned about having a thriving, progressive economy—for our children and a grandson who plans to make this his home, the next generation. Therefore no matter who serves or who pulls your strings, please stop the nit-picking and get down to the reason for the creation of the EDC, to bring businesses and industries to our area, creating jobs and bolstering the tax base. That is the bottom line!

May the Lord bless you and your efforts.

Sandra Rhodes
Bartlett

A wonderful story

To the Editor:

Last week I stopped by the Big Spring Herald with what I thought was an interesting story for possible

publication in our local newspaper. However, if it was to be pursued, it would require prompt, immediate attention as the subject would only be in town at the YMCA for an hour or hour and a half for an interview.

Kudos go to Andreia Medlin and also Robert Smith, for referring it on to her and both agreeing to follow up for a story. As a result, a very, very nice article and picture of Mr. Bernhard Bartel, age 94, a competitive lap swimmer from Snyder utilizing the YMCA pool, appeared on the front page of the Herald within just a few days for all to read and enjoy.

Andreia, you wrote a wonderful article of your interview and even took a huge great picture of him swimming. You certainly can be proud of your writing and interviewing skills. You two are to be commended for your quick actions. You are definite nice assets to Herald staff. I am sure the

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Sample: Coaching beyond the game

The stillest water at greatest depth has much in common with a recent retiree at Sul Ross State University in Alpine. Dr. Chet Sample also runs deep, having provided exemplary leadership that encouraged scholarship

ahead of intercollegiate athletics. That said, he's as rare as a spotless leopard, helping students focus first on the goal of college graduation, then on athletics. Along the way, he earned the respect of everyone — student athletes, parents, colleagues, alumni and the rest — even opponents on the basketball floor.

On the big canvas of life, he painted potential in vivid colors, with scoreboards and statistics relegated to the background.

His 42 years in education included almost 40 at SRSU — 20 as both chair of the physical education department and athletics director. He was men's basketball coach for five years and women's mentor for 15, winning or tying for conference championships six times.

Sample's skills were called into play early when he directed the transition from scholarship to non-scholarship sports two years after arrival. The Lobos were among the first in Texas to compete without athletic scholarships.

The university's remote location complicates travel. The closest opponent is more than 300 miles away; some are almost a thousand. Merely arriving at some destinations should count for something.

Traveling a million miles or so provides many memories, and some cause Sample to redden on

the retelling. Arriving in Stephenville with his women's team well after the midnight hour, he distributed motel room keys, wearily urging them to retire immediately, hoping they could be as fresh as possible for tournament play a few hours later.

He hastened to his room, first removing contact lenses from tired eyes. Feminine voices, laughter and general revelry in the adjoining room made sleeping impossible. Rapping on the wall didn't help, so he slipped on his clothes and knocked on their door. Explaining the cow's methodology in cabbage-eating, he made it clear that the girls should begin the quiet game immediately, and they did.

Hours later at breakfast, the same girls were seated at the next table. Their voices were familiar, but their faces weren't. Oh, how he wished his contacts had been in place when he'd threatened them earlier.

Turns out they were members of another team from another university.

Proof positive of his commitment to academic excellence came with his recommendation that grade point minimums be increased for athletes. It was so ordered, much to the delight of the faculty.

The requirement that players take their classes seriously worked. Thus, SRSU student athletes earn the right to play sports. Some 40 graduates of his programs now have doctoral degrees. Hundreds more are teaching and coaching.

Several years ago, he underwent a medical procedure performed by one of his former students...

Born in Athens and a graduate of Seminole, Texas, High School, the 6-foot-3 Sample was an all-state selection in basketball. At Wayland Baptist University, he

made NAIA All-District three years — once was named a NAIA All-American — and set a school career scoring record of 1,726 points.

Following graduation there, he served two years in the U.S. Army before becoming a men's basketball graduate assistant while completing his master's degree at SRSU. He received his doctorate at East Texas State University in 1975.

No one in Alpine is more respected than this man whose values, goals, integrity and character are beyond reproach.

Sample has received a ton of honors, and with his wife, Belinda, has initiated a number of endowments throughout the university.

He's served as scoutmaster and as a board member of both AISD and the Wesley Foundation. Sample has been a Lions Club member for more than 30 years.

Dr. and Mrs. Sample are members of Alpine United Methodist Church. She is a former SRSU student and was payroll supervisor there for 25 years. Their children, Michael of Austin and Denise Dusek of Wall, are SRSU graduates, and grandchildren Jake, 14, and Melanie, 9, say they're SRSU bound.

He's been my friend for 30 years; I admire no one more.

The Samples plan to remain in Alpine, helping as they can as volunteers.

Students won't find Sample's name in the catalog. He's listed in the phone book, however. He'll help them "do life." Dr. Chet Sample is as good as it gets

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Activities aplenty coming up next weekend

Raku
A Pots and Prints workshop is scheduled at Howard College for students from area high schools on Friday, March 28 at the HC Hall Center For The Arts. Judith Tereletsky with the Big Spring High School art department along with Stanton High School will be participating. Supplies are donated by HC Art and UTPB Art departments and all interested students just need to show up at Howard College. The workshop is free for all who wish to participate. Reserve a space through Stacy Slaten of HC Art at 432-264-5115. Any persons wanting to watch ceramics set on fire at their convenience that day are also welcomed. The event will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is free for any student who wishes to attend. Raku ceramics is a

technique using controlled fire to combust ceramic pieces. The workshop also includes carving linotypes in print-making. Students are encouraged to wear school t-shirts for photo-documentation throughout the day.

Hoops, Dreams
The 10th Annual Hoops Dreams and Goals 2014 competition is set for March 28 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. "Hoops, Dreams and Goals is our highly anticipated basketball tournament involving our entire Intellectual and Developmental Disability program in Big Spring and the rural counties we serve in Texas," said West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW. Hoops, Dreams and Goals kicked off 10 years ago and has not lost any of the enthusiasm from its inaugural sea-

son, Smith said. Ten teams representing 43 counties will compete in a day of basketball tournament action beginning at 8:30 a.m., when the teams enter the Coliseum led by the Big Spring High School Drum line. The teams will tip off at 9 a.m. and will follow bracket play. Teams participating in are: Big Spring Heat, Sweetwater Red Rattlers, Ballinger Longhorns, Snyder Wildkatz, Seminole Pink Panthers, Monahans/Pecos Warriors, Midland Panthers, Odessa Tigers, Abilene Chili Peppers, and the San Angelo Bobcats. Throughout the day, cheer squads from each team will perform during halftime for their own trophy. Each team also competes for the coveted Spirit Stick. The event is free.

Music of Queen
The music of Queen will be performed in the Big Spring

Municipal Auditorium March 29 by Jeans 'n' Classics, the Big Spring High School Meistersingers, the Community Chorus and the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Keith Graumann. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for seniors. Students 8 to 18 years of age will be admitted free. Students under 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are on sale in Big Spring at the Chamber of Commerce, Heritage Museum, HEB and Blum's Jewelers. Tickets will be sold at the door beginning at 7 p.m. on March 29. The concert begins at 8. A handicapped entrance is on the east side of the building. The Queen concert is sponsored by Area Wide Phone Book and SuperRod. Lineup for Queen show with the Big Spring Symphony

Orchestra:
"One Vision"
"A Night of Magic"
"You're My Best Friend"
"Radio Ga Ga"
"Love of My Life"
"Another One Bites the Dust"
"Killer Queen"
"I want to Break Free"
"Under pressure"
Intermission
"We Will Rock You"
"We Are The Champions"
"Flash"
"You Take My Breath Away"
"Who Wants to Live Forever"
"Don't Stop Me Now"
"Somebody to Love"
"Bohemian Rhapsody"
"Fat Bottomed Girls"
Encores:
"Bicycle Races"
"Fat Bottomed Girls"

LETTERS

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interesting gentleman had to be impressed. One has to be in awe of his many swimming accomplishments since he turned 80 (according to him), the many awards he has received as a senior competing in the Olympics; and that he is still doing this. He is in unbelievably great shape to attempt it and such an inspiration to others. Thanks again.
Patsy Sharpnack
Big Spring

Is this necessary?
To The editor:
Once again I think the City Council should reconsider obligating an additional \$1M dollars towards work in the Big Spring City Auditorium. Work has been completed making the building accessible for all, which is admirable. However, by the city's own admission, this additional work is considered to be for aesthetic purposes. There is no

doubt that the auditorium is a great asset to the community, and I am certainly glad it exists. However, the needs of this community are so dire in different areas, that I feel the money could be put to much better use helping solve some of the problems with our infrastructure. A simile could be presented comparing a home owners priorities to those of the city. If a home owner had the choice of painting a room a different color, or repairing a major plumbing problem, the obvious choice would be, fix the plumbing first, then paint later as funds become available. The home owner could get a loan, but this is just more debt. The auditorium offers forms of the arts that are very beneficial to a populous. It is a shame that past City Councils chose to put the city in deep debt by spending money on sports venues, a water park and "beautifying" downtown. It would be wonderful to have the auditorium in pristine condition again, but lets not throw out the baby with the bath water to get it done.

Ardis McCasland Jr.
Big Spring

Water concerns
To the editor:
I appreciate your publishing in last week's Herald the fact that Freese and Nichols earned an exemplary award through work on the CRMWD water project. A network of 21 ground water wells makes our future look brighter! It was satisfying to see a project completed before the projected date. What I would like to know is approximately how much underground water is available at this site or how long it will last. In your March 20 Herald, you reminded us that city officials request that we follow the city's water conservation rules. This is understandable; no one should waste our precious water.

I have a desire that either the Herald or CRMWD release detailed information to keep us apprised on our present water situation and/or what plans CRMWD has for the future. I do not understand why this information is so confidential that it cannot be released to the

press. We are in a drought, which I believe will continue for many years more due to our climate change. I believe we will need to import additional water via pipes from other aquifers in the near future. Did we miss our chance to buy excellent water from the Edward's aquifer near San Antonio which I understand has a large source of very clean water? Although I have little knowledge about our plights and possibilities to solve them, I understand that our only obligation was that we had to pay nothing except for the water used. If that is true it sounded like a deal to me! Thanks to CRMWD and the city officials for their work in keeping Big Spring supplied with water.
Auriel LaFond
Big Spring

Sudoku Answer on Page 3A

sudoku

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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	4	5						

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COMANCHE

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have easily taken 50 more years. But things happened the way they happened, and the Comanche had much to do with the way events transpired. So, how do we thank the Comanche for their part in the way Big Spring and Texas turn out? Do you go up to one of the, shake their hand and say, "Thank you?" It's a little late for that. But there is a way. Go to the Big Spring Powwow April 5-6, see the Comanche dance and experience their culture. See how proud they are of their heritage. You can say, "Thank you," just by being part of the powwow. You will know you have said, "Thank you" in your heart — but it wouldn't hurt to shake their hand and smile, either.

Randy A. McKinney is a member of the Tabana Yuane clan of Mat'o Num'p Sake' and vice president of the Powwow Committee of Big Spring.



By Steve Becker

Good Card-Reading Pays Off

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 9 4
♥ Q 8 5 3
♦ 10 6 2
♣ K J 7
WEST
♠ Q 7 6
♥ 9
♦ A K Q J 9
♣ 8 5 4 3
EAST
♠ 10 5 3 2
♥ A 6 4
♦ 8 7 4
♣ 10 9 2
SOUTH
♠ A J 8
♥ K J 10 7 2
♦ 5 3
♣ A Q 6
The bidding:
West North East South
1♦ Pass Pass 1♥
Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥
Opening lead — king of diamonds.
The "backward" finesse is a relatively rare play, but it can prove very effective when the setting is right. Consider this deal where West leads three rounds of diamonds against your four-heart contract. You ruff and play the jack of trumps, East taking the ace and returning a club. After winning the club and drawing trumps, you are faced with the problem of avoiding a spade loser. Ordinarily, you'd lead a low

spade to the king, return a spade and finesse the jack. This line of play would succeed about half the time, but it fails in the present case because West has the queen instead of East. However, you should know from the bidding that playing the spades normally is sure to fail. After East turns up with the ace of hearts, West becomes marked with the queen of spades because he needs it for his opening bid, and also because East would not have passed one diamond with an ace and a queen in his hand. Under these circumstances, your best chance is to resort to a backward finesse. You begin by leading the jack of spades — not the eight — from your hand, planning to finesse if West follows low. If West covers with the queen, you win with dummy's king, return a spade and finesse the eight. In the actual deal, the contract is made because East has the ten. Mathematically, the backward finesse is a poor play, because West will have the queen and East the ten only one deal out of four, whereas the simple finesse succeeds in one deal out of two. But when West is known to have the queen, the backward finesse offers the only realistic hope of making the contract.

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Bulldogs take 2nd at Coahoma Invitational

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
The Stanton Buffaloes turned more than a few heads this past week en route to winning the 2014 Coahoma Invitational Golf Tournament. Stanton finished 1-2 in the individual medalists and raced to a 23-stroke victory. As a team, the Buffaloes fin-

ished the 18-hole tournament with a total of 344 and edged out rival Coahoma for the top spot. Coahoma finished second in the team standings with a final score of 367. Stanton's Ben Crockett highlighted the Buffaloes' outing. He won the individual medalist honors by carding a round of 83. Teammate K.J.

Glaspie was second, finishing two strokes off the pace. Stanton's Kyle Inman tied for third with a round of 87. Denver City's Tristen McGary also carded an 87. Stanton's two other golfers also did well in the meet. Nathan Garlington finished with a total of 89, while teammate Levi Bryand rounded out the

Buff's efforts with a 90. Coahoma picked outstanding rounds from John Porras, Colten VerSteege and Zac Crabtree. Porras led all CHS VerSteege with a round of 89. VerSteege and Crabtree posted scores of 92. Coahoma's Ashton Johnson also played well, finishing with a final tally of 94.

The Garden City Bearkats rode a solid outing from Corbin Davis to fifth in the final team standings. Davis carded a team-best 93 over the course. Other golfers playing for the Bearkats included Braeden Jones, Tanner Davis, Sam Miller and Cody Halfmann. See **COAHOMA**, Page 7A

Steers race to 2nd in Relays

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
The Big Spring High School Steers won four relays, including the 4x400-meter relay on Friday and raced to a second-place finish at the 2014 Max Goldsmith Mustang Relays in Andrews. The Steers rolled up 101 points in the meet and finished behind on Andrews in the team standings.

The BSHS 4x400-meter relay team was without equal at the meet. The foursome of Tobyn Tannehill, Ryan Lopez, Jonathan Gonzalez and Ian Gonzales turned in a time of 3 minutes and 26.56 seconds.

The four also did well in the 4x100-meter relay event, finishing second in a time of 44.18 seconds.

In addition to their win in the 4x400-meter relay, the Steers picked up individual wins from Tannehill in the 200- and Lopez in the 400-meter races. Tannehill won the 200 with a time of 21.93 seconds. Lopez highlighted a 1-3 finish by the Steers in the 400 with a time of 49.90.

Gonzales was third in the race at 50.65.

Big Spring also netted a gold medal effort from senior Tate Kennedy in the boys' high jump. He cleared 6 feet and edged out two other competitors by having fewer misses.

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Big Spring standout Morgan Seaton (center) signed a letter of intent on Wednesday afternoon to play volleyball next season with Wayland Baptist University. Attending the signing were (from left) were her mother, Stephanie Seaton (far left), sister, Peyton Seaton, her father, Shane Seaton and sister Taylor Seaton, as well as WBU head coach Jim Giacomazzi.

Seaton signs with Wayland Baptist

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
This past season, the Wayland Baptist Pioneer volleyball team was among the nation top programs in the country, advancing to the NAIA National Volleyball Championships with a talented young roster that included just three seniors.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Pioneers got even better.

Wayland Baptist signed Big Spring High School all-state standout Morgan Seaton to a collegiate Letter of Intent during a noon ceremony in the high school foyer. Surrounded by her family, teammates and friends, Seaton agreed to join a Pioneers squad that went 36-7 a year ago and advanced to semifinals of the national tournament in Sioux City, IA.



"I'm pretty excited about going there," said Seaton, a 5-foot-10 senior who helped carry Big Spring to the Class 3A state semifinal this past season. "They have the major I want, plus they have a really strong volleyball team."

Pioneers head coach Jim Giacomazzi attended Seaton's signing and said Seaton could step in and play immediately for WBU this fall. She is projected to play a setter on the right

side for the Pioneers. "She is a proven high-level and skilled volleyball player. I look forward to what she will be bringing to our program," said Giacomazzi, whose team went 14-2 in the Sooner Athletic Conference in 2013.

A three-year letter winner at BSHS, Seaton earned first-team all-state accolades this past season.

It didn't take Seaton long to start turning heads when she moved from Wichita, Kansas, to Big Spring as sixth grader. After graduating from BSJHS, she began her career with the Lady Steers as a member of the freshman team in 2010.

After spending her season on the freshman roster, she moved to the Lady Steers' varsity. She was a first-team all-district selection in each of the next three varsity seasons.

United Way scramble set

The Big Spring Country Club and the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will be hosting their annual United Way Golf Tournament on March 29-30. The tournament will be held under a three-person scramble format.

Entry fee is \$80 person and includes a barbecue on the course on Saturday. Mulligans can be purchased for \$20.

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Howard College Dane Steinhagen slides into home during the Hawks' 5-4 win over New Mexico Junior College on Friday at Jack Barber Field. Howard College dropped the first game of the WJCAC doubleheader by a 12-2 margin.

Lady Steers streak to 2nd in Andrews

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
Faith Roberson collected four gold medals and the Big Spring High School Lady Steers' 4x200-meter relay team won again and helped power the Lady Steers' track team to a second-place finish at the Max Goldsmith Mustang Relays in Andrews on Friday.

Big Spring finished the meet with 152 points.

Andrews won the meet title with 157 points.

Roberson continued her amazing freshman season at the meet. She won four different events, including the 800-meter run and the pole vault.

She won the 800-meter race for the third time in as many outings, posting a winning time of 2 minutes and 32.65 seconds.

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COAHOMA

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Grady also Forsan also participated in the tournament. Grady finished 12th overall with a team score of 447. Forsan placed 13th at 449. Playing for Grady were Cole Avery, who netted a team-best round of 102. He was joined by Beau Liucas (121), Andrew Cornett (104), Tucker Wells (120) and Matthew

Balderos (125). Andy Qualls led Forsan with a score of 104. Others finishing were Tyler Evans (113), Connor Steel (111), Logan Zachary (121) and John Broughton (128). The Stanton Lady Bufaloes finished second in the girls' division. The posted a mark of 459 and finished a distant second to Christoval. Garden City's Ashley Halfmann played

well as an individual. She finished second in the individual medalist standings with a round of 88. She finished two strokes behind Miles' Shelby Cmerek. Forsan's Hannah Minchew and Grady's Carli Richards also played well. Minchew carded a score of 106 over the 18-hole course, while Richards foired a 113.

BSJHS teams win in Monahans

The Big Spring Junior High School boys' seventh and eighth grade track and field teams both enjoyed successful outings Thursday at the Monahans Junior High Relays. Both boys' teams finished in first place in their respective divisions.

All of the BSJHS eighth grade relays placed first with Leon Matthews, Eric Stinson, Dylan Cantu, Jimetri Post, Rocky Rodriguez and Tyree Ross receiving the gold medals.

Dylan Cantu also placed first in both the 300-meter hurdles and the 110-meter hurdles.

Matthews and Adam Gonzales both picked up silver medals. Mathews was second-place finish in the 200-meter dash, while Gonzales took second in the 400.

The Steers were just

as dominant in the field. BSJHS throwers Vito Torrez, Tyler Sparks, Vaughn Green and Bryan Cordova received medals in the shot put and discus competitions. Cantu placed in the high jump and triple jump, and Matthews placed in the long jump.

Cantu received the "Top Athlete" honors in the 8th grade boys with 39 points.

Like its eighth-grade counterparts, the Steers dominated the relay events in the seventh grade division. All three seventh-grade relays finished first. D.J. Molina, Marqavion Williams, Alec Espinosa, Jaiden Luddington, Domiono Cole, Josh Crosby and Cooper Miller all netted medals.

Espinosa and Williams placing first and second in the 100-meter dash,

while Jaiden Luddington, Domiono Cole placed first and second in the 200-meter dash. Miller was in the top three in the 1,600- and 2,400-meter runs.

Kobe Guterrez placed second in the 400-meter dash.

Big Spring's Chris Ibanez and Jeremiah Cooley dominated the hurdles races. The two finished first and third in the 110-meter race, and third and fourth, respectively, in the 300-meter event.

Luddington and Crosby went 1-2 in the triple jump. Luddington also finished first in the boys' long jump.

Chris Castillo, Michael Juarez and Dayton McCoy all placed in the top 4 in the shot put, while Jack Everett was second in the high jump.

Coahoma Invitational

Final Standings	Boys	Points
1.	Stanton 1	344
2.	Coahoma	367
3.	Eldorado	394
4.	Christoval	397
5.	Garden City 1	399
6.	Sterling City	405
7.	Trent	405
8.	Brownfield	414
9.	Denver City	422
10.	New Home	422
11.	Irion County	424
12.	Grady	447
13.	Forsan	449
14.	Garden City 2	452
15.	Westbrook	455
16.	Stanton 2	464

Boys' Medalists	Points
1. Ben Crockett, Stanton	83
2. K.J. Glaspie, Stanton	85
3. Tristen McGary, Denver City	91

Girls' Medalists	Points
1. Christoval	403
2. Stanton	459
3. Brownfield	484
4. Irion County	500

Area finishers	Points
Hannah Minchew, Forsan	106
Carli Richards, Grady	113
Brittney Garza, Grady	114
Lauren Simer, Coahoma	121
McClayne Holgorson, Coahoma	128
Olivia Turner, Stanton	131
Toshiana Shipman, Stanton	136
Kaitlyn Patrick, Stanton	140

Area boys' Teams	Points
Garden City 1	93
Corbin Davis	93
Braeden Jones	106
Tanner Davis	NA
Sam Miller	103
Cody Halfmann	101
Garden City 2	118
Brazos Hirt	118

Area finishers	Points
Bailey Matcheck	122
Joseph McLarine	131
Colten Hare	99
Seth Miller	113

Stanton 1	Points
Levi Bryand	90
Ben Crockett	83
K.J. Glaspie	85
Nathan Garlington	89
Kyle Inman	87

Coahoma	Points
Colten VerSteeg	92
John Porras	89
Zac Crabtree	92
Ashton Johnson	94
Aaron Ferguson	128

Grady	Points
Cole Avery	102
Beau Lucas	121
Andrew Cornett	104
Tucker Wells	120
Matthew Balderos	125

Forsan	Points
Andy Qualls	104
Tyler Evans	113
Connor Steel	111
Logan Zachary	121
John Broughton	128

GIRLS

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Vanderbilt was sixth in the 400 at 66.46.

Roberson began her day by winning the girls pole vault honors by clearing 8-feet and by taking top honors in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet 3 1/2 inches.

Emily Smith gave the Lady Steers' a third-place finish in the pole vault with a height of 7-6. Kaitlin Mathews was fifth in the long jump at 14-5 1/4.

The BSHS 4x200-meter squad raced to a time of 1:48.12 in the event. The team of Julianna Rodriguez, Martha Lewis, Autumn Minter and Mathews edged out Andrews for the top spot in the race.

The four also teamed to take second in the 4x100-meter race. Their time in the event was 50.78 seconds.

The BSHS foursome of Mathews, Erin Pollard, Roberson and Vanderbilt finished third in the

4x400-meter race.

Big Spring dominated the 100-meter dash race, having three runners place in the top six. Vanderbilt led the Lady Steers' efforts by taking second with a time of 12.47 seconds. Rodriguez and Lewis were fifth and sixth, respectively.

Karimna Alvarado was second in the girls' 3,200-meter run, while Pollard was second in the 200.

Alvarado also placed fifth in the 1,600.

STEERS

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field events. Tannehill was second in the long jump with a leap of 20 feet and 1 1/2 inches. Boling was second in

the shot put standings with a mark of 45 feet and one-half inch.

Devin Roberson finishing third in the boys' 300-meter hurdles race. He legged out a time of 40.25 seconds in the

race.

Big Spring also collected a fifth-place finish from Jose Vargas in the 1,600-meter run and a sixth-place effort from Nick Connor in the discus competition.

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Michael Vick signs deal with NY Jets

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Vick is in for the New York Jets. Mark Sanchez is out. And, the stage is set for one hot quarterback competition this summer with Geno Smith. The Jets signed the former Philadelphia Eagles quarterback to a one-year deal Friday, and released Sanchez, the one-time face of the franchise. "Anywhere I go, or any team, I'm always going to compete for the No. 1 spot," Vick said during a conference call. "And I

will encourage any other quarterback behind me or in front of me to always compete for their job, for the No. 1 spot. "That's how champions are made." Vick will present a real challenge to Smith, who played well down the stretch of his rookie season, but finished with 12 touchdowns and 21 interceptions. The Jets, however, never labeled Smith their starter entering the offseason — and last year's second-round draft pick will have his work cut out

during training camp if he intends to be under center in Week 1 this season. "As of right now," Vick said, "Geno's the starting quarterback of this football team." But, Vick also made it clear that he still envisions himself as a start-

ing-caliber player. "I wouldn't say I would necessarily be OK with sitting on the bench all year," Vick said. "But, I know what I signed up for and I know what I came to New York to do."

UNITED

Continued from Page 6A the first-round scores. The number of flights will be determined by the total number of entries. A drawing for a new fuel-injected Yamaha golf cart will be held on Saturday at the 19th hole, following the

completion of the day's round. Tickets for the drawing are \$25 each, or five for \$100. Tickets can be purchased from any United Way board members or at 215 W. 3rd St., Big Spring. For more information about the drawing call 267-5201 or 935-1604.

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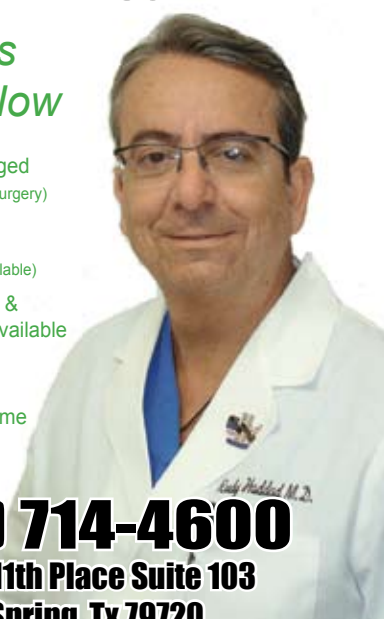
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Relocation Rescue Helps Find Loving Homes For Local Strays



"We want everyone to know that we are local," said Lisa Emerson of Relocation Rescue Big Spring. "There seems to be some misinformation and we just want to assure everyone that we are in Big Spring."

Relocation Rescue, a non-profit animal rescue, was established June 26, 2013, by three local women who were, "In the right place at the right time," according to Emerson. Founder, Kelly Adler, saw need and decided to "stop the killing."

Currently there are 17 members, 10 who foster animals. Angie Mims, member and foster, is a networking maniac, according to Emerson. "She has been able to find one to two fosters a week."

With the help of other rescue organizations across the state, the Big Spring Animal Shelter, social media and Pet Finders, the organization has placed more than 250 dogs. Twenty-six were placed the first week.

To foster or adopt an animal, the group has placed and accepts cats as well, certain requirements have to be met. A fenced yard, basic knowledge of pet care and being able to afford to keep an animal are foremost.

Dogs are matched with the potential owner according to per-



sonality. The well being of both the animal and the adopter is considered before placement.

And if travel is involved, there is a network of rescues and volunteers to step in and ensure that the animal makes it to its new family. "We will meet them half way if we have to," Emerson explained.

The adoption fee is \$175 and includes spay, neuter, vaccinations and microchip. An application is available on the website.

While rescuing abandoned, abused and neglected animals is rewarding, the endeavor is not without cost. The organization incurred \$15,000 in expenses in the first month of its existence.

To help defray the costs, donations can be made on the website.

Relocation Rescue is hosting a "Paint Your Pet" fundraiser event and silent auction 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 5. at the Heritage Museum. All the materials needed are supplied for participants to paint a picture of their pets while enjoying a silent auction, wine and cheese, hors d'oeuvres, and a whole lot of fun.

While follow-up with families who have adopted an animal is not required, Emerson said that many continue to keep in contact. "We've gained and worked hard to keep a good reputation," Emerson explained. "We've become a big family."

With the help of Relocation Rescue, the euthanasia rate has dropped dramatically, according to Emerson. For more information on adopting a dog, making a donation or for tickets, call 213-1283.



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Club News



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Loren Hastings gave a presentation on blacksmithing at the Big Spring Art Association Tuesday. Hastings creates a variety of knives and carves the handles from scratch. BSAA meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library located at 500 Main. Any one interested in art is welcome to attend.

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Captain Elisha Mack Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Regent Hollis McCright, Sue Ann Damron and Anne Witherspoon attended the 115th TXDAR State Conference held March 6 - 9 at the Hyatt Regency in Dallas.

While Witherspoon stayed busy as vice chairman of the platform committee, McCright and Damron attended workshops presented by the

National Archives and genealogist Lloyd Bockstruck, American Heritage demonstrations, and business sessions.

Friday's business session included presentatios by Ancestry.com and NSDAR Registrar General Sharon Withers who explained the DAR's recent decision to accept DNA evidence for membership.

Attendees voted to accept State Regent Pamela Wright's proposed project to fund the Revolutionary War section of the 5 acre Veteran's War Memorial of Texas located in McAllen. This will be the latest addi-

tion to memorial plazas already erected to commemorate WWI, WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

A life size statue of Patrick Henry and granite walls describing facts about the Revolutionary War and the TXDAR will be erected to assist visitors to learn about the sacrifices of those who died in the service of their country, the value of their legacy and the important lessons which must be learned from those sacrifices.

The monies needed for the project were raised from generous donations by the 1400 plus attendees before the end of the conference.

At Saturday evening's National Defense Banquet, the State Regent's

announcement that the project had been funded was complemented by the powerful performance of Patrick Henry's famous "Give me liberty or give me death" speech by Dr. Gary N. Sisson in costume.

Witherspoon won the peacock-themed quilt and pillows for which tickets had been sold during the past two years to support the State Regent's projects. The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter was awarded 20 certificates of achievement for their society work in 2013.

The State Treasurer gave recognition to the chapter during her report for being the first chapter of the 199 chapters in the state to pay its 2014 dues.

Church News

East Side Baptist Church

Psalms 100:11 and 2

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Reminder - The Darts will be singing March 25. Everyone is welcome to come and receive a blessing from

their music.

This past Sunday cake and ice cream was served to help Pastor Doug Shelly and Mrs. Shelly celebrate their birthdays.

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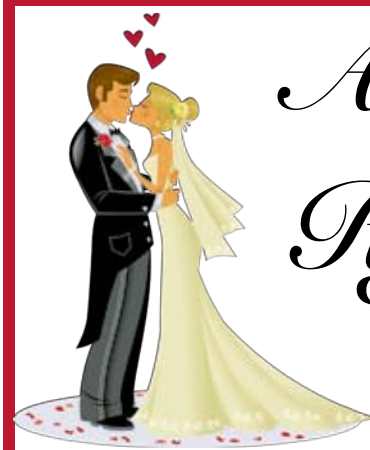
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Tuesday: Breakfast, cinnamon toast, peaches and milk. Snack, rice crispy bar and grape juice. Lunch, beef stroganoff, corn, peas, bread and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, blueberry muffin, apricots and milk. Snack, pineapple and graham cracker. Lunch, chicken nuggets, green beans, mashed potatoes, bread and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, honey bun, mixed fruit and milk. Snack, peaches and Goldfish. Lunch, mini corn dogs, corn, French fries and bread.

Friday: Breakfast, cereal bar, applesauce and milk. Snack, banana pudding and milk. Lunch, chicken patty on a bun, baked beans, pears and milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, apple or cherry frudel, string

cheese, grapes, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, rib sandwich or chicken patty, potato rounds, ranch beans, pears, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast club sandwich, applesauce cup, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, Asian teriyaki chicken, pig in a blanket, brown rice, baby carrots, broccoli, pineapple chunks and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, blueberry waffle, turkey sausage, peach cup, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, Tex-Mex stack or toasted ham and cheese, tortilla chips, refried beans, garden salad, cinnamon apples, Spanish rice, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, stuffed barbecue potato or chicken fajita salad, Texas toast, tortilla chips, baby carrots, peaches and milk.

Friday: Breakfast, French toast, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken parmesan or cheese pizza, breadsticks, garden

salad, green beans, orange smiles, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, fruit and yogurt parfait with granola, whole grain toast and cereal. Lunch, steak fingers Texas bowl, popcorn chicken salad, mashed potatoes, seasoned corn, seasoned green beans, Romaine garden salad, chilled mixed fruit, whole grain roll, crème gravy/ketchup.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, whole grain toast, cereal, chilled peaches. Lunch, chicken lo mein, sweet and sour chicken, steamed rice or cheeseburger basket, egg roll, glazed carrots, Oriental blend vegetables, Romaine garden salad, rosy applesauce.

Wednesday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs, ham, tator tots, cinnamon toast, cereal, chilled apricots. Lunch, Big Daddy Pizza cheese and pepperoni, beef lasagna, garlic bread stick, chicken caesar salad, corn on the cob, baked Italian zucchini and tomatoes, Romaine garden salad, chilled Mandarin oranges.

Thursday: Breakfast, pancake on a stick, toast, cereal, chilled mixed fruit. Lunch, chicken fajita nachos, chicken crispitos, beef taco salad, Spanish brown rice, charro beans, Santa Fe blend, lettuce and tomato salad, fruited strawberry Jell-O, jalapeno/salsa/sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon roll, toast, cereal, Mandarin oranges. Lunch, popcorn chicken, catfish or crunchy fish sticks, spicy chicken basket, macaroni and cheese, seasoned mixed vegetables, Romaine garden salad, chilled pineapple tidbits, roll.

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast, oatmeal, blueberry muffin. Lunch, pizza dippers with spaghetti sauce, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices, (HS) pudding.

Tuesday: Breakfast, chicken and biscuit. Lunch, baked potato with ham and cheese, bread stick, garden salad, seasoned corn, snowball salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast, pancake sausage on a stick, oven roasted

potatoes. Lunch, steak fingers, savory green beans, mashed potatoes with gravy, apple pineapple delight.

Thursday: Breakfast, sunrise sandwich. Lunch, barbecue on a bun, black beans, baby carrots, orange smiles.

Friday: Breakfast, cereal with Texas toast. Lunch, pizza choice, garden salad, fresh vegetable cup, mixed fruit.

Senior Center

Monday: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, lemon pie, Texas toast and milk.

Tuesday: Philly Swiss steak, carrot and raisin salad, French fries, chocolate pudding and milk.

Wednesday: Cheese enchiladas with green chili sauce, pinto beans, tossed salad, spice cake, milk.

Thursday: Meatloaf with tomato sauce, new potatoes, chopped spinach, mixed fruit, cornbread, milk.

Friday: Catfish and tartar sauce, squash, pinto beans, chocolate pie, whole wheat bread, milk.

For natural dyes, look to the yard or kitchen

KATHERINE ROTH

Associated Press

Transforming weeds, kitchen scraps and other natural elements into a rainbow of textile dyes is a concept as old as civilization itself, with dye vats dating to as early as 2000 BC.

Now, these homemade pigments, some long abandoned in favor of more startling chemical dyes, are being rediscovered in kitchens and studios around the world.

"There's been a huge rise in interest over the last two or three years," said Sasha Duerr, author of "The Handbook of Natural Plant Dyes" (Timber Press, 2011), who teaches natural dye techniques and has founded the Permacouture Institute, which promotes sustainable textiles. "There's a lot we have to revisit and learn."

Yoshiko Wada, who has produced films about natural dyes and led dye tours to France, India and Japan, said much of the appeal is that "the process slows us down and reconnects us to the environment."

At a time when focus is returning to locally produced goods, these sustainable natural colors reflect their surroundings. The soft welcoming blues of painted shutters in the south of France are from indigo. The golden yellows of

Provence are of ochre. And from the American desert Southwest, those dazzling reds and fuchsias are made from cochineal, a parasite that lives on cactus.

"I try to stay open and think of colors when I look around me. I collect lots of different things, like Osage orange, pecans and walnuts, onions and pomegranates," said Maura Ambrose, who makes hand-stitched quilts of naturally dyed fabrics in her Folk Fibers studio in Austin, Texas.

Onion skins (yellows), walnut hulls (browns), avocado peels and pits (pale pink), marigolds (yellows), sumac leaves (brown), mushrooms and lichens (with their rainbow of possibilities), cochineal (fuchsias and reds) and madder root (oranges and reds) are traditional favorites. Coffee grounds and old tea bags also are great for shades of tan and brown. Nettle yields greenish tints.

"We always think of nettle as this awful thing that stings and hurts," said Sonia Uytterhoeven, gardener for public education at the New York Botanical Garden. "But if you chop it up and soak it, you get lovely yellows and greens. Just make sure to harvest it using thick gloves."

Even succulent plants can be used to make dyes, said Duerr, who

recommended aloe for pinks and yellows and jade plants for purples and black. Wild fennel, abundant in northern California, yields fluorescent yellows "so bright they hurt your eyes" if harvested while in bloom.

"It's like making tea. You boil the plant and then simmer," she said. And like cooking, the results depend as much on the chef as on the recipe. "The beauty of it is that you can take something from the back of your closet and give it new life using just the waste from your dinner."

Any plants containing sufficient tannins can be used to achieve colorfast fabrics without additives, known as mordants. But there are also natural mordants, such as rhubarb, sumac, pomegranate rinds, lemon juice or vinegar, according to Uytterhoeven. With a mordant, sumac fruit yields red pigment and indigo yields its classic shades of blue. Cream of tartar can be used to brighten colors, and salt to intensify them. (RJ1) (RJ1)

"Just about anything you feel comfortable around, like blackberries or elderberries, should be fine, but there are some plants that should be avoided," she warned.

Lily of the Valley is

toxic and could harm the water supply if you dump it down the drain, she said, and although Native Americans traditionally used bloodroot for natural dyes, "it's not a large plant, so if you start using it for dye you're depleting the population."

The beautiful purple berries on pokeweed plants, although tempting, are poisonous and should also be avoided, Uytterhoeven said.

To be safe, designate a pot specifically for dyeing projects, and use gloves to protect your skin. If you're dyeing in the kitchen, work in the sink and avoid surfaces used for preparing foods. Although natural-dyeing books from the '60s, '70s and '80s are plentiful, experts warn that books from that period often recommend using toxic substances like chrome, copper or even lead as mordants.

"You just don't want to be inhaling that kind of thing," said Duerr.

As a rule, leaves should be chopped, the more finely the more colorful the pigment; berries should be mashed with a potato masher; and bark and roots can be shredded or ground.

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Lee Harris has remodeled and restored several buildings to improve the community. The Doing Your Part Award given by Keep Big Spring Beautiful is presented to Lee and his family for these efforts. Pictured from left are Ramona Harris, Peggy Hopper, Keep Big Spring Beautiful President Gerald Harris, Lee, Lori and Gerald Lee.

Market Watch



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We have been hearing about it from companies in various industries for the entire fourth-quarter earnings reporting season. The U.S. government has been talking about it in nearly every economic report that has been released over the last couple of months. And, of course, we have been complaining about it for what seems to be an eternity.

The object of all this attention: this winter's incredibly cold weather. In many parts of the country, winter has gone down in the record books as one of the most extreme in decades. Heavy snow and ice storms became commonplace across much of the country's midsection. Would it ever end? This strategist was not sure and had to bail out to warmer digs out west for a much-needed family vacation away from the low temperatures.

Publicly-traded companies are usually quick to pick up on any sort of excuse that may have affected performance during any quarter, especially when things didn't work out quite as planned. One would need a calculator or at least a large scorecard to keep track of all the companies that mentioned this year's winter weather in their earnings press releases. Even companies that exceeded the analysts' estimates were working the weather angle with great enthusiasm. It almost seemed a requirement that some weather-related comments were tied to earnings no matter what the industry.

And the government was not shy about using weather to explain bumps in the road that might have occurred in any piece of economic data, either. Employment, industrial production, inflation — you name it, and the weather played a role according to the various agencies that accumulate and report on our country's overall economic condition.

In fact, when the Federal Reserve (Fed) released its "Beige Book" commenting on the economic conditions in each of the 12 Fed districts, the report mentioned harsh winter weather 119 times.

The question is, how much of a factor actually was the weather in terms of economic output? Certainly, some shopping trips to the mall were not taken due to the cold. Or was it that more consumers hit the malls because they were sick of sitting at home with nothing to do? No matter what the temperature, people still have to eat, go to work, and drop off clothes at the dry cleaners. And they might have even more reason to visit their favorite neighborhood restaurant just for a change of pace.

Pent-up demand that is on the verge of being unleashed as the season changes is now becoming the theory-du-jour as to why the economy will improve in the months ahead. But our work suggests some analysts may be overplaying their hands. Sure, the bad weather did play some role in creating headwinds for the American economy, but keep in mind where we are in the recovery. The modest growth/modest inflation environment we have been living with for the last several years is alive and well. The situation appears unlikely to change any time soon. Using weather as a crutch for slow growth may make good headlines, but stock market investors need to focus on what is really driving the economy.

Past Performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was produced on March 12, 2014, by Scott Wren, Wells Fargo Advisors Senior Equity Strategist, and provided courtesy of Bhupen Agrawal, managing director |branch manager of Wells Fargo Advisors' Midland office, at (432) 684-7335. Additional information is available upon request.

U.S. appeals court upholds Fed's cap on 'swipe' fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has handed a defeat to a coalition of retail groups that challenged as too high the Federal Reserve's cap on how much banks can charge businesses for handling debit card transactions.

The ruling issued Friday by the U.S. Appeals Court for the District of Columbia overturned a lower court's decision in July that favored the merchants and was a setback for banks.

In the July ruling, a federal judge struck down the Fed's cap on so-called "swipe fees," saying the Fed didn't have the authority to set the limit the way it did in 2011, improperly including data that made the cap too high.

The retail groups had sued the Fed over its setting the cap at an average of about 24 cents per debit-card transaction.

The appeals court ruling upholding the Fed's cap was a blow to an industry already buffeted by public and congressional outrage over the massive data breach that hit Target Corp. during the holiday season and other data-security violations at big retailers.

Congress mandated

"Reasonable minds have prevailed ... Make no doubt about it — consumers must come first in this process, not the bottom-line of retailers."

Richard Hunt
Consumer Bankers Association

a ceiling on debit-card swipe fees as part of the 2010 financial regulatory overhaul.

Prior to the cap, fees averaged 44 cents per swipe. The Fed had initially proposed a 12-cent fee limit, and the retailers argued that the Fed buckled under pressure from bank lobbyists when it doubled that level.

The retailers had argued that the Fed deviated from the 2010 law's intent by factoring banks' expenses into the cap that the law didn't allow.

The three-judge panel of the appeals court said that in making that argument, "far from summing the steep hill, the merchants have barely left basecamp." The judges said they decided to defer to the Fed's "reasonable interpretation" of the law and to reject the retailers' challenge. The National Retail

Federation, one of the parties that had sued the Fed, said Friday that it was reviewing the ruling and will decide whether to appeal it.

"NRF is disappointed and remains confident that the Federal Reserve erred when it set the swipe-fee cap far higher than intended by Congress," Mallory Duncan, the group's senior vice president and general counsel, said in a statement. "The Fed ignored congressional intent, and worked to shield debit-card companies and big banks."

The Fed, which had appealed the lower court ruling, said Friday that it was pleased with the appeals court decision.

The banking industry welcomed the ruling. "Reasonable minds have prevailed," Richard Hunt, president of the Consumer Bankers Association, said in a statement.

Hunt said the group still believes the mandate for a fee cap is flawed, but also acknowledges that further changes to the fees "would only pile on the negative consequences for consumers."

"Make no doubt about it — consumers must come first in this process, not the bottom-line of retailers," Hunt said.

The American Bankers Association, the industry's biggest lobbying group, the Independent Community Bankers of America and the National Association of Federal Credit Unions also said they were happy with the appeals court decision.

The fight over debit card fees pitted two powerful and politically influential industries against each other, with billions of dollars at stake.

Banks had lobbied hard against the Fed's originally proposed cap, saying the lower fees wouldn't cover the cost of handling transactions, maintaining their networks and preventing fraud. Attempts by some big banks to compensate by charging consumers monthly fees for using debit cards sparked a nationwide furor in late 2011.

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Most banks pass 'stress test'

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than five years after the financial crisis struck, the biggest U.S. banks are better able to withstand a severe recession than at any time since the meltdown, the Federal Reserve has determined.

Results of the Fed's annual "stress tests" showed Thursday that all but one of 30 top banks passed muster with sufficient capital buffers to keep them lending through an economic crisis.

Only Zions Bancorp fell short. The results showed continued improvement in banks' financial positions since the 2008 crisis, the Fed said. That built on positive results from last year's tests.

"The industry is stronger and more profitable than a year ago," said RBC Capital Markets banking analyst Gerard Cassidy.

The banks' stronger positions should enable them to pursue business plans, pay dividends to shareholders, raise capital from investors and expand services to customers, said Frank Keating, president of the American Bankers Association.

The 30 banks tested included Bank of America Corp., Citigroup Inc., JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Wells Fargo and Co.

The Fed has conducted stress tests of the largest U.S. banks every year since 2009, when the financial crisis plunged the country into the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930s. The annual checkup is designed to measure how well the industry would fare in another severe recession. It aims to ensure that banks could keep lending during such a punishing stretch.

Under the Fed's stress tests' "severely adverse" scenario, the U.S. would undergo a recession in which unemployment — now at 6.7 percent — would reach 11.25 percent, stocks would lose nearly half their value and home prices would plunge 25 percent.

Under the test, the losses projected for each bank are compared with the capital each holds as a buffer.

The Fed said that under the crisis scenario, the 30 banks would suffer combined losses on loans of \$366 billion through the fourth quarter of 2015. That's down from projected losses of \$462 billion in last year's tests — even with a much larger number of banks. Fed officials said the change reflected the banks' progress in shedding delinquent and defaulted loans from their balance sheets.

The 30 banks were also tested on how well they would withstand severe downturns in Europe and in Asian countries like China and Japan.

The Fed will announce next week whether it will approve plans by some of the banks to increase dividends or buy their own stock.

Nearly all U.S. banks with \$50 billion or more in assets were in the group of 30 that were tested. Together they account for some \$13.5 trillion in assets — about 80 percent of U.S. banks' total amount. Twelve of the 30 banks were added to the testing roster for the first time this year.

Most of the 30 banks tested, along with hundreds of others, received federal bailouts during the financial crisis. The banking industry has been recovering steadily since then, with overall profits rising and banks starting to lend more freely. The banks have mostly repaid the taxpayer bailouts.

Zions, the only bank to fall short this year, is based in Salt Lake City. It slid to a loss in

the fourth quarter as it booked hefty charges related to losses on investment securities and other one-time items.

Zions said in a statement that its performance on the stress tests was worse than it expected mostly due to significantly higher commercial real estate losses, significantly greater risk-weighted assets and lower pre-tax, pre-provision net revenue. The bank said that it will resubmit its capital plan to the Federal Reserve.

Last year, government-owned Ally Financial Inc. was the only bank that failed. In this round, Ally passed.

Ally said it was pleased that the test results "recognized the substantial transformation that the company has undergone since last year."

The Fed concluded last March that Wall Street powerhouses JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. needed better plans for coping with a severe downturn and gave the banks until September to revise them. The two banks were allowed to increase their dividends and buy back their stock on condition they submitted revised capital plans that satisfied the Fed.

At the same time, the Fed approved requests outright from 14 of the 18 banks tested, including Bank of America, Citigroup, Morgan Stanley and Wells Fargo.

But the Fed forbade Ally and BB&T Corp. from making any dividend increases and share buybacks they may have been seeking.

Next Wednesday, the Fed will announce whether it has approved each bank's request, if one has been made, to raise dividends for shareholders. Its decisions will be based on how each bank would fare in a severe recession if it increased its payout.

Wendy's rolls out mobile payments in U.S. restaurants

NEW YORK (AP) — Wendy's is rolling out a program that lets customers pay using their smartphones, following a similar plan unveiled by Burger King this week.

The Wendy's Co., based in Dublin, Ohio, has been testing the mobile payment option over the past year and said the majority of its roughly 5,800 U.S. locations are now ready to accept the payments.

The move reflects a push by fast-food chains to court younger customers by tapping into the attachment they have to their phones.

"If they want to come in and give us business, we want to allow them to pay the way they want to pay," Craig Bahner, chief marketing officer for Wendy's, said in a phone interview.

Burger King Worldwide Inc. also said this week it would introduce a mobile payment program at its U.S. restaurants in April.

McDonald's Corp., meanwhile, has acknowledged the importance of mobile payments but is still in a testing phase after hiring its first chief digital officer this past October.

The company, based in Oak Brook, Ill., is known in the industry for its meticulous planning of any changes. But at a recent investor conference, Chief Financial Officer Pete Bensen noted it would have to do things that were "a little bit unnatural for McDonald's" to stay on top of digital trends.

"We're going to have to

put some things out there that we know are not 100 percent perfect. But if you wait in this space until everything is 100 percent figured out, then you're going to miss the whole opportunity," he said.

McDonald's isn't alone in still figuring out exactly how it wants to approach mobile payments and loyalty programs. Chipotle is still experimenting with the options as well.

In the meantime, Starbucks Corp. is pushing to get more customers to sign up for its app and loyalty program and says 14 percent of all purchases now come from mobile payments. Executives at the coffee chain say customers who sign up for the app tend to visit more often.

"You look at the numbers that Starbucks puts out, and it's pretty amazing," said Brandon Rhoten, vice president of digital at Wendy's.

It's not clear whether the impact Starbucks sees in mobile would translate to fast-food chains, since coffee is more of a daily fix. But Rhoten said Wendy's saw promising trends in tests, including increased visits.

To pay with the Wendy's app, customers tap the app to pull up a six-digit number they tell the cashier, rather than holding up their device to a scanner. Burger King also said its app will give customers a four-digit number they tell cashiers to make a payment.

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Marriage Licenses
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Tony Castillo, 35 and Amanda Ruby Saucedo, 30, both of Big Spring
William Scott Miller IV, 29 and Amy Lynn Blank, 37, both of Big Spring

County Court Filings
State of Texas vs Terry Lee Richardson. Judgment and sentence — fail to identify, give false information. \$500 fine, \$282 court costs and 30 days in jail.
State of Texas vs Ruben Colon. Probated judgment — driving while intoxicated. \$750 fine, 180 days in jail and \$462.10 court costs.
State of Texas vs Jamica Z. Ausbie. Probated judgment — possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces in a drug free zone. \$500 fine, 180 days in jail and \$342 court costs.
State of Texas vs Joseph Justin Larocque. Revocation of probation and imposition of sen-

tence. Possession of a controlled substance 3 less than 28 grams. \$342 court cost, \$750 fine and 60 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Anthony A. Vasquez. Judgment and sentence — theft of property \$50 but less than \$500. \$100 fine, \$337 court cost and 60 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Jason Leyva Chavarria. Judgment and sentence — obstruction of highway passageway. \$1,552.90 fine, \$232.10 court costs and 0 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Gudelio Moran Ledezma. Probated judgment — driving while intoxicated 2nd offense. \$600 fine, 365 days in jail and \$457.10 court costs.

State of Texas vs Bryson Lenard Reed. Judgment and sentence — criminal trespass. \$200 fine, \$332 court costs and 30 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Robin Arrendondo Cervantes. Probated judgment — sale to minor. \$500 fine, 180 days in jail and \$337 court costs.

State of Texas vs Jesus Ortiz. Judgment and sentence — evading arrest/detention. \$100 fine, \$287 court costs and 30 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Francisco Olivarez III. Probated judgment — possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces. \$250 fine, 180 days in jail and \$347 court costs.

State of Texas vs Kenniesha Marie Nieto. Probated judgment — theft of property \$50 but less than \$500. \$500 fine, 180 days in jail and \$287 court costs.

State of Texas vs Brian Michael Garza. Judgment and sentence — theft of property \$50 but less than \$500. \$200 fine, \$337 court costs and 90 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Steven Anthony Rodriguez. Judgment and sentence — criminal mischief \$50 but less than \$500. 0 fine, \$287 court costs, 0 jail.

State of Texas vs Elaine Davidson Griffin. Judgment and sentence — theft of property \$500 but less than \$1,500. \$100 fine, \$287 court costs and 60 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Terel Houston. Judgment and sentence — possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces. \$200 fine, \$347 court costs and 30 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Martin Diaz Jr. Judgment and sentence — evading arrest/detention. \$200 fine, \$347 court costs and 30 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Gary Lee Smale Jr. Judgment and sentence — assault bodily injury family member. \$200 fine, \$337 court costs and 180 days in jail.

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chael Garza. Judgment and sentence — theft of property \$50 but less than \$500. \$200 fine, \$337 court costs and 90 days in jail.

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State of Texas vs Nubia Priscilla Valdez. Probated judgment — driving while intoxicated. \$500 fine, 180 days in jail and \$462.10 court costs.

State of Texas vs Laura Lee Smith. Judgment and sentence — driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution. \$200 fine, \$287.10 court costs and 30 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Victor Claude Noel. Probated judgment — driving while intoxicated. \$750 fine, 180 days in jail and \$462.10 court costs.

State of Texas vs Chance Ray Lang. Probated judgment — unlawful carry of a weapon. \$500 fine, 180 days in jail and \$287 court costs.

State of Texas vs Thomas Franklin Dunnam. Judgment and sentence — possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces. \$200 fine, \$347 court costs and 20 days in jail.

District Court Filings
In re: Soilmayra Banuelos, et

al — MMCS notice of change of status and motion for further orders.

Joe Louis Sanchez vs Athea Rianne Darrow and Tony Lane Painter — Injury/damage — motor vehicles.

In re: testamentary trusts the James Robert Wigington Sr., marital trust and the James Robert Wigington Sr. family trust — civil suit.

Christin Merrett Meyer vs Stephen Coy Meyer — divorce

The State of Texas vs Roger Chance — civil cases relating to criminal cases

Mesilla Valley Transportation vs Bobby Wayne Flores — Injury/damage — motor vehicles

Melissa Saye White Reyes vs Eli Edward Reyes — protective order

Big Spring Hospital corporation dba Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs John Hill and Sheri Hill — accounts, notes and contracts

David Franco vs Jovita Rodriguez Franco — divorce

Genny Lynn Myers vs Justin Michael Wilson — divorce

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Date: March 19, 2014

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Grantee: Sam Castro
Property: N/2 of lot 4, blk 29, Original Town of Big Spring

Date: March 10, 2014

Grantor: John and Glenda Hanna Revocable Trust

Grantee: Joe N. DelBosque
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Date: March 12, 2014

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Grantor: RJANEG Properties LLC
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Date: March 13, 2014

Grantor: Lucy Flores

Grantee: Maria Ontiveros and Albert Ontiveros
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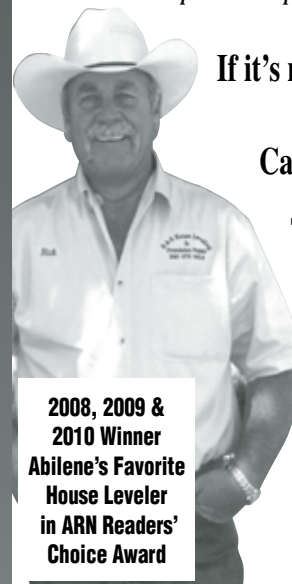
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CAUSE NO. STYLE

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 Rayes 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
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Dear Annie: Four years ago, my wife, "Joann," was the executor of her mother's will. Per instructions, she divided the estate equally with her three siblings. However, a few months later, the estate received an award of \$200,000 for a lawsuit her mother had filed 30 years ago. Joann and one of her siblings split the award and did not tell the other two.

Since that time, Joann and I have separated. (She was unfaithful.) What she and her sibling did was dishonest and cheated the other two, both of whom struggle financially. I am still in contact with Joann's siblings and am fond of them. But my conscience is bothering me.

If I reveal this secret, the entire family will be rocked and Joann may be charged with fraud. While we are not on good terms, I don't want to send her to prison. What do I do? -- *Anonymous Husband*

Dear Anonymous: Joann is not likely to go to prison, but she could be sued by her siblings and

held liable for this money, and such secrets have a way of coming out eventually. You would not be the one rocking the family. That responsibility falls squarely on Joann's shoulders (and the sibling who shared in the windfall) for defrauding her siblings. Tell Joann that you are planning to inform the other siblings of this money and you are giving her the opportunity to make it right before she is hauled into court. Let her know she can put whatever spin on it she wishes in order to make herself look better. We hope she has sense enough to fix this before it's too late.

Dear Annie: I am a 40-something professional. Due to illness, accidents and natural causes, I unfortunately have lost all of my family members. Sometimes, it is difficult to cope, but with the help of a wonderful fiancé and a few close friends, I have found a way not to dwell on it.

My problem is, I find it difficult to listen to co-workers who do nothing but talk poorly about their relatives and constantly fight with family members over insignificant and unsubstantial things. They bicker about who hosted the last get-together or who said what on Facebook. I wish I could make them see how lucky they are to have family and to make every moment count. I want to scream that I would do anything to have one more phone call with any family member, and I'd gladly host every single celebration just to have them attend.

Is there a polite way to explain to my stubborn co-workers that you can't count on forever? -- *Just One More Day*

Dear Just: Our deepest condolences on what must be a heartbreaking situation. It's natural for your co-workers to complain about those with whom they must interact closely and regularly. It doesn't mean these relatives aren't loved and appreciated. You could sweetly say, "We shouldn't take our families for granted. They won't always be here." But unless you are prepared to debate the issue and disclose details about your own situation, it is unlikely you will change how they respond.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Disappointed Dad," who was hurt that his son called him "cheap."

My son is 16 and recently called me a "cheapskate." I laughed and wore it as a badge of pride. Being a cheapskate has allowed us to live in a nice home, own a vacation property and pay for our children's private education. I hope I've set a good example of being a cheapskate, just like my dad did. God bless his cheapskate soul. He was able to pass on to me a nice amount of money so that I could continue being a cheapskate. -- *Temperance, Mich.*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Water Signs Stir Emotions

An ongoing ticker tape stripes the lower screen of our consciousness. Every decision we make, including the decision of how to feel, starts with a thought. Be choosy as you pluck thoughts from the never-ending stream, and you'll effectively manage your emotions even as Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn transit emotional water signs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll boldly express yourself and be



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met with an equally bold response. When people reply this passionately, it means you are either totally wrong or totally right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll get the sense that what you are doing serves the greater good. Because of this, even while your muscles, mind and entire being are occupied in a task, it will not seem like any great effort.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you don't like what's going on around you, you may find safety inside yourself, thus performing the amazing feat of being sure of

where you are and yet invisible to the others in the environment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A cosmic fog rolls into your brainscape this morning. Exercising your mind via reading, puzzles and the like will clear it. Intellectual vigor will put you in a satisfied and productive mood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You probably won't be able to do, pay and see everything you want today, but you'll tackle a good portion of your duties and have time for a few pleasures, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will enjoy

taking your time with life, spending as much time as you want doing things like taking in scenery, conversing with strangers and breathing in spiritual sunshine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a tendency to see things a certain way, but if it's not helping you to have that point of view, you have the power to change your perspective. Ultimately, your focus is your choice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can be extraordinarily gentle when you sense it's needed. Loved ones seek your comforting presence. You will help people express what they cannot easily put into words.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are many reasons why it would be better to settle into your humanity than to strive for perfection. For starters, the reception you get will be friendlier, because no one can relate to perfection.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There will be better times for seeking kindred spirits. Also, don't be too quick to jump onto a trend. What comes along now is likely to turn out to be a flash in the pan, a quick fix or a short-lived buzz.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In case you needed an incentive to resolve the conflict within you, consider that it will lead to a better understanding of who you are. Understanding yourself gives you insight into

others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a team player, but not everything you strive for will be for the glory of the team. There are things you'll do for purely selfish reasons that will be private sources of satisfaction.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 23). In the next three weeks, you will surprise yourself with an action that is out of character and yet incredibly effective. This is the start of a brand-new endeavor. In April and June, you will be paid well for the maturity and experience you bring to a job. Bliss comes of your decision to make love your priority in May. Aquarius and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 11, 15, 7 and 19.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Have you ever been a living example of beginner's luck? Ignorant of the way a game worked, your horseshoe hit the stake, your dart hit the bull's eye, your ball went into the basket... If you've experienced such a thing, you know that there is power in not knowing what you can and can't do. This is the lesson of the first full week of the sun's journey through Aries, the sign of fresh energy, vitality and innocence. All things seem possible. It's as though someone pressed the "mute" button on our powers of discernment. With the critical voices inaudible, limitations are lifted, often for the better. Aries is also the

warrior planet, and so if there is an area of your life that requires you to fight the good fight, the stars will be rooting for you in battle. On Wednesday, Mercury and Jupiter form a harmonious angle in water signs, and those who would empathize with your plight are likely to join your team if you reach out and let them know what you need. On Friday, the Pisces moon sheds the wisdom of perspective on our scene. You probably won't be able to reason out the right thing to do -- you'll have to feel it instead.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy birthday to Perez Hilton, who started one of the most popular celebrity news blogs in history. If you think gossip is child's play, you might be interested to know that the celebrity gossip king was born when the sun, Mercury and Venus were all in Aries, the sign of fresh, youthful excitement -- and his natal Saturn, the planet of lessons, is in Leo, the sign of entertainment.

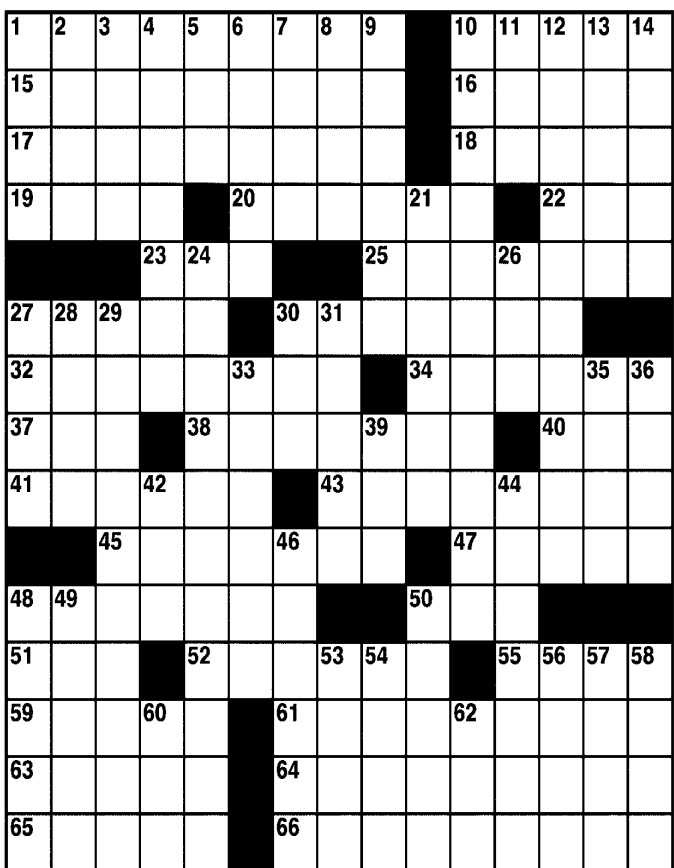
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- 1 Product first sold as Opal Fruits
- 10 Early Asimov outlets
- 15 Conserve energy, in a way
- 16 Return option
- 17 Lets have it
- 18 "Got it"
- 19 "What, will these hands ___ be clean?": Lady Macbeth
- 20 Cobbler's supply
- 22 Halloween figure
- 23 Shade provider
- 25 Plastic flute
- 27 Big-bucks event
- 30 Bounce
- 32 Subjects for Raphael
- 34 Violinmaker's device
- 37 Object
- 38 Cut loose
- 40 Except for
- 41 Far from pristine
- 43 "I need you"
- 45 Tops in endurance
- 47 Material for suits
- 48 Mine, e.g.
- 50 Ken Jennings alma mater
- 51 Charge (up)
- 52 Move around
- 55 Word in the etymology of "checkmate"
- 59 Enterprise subsidiary
- 61 Chance to recharge, say
- 63 "What a coincidence!"
- 64 Really studies
- 65 Was still valid
- 66 Source of butterflies
- DOWN**
- 1 Don't recognize
- 2 Antler feature
- 3 Trained
- 4 Ask for more
- 5 Top piece
- 6 Inordinate
- 7 Hoof-care tool
- 8 Word at the end of SAT sections
- 9 Professional positions
- 10 Antonym for "unconcerned"
- 11 Radar anomaly
- 12 Weapon first used in 1977
- 13 Knife ___
- 14 Mountie jacket material
- 21 Typical Tracy/Hepburn vehicle
- 24 Ronstadt's only #1 single
- 26 Prog. for newcomers
- 27 Some tablets
- 28 Home of Wright State
- 29 Former *X Factor* judge
- 30 Concentration breaker
- 31 They're "as much a work of art" as "state of the art"
- 33 Heavy
- 35 K follower
- 36 W, formerly
- 39 Zinger
- 42 Suffix for some synthetics
- 44 San Jacinto victor
- 46 Riveted
- 48 Pushchair cousins
- 49 Fill again, as a flat
- 50 Seven-time Emmy-nominated role, 1992-98
- 53 Daylily kin
- 54 In a quandary
- 56 It's combed on some farms
- 57 Where Carver taught before Tuskegee
- 58 One of a matching set
- 60 Field call
- 62 What might be on the tip of your tongue?



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Chew on this: Gum losing its appeal

NEW YORK (AP) — Gum seems as appealing as that sticky wad on the bottom of a shoe these days.

It's not that Americans don't ever enjoy a stick of Trident or Orbit, the two most popular brands. They just aren't as crazy about chomping away on the stuff as they once were, with U.S. sales tumbling 11 percent over the past four years.

No one in the industry can pinpoint a single factor that's causing the decline — the theories include an unwillingness to shell out \$2 or more for a pack in the bad economy or that advertising veered too far from underlining gum's cavity-fighting benefits. But the biggest reason may be that people simply have more to chew on.

From designer mints to fruit chews, candy companies have invented plenty of other ways to get a sugar fix or battle bad breath and anxiety.

The alternatives don't come with gum's unpleasant characteristics either, like the question of whether to spit out or gulp the remains. They're also less likely to annoy parents, co-workers or romantic interests.

"You talk to someone and they're just chomping on gum," said Matt Smith, a 46-year-old who lives Albany, N.Y. and hates gum so much he refers to it only by its first letter. "If you

substitute gum for any other food, like mashed potatoes, would you find that acceptable? It's disgusting."

The gum chewing habit dates as far back as the ancient Greeks but arrived in the U.S. in its modern form in the 1860s, according to Mars Inc., the No. 1 player in the market with its Wrigley unit.

Over the years, gum makers positioned it as a way to "Kiss a Little Longer" in the famous Big Red jingle, quit smoking, curb cravings or just make the chewer happier. Catchy slogans or characters included the "Doublemint Twins" and Orbit's blonde spokeswoman who ends commercials with "Dirty mouth? Clean it up."

It popped up in pop culture too. In the 1960s, a genre of music aimed at younger audiences came to be known as "Bubblegum."

In the 1975 movie "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," the silent Chief Bromden speaks for the first time saying, "Mmm, Juicy Fruit" after the character played by Jack Nicholson gives him a stick of the gum. And Janet Jackson played a feisty, gum-chewing beautician in the 1993 film "Poetic Justice."

But gum's image as a tasteless habit also stuck, with some high-profile gum chewing only making it worse.

In 2003, Britney Spears gave an interview to

CNN where a white piece of gum could be seen floating around her mouth as she fielded questions on a range of topics, including the war in Iraq. Talk show host Wendy Williams has a "gum wall" backstage, where she sticks wads of it before walking out. In one episode, she told Patti LaBelle that she could put her gum on the wall after the singer spit out a wad into her hand.

Such imagery may be why gum is still a no-no in business meetings or first dates, according to Lizzie Post, the great-great granddaughter of etiquette expert Emily Post and co-author of "Emily Post's Etiquette."

"My grandmother used to tell me, 'You look like a cow chewing cud,'" she said.

The habit so bothered author Malachy McCourt that the extremely long-shot gubernatorial candidate in 2006 told the New York Times he wanted to triple the tax on gum. The former Green Party nominee explained that he didn't like the mess it created on sidewalks and subways.

"The other aspect of it is that it makes people look so stupid," said McCourt, 82, in a recent interview.

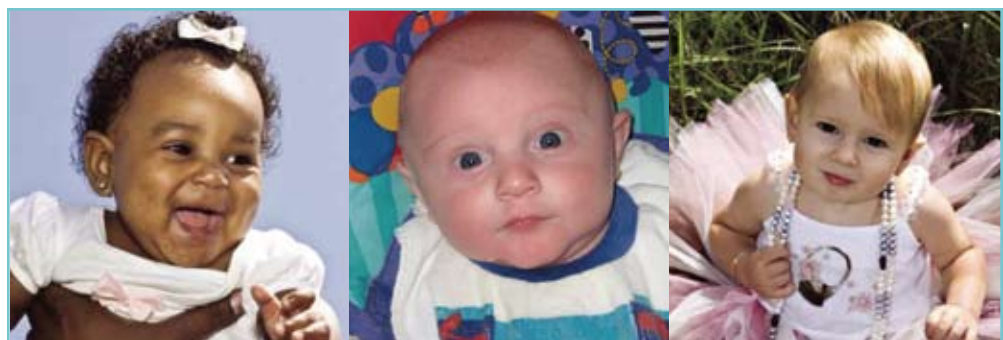
Gum's bad image is one reason that alternatives look more attractive. There's also another perennial complaint: "The flavor runs out too fast," said Ryan Fur-

bush, a 17-year-old from Sayreville, N.J. who has stopped chewing gum in favor of chewy candies and chocolates.

It may be why Mars said its gum declines have been most signifi-

cant with people who are 25 and younger. In the meantime, Altoids mints, Welch's Fruit Snacks and countless other options have taken up space in the checkout aisles where

most gum is purchased. Since peaking in 2009, U.S. gum sales have fallen 11 percent to \$3.71 billion last year, according to market researcher Euromonitor International.



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Oregon dismays medical pot shops with munchies ban

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Hash brownies, space cakes and other pot-laced munchies won't be among the items allowed at Oregon medical marijuana dispensaries, state officials said, and that's drawn criticism from pot-shop advocates.

The Oregon Health Authority released draft rules late Wednesday for medical-pot dispensaries to follow when they open as early as next week under a new law. Although medical marijuana will be available at the dispensaries, the agency wants to ban sweets containing the drug because they could be attractive to young people.

But dispensary advocates said patients who take the drug orally need the sweetened pot products. They say a little sugar helps the bitter medicine go down.

"It just stinks," said Gary Stevenson of Portland.

Stevenson, who has cancer, said he prefers to take the marijuana in food because it's more potent and longer-lasting. As a member of the group Oreginfused Kitchen, he also makes and distributes the types of pot-infused foods that would be banned at dispensaries.

He said he doesn't want to go underground. "I'm striving for legitimacy," Stevenson said.

The regulations are designed to implement the bill SB 1531, which the

Legislature passed earlier this month and Gov. John Kitzhaber signed into law on Wednesday. The law allows local governments to block medical marijuana stores in their communities until May 2015. It also lets the health agency set rules requiring child-safe packaging and prohibiting products that it determines could be appealing to children.

Scott Grenfell, general manager of an already existing dispensary, said he has no problem with that part of the new rules.

But Grenfell called "stunning" the proposed rule that would ban from dispensaries all marijuana-infused products in the form of "cake-like products, cookies, candy, or gum, or that otherwise may be attractive to minors because of its shape, color, or taste."

Edible products are "a good chunk" of his business, and some patients can only take marijuana in edible form, he said. Grenfell has applied for a license for his dispensary under the new law but has not yet received a reply.

Tom Burns, director of pharmacy programs at the health agency, said the rules were written under the "strictest interpretation" of the new law and "as broadly as we could."

Burns said the rules could change in the next few days.



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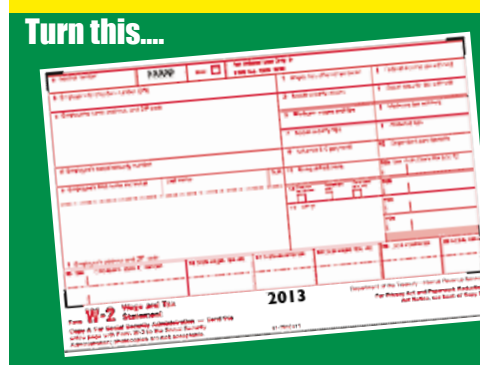
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Black preschoolers more likely to face suspension

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black students are more likely to be suspended from U.S. public schools — even as tiny preschoolers.

The racial disparities in American education, from access to high-level classes and experienced teachers to discipline, were highlighted in a report released Friday by the Education Department's civil rights arm.

The suspensions — and disparities — begin at the earliest grades.

Black children represent about 18 percent of children in preschool programs in schools, but they make up almost half of the preschoolers suspended more than once, the report said.

Six percent of the nation's districts with preschools reported suspending at least one pre-

school child.

Advocates long have said get-tough suspension and arrest policies in schools have contributed to a "school-to-prison" pipeline that snags minority students, but much of the emphasis has been on middle school and high school policies.

This was the first time the department reported data on preschool discipline.

Earlier this year, the Obama administration issued guidance encouraging schools to abandon what it described as overly zealous discipline policies that send students to court instead of the principal's office. But even before the announcement, school districts have been adjusting policies that disproportionately affect minority students.

Overall, the data show that black students of all ages are suspended and expelled at a rate that's three times higher than that of white children. Even as boys receive more than two-thirds of suspensions, black girls are suspended at higher rates than girls of any other race or most boys.

The data doesn't explain why the disparities exist or why the students were suspended.

"It is clear that the United States has a great distance to go to meet our goal of providing opportunities for every student to succeed," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a statement.

"This critical report shows that racial disparities in school discipline policies are not only well documented among older students,

but actually begin during preschool," Attorney General Eric Holder said. "Every data point represents a life impacted and a future potentially diverted or derailed. This administration is moving aggressively to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline in order to ensure that all of our young people have equal educational opportunities."

Nationally, 1 million children were served in public preschool programs, with about 60 percent of districts offering preschool during the 2011-2012 school year, according to the data. The data show nearly 5,000 preschool-

ers were suspended once. At least 2,500 were suspended more than once.

Hispanic children made up nearly one-third of all preschoolers, but they made up 25 percent of the preschoolers suspended once and 20 percent of preschoolers suspended more than once.

Reggie Felton, interim associate executive director at the National School Boards Association, called the rates "unacceptable." He said there's more training going on to ensure teachers are aware of the importance of keeping students in school.

Daniel Losen, director

of the Center for Civil Rights Remedies for the Civil Rights Project at UCLA, said the findings are disturbing because the suspended preschoolers are unlikely to be presenting a danger, such as a teenager bringing a gun to school.

"Almost none of these kids are kids that wouldn't be better off with some support from educators," Losen said. "Just kicking them out of school is denying them access to educational opportunity at such a young age. Then, as they come in for kindergarten, they are just that much less prepared."

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- * **Provides** pre-school children the highest quality **education**
- * **Provides free** two (2) nutritious meals and a snack **each day**
- * **Connects** your **family** to the right services
- * **Encourages-insists** on parent participation
- * **Focuses** on the **total** well-being of your child

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Bauer Head Start
School Readiness Academy
108 NW 9th Street, Big Spring, Texas
432-267-7452

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Classes will begin September, 2014
FEES: NONE



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Support Group Meeting @ 11:30AM

UMC McInturff Conference Center
602 Indiana Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79415




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