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## Schools to place focus on graduation plans now

By **MELISSA MILLER**  
Special to the Herald

Current eighth-grade Big Spring students and their parents will begin meeting with school counselors Monday to select a graduation plan as school districts across Texas prepare to implement a new set of graduation plans for the fall of 2014.

"One of the requirements implemented through House Bill 5, is that a parent and student must sign off on the plan that they choose, so it is extremely important that parents and students plan to attend the sessions next week," said Mike Ritchey, Big Spring High School principal.

House Bill 5 (HB 5), passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature and signed by the Texas Governor Rick Perry, provides for a new set of graduation plans for Texas students beginning in the fall of 2014. These graduation plans consist of a foundation plan for every Texas student and five endorsements from which student may choose, depending on their interests. Students who are currently in high school can continue to graduate on the plan they are currently on with no changes.

A student may graduate on the foundation plan with only 22 credits, but all students will be encouraged to graduate with an endorsement, which requires 26 credits. Students will also be required to pass end-of-course exams in English I, English II, Algebra, Biology, and U.S. History.

Students may choose one of the following endorsement plans: STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math; Business and Industry; Arts and Humanities; Public Services; or Multi-Disciplinary Studies.

"These are much like choosing a major in college, where you can specialize and receive targeted instruction for your chosen career," said Pam Walker, high school

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**Rodeo clown Ruby Pearson is all smiles after the rodeo.**  
HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

## Dobbs' memory carries on at kinder rodeo

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Competition was tough at the Quail Dobbs Legacy Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo held Friday morning and when the last stick-bull was ridden and the final barrel race won, it was the 2014 kindergarten class that triumphed.

"It's a phenomenal event," said Ben Clements PRCA and USTRC announcer who lent his talent to the annual event held at the Coahoma Elementary School gym. "It's one that we have on our schedule all year long. We are really excited and honored to come here."

Clements has announced the stick-horse rodeo for around 20 years and is one of the many professional rodeo talents recruited by the late Quail Dobbs to lend a hand to the beloved community



**Petyon Phernetton watches the action — and the photographer — from the sidelines**  
HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

event. Dobbs, who died in January, was a former professional rodeo clown. See **RODEO**, Page 3A

## Volunteers go roof-top to help Boys & Girls Club

**Herald Staff Report**

Up on the Roof. Officials with the Salvation Army and Alon USA teamed to raise funds for the Boys and Girls Club Friday by sitting or standing on top of the 7-Eleven Store located on Fourth and Birdwell streets for a 12-hour period, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Among the many activities that occurred, Alon lowered gasoline prices at the pump from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., volunteers gave out fans and coupons for free hot-dogs, small coffees, Slurpees and Big Gulps and KSBT Radio broadcasted from the roof to promote the event. The money raised will be used to purchase a basketball court scoreboard and rock climbing wall for the club.



**Alon USA representative Jessica Rivera, left, Salvation Army Lt. Jeremiah Romack and Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson were among those staying on the roof to solicit donations.**  
HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

## Pre-K, K registration begins Monday for FISD

**Special to the Herald**

Forsan Elementary at Elbow has scheduled pre-k and kindergarten pre-registration for Monday through Friday, April 11 in the elementary office located south of Big Spring at the corner of Nichols Road and FM 818.

The school office will be open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

In order to be eligible for pre-kindergarten, the student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2014, and meet

at least one of the following criteria:

- Must be unable to speak or comprehend English;
- The family fully qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches;
- The family is homeless;
- One or more parents are on active-duty military service ; or
- The children are in foster care

To register for kindergarten, students must be five years of

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## AARP Tax-Aide program to wrap up Monday here

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
Managing Editor

There's one final opportunity to get free help with your income tax returns.

The AARP Tax Aide Program, which has been assisting citizens in filing their taxes for about two months now, will hold its final session Monday at the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center.

Program hours will be from 8 a.m. until noon. The free service is first come, first served. Already this year, tax aide volunteers have helped hundreds with their tax returns.

"We had a good year but we still have room for a few more," said Ray Alexander, local coordinator. "We'll try to take care of everyone who shows up Monday."

Numbers are down slightly, but that's not to be a concern, Alexander said.

"Overall we've done real well. We've had lots of

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## Obituaries

## Juan 'Johnny' Haro



Juan "Johnny" Haro, 68, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 3, 2014, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 6, 2014, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Sam Segundo, pastor of Family Faith Center, officiating.

Burial with military honors will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 3, 1946, in Big Spring, Texas, to Eustolia "Emma" and Juan Haro. He grew up in Big Spring and served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged. He married Lendora Rose and she preceded him in death in 1994. He received an associate's degree from Howard College and was a member of North Side Methodist Church. He enjoyed reading, especially classical and science as well as watching movies, walking, outdoors and eating out.

He is survived by one sister: Margarita Robles and husband Juan of Big Spring; six brothers: Joseph M. Haro of Big Spring, Robert M. Haro and wife Isabel of Flower Mound, Henry M. Haro and wife Delma of Big Spring, Tony M. Haro of Odessa, David M. Haro and wife Katie of Big Spring and Jesse M. Haro and wife Pricilla of San Antonio; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Richard M. Haro; a nephew, Richard M. Haro Jr.; and a niece, Amy Olaya Haro.

Pallbearers will be Joseph M. Haro, Robert M. Haro, Henry M. Haro, Tony M. Haro, David M. Haro and Jesse M. Haro.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

John Jacob (Jack)  
Abendschan V

John Jacob Abendschan, 94, died March 31, 2014, at 5:07 at Deseret Health and Rehab, Colby, Kan.

Jack was born Aug. 2, 1919, in Denver, Colo. He enlisted with the U.S. Coast Guard Feb. 22, 1941, was on active duty during WWII and was honorably discharged Jan. 4, 1946. He attended Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo., and received a BSN in petroleum engineering.

He graduated from the San Francisco Theological Seminary with a degree in Divinity and received a master's degree in gerontology from the University of Northern Colorado.

He moved to Big Spring, Texas, where he assumed an administrative position over an assisted living facility.

He then served Christ for more than 20 years, pastoring at The United Methodist Church and leading many people through the "Walk to Emmaus."

Jack and his wife, Mary Lou, whom he married March 18, 1942, moved to St. Francis, Kan., in 2003. Jack then moved to Colby Kan., in 2012. Mary Lou died May 14, 2007.

Jack is survived by three sons, John Jacob Abendschan VI of Abilene, Texas, Ronald Emery Abendschan of

Gilbert, Ariz., and Robert William Abendschan of Big Spring, Texas; one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Gabriel of Colby, Kan.; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Deseret Health & Rehab or Citizens Medical Center — both of Colby, Kan.

Memorial service will be announced for a later date.

Any questions may be answered through and memorials sent to Kersenbroch Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to [kersenbrochfuneralchapel.com](http://kersenbrochfuneralchapel.com)

## Weldon Miles Watson



Graveside services are scheduled for 3 p.m., Saturday, April 5, 2014, at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, Texas, 6900 S. Highway 87, for Weldon Miles Watson, who was born July 28, 1926, in Ira, Texas, to Ava and Bill Watson, who preceded him in death. Weldon attended school in Ira, Texas, while working with his family on their farm. It was in Ira that he met and married Eutha Fay Bryce

on Jan. 18, 1945. Fay passed away Aug. 16, 2012, after 67 years of marriage.

Weldon and Fay had two children, Susan Hunter of Roswell, N.M., and Leslie Watson of Elkhart, Texas. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law, Jan Watson; sister, Gloria Nell Griffin, of Vincent, Texas; brother, Jimmy Pat of Moab, Utah; sister-in-law, Ann Israel of Odessa, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews and other extended family who loved him and never doubted his love for them.

Weldon had the good fortune to have a second wife to love, Willadine Ditmore, whom he married April 15, 2013, in Roswell, N.M. She survives him along with his step-daughter, Andrith of Salida, Colo.; step-son Steve Ditmore of Alaska; and their children.

One of the most defining moments in Weldon's life was Feb. 3, 1982, the day his grandson, Cody Joe Rattan, was born. Weldon and Fay knew there was no other child on earth as they only had eyes for him. Weldon nurtured him, molded him, and helped his parents make him into the wonderful man he is today. He was the "apple of his grandpa's eye" and the "apple" did not fall far from the tree. Weldon was so proud of Cody and loved him more than life. Weldon was especially happy when Cody married Desiree Rogers in the fall of 2013. He loved her very much and knew she would be the perfect granddaughter.

Weldon is a WWII veteran. He was in the Army and served his country for three years. Upon his return to Texas, he started Watson Water Well Service in Big Spring in 1953. After 22 years, he moved to Odessa and went into the oil business. He retired in 1996 and moved to Roswell to be near his daughter and grandson.

Weldon was a true country gentleman and cowboy. He was a devout Christian man, always serving the Lord in the Church of Christ. Weldon attended Country Club Church of Christ in Roswell, at the time of his death.

Weldon passed away April 2, 2014, at Loveless Regional Hospital in Roswell. He was surrounded by family who adored him as he peacefully slept until he was safe in the arms of the Lord. His body will be laid to rest at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring beside Fay. His soul will live happily on in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Condolences may be made online at [www.Lagronefuneralchapels.com](http://www.Lagronefuneralchapels.com)

Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

*Paid obituary*

Imogene Thomas Ingram  
Hambrick

Imogene Thomas Ingram Hambrick was born Nov. 1, 1931, in Big Spring, Texas, to Fred Thomas and Lois Creighton Thomas and passed peacefully after many years of declining health on Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

Imogene married J.C. Ingram Sept. 9, 1949, in Big Spring, Texas, and is survived by their two children, Brenda Ingram Hambrick and husband Randy of Lubbock, and Brad Ingram and wife Carla of Stanton.

She married Bill Hambrick in 1979 and he preceded her in death in 2005.

Additionally, she is survived by four granddaughters: Meredith Hambrick Jones and husband Brad of Lubbock; Amanda Hambrick Carrell and husband J of Dallas; Allison Ingram Knight and husband Danny of Wylie; and Lisa Ingram Shanks and husband John of Midland.

Other survivors are great-grandchildren Maggie and Drew Jones, Cooper and Carson Carrell, and Carley and Brayden Knight; her sister, Dorothy Woods and husband Dallas of Henderson, Texas; a niece, Devon Phenix of Henderson; and a nephew, Dale Woods of Waco. Imogene was a member of Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas.

The family wishes to express profound appreciation for the care provided by Dr. Michael Robertson and staff, Hospice of Lubbock through Dr. Jeremy Brown, Chaplain Elizabeth Abraham, and nurse Lindsey Glasscock, as well as her many caregivers at Serendipity Suites under the loving supervision of Miss Mae.

A private family service was held on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers in Lubbock.

Memorials can be made to Southcrest Baptist Church Greater Campaign, 3801 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, Texas, or Hospice of Lubbock, 3702 21st Street, Lubbock, Texas.

*Paid obituary*

## Police blotter

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

• DARRICK DEWAYNE MOSLEY, 46, of 904 S. Aylesford, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.

• ROSAURA ROCHA YBARRA, 45, of 906 E. 14th St., was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency, on charges of speeding, fail to appear — three counts, failed to maintain financial responsibility, safety belt child under 17.

• DELILYAH PEREZ, 18, of 2605 Fairchild, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.

• KESSANDRA LOUISE URBINA, 22, of 2107 Grace, was arrested Friday on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug free zone.



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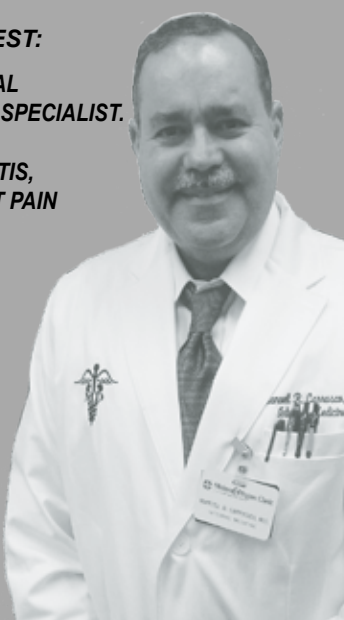
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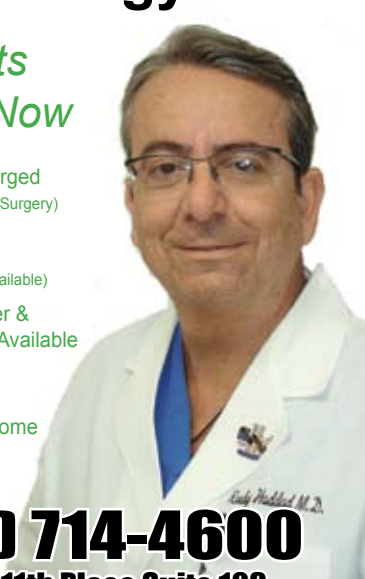
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counselor. "Students will be still be required to complete basic courses."

Students may change the endorsement plan, as long as they, their parent, and a school official meet to review the plan and make sure they have time to meet all requirements and sign off on the new plan.

- Basic requirements are:
- English I, II, II, and Advanced English (4 total)
  - Math — Algebra, Geometry, Advanced Math (3 total)
  - Social Studies — World Geography or World History,

US History, Government, and Economics (3 total)

- Science — Biology, IPC or Advanced Science.
- Foreign Language — 2 total
- Physical Education/Athletics — 1 total
- Fine Arts — 1 total
- Electives — 5 total

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- 2 additional math
- 2 additional science
- 2 additional STEM field electives

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- 1 additional science
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- Basics plus
- 1 additional math
- 1 additional science
- 2 additional Arts/Humanities electives

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- Basics plus
- 1 additional math
- 1 additional science
- 2 additional Public Services electives

Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement

- Basics plus
- 1 additional math
- 1 additional science

- 2 additional Multidisciplinary electives

In order to help students select an endorsement, Big Spring High School Counselors will be meeting with all 8th grade students and their parents according to the following schedule:

April 7 - meet with all students during their English class

April 7 - 6 p.m., Parent information night at Big Spring High School cafeteria

April 8 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., parents of students whose last names begins with A-M in the junior high library

April 8 - 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. parents of students whose last names begin with N-Z in the

junior high library

April 9 - 8 am. - 5 p.m. parents of students whose last names begins with N-Z in the junior high library

April 9 - 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. parents of students whose last names begin with A-M in the junior high library

Parents are encouraged to make time to meet with their student and the counselors during the designated time, high school counselor, Chandra Brooks said.

For more information, call Big Spring High School, 264-3641, and ask for the counseling department.



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Square dancers Pailsie Hipp, left, and Esan Sullivan hold hands while waiting their chance to enter the action as Rojelio Ramirez, Bree Lewis, Andrea Arredondo and Levi Green show off their dancing skills.

**RODEO**

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and was well-known in the rodeo circuit.

He was instrumental in helping with the creation of the annual kindergarten rodeo and appeared in the event yearly.

The name of the rodeo was changed this year in Dobbs' honor.

"I was so honored to be here today," Clements said. "Of course it is a little bit of a bittersweet moment. We miss him. When they (the kindergartners) were singing the song that honored him and was in his memory, you could not help to have a tear in your eye. It is an honor to be here today and a privilege to be asked back, and something I hope they continued on with."

More than 70 kindergartners participated in the rodeo, competing in such events as stick-bronc riding, barrel riding, flag competition, milking and the ever popular stick-bull riding which also featured the antics of the Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo Clowns and professional rodeo clown Jim Bob Feller.

Miss Rodeo Texas Stephanie Revels, Miss Rodeo Texas Teen Hannah Tomlinson and Miss Rodeo Texas Kate Johnson attended and were all quick to give the kindergartners high fives after they finished events.

The trio of young ladies also rode out in the arena on their own stick-horses.

"We had a great turnout," said Coahoma ISD kindergarten teacher

Natalie Rochelle, who was overseeing the event for the first time. "We had lots of parents attend, the community was behind it, and I can't wait to do it next year."

As a Coahoma native and kindergarden rodeo alumni herself, Rochelle said she couldn't help but be a little misty-eyed watching the her kindergartens participate.

"I remembered him (Quail Dobbs) when I did the rodeo and it was emotional watching the kids and thinking about the time when I participated," she said.

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

**FISD**

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page on or before Sept.1, 2014.

In order to pre-register, parents should

bring the child's official birth certificate, social security card, shot records, proof of residency (utility bill with name and physical address), enrolling parent driver's license, and proof of guardianship (if applicable).

School administration believes it is vital

to get an accurate count of the students who will be entering pre-k and kindergarten next year as this information helps in the purchase of supplies and making personnel decisions.

For more information, contact the district at 432-398-5444.

**TAXES**

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returnees and I've been happy to see a few new ones, too," he added.

The AARP program provides the service to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those who don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income.

Volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. The volunteers help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them, said Alexander.

Participants need to

compile some information before they seek help Monday.

"People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including W-2 forms and 1099 forms, when they come in to see us," Alexander said.

"They need to bring any forms that show their 2013 earnings and their 2012 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing."

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

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Lydia Inez Trejo, infant, died Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Juan "Johnny" Haro, 68, died Thursday. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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# Opinion

# Anthony loves pranks

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## DAILY PRAYER

Be with us, dear Lord, as we experience life to its fullest.

Amen

“My favorite holiday is April first. April Fool’s Day.

That’s a good time to go out and pull some of the best pranks you can pull,” says Anthony Kusenberger of Del Rio. He is known as the best prank-puller in town. He says he got a lot of his inspiration from a friend of his named Clyde Earwood.

“One of the most famous that Clyde pulled was one day some gentlemen jumped into a vehicle to go out to the ranch and left their truck parked in a hardware store parking lot. Clyde had a mechanic go over there and pull the entire engine out and set it down beside the truck. When the guys got back, one got in the truck and tried to start it and it wouldn’t turn over. He saw the engine setting there next to his pickup.”

That inspired Anthony and a buddy to try to pull a prank on Clyde.

“Clyde had gone to lunch and



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

left the keys in his truck. We disconnected his battery. He got back, got in his truck and it wouldn’t start. My friend and I were standing there watching and all of a sudden he flies open his door and he’s got a Colt 45 in his lap and he says which one of you boys is gonna start this thing for me?”

Anthony has a friend named Gary who owns a gun shop. Once Anthony played a prank on Gary at a Lions Club meeting. He got up to the podium and said: “Y’all know Gary’s reputation.

“You take a gun there and he’s gonna fix it better than anyone else. But sometimes it may be there a little longer than expected. I’ve got this box right here and in it is a gun that a 12-year-old boy took to Gary to get fixed. That 12-year-old boy is here with us today. Would Mr. Jimmy Blocklinger please come up and get your gun.”

Jimmy was 92 at the time. While he was attending A & M, Anthony lived in an apartment with another student.

He pulled pranks on his apartment mate.

“We did all kinds of things. I guess the most unusual prank

was one time he thought I was out of town. I wanted to scare him. I knew he would be coming back from class in about 10 minutes. I took everything out of the refrigerator, put it in the pantry and climbed in the refrigerator. Sure enough, he came in and opened the refrigerator door and I jumped out. He just about fainted. I bought him some new underwear.”

Anthony spent a lot of his Aggie years at the Dixie Chicken drinking beer and playing dominoes.

He occasionally studied, too, enough to earn him a Master’s Degree in Agricultural Economics. He says that’s a major for people who couldn’t make it in business school.

He honed his practical joke skills on what he calls “entry level” pranks in the dorm: painting the toilet seat with white shoe polish, covering the toilet bowl with cellophane, throwing ice water on somebody in the shower and sloshing unsuspecting fellow students with a bucket of water when they opened a door.

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## LETTERS

### Great job!

TO THE EDITOR:

Kudos to Keith Graumann, conductor, The Big Spring Symphony, the BSISD High School Choir, the Symphony Chorus, and the Big Spring Symphony Guild for a wonderful, entertaining program March 22.

Last year’s Jeans ‘N Classics show on Abba music was fun; but this year’s show featuring the music of Queen was even better. I think Mr. Graumann’s attempt to broaden the symphony

audience is admirable, and his ability to bring the Canadian-based Jeans group to Big Spring is a stroke of creative genius!

I’m looking forward to next year. How about the music of Journey?

Sincerely,

KEN MCINTOSH,  
MINISTER  
FIRST CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH

### Rude behavior

TO THE EDITOR:

I found the EDC meeting conducted on March 18 both interesting and

humorous. First, let me say that I am proud of the EDC board for finally putting some policy in place, even if they had to resort to using the city of Big Spring policies and procedures on a temporary basis. Finally, there is a guide that will take complete control of our money and assets away from the authority of one person. I just cannot believe we went this long without something in place.

I was happy so many people in the audience spoke up to let Mr. De-

Pauw know his rude behavior is not appreciated. If he has comments, suggestions or ideas, he should let them stand on their own merit and not resort to offhand comments to attack his fellow board members or citizens. I guess he is used to getting his way and now there are other board members who also have ideas they want to bring forward, something he is not used to.

What I found humorous was Mr. DePauw’s

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# Uncle Mort: For the birds

Personal experiences racked up across three-quarters of a century — including yips and yaps at lecterns spanning five decades — offer positive proof that many times, utter silence is preferable to spoken words.

I was reminded of this age-old truth the other day when my Uncle Mort called. Upon his mention of a new-found interest in ornithology, the call — received in the morning hours of April 1 — likely meant my 101-year-old relative was up to his old tricks — “spoofing it up” on April Fools’ Day.

Interrupting him was as tempting as a clearance sale on banana splits, a promise of bonus airline miles, or biggest-ever senior citizen discounts. Assuming this was his annual big joke for the holiday, it was little short of miraculous that I remained silent.

Maybe I was stunned to hear Uncle Mort pronounce “ornithology” with both clarity and unbridled excitement. What sparked this new-found interest in birds? It couldn’t have involved “tweeting,” since he stated that if God had intended us to “tweet,” we’d all look like “Tweety Bird.”

Perhaps his mind was jarred with the long-ago memory of Mr. Wallace Wimple, the little mush-mouthed guy on Fibber McGee and Molly’s radio show. (Wimple, always the patient listener, worked in mentions of his every-present “bird book.” A standard line on each episode: “That ain’t the way I heard it, Johnny.”) Or

maybe Mort was prepping me for the old story of two buzzards, flying lazily aloft on a hot summer day. One of the buzzards said, “Patience, heck, let’s kill sumthin’.” Another possibility involved the two feisty magpies in “Heckle and Jeckle” cartoons seen in olden days at the picture show. Or, maybe Sesame Street’s “Big Bird” was in play.

Okay, I admit it — my mind was largely in neutral when Uncle Mort said his interest centers specifically on crows, and how they’ve developed New England accents. I was hooked, eager for him to fill in several additional blanks.

Pray tell, what was Uncle Mort talking about? Since his prejudices have been stacking up for decades, I figured crows with New England accents would rile him from the git-go.

Mort has little use for Yankees — a name mentioned regularly in his diatribes against the government. He’s long been opposed to southern migration of northerners, and is on record supporting turning ‘em back when they reach the Oklahoma/Texas border.

“Clearly, the feds are a full 180 degrees off target; they’re guarding the wrong river,” he’s opined.

He said his “study” began one winter day when he saw a flock of crows pecking away at road kill. (What with insects, as well as vegetation provided by Mother Earth in short supply, they “made do” with this sustenance.)

Mort claims he was mystified by several crows taken out by speeding trucks, but flew to safety when autos approached. Why, he wondered, were they not “spooked” by the 18-wheel-

ers, but flew quickly away from the four-wheelers?

He returned to the scene several days in a row. “Finally, the mystery was solved,” he bragged.

Balderdash, thought I. There had to be an April Fool’s joke in there somewhere, but if so, it was well-hidden.

“It all came into focus when I realized the crows stationed a ‘look-out’ in the tall oak tree alongside the road,” he said. “The ‘look-out’ provided ample warning when cars approached, and his buddies took flight.”

“Why didn’t he warn them when he saw trucks coming?” I asked.

“That’s a reasonable question, nephew, and logical as well,” he answered. “The same one occurred to me, and I’m glad it did, ‘cause if it hadn’t, I might never have realized crows have a New England accent.” Okay, so I was “bumfuzzled” to the max.

“When four-wheelers approached, the ‘look-out’ crow cut loose with loud ‘caw, caw, caws,’” Mort said. “Too bad the ‘look-out’ couldn’t say ‘truck, truck, truck.’”

It could have been worse, I thought. At least he didn’t ask if I had been second in line for breakfast. “Remember,” he warned, “The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.” Again, I felt like a 14-carat bird-brain, falling for one of Uncle Mort’s favorite pastimes — fooling me....

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comment that Ms. Hobbs was a low-level government employee. Wow! I believe it has been explained to Mr. DePauw and other board members and staff and Ms. Hobbs was responsible for four prisons in Big Spring, three in Pecos, one in Eden and one in Post. Her budget was in the hundreds of millions of dollars. She provided guidance, oversight and training to nine wardens and several hundred staff.

One of her primary responsibilities was to provide training and guidance in writing policies and procedures and to ensure those policies and procedures were followed. Those "policies and procedures" included everything from when, where and what inmates have for breakfast, how the food products were purchased and prepared to case management, how to conduct inmate counts, guard post duties, escape plans, visiting, recreation, religious services, who fixes a leaky faucet and how they do it, and virtually everything that takes place inside or outside of a prison. They were written and followed to protect the U.S. citizen and the tax dollars used. They identified who, what when, where, why, how much, how many, how long and all specifics related to prison programs and operations.

I don't know what kind of experience Mr. DePauw has regarding policies and procedures, but I suspect he doesn't have much. He doesn't seem to think there should be any guideline on how the citizen's money is spent. I

guess he would be happy if the "low-level government employees" just let inmates buy their own meals and man their own guard posts. No need for visiting regulations, let people come and go as they choose, so what if a few inmates escape and create havoc in the community. What is a lawsuit or two with all the money the taxpayer has? I think we have about \$8 million at the EDC plus lots of land and buildings so let's not worry about having appropriate guides that would protect the EDC staff and the citizen. Well I, for one, support the idea of policies and procedures to guide and protect the EDC staff and board members. I am certainly glad we can now watch over and account for our money and property.

Mr. Avant, please keep the board and staff working toward completion of appropriate policies and procedures. Who can, with a straight face, be against protecting our resources with the EDC staff and board members from lawsuits?

KAREN HENDERSON  
BIG SPRING

Troubled by attacks

TO THE EDITOR:  
I am troubled by the continued attacks on the EDC and former board members.

These former board members founded the EDC and served loyally for many years. They helped the EDC to bring in and retain businesses. I thank them for the time they served and their service to Big Spring.

The writer states the EDC is not following procedure. Nowhere did it mention which procedures were not being fol-

lowed. I know that Mr. Wegman and the board are working on new procedures. If these are in effect, they are new and I am sure the EDC staff will follow them. The writer stated further in the letter "why would I want to restrict myself with developing procedures?" If the procedures are still being developed, how can you follow them? Toward the end, the writer again states "oops, remember they don't have procedures." Again, how can you follow procedures if there are no procedures?

The auditing firm gave the EDC an "unqualified" report. This means that the audit is good. There was a finding concerning one of the loans. It was not properly reported. This finding is addressed in the audit with a corrective action that will remedy this problem.

The auditor has since clarified his statement about using a local accounting firm. "What I was trying to say is if you have a local Big Spring firm willing to conduct the audit, it should be considered. There are other things to consider in selecting an auditor, but if all things are equal it should remain local." "If you do not select a local firm, we would love to continue doing this work." Audits happen once a year. Auditors do not do monthly evaluations. You hire a CPA to do this and the EDC has a local CPA.

The lawsuit mentioned in the letter is against the business. How would the EDC be responsible for this?

The rail yard at the airport is fully functional. Western Container and Fort Worth Pipe are using it. Last week, more than 30 rail cars were received at the airport. Hi-Crush is almost ready to use it. Details for the east side project are still being resolved.

I do not understand the anger directed at Mr. Wegman. The EDC was approved by the voters of Big Spring for economic development. It seems like it is doing just that. Does somebody want to use the Type A money for something other than economic development or is it something else? I wonder what the real motive behind all this really is.

STEVE WAGGONER  
BIG SPRING

God must smile

TO THE EDITOR:  
We are living in a world where some fight to take God out of everything. They try to make prayer something to be ashamed of and that's truly a sad thing because without God in our life we truly are lost forever.

I believe in God and the power of prayer and I smile everyday I go to see Dr. Hoffman, for hanging on the wall is a sign. It says Dr. Hoffman will pray with you and that lets me know that I will be OK because Dr. Hoffman loves God and

doesn't try to hide it. I know God must smile too, for it makes God happy when his children let others know they believe and trust in Him.

Without God, we have nothing and prayer is the place where we go to meet him. I would like to thank Dr. L. Hoffman, Dr. C. Kupranowicz and their kind, caring staff for they treat everyone with respect and kindness.

We work together to those who love God.

Romans 8:28  
LANA F. ANGUIANO  
BIG SPRING

Traffic getting terrible

TO THE EDITOR:  
I have a serious concern, worrying about being terrified and painfully killed in an automobile accident. Because of the explosion in population in our area, I can see that the probability is becoming more and more prevalent. Of course I take the responsibility of needing to be perfectly responsible for my own safety and that of others on the roadways. However, there is much more to it of which I am becoming aware.

Although seventy years old and retired, I still work part-time four days a week, in Colorado City on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Stanton

on Mondays and Thursdays. At six o'clock in the morning, the traffic on I-20 to Colorado City is heavy but bearable. To Stanton, on the other hand, the traffic is similar to the Gulf Freeway in Houston or the mix-master in Dallas or five o'clock traffic in Austin. It is severely dangerous, out of control.

I have never seen a Texas Department of Public Safety patrolman on I-20 at six o'clock in the morning. I am not saying they are not there but I am also saying they are not there.

Realistically, I know that the oil industry rules West Texas except for three communities. They have the power to rule Texas. I feel they have law enforcement out of the way, especially when oil-related employees are on the highways. Of course, this is not right, but egos are in control with money and money will buy everything — pain of being killed on highways and the impact on families. It cannot matter. I am maverick.

I realize there are only about 14 people in Big Spring who agree with me, and I hope to God there will be no rebuttals to my sincere letter.

This I know: It will get worse. I beg the oil companies, city leaders, law enforcement, families to please support life.

ORAND CARROLL  
BIG SPRING

Thank you

TO THE EDITOR:  
We would like to extend a very big thank you to Andrea Barr and all the staff at the Settles Hotel. Colleen Barton, the district clerk, and I hosted the Region 3 County & District Clerks meeting here in Big Spring on March 28. We held the event at the Settles Hotel and it was a huge success.

We had 60 people in attendance; 12 of those spent the night Thursday evening. The meeting rooms were as nice as any 5-star hotel and the food was absolutely delicious. Everyone was so impressed with our beautiful hotel, the delicious food, the wonderful accommodations and reasonable cost in our small town.

The staff took such good care of us the whole time. The clerks of Region 3 and our vendors could not say enough good things about their stay in Big Spring.

We also want to thank Debbie Wegman and the Big Spring Visitors Bureau for the nice Big Spring goody bags they provided to our guests.

We truly are a city with a Big Sky, Big Heart, Big Spring!

DONNA WRIGHT  
HOWARD COUNTY CLERK

**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Uncanny Approach**

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♥ 6 4  
♦ K 10 7 3  
♣ A K 7

**WEST**  
♠ J 7 4  
♥ Q 9 7 5 2  
♦ A 5  
♣ 10 4 2

**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 6  
♥ J 8 3  
♦ Q 6 2  
♣ J 9 8 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 8 2  
♥ A K 10  
♦ J 9 8 4  
♣ Q 6 5

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass  
1NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead — five of hearts.

There are plays in bridge that on the surface seem to make no sense, but that are nevertheless entirely logical when analyzed more closely. For example, consider this deal taken from "Test Your Finessing" by Scottish expert Iugh Kelsey.

Assume you're in three notrump and West leads a low heart. You win East's jack with the king, and the question is how to give yourself the best chance for the contract. Of course, you see only the North-South hands while you try to figure this out.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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## ► No Child Left Behind

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**  
*Students at Big Spring High School expressed their thoughts on "No Child Left Behind," a controversial "teaching method" which some say causes more harm than good.*

### TO THE EDITOR:

We recently read an article in English class about the "No child left behind" law being implemented in public schools. A statistic interested me: "Tens of thousands of 18-year-olds will graduate this year and be handed meaningless diplomas." It is upsetting to think that so many students, who we try so hard to protect, are being hurt because the school system is keen on passing students as long as they sit in the back of the class and do not cause trouble. Even though the students who get in trouble and are sent away would be more likely to fail, we should still fail students based on skill, or lack of, instead of behavior so when they leave high school they will be able to take pride in their diploma.

Passing a student should be based on skill, or simply the lack thereof, opposed to behavior inside the classroom. Many students are being passed on from teacher to teacher because they do not cause trouble and are quiet in class. While behavior inside the classroom is important, it is not the only important factor to consider when dealing with the education of children. The students should be graded based on the amount of work done correctly, not the amount of effort the teacher believes was applied. Failure is a concept less applied to modern schools.

The "meaningless diploma" is beginning to be more and more common in today's recently graduated students. The "No child left behind" policy is also becoming more of a problem. This policy is making the diplomas our students are getting, upon graduation, less valuable than they once were. A high school diploma is becoming less important to employers due to the fact that so many students are being passed along. Some employers may even decide against hiring a recently graduated student simply because the guarantee that the student is literate, or even semi-literate, is not as guaranteed as it once was.

Failing students could not only benefit them in the present but also in their future. Failing students would ensure students would not be passed along. This would also safeguard that the diplomas students gain upon graduation would not be considered useless. These meaningful diplomas will benefit the students and the overall workforce. Students, along with employers, will have confidence that recently awarded diplomas are proof that a student can do what is taught in classes. I urge you, as the community, to support failure as a

means to a more successful society.

**GLORIA STINSON**

### TO THE EDITOR:

In class, we have been talking about if students should be failed instead of passed because the school wants as many people possible to pass. "A failure is like fertilizer; it stinks to be sure, but it makes things grow faster in the future." — Dennis Waitley. This is a quote we have studied in class. We have agreed without failure in our life we would not be able to grow in the future. Although in Big Spring High School, we have a great number of students who graduate their senior year, some of them do not even think they deserve their diploma. Failing students sounds like a bad idea since the student dropout rate would increase, but it would help students learn to put their mind to use and encourage them to actually try in school.

The United States educational motto is "No child left behind." The idea sounds good on paper, but when it comes to real life scenarios, the top and middle students are the ones who do not exceed to their full potential. The United States has to start to raise their standards. If a child chooses not to do their work or can't keep up with what everybody else is learning, go on. Other students should not have to suffer education performances for the kids who do not try in their school. If the teachers fail the students it would encourage them to try harder and make sure school comes first. Without a high school diploma in today's society, it will be surprisingly hard to get a good-paying job to support their self or their family.

High school diplomas would be earned and not given to the students in the United States. Some students are not academically fit to stay with the rest of the students so why not create a school that will teach at their pace and still get a high school diploma. The only thing that would be different from the students in regular high school and the created school, the time difference in which students will receive the high school diploma.

The quantity of students does not over weigh the quality students in the United States. I urge you to try and make a difference to save the quality of the education in the United States. Although it may not seem like a big problem right now, it will affect our children in the next generations to come. I urge the people of the United States to spread this problem our country has in its educational program. Help set our future right!

**RYAN LOPEZ**

### TO THE EDITOR:

We have recently read an article in English about the "No child left behind" policy. Many students sit in class and work hard for the grades they deserve but most sit in class because that is where the state says they have to

be. Even though students might have a lack of confidence due to failure, all students should be held to the same accountability as the rest being allowed to fail because they would have more job opportunities down the road, and they would take responsibility for their grades.

First, many students don't realize the importance of learning to read and write until they are at the point of reading a manual, writing a resume or reading a speech that has been given to them. Employers look to see if you have a high school diploma but not if the employee can read or write. They expect you to know those kinds of simple, second and third grade requirements. As employers require applicants to be literate, the higher the dropout rate in high school doesn't produce as many applicants for jobs, due to the fact that they feel it should be handed to them and not earned. Even though many students struggle and make the grades, the athletic, silent and non-hard working students pass because they aren't a disruption to the class or they are needed for the big game.

Furthermore, as many students realize the teachers are not going to accommodate their grades for athletics of just to pass, they tend to start working harder for what they want. They would not think a diploma should be handed to them because their title in school may be valedictorian, class president or the principal's son. Many students learn that taking responsibility for their grades in school will help them because it teaches them teachers are there to help, not baby them. The teachers cannot do the work for them. It's truly up to the student to want to pass and earn a diploma and to have the honor of saying, "I did it all by myself with just a little help from my teachers, family and friends."

In conclusion, I urge you to be fair in your ways of teaching to let the students who do not care or do not try to fail on their own. Students now need to realize that adult life will come no matter if you're ready or not, and many teachers need to know their students well enough to know if they're ready to receive their diplomas and earn their title of a hard-working man or woman in society.

Sincerely,

**SYDNI OLIVA**

### TO THE EDITOR:

Every year, kids are being passed on without the basic skills they need to survive in the real world. Teachers pass them without the kids knowing the basic skills of math and reading. Even though we may have a higher dropout rate, teachers should be able to fail students because it would give students self-responsibility and students wouldn't get meaningless diplomas.

Teens nowadays blame everything on other people. If we had a stricter grading sys-

tem, the only people we could blame is ourselves. Look at our athletes who have a sense of responsibility when it comes to their grades and their teams. In the state of Texas, we have a no pass, no play policy. This means nothing because many teachers know that football, for instance, is a big thing so they pass the students so they can play. This is truly wrong; we're providing them an injustice. They play the sport well, but many of them get to college and don't know how to do simple high school level tasks. I tutor kids in school and many of them just need that extra couple of minutes to have lessons explained further to truly understand the concept.

Secondly, with teachers passing students on, we end up with meaningless diplomas. Students are being passed without the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the world. If the state were to make the grading stricter, employees would know what they're getting when they hire new workers. When jobs and employers hire new employees with high school diplomas, they are expecting them to know the basic skills and knowledge, but this isn't always true. When teachers pass us on, it harms us in the long run. On a side note, how is this

system fair to the students who do work all year? It just isn't.

Many students and adults have stated that they can't stand the fact that they were passed on. I agree. In elementary school, I was always passed on. I didn't even know how to really read until after fifth grade. I have been diagnosed with dyslexia, plus I couldn't see that well. Being a good kid, I got passed on until my mom pushed to get me tested.

This is seen quite often nowadays and many people are angry about this. Teachers should not pass students on because it would give students a sense of responsibility and it would give meaning back to our diplomas. I urge the community to get involved with the school system and help with the fight to allow students to find success through failure.

Sincerely,

**SAVANNAH TUCKER**

## 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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# Lady Steers drop 6-5 decision to Wylie

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers suffered a heart-rending 6-5 loss to the Abilene Wylie Lady Bulldogs on Friday at the BSHS Softball Complex.

"We played one of our better games," said Lady Steers head coach John R. Sparks. "We just could not get the runs across the plate in the end."

Wylie led off the game, scor-

ing two runs in the first.

Big Spring rallied back, however. Sydney Oliva scored in the second on a double off the bat of Mary Gomez.

After Wylie had scored once in the top of the third, Makenzie Roberts pulled Big Spring to within 3-2 by racing home from third with a run.

The Lady Bulldogs threatened to blow the game open in the seventh. With two outs and two runners on base,

the Lady Bulldogs hit a shot over the centerfield fence and grabbed a 6-3 lead.

The Lady Steers had a little pop left in them, too.

"We scored two in the seventh, and had an opportunity to tie the game," said Sparks. "We just could not get it done."

Despite the loss, Sparks praised his team's effort in the contest.

"I was very proud of these

young ladies for the way they played with heart. They never gave up," he said.

Ysabel Soliz turned in a solid effort inside the pitching circle for the Lady Steers.

Offensively, Big Spring more than held its own against the Lady Bulldogs. The BSHS girls pounded out 12 hits in the contest, including two apiece from Roberts, Soliz and Mia Oliva.

"We are getting better each

game," said Sparks. "The way they continue to battle, we will continue to get even better. That is our ultimate goal," he added.

With the loss, the Lady Steers slipped to 11-12 for the season, and fell to 2-4 in District 4-3A play. Wylie is 16-9 and 4-2.

The Lady Steers will return to play on Tuesday, April 8, when they travel to Snyder. The game will start at 5 p.m.

## DISTRICT 4-3A TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Big Spring's 4x200-meter relay team will be looking to make a statement at the District 4-3A Track and Field Championships on Monday. Members of the team are (from left to right) Kaitlin Mathews, Faith Roberson, Julianna Rodriguez and Dyrshae Vanderbilt. Autumn Minter also runs on the team but was unavailable for the photo.

## Ready, Set ...

### Big Spring thinclads expect 'tough fight' for District 4-3A track crown

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Big Spring High School head track coach Nick Roberson doesn't mind telling anyone he thinks his team has the talent to compete with anyone. The team's overall talent level and depth gives it an opportunity to compete each and every time it takes to the track.

That is good news for area track and field fans - especially those who plan to turn out to watch the Big Spring boys' and girls' track teams take aim at the District 4-3A Track and Field Championships. The meet is scheduled to get under way on Monday morning at Blankenship Field.

"It is going to be a tight race between us and Wylie," said Roberson, who has guided the BSHS girls' program to a pair of state runner-up titles in recent years. "Wylie is a good team, but we're hoping the home field advantage will give us

### District meet set for Monday

The District 4-3A Track and Field Championships will be held on April 7 and April 10 at Blankenship Field on the campus of Big Spring High School. The top performers in each event will advance to the Area track meet on April 17 in Pecos.

Among the teams to participate will be Big Spring, Greenwood, Pecos, Abilene Wylie, Snyder and Sweetwater.

an edge somehow."

Matching Wylie's talent level should be no problem for the Lady Steers. Big Spring heads into the district meet with three of the region's top-rated relay teams, two of the area's top 800-and 1,600-me-

ter runners, and a enough talent to make a serious push for a title.

The Lady Steers' 4x200-meter relay team completed Big Spring's track and field version of the New York Yankees' Murderer's Row. The team of Dyrshae Vanderbilt, Autumn Minter, Faith Roberson, Kaitlin Mathews and alternate Julianna Rodriguez are among the favorites to win the district crown have combined to post the fastest time in the event in the event.

Roberson said Rodriguez would step into the 4x200-meter lineup this week for the 4x200-meter race in place of freshman Faith Roberson.

"I think we have a good chance if everyone does what they have to do," said Vanderbilt, who is gunning for her third trip to the Class 3A state track meet.

The BSHS 4x200-meter team should give the Lady Steers a

See **TRACK**, Page 9A



Tony Claxton photos (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Anthony Godwin catches a fly ball in center during the Steers' stunning 5-4 upset of No. 9-ranked Wylie on Friday.

## Big Spring stuns No. 9 Wylie, 5-4

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Steers notched one of its biggest wins of the season on Friday evening in front of a large crowd at Steer Park. And they put themselves right in the middle of the postseason talk by doing it.

Big Spring, backed by a pair of hits from Brett Brorman and Gary Watkins, pushed across a run in the bottom of the ninth inning and claimed a thrilling 5-4 victory over ninth-ranked Abilene Wylie in District 4-3A action.

With the win, Big Spring improved to 3-2 in district play and moved into third in the district standings.

Wylie held the upper hand early in the contest. The Bulldogs scored a run in the top of the first and added another in the third to jump out to a 2-0 lead.

Wylie's lead grew to 3-0 in the top of the fifth.

Big Spring came storming back in the home half of the fifth inning. The Steers, keyed by a big hit from Hunter Hill, pounded out four runs in the frame and grabbed a 4-3 advantage.

Wylie, which had entered the game

See **STEERS**, Page 9A

## Guinn leads District 4-3A golf tournament after second round

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Big Spring High School senior Kelsie Guinn moved a step closer to adding another impressive item to her golfing resume on Friday at the

Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene. The BSHS senior carded a 74 in the second round of the District 4-3A Golf Championships and moved into a tie for first place heading into Monday's third round. She is currently

tied with Snyder Cassidy Rawls with a two-round total of 155.

Guinn's performance on Friday - the second-best score posted in the second round - came on

See **GOLF**, Page 9A

## Players sought for new men's fastpitch league

Men's softball could be players from the Midland and Odessa area looking to restart the men's fastpitch league. Players and pitchers are being sought.

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## Hawks to play in Midland

The Howard College Hawks' men's baseball team will return to WJ-CAC action on Monday when they travel to Midland to face off Midland College.

The game is scheduled to get under way at 6:30 p.m.

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# Titans release Johnson

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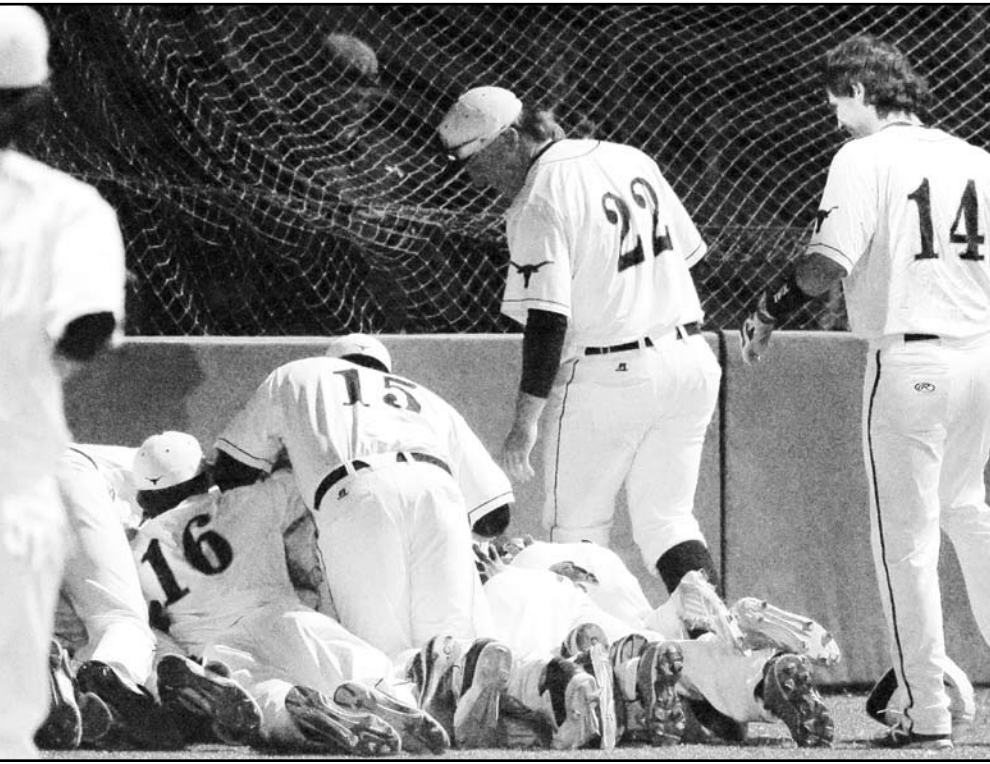
The Titans told Chris Johnson they are releasing him Friday after six seasons to avoid paying \$8 million the running back is due in 2014, along with the final three seasons left on the \$53.5 million contract he signed in September 2011. His release comes before the Titans start their off-season program with new coach Ken Whisenhunt. The Titans have been remaking the franchise this offseason since owner Bud Adams died in October. His son-in-law, Tommy Smith, took over as president, and the Titans fired coach Mike Munchak in January.



### Color runners ...

**Jenni Wegner (left) Misty Taylor (right) and joined Wegner's daughter, Sophie, and father Scott McLaughlin and cousin Misty Wegner and her daughter, Claire, made a 3-generation team for the The Color Run, known as the Happiest 5K on the Planet, last weekend in Lubbock. The unique paint race, which celebrates healthiness, happiness and individuality, had more than 10,000 runners.**

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### The Big Spring Steers celebrate on the field following their 5-4 win over state-ranked Wylie on Friday.

## STEERS

Continued from Page 9 ranked ninth in the latest Texas Association of Baseball Coaches' poll, tied the game in the top of the seventh and forced

the game into extra innings. Steers' ace Adam Franco took control from there. He held Wylie scoreless over the next two innings en route to hurling a complete game.

Franco allowed just nine hits in the contest, and worked his way through four BSHS errors. He finished with seven strikeouts.

Hill carried the brunt of Big Spring's offensive power against Wylie. He drove in three of the Steers' runs.

Matt Beal and Anthony Godwin also played key roles for the Steers. Both gave Big Spring base runners with a pair of walks.

The Steers, now 12-9 for the season, will make its next outing on Tuesday

## GOLF

Continued from Page 7A the heels of a solid outing earlier in the week in Monahans when she fired an 81.

Rawls posted the best second-round score, finishing with a 72.

With Rawls leading the way, Snyder holds the top spot in the tournament's team standings with a total of 654. The Tigers' second-round score of 314 enabled them to pass Monahans in the standings.

Big Spring currently sits in fifth in the team standings with a score of 751.

The Lady Steers also picked up solid outings from Mariah McIntosh, Briana Cobos and Gabby Fair at the meet. All three improved their marks in the second round.

McIntosh fired a 93 on Friday — one stroke better than her first-round score — and heads into the third round with a total of 187. Cobos trimmed five strokes off her first-

round total on Friday by firing a 98. She enters the final round at 201.

Fair made the biggest improvement at the meet. After opening the tournament with a round of 108 in Monahans, she came back to post a mark of 100 on Friday.

The third-round will be held at the Western Texas College golf course in Snyder.

### CTLGA begins weekly playday

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association began its weekly gold playday on April 1. Among the winners were Joan Daniel (won Low Gross, 44), Patsy Sharpnack (Low Net, 35) and Linda Dewaters (Low Putts, 18 for nine-hole play).

Women interested in joining the CTLGA and playing in the weekly events are welcome. The next playday will be held April 22, due to the Spring Fling being held this week and Permian Basin play the following Tuesday.

## SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL				Central Division				TEXAS LEAGUE			
National Basketball Association								North Division			
EASTERN CONFERENCE								South Division			
Atlantic Division				West Division				Friday's Games			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB				
x-Toronto	44	32	.579	—				Detroit 10, Baltimore 4			
x-Brooklyn	41	34	.547	2½				Milwaukee 6, Boston 2			
New York	33	44	.429	11½				Cleveland 7, Minnesota 2			
Boston	23	53	.303	21				Kansas City 7, ChiSox 5			
Philadelphia	17	59	.224	27				N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 3			
Southeast Division				Friday's Games				Saturday's Games			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB				
y-Miami	52	23	.693	—				Minnesota at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.			
x-Washington	40	36	.526	12½				Yankees at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.			
Charlotte	38	38	.500	14½				Baltimore at Detroit, 1:08 p.m.			
Atlanta	33	42	.440	19				ChiSox at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.			
Orlando	21	55	.276	31½				Seattle at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.			
Central Division				Friday's Games				Saturday's Games			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB				
y-Indiana	53	24	.688	—				Minnesota at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.			
x-Chicago	44	32	.579	8½				Yankees at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.			
Cleveland	31	46	.403	22				Baltimore at Detroit, 1:08 p.m.			
Detroit	27	49	.355	25½				ChiSox at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.			
Milwaukee	14	62	.184	38½				Seattle at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.			
WESTERN CONFERENCE				Friday's Games				Saturday's Games			
Southwest Division				West Division							
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB				
y-San Antonio	59	17	.776	—				Minnesota at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.			
x-Houston	50	25	.667	8½				Yankees at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.			
Dallas	46	31	.597	13½				Baltimore at Detroit, 1:08 p.m.			
Memphis	45	31	.592	14				ChiSox at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.			
New Orleans	32	44	.421	27				Seattle at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.			
Northwest Division				Friday's Games				Saturday's Games			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB				
y-Okla. City	55	20	.733	—				Minnesota at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.			
Portland	49	28	.636	7				Yankees at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.			
Minnesota	38	37	.507	17				Baltimore at Detroit, 1:08 p.m.			
Denver	33	43	.434	22½				ChiSox at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.			
Utah	24	52	.316	31½				Seattle at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.			
Pacific Division				Friday's Games				Saturday's Games			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB				
y-L.A. Clippers	54	23	.701	—				Minnesota at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.			
Golden State	46	29	.613	7				Yankees at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.			
Phoenix	45	31	.592	8½				Baltimore at Detroit, 1:08 p.m.			
Sacramento	27	48	.360	26				ChiSox at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.			
L.A. Lakers	25	51	.329	28½				Seattle at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.			
x-clinched playoff spot								Monday's Games			
y-clinched division								Atlanta 2, Washington 1			
Wednesday's Games								Milwaukee 6, Boston 2			
Cleveland 119, Orlando 98								Philadelphia 7, Chicago Cubs 2			
Indiana 101, Detroit 94								Colorado 12, Arizona 2			
Washington 118, Boston 92								San Francisco 8, L.A. Dodgers 4			
Charlotte 123, Philadelphia 93								Pittsburgh 12, St. Louis 2			
New York 110, Brooklyn 81								N.Y. Mets 4, Cincinnati 3			
Toronto 107, Houston 103								Miami 8, San Diego 2			
Miami 96, Milwaukee 77								Saturday's Games			
Chicago 105, Atlanta 92								Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.			
Minnesota 102, Memphis 88								Philadelphia at Cubs, 2:20 p.m.			
San Ant. 111, Golden State 90								San Fran. at Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.			
Denver 137, New Orleans 107								Atlanta at Washington, 7:05 p.m.			
L.A. Clippers 112, Phoenix 108								St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.			
Sacramento 107, Lakers 102								Milwaukee at Boston, 7:10 p.m.			
Friday's Games								San Diego at Miami, 7:10 p.m.			
Memphis 100, Denver 92								Arizona at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.			
Toronto 102, Indiana 94								Sunday's Games			
Charlotte 91, Orlando 80								Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.			
Brooklyn 116, Detroit 104								San Diego at Miami, 1:10 p.m.			
Philadelphia 111, Boston 102								Atlanta at Washington, 1:35 p.m.			
Minnesota 122, Miami 121, 2OT								Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.			
Atlanta 117, Cleveland 98								Philadelphia at Cubs, 2:20 p.m.			
Washington 90, New York 89								Arizona at Colorado, 4:10 p.m.			
Chicago 102, Milwaukee 90								San Fran at Dodgers, 8:05 p.m.			
Utah 100, New Orleans 96								Monday's Games			
Houston 111, Okla. City 107								Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 3:05 p.m.			
Phoenix 109, Portland 93								Cincinnati at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m.			
Dallas 107, L.A. Lakers 95								San Diego at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.			
Sacramento at Golden State, late											
Saturday's Games											
Minnesota at Orlando, 7 p.m.											
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.											
Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.											
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.											
Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.											
Toronto at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.											
Sunday's Games											
New York at Miami, 1 p.m.											
Lakers at Clippers, 3:30 p.m.											
Dallas at Sacramento, 6 p.m.											
Atlanta at Indiana, 6 p.m.											
Denver at Houston, 7 p.m.											
Memphis at San Antonio, 7 p.m.											
Okla. City at Phoenix, 9 p.m.											
Utah at Golden State, 9 p.m.											
New Orleans at Portland, 9 p.m.											
BASEBALL											
AMERICAN LEAGUE											
East Division											
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB				
Tampa Bay	3	2	.600	—							
Boston	2	2	.500	½							
New York	2	2	.500	½							
Toronto	2	3	.400	1							

### District 4-3A Girls Golf Championships Second Round

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Team	Rd 1-Rd 2 - Total
1. Snyder	340-314—654
2. Monahans I	336-330—666
3. Sweetwater I	373-349—722
4. Greenwood	391-354—745
5. Big Spring	386-365—751
6. Abilene Wylie	429-384—813
7. Sweetwater II	412-409—821
8. Monahans II	425-399—824

#### Individual standings (top 10)

- (tie) Kelsie Guinn, BS.....81-74—155
- Cassidy Rawls, Snyder.....83-72—155
- Regan Lindsey, Snyder.....81-75—157
- Karley Pounds, Mon. I.....81-80—161
- Ryan Pate, Greenwood.....90-74—164
- (tie) Gabriella Cano, Mon.....81-85—166
- Landry Owens, Mon. I.....83-83—166
- Malory Hunter, Snyder.....86-83—169
- Destinee Moore, Mon.....91-82—173
- K. Chowning, S'water I.....88-88—176

#### Big Spring Totals

Kelsie Guinn.....81-74—155  
Mariah McIntosh.....94-93—187  
Brianna Cobos.....103-98—201  
Gabby Fair.....108-100—208

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**DISTRICT**

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should give the Lady Steers a good chance at sweeping all three relay events at the district meet. Big Spring's 4x100-meter squad owns the second-fastest time in the region, while the 4x400-meter relay team recently established a new school record at the Honeybee Invitational in Stephenville.

Big Spring won't be pinning all of its hopes on the relays. The team has the ability to score in the individual events.

Faith Roberson and Karina Alvarado among the pre-race favorite to win the 800- and 1,600-meter races, respectively. Roberson currently owns the third-fastest time in the state in the 800. She beat her personal best two weeks ago in Stephenville by almost a full second. A 16-year-old junior, Alvarado shattered her personal record in the 1,600-meter run in Stephenville, trimming 60 seconds off her mark.

Roberson and Alvarado are also expected to compete for district crowns in other events. Roberson will take to the field in the pole vault and long jump events, while Alvarado will participate in the 3,200-meter run.

Rodriguez is also expected to do well in the high jump. Nick Roberson said the BSHS junior has already cleared 4-foot, 10 inches in the event, and could challenge the 5-foot mark.

Autumn Minter and Valderbilt give the Lady Steers plenty of speed, as

does junior Erin Pollard. Emily Smith, Mariah Sarmiento and Ebony Zavala are all expected to do well in the girls' hurdles races on Monday, as are Diamonique Mayes and McKayla Edwards in the jumping events. Helayna Davidson, Danielle Connor and Valerie Goodblanket are all capable of shining in the throwing events.

"We have a good overall team, from top to bot-

tom," Roberson said. On the boys' side, the Steers are expected to make a strong push at the 4-3A championship.

In addition to competing in the relays, Tobyn Tannehill and Ryan Lopez also give Big Spring a chance to rack up points in multiple events. Tannehill has shined this season in the long jump, 200-meter dash. Lopez has been dominant in the boys' 400- and 800-me-

ter events. Charles Green can also score in multiple events. He is expected to make huge contributions in the high jump and 110-meter hurdles. Jonathan Gonzalez and Devin Roberson are also expected to contribute points.

Teams set to join Big Spring at the district meet are Sweetwater, Wylie, Snyder, Greenwood and Monahans.



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**U**TPB brought *Pots and Prints* full circle to Howard College March 7. HC was the first and last stop for the project's maiden voyage which began in October of 2013. The project dubbed "Pots and Prints" was awarded an Art Works grant in 2012 from the National Education Association to support the project.

*Pots and Prints* is a mobile ceramic and printmaking workshop for teachers, students and rural artists. Students from Howard College, Big Spring High and Junior High Schools and Stanton High School attended the all-day event.

According to the NEA's website, the grant program "supports the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts."

The \$15,000 grant will allow UTPB Professor Mario Kiran, who won the grant, to transport ceramic and printmaking workshops to outlying communities to expose those who cannot afford to travel to museums and galleries to see art.

The grant allowed Kiran to purchase a kiln and a printmaker that he and his crew take to places such as high schools and colleges in outlying areas.

Traditionally, "firing" (high temperature baking in a special oven known as a kiln) one ceramic piece can take at least 16 hours. Depending on size, glazes used, design, etc., the finished product can often take weeks.

However, using a portable press and kiln to demonstrate traditional and contemporary methods used in printmaking and ceramics, Kiran and his associates found a way to improvise.

Using an ancient Japanese technique known as raku, workshop participants are able to create a ceramic piece in just a few hours.

Raku is a pottery technique that has its origins in 16th century Japan. It is speculated that it was developed by Korean potters under Japanese rule but the exact circumstances of its development and in what context it was discovered is a mystery. The raku technique, like other pottery techniques such as salt glazing and pit firing, primarily revolves around its firing process although involvement with raku often goes much deeper into its philosophy, roots, and cultural significance.

Traditional raku and our western version of raku are similar in many ways though there are some significant differences.

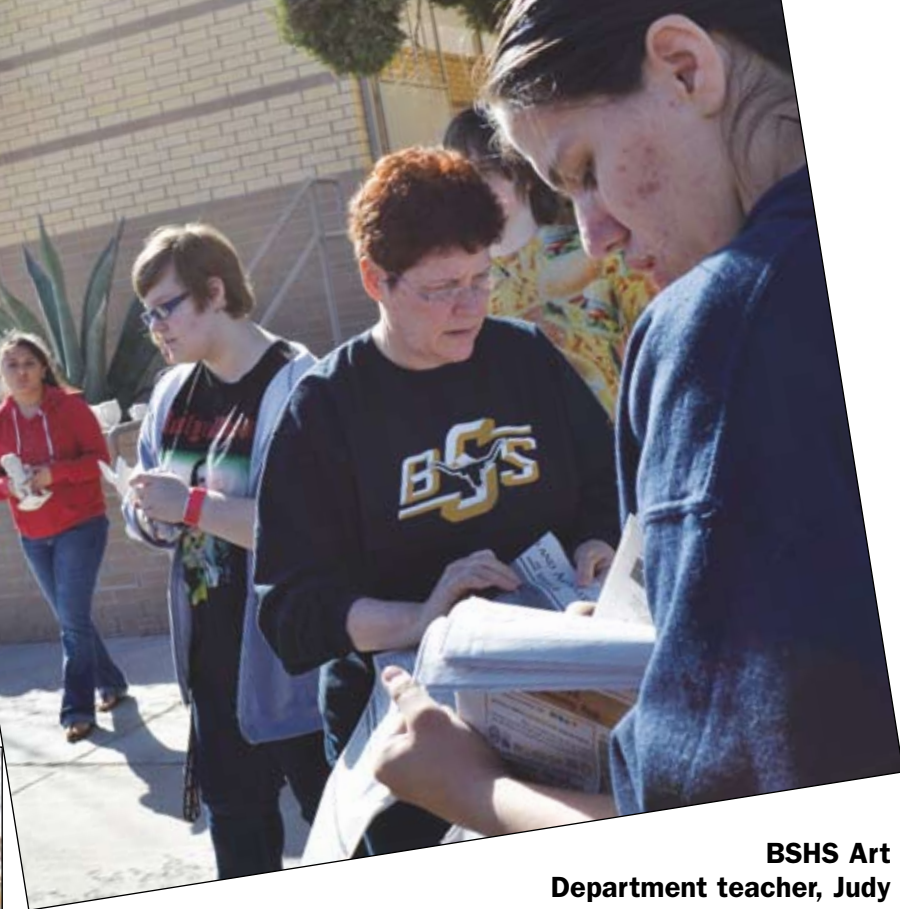
To briefly describe the raku process the pieces

may be loaded into a cold kiln but are often preheated and loaded into a hot kiln. The firing proceeds at a rapid pace with the wares reaching temperature in as short a cycle as 15-20 minutes (though raku firings can last up to several hours depending on the individual pieces and their firing requirements).

Primarily decorative and not to be used as eating utensils due



**UTPB Professor, Chris Stanley, left talks to students about proper clay used for raku.**



**BSHS Art Department teacher, Judy Tereleski, helps students prepare paper for the raku firing.**

to the metal contents of the metal glazes, the result is a shiny dark metallic glaze that may have some crackling and iridescent effects. The NEA received 1,547 eligible applications for Art Works grants in August 2012. The eligible

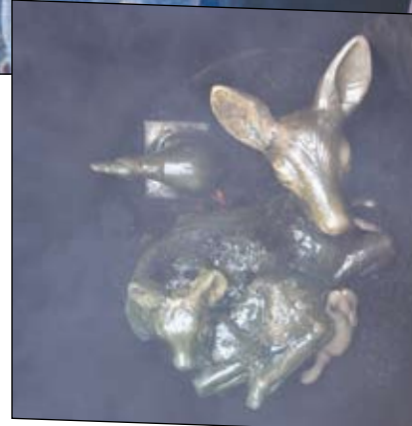


applications requested more than \$80 million in funding.

Accordingly, Art Works grants support the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and the strengthening of communities through the arts.

UTPB is one of one of 817 nonprofit organizations receiving a combined \$26.3 million in grants.

For more information on *Pots and Prints* contact Mario Kiran at [kiran\\_m@utpb.edu](mailto:kiran_m@utpb.edu) or Chris Stanley at [stanley\\_c@utpb.edu](mailto:stanley_c@utpb.edu)



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## ► Anniversary



Buster Dean Gartman Sr. and Carolyn Sue Gartman (Sears)

Buster Dean Gartman Sr. and Carolyn Sue Gartman (Sears) of Big Spring, originally of Sweetwater, Texas, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary April 15, 2014.

Buster was born in Athens, Texas, and Carolyn (Susie) was born in Sweetwater. The couple met when Susie was playing street ball at the home of her cousin in Sweetwater. They started dating in 1961 when Susie was 13 and Buster was 15. Susie had turned 16 on April 14 and Buster was 18 when they married. The ceremony took place in the home of Buster's Uncle, Almer Smith, a Baptist preacher in Sweetwater for more than 40 years.

The Gartman's moved to Big Spring in August 1966 to work for Planters Gin Co. They have two sons, Buster Dean Gartman Jr., born March 13, 1965 and Tommy Lee Gartman, born Oct. 12, 1966.

Dean and his wife Misty live in Big Spring where he works for Gartman A/C Heating and Plumbing. Misty is a school teacher for the Forsan school district. They have four sons, Brady, Bryce, Brant and Brenner. Tommy and his wife Kathy live in El Dorado, Ark. Tommy is a surgical tech teacher and Kathy is a CNO. They have two daughters, Alex and Madysen.

Buster worked for Planter's gin until 1971, then went to work for RESCO until 1972 and then went to work for Hester and Robertson in 1972. He worked there until 1978 when he started his own business Garman A/C Heating. They joined Hillcrest Baptist Church in 1972 and were members until December 2001. They are members of First Baptist Church.

During their marriage, Buster was an avid hunter, golfer, snow skier and youth athletic coach. Susie worked for Bill Hinkle in 1970 then went to work in 1971 for Foodway. It later became Winn Dixie and she worked there until 1983.

They enjoy traveling abroad, spending time at their home in Ruidoso, N.M. They consider themselves very fortunate to be able to travel. They enjoy watching their grandchildren in sports, etc.

A celebration will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club April 12. Buster was ordained as a deacon in 1977 and both are active in church, always putting God first. The key to their marriage has always been forgiveness and always being in love.

## App happy: wedding help in the palm of your hand

DIANA MARSZALEK, AP

Doug Appleton's grandparents couldn't travel to his New York City wedding last October, but the tech-savvy Floridians were as present on the Big Day as anyone could be from 1,000-plus miles away.

Thanks to FaceTime, the two-way Apple video-calling app, Gerald and Jacqueline Sherman watched by video stream as Appleton, 27, and Lauren Becker, 26, tied the knot. The newlyweds even have a picture of the ceremony that captures the Shermans' faces on the iPhone that was used to connect them.

Next, the Shermans joined in the post-nuptial festivities via Wedding

Party, an app that instantly uploads photos taken by guests to a website that posts them in chronological order. That allowed them to watch the celebration unfold in real time.

"My grandparents get this stuff, which is great," says Appleton. "They loved seeing what was going on."

Applications that can be downloaded to smartphones and tablets are part of many weddings today, from the initial planning to the honeymoon. The hectic pace of life has encouraged the trend, says Leila Lewis, an industry expert and founder of Inspired By This, a wedding website.

"In this day and age, the digital

## ► Births



Jacion Jamaine Ford

Jacion Jamaine Ford, a boy, was born April 2, 2014, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring.

Jacion was 18 inches long and weighed 5 pounds 15 ounces. He is the son of Jo Lavonne and Kelvin Ford of Big Spring. He is the brother of Diego, Santiago, Temoc, Estefan and Sebastian.

Maternal grandparent is Angela Morrow of Big Spring. Paternal grandparents are Helen and Michael Ford.

bride is planning the wedding on the go, which means planning from a phone or tablet," Lewis says.

"Brides want to be planning, searching and experiencing weddings conveniently. They want quick access to an abundance of information, and that's what apps and technology provide."

The proliferation of wedding apps can make choosing which ones to use overwhelming. Here are just several worth noting:

— Appy Couple. Sharmeen Mitha-Sehgal created this app after the nerve-racking experience of trying to keep track of her sister's wedding itinerary — a wedding in Mumbai, India — using various invitation and social media websites. Appy Couple aims to provide all wedding-related services on one platform. It helps manage RSVPs, send e-mail invites and create a schedule of events. Guests can use it to book travel, share photos and submit song requests to DJs.

— Lover.ly. Lewis likes this one for planning. Also billed as a one-stop-shop for the betrothed, it offers shop-

ping and planning platforms as well as info on trends, from '70s-style dresses to serving doughnuts.

— Evernote. A nod to keeping you and your betrothed on the same page during the wedding planning process. This organizational app — you can snap pictures, make lists and take notes — syncs on devices so that everyone knows what's going on.

— Wedding Party. One of the apps designed to boost the experience of the day itself by allowing guests to use their phones to share photos, videos and comments. About a week ahead of her wedding, Becker asked guests to download this app so they could help the Shermans get in on the action.

— WedPics. Lets couples create personalized photo albums of all the events surrounding their nuptials, from bridal showers to honeymoons, using pictures and videos uploaded by friends.

— Tiffany & Co. Engagement Ring Finder. The jeweler's app helps you choose the right diamond.

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# DIY photo booth forgoes frills, focuses on fun

HOLLY RAMER, AP

Photo booths at wedding receptions are at once old-fashioned and modern, harking back to the vintage coin-operated booths found in arcades but also seizing on the current obsession with snapping self-portraits.

The photo strips they deliver make great personalized wedding favors, or the pictures can be assembled into a creative guest book for the bride and groom.

As with all things wedding-related, renting a professional photo booth can be expensive. But if you're willing to forgo some of the frills and focus on the fun, it's possible to put together your own photo booth with little more than a cardboard refrigerator box (free from an appliance store), an iPad mounted on a tripod, and a bit of creativity.

There are numerous inexpensive or free apps that replicate the photo booth experience — I like Pocketbooth — and allow users to post pictures to social media or print them wirelessly using an AirPrint-enabled printer. But if you don't want to deal with the hassle of a printer and paper, just save the pictures to your iPad. Guests will still enjoy snapping pics, and you can print out the best strips later and include them in thank you notes.

While a cardboard box isn't the most elegant set-up, a few coats of spray paint can transform it into a trendy chalkboard surface that can be embellished with lettering, garlands and other decorations. And this set-up is small enough to tuck away in a corner, where it will at least keep young wedding guests occupied.

## MATERIALS:

- cardboard refrigerator box
- box cutter
- ruler, pencil
- chalkboard spray paint
- wooden dowel
- fabric for curtain
- tripod with iPad mount
- iPad
- small chair or stool
- photo booth app, such as Pocketbooth

- optional: AirPrint enabled printer, photo paper
- chalk or chalk ink markers
- small wooden dowels
- adhesive-backed hook-and-loop tape

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut the top and bottom flaps off the box so you are left with a tall, narrow box open on both ends.
2. Measure and cut a door-shaped opening on one side of the box, leaving a small lip at the bottom for stability. This will be the front of the booth.
3. Set up the tripod on one side of the booth, with the iPad attached to it, positioned so the screen is held vertically and flat against the box. Figure out the correct position based on the height at which guests will be sitting in the booth. Trace around the screen on the box, and cut out the rectangular shape so the screen shows through to the inside of the box.
4. Spray paint the outside of the box with chalkboard paint.
5. If desired, paint the inside of the box another color, or decorate it with paper or fabric.
6. Cut two holes in the sides of the box close to the top front corners and insert a dowel so the curtain can hang over the doorway.
7. Decorate the other sides of the box with chalk lettering and other embellishments. (For example: write "Pick a Prop," "Strike a Pose" and other instructions, or print out a few sample photo strips.) Props such as silly moustaches, glasses and hats can be cut of cardstock and glued to small wooden dowels. Stick a long strip of adhesive-backed hook-and-loop tape to the box, and wrap a bit around the dowels so they can be stuck to the side of the box.
8. To help users, print up some instructions to post inside the box. (For example, "If screen is blank, press 'home' button, tap Pocketbooth icon to open the app.")

# Deen's restaurant in Georgia closes

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)

A wildly popular Georgia restaurant at the center of a lawsuit that left the reputation of famed Southern celebrity cook Paula Deen in shambles has reportedly closed.

The Savannah Morning News (bit.ly/1owsS1s) and WSAV television (bit.ly/1gseldc) both reported Thursday that Uncle Bubba's Seafood & Oyster House announced the closure on its Facebook page. Both also cited a statement from a public relations firm representing the Savannah-based restaurant. Contact information for the firm could not be obtained immediately.

Deen co-owned the restaurant with her brother Bubba Hiers. Former restaurant manager Lisa Jackson sued

them both in 2012, alleging sexual harassment and employment practices that were unfair to black workers.

The lawsuit was dismissed after lawyers

reached a deal, but Deen's reputation was seriously damaged after she admitted during legal proceedings that she had used racial slurs in the past.



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# Feline fans flock to London's first cat cafe

LONDON (AP) Would you like some kitten with your coffee?

Feline company is exactly what one of London's newest cafes is offering, and stressed-out city-dwellers are lapping it up.

"People do want to have pets and in tiny flats, you can't," said cafe owner Lauren Pears, who opened Lady Dinah's Cat Emporium last month in an area east of the city's financial district.

"There's not many places in London you can just curl up with a book and chill out with a cat or two on your lap," she said Friday. "I think that's what our success is down to."

Cat cafes first took off 10 years ago in Japanese cities, where many people live alone in cramped high-rise apartment blocks that don't allow pets. Making feline friends became popular therapy for lonely or

anxious workers.

"I can see how this would be good for someone lacking company," said customer Sara Lewis, as she stroked a cat sitting on her lap. "It's the best idea ever."

The cozy English tea room, named after Alice's cat in "Alice in Wonderland," charges customers 5 pounds (\$8.29) for two hours of kitty company. Coffee and afternoon tea, sandwiches, cakes and scones — are on the menu at an additional cost.

Lady Dinah's opened March 1, and is fully booked until the end of June.

Pears raised more than 109,000 pounds (\$181,000) through a crowd-funding campaign to get the cafe up and running. Despite more than a year of planning permission delays and figuring out how to maintain health and safety standards, she

says the hard work has been worth it.

The 11 resident kitties were donated by people leaving the country who could no longer look after them. Kitty welfare is paramount: the cats get regular breaks away from people, and staff have been trained by animal behaviorists to care for them.

Lisa Vann brought her 8-year old daughter, who has learning difficulties, to Lady Dinah's for a playdate. "She's delighted to be here," she said.

The animal cafe craze shows no signs of slowing, with establishments now open in London, Vienna and Paris. A dog cafe, House of Hounds, is scheduled to open in London later this year.

And American animal-lovers won't be missing out for much longer. Two cat cafes are due to open in the San Francisco Bay area by the end of 2014.

# It's still a mod, mod, mod, Mod-Podged world

JENNIFER FORKER

Associated Press

Mod Podge, long used for decoupage crafts, has morphed in recent years. Now there's a glue-and-sealer product for virtually every surface, from fabric and wood to glass and metals.

Other decoupage brands exist, as well. And decoupage crafts? Projects run the gamut, including purses, high-heeled shoes, backpacks, scratched furniture, glass vases, dishware, canvases, planters, even bicycles.

Recognizable for its retro label, Mod Podge has been made by Plaid Enterprises Inc., of Norcross, Ga., for more than 40 years. During the product's infancy in the 1960s and '70s, it was popular to decoupage wood furniture, cigar boxes and serving trays with magazine clippings.

"They liked to do a lot of wood items," says Amy Anderson, who blogs fulltime for Plaid Enterprises at Mod Podge Rocks and has written a similarly titled book by Lark Crafts.

"Now it's a lot different because people will Mod Podge anything to anything, like junk mail, fabric scraps."

Anderson has received queries from people wanting to decoupage snakeskin, kitchen appliances and car dashboards. (Her answers: Test the snakeskin on a small project. Decoupage

Martha Stewart Crafts line of decoupage finishes and accessories.

Other decoupage brands include DecoArt Decoupage Glue and Aleene's Collage Pauge Instant Decoupage.

A perfectly useful decoupage medium also can be made at home, says Bethany Kohoutek, editor of Better Homes & Garden's Do It Yourself magazine. However, a homemade product, such as a mixture of white glue and water, may be less reliable and could yellow or decay over time. Kohoutek suggests using it only for kids' crafts that aren't meant to be saved.

"Making ornaments with kids that I want to have for posterity? Then I definitely want to buy the product that was made for that finish," says Kohoutek.

Some of her favorite decoupage ideas in Do It Yourself magazine include a cheap dresser covered in marbled paper; accent walls; lampshades.

Hannah Milman, executive editorial director of crafts and holiday for

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Despite the drought, Texas High Plains farmers with irrigation will most likely plant cotton in the South Plains and a mixture of corn and sorghum in the Panhandle, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist.

# Drought continues to have impact on Texas farmers

ROBERT BURNS  
TAMU ED

COLLEGE STATION — As Mother Nature continues to play what seems like an extended April Fools joke on parts of Texas with ongoing drought, agricultural producers have some tough cropping decisions to make, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service crops expert.

“As conditions remain very dry across the Texas High Plains, producers are looking at crop decisions that reflect the drought condition,” said Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Lubbock.

According to the March 25 U.S. Drought monitor, about 67 percent of the state is in one stage of drought or another, with about another 18 percent listed as abnormally dry. These numbers reflect a substantial backslide from what appeared to be a mollifying of drought conditions as recently as a couple of weeks ago.

And the worsening of the drought is further concentrated

in the Texas High Plains and Central regions, where extreme drought is the rule rather than the exception, according to the monitor.

Faced with severe or extreme drought — in many counties now for three years running — producers will be looking at crops based upon crop insurance options, irrigation ability and expectations of rain, Trostle said.

“Farmers with irrigation will most likely plant cotton in the South Plains and a mixture of corn and sorghum in the Panhandle,” he said. “For producers who are dryland, they will probably continue to go forward with cotton. However, because of lower input costs, grain sorghum might be a better choice, especially if they choose to wait toward the tail end of the planting season, which is about a month later for sorghum than it is for cotton.”

Sorghum is highly drought tolerant, but so is cotton, he said. And in some cases, not only are the economic rewards for a suc-

cessful cotton crop better, but crop insurance coverage for cotton is a little stronger.

“As you move northward into the Texas Panhandle, you’re more likely to see corn on the table as a cropping option,” he said. “Historically, for full-season corn that is fully irrigated, producers want to get it in by April or the first half of May.

“But what I hear from producers today is that if they are looking at limited irrigation, they may chose a corn hybrid with a shorter maturity and maybe plant late May into mid June — even late June if they’re south of Amarillo — just for the possibility of catching a late June rainfall and maturing the crop when the worst of the summer heat is over.”

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

## Energy Watch



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The stock market experienced a brief period of volatility last week when Janet Yellen met the media for her first press conference as the new head of the Federal Reserve (Fed). Market participants were not expecting any surprises — just steady as she goes, with the Fed slowly backing away from the current quantitative easing (QE) program and chairwoman Yellen providing a firm hand at the rudder.

But it didn’t quite work out that way. While the text in the post-meeting press release did change quite a bit, the main message remained the same: the Fed is planning to keep a very accommodative monetary stance for a long time. Up until the press conference started, the stock market took the statement in stride. The boat was not being rocked.

Then a reporter asked the new Fed chair to better clarify what the phrase “considerable time” — which was used in the press release — might mean in terms of the timing of any increase in the federal funds target rate. Ms. Yellen responded that the timing would likely translate to “around six months” after the current QE program came to an end. That would likely mean the first interest rate hike would occur in the second quarter of next year.

That was not what the stock market wanted to hear. Remember, when investors are anxiously waiting for any hint on potential upcoming changes in monetary policy, every single word our central bankers write or utter is parsed and picked apart in the hopes of finding some hidden meaning. This is especially true for the chair of the Fed. And let’s face it, a good portion of the multi-year rally in stocks has been carried on the back of the Fed’s easy money policies.

The stock market bounced back and even traded at a new intraday high just two sessions after Ms. Yellen told investors that the punch bowl was slowly going to be pulled away from the party sooner than many expected. And the bond market, which took a big hit in the wake of her comments, rallied back to push yields down to levels near where they were before the press conference.

Are investors not convinced the Fed will hike rates in the timeframe Yellen’s comments indicated? Or are they convinced that economic growth will be strong enough next spring to justify higher rates? Then again, it could be that specific Fed guidance looking out twelve months is unusual and subject to change, therefore not something people want to base their nearer-term decisions on.

In our opinion, the Fed could very well begin to hike interest rates in the middle portion of next year. We are not looking for Yellen to offer similar specific guidance that far into the future at upcoming press conferences, though. She is more likely to use language that will give the Fed room to maneuver, not pin it down.

The new head of the Fed has a steep learning curve when it comes to making public statements. Last week’s comments were likely just a rookie mistake.

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Garden City farmer Karla Hoelscher has directed a \$2,500 donation to the Glasscock Volunteer EMS. Funded by America’s Farmers Grow Communities, the donation will help the service update their medical supplies and equipment to ensure the safety of the victims and the EMTs.

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# Big Spring EDC offers support for local businesses

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation is working to support local businesses.

As such, it has partnered with Leading EDG, an entrepreneur development group. Leading EDG provides confidential coaching and consulting to start-ups, existing businesses and those wanting to buy or sell a business. Due to the program being funded by BSEDC, there is no cost to citizens of Big Spring.

Jim Depauw, an EDC board member, had the following to say about the program.

"Americans have always been a very entrepreneurial people. The BSEDC can only incentive businesses that provide primary jobs in the city and county. Partnering with Leading EDG has been a way for the BSEDC to play a role in helping prospective companies which are not primary job providers to get started in their business.

"We would encourage anyone who has an idea for a business to contact Leading EDG through the BSEDC office. Leading EDG can help guide prospective entrepreneurs through the maze of governmental laws, rules and regulations. Leading EDG can help with financial analysis and coaching in sales & marketing."

To schedule a confidential meeting, call The Big Spring EDC at 432-264-6032 or Matty McLain at 806-316-7600



**MATTY McLAIN**

# Lt. Weber, USMC (Ret.) is chosen to lead Department of Transportation

AUSTIN — During a special meeting today, the Texas Transportation Commission selected General Joe Weber as the Texas Department of Transportation's 20th executive director, effective on or about April 23. Weber currently serves as Vice President of Student Affairs at Texas A&M University in College Station. In that role he is responsible for the strategic planning, direction and development of fiscal and human resources, and how they impact the overall experience of nearly 57,000 students at the university. He is responsible for crisis management and the oversight of more than 900 student organizations and dozens of campus-wide programs and services.



**Weber**

"We are thrilled to have a leader with such stature and experience join the TxDOT team and be part of this great organization," said Ted Houghton, Chairman Texas Transportation Commission. "General Weber is the right person at the right time to make a great agency even better."

"As TxDOT continues its transformation in becoming a best-in-class agency, General Weber is the right fit for this department," said Commissioner Jeff Moseley, who led the search efforts on behalf of the commission. "The general's proven track record and collaborative nature will help the department work even more closely with the Legislature and other key transportation stakeholders."

As a lieutenant general in the United States Marine Corps, Weber most recently managed the welfare of more than 75,000 Marines and Sailors along the eastern seaboard. Previously, the general served in assignments throughout the United States and overseas leading major efforts, including tours in Iraq and Japan. His primary duties focused on training, education and combat readiness for thousands of Marines, Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen. During his 36 years of dedicated service to our country, the military provided Weber the proper foundation to lead a complex and multi-tiered



organization like TxDOT.

"It is a true honor for me to be selected to lead TxDOT at this time in its evolution and as it continues to fulfill its mission," said Weber. "I look forward to working closely with the dynamic TxDOT team, the Legislature and transportation stakeholders keen on using transportation as an economic development tool that continues to make Texas a great destination for businesses and visitors, and for the 26 million of us who call it home."

Weber succeeds Phil Wilson, who earlier this year became general manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). Weber is a graduate of Texas A&M University and has a master's degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

# RECORDS

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Robert Scott Ochoa, 2607 Chanute, Big Spring  
Martin Sosa Puga, 1614 Settles, Big Spring  
Sheila Fay Richardson, 1707 Donley, Big Spring  
John Troy Riddle, 2911 NCR 1140 No. 14, Midland  
Liza Leigh Rios, 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 30, Big Spring  
Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter, Big Spring  
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker, Big Spring  
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Amy Leigh Shifflett, 209 N. Main, Coahoma  
Harvey Stegman, 1204 N. 13th St., Lamesa  
Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westober Rd. Apt. 133, Big Spring  
Candida Lynn Whitehead, 3706 Connley, Big Spring  
Tamara Ruth Whitt, 1909 Morrison, Big Spring  
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. apt 28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses  
Stetson Ramey Rankin, 36 and April Renee Hudson, 42, both of Big Spring

Adrian A. Grant, 21, and Kaitlyn A. Hector, 20, both of Big Spring  
William T. Wherry, 24 and Shereda S. Mintz, 19, both of Big Spring

Mark Arguello, 40 and Danelle Christine Overton, 27, both of Big Spring  
Coby Jay Foster, 30 and Tiffany Beth Huot, 225, both of Utah  
Christopher W. Mendoza, 332 and Mindy J. Wilson, 35, both of Big Spring  
Daniel Valle, 41 and JoAnn Hilario, 39, both of Big Spring

County Court Filings  
State of Texas vs Franklin Noel Hamilton. Judgment and sentence. Theft of property \$50 but less than \$500. \$100 fine, \$337 court cost and 40 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Robert Michael Kleck. Probated judgment. Driving while intoxicated 2nd offense. \$500 fine, 180 days in jail and \$457.10 court cost.

State of Texas vs Loyce Rawls. Probated judgment. Possession of a dangerous drug. \$100 fine, 180 days in jail and \$347 court cost.

State of Texas vs Robert Hinojos Martinez. Judgment and sentence. Driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension without final resolution. \$765.90 fine and \$232.10 court cost.

State of Texas vs Albert Gallegos. Judgment and sentence. Fail to identify fugitive with intent to give false information. \$100 fine, \$287 court cost and 10 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Erick Sherod Franks. Judgment

and sentence. Theft of property \$50 but less than \$500. \$200 fine, \$337 court cost and 90 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Gary Christian Starr. Probated judgment. Unlawful carry a weapon. \$200 fine, 180 days in jail and \$287 court cost.

State of Texas vs Kenneth Wayne Phillips Jr. Probated judgment. Driving while intoxicated - open container. \$750 fine, 180 days in jail and \$462.10.

State of Texas vs Travis Allen Burch. Probated judgment. Driving while intoxicated. \$750 fine, 180 days in jail and \$462.10 court cost.

State of Texas vs Michael Brandon Fossee. Judgment and sentence. Theft of property \$500 but less than \$1,500. \$200 fine, \$287 court cost and 90 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Erick Sherod Franks. Judgment and sentence. Theft of property. \$50 but less than \$500. \$200 fine, \$287 court cost and 90 days in jail.

State of Texas vs Priscilla Nicole Avalos. Judgment and sentence. Theft of property. \$500 but less than \$1,500. \$466 fine and \$287 court cost.

District Court Filings  
Howard County et al vs John Henry Schenck and Olivia Gonzales - tax

Howard County et al vs Tina Saucedo - tax  
Howard County et al vs Sarwest Capital LLC - tax  
Howard County et al vs Sylvia Sanchez - tax

Howard County et al vs Michelle Sanchez - tax  
Howard County et al vs Francisco Garcia Salazar - tax

Howard County et al vs Gracie Rushing - tax  
Howard County et al vs Rose Mary Romero - tax

Howard County et al vs Jessica Rodriguez and Max Hernandez - tax  
Howard County et al vs Lark Olivas - tax

Howard County et al vs Robert Rivera, trustee of Templo Centro De Alabanza - tax  
Howard County et al vs Maria Moreno Robledo - tax

Howard County et al vs Randy Robledo and Annabel Le Armendarez - tax  
Howard County et al vs Larry Moore aka Larry R. Moore - tax

Francisco Olivarez Jr. vs Belinda Olivarez - divorce  
Francisco Ramirez vs Maria Olivia Flores - divorce  
Cody Ray Ellis vs Sonya D'Ann Ellis - divorce

David Alan Witten vs elia Madrid Witten - divorce  
Jessica Rachel Zorn vs Scott Alan Zorn - divorce

Lone Star State Bank of West Texas vs Larry Gammans - accounts, notes and contracts  
Jose Noel Carrillo vs Claudia Beatris Carrillo - divorce

Warranty Deeds  
Grantor: Kenneth D. Kesterson and Tonja D. Kesterson

Grantee: James D. Walterhouse and Deborah S. Walterhouse  
Property: Blk 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Silverheels Addition  
Date: April 1, 2014

Grantor: Jeanette G. Householder  
Grantee: Alan Householder and Debra Jo Householder  
Property: Lot 7, blk 4, Kentwood Additon  
Date: March 21, 2014

Grantor: Charles Tindol and Robbie Tindol

Grantee: Paul Lewis and Cassie Lewis  
Property: 5 acre tract out of NW/4 of sec 25, blk 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry Co Survey, Howard County  
Date: March 21, 2014

Grantor: Robert L. McDonald dba McDonald Realty Co.  
Grantee: Michael C. Dunn and Amy Dunn  
Property: 0.459 acre tract out of NW/4 of sec 1, blk 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: March 21, 2014

Grantor: Vietia Romine  
Grantee: Larry Romine  
Property: 128 acre tract out of sec 16, blk 34, T-1-N,

T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: March 21, 2014

Grantor: Lori Martinez and Manuel Martinez  
Grantee: Larito Soson Jr. and Mylene Soson  
Property: Lots 8,9,10 and 13, blk 22, Coahoma  
Date: March 21, 2014

Warranty Deeds With Vendors Leins  
Grantor: David Dominguez  
Grantee: Kwikie Grocery Inc.

Property: E/2 of lot 8,9 and 10, blk 2, Settles Heights Addition  
Date: March 21, 2014

Grantor: Brenda Epley

Grantee: James N. Quimby  
Property: 23.93 acres out of SW/4 of sec 48, blk 32, T-1-N T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County  
Date: March 21, 2014

Grantor: Jimmy Clanton and Sharon Clanton  
Grantee: Starla Mendoza  
Property: S/59' of lot 14, blk 7, Washington Place Addition  
Date: March 24, 2014

Grantor: Clinton Doyle Maxwell and Rhama Carol Maxwell  
Grantee: Sterling Creek Property Solutions LLC  
Property: Lot 5, blk 33, Cole and Strayhorn Addition

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# Dispute resolution system conducting training program

LUBBOCK — The Texas Dispute Resolution System is conducting a 40-hour basic mediation training program in Lubbock to be held May 19-23.

Communication skills, problem solving, confidentiality and ethics are covered in the training. Additional issues arising in the mediation setting are also covered, such as cultural, financial and le-

gal matters. Attendees will participate in mediation role plays as well as other hands-on activities.

The regular registration fee is \$525; however a scholarship for one Howard County applicant is being offered. Those who are interested in this opportunity, should contact the Texas Dispute Resolution System as soon as possible for the application. The dead-

line to turn the entry form is April 11.

Mediators can be used to resolve a range of disputes such as landlord/tenant and contractual disputes. The role of the mediator is to take the parties from disagreement to agreement or a better understanding. The possibilities of what issues the case involves are endless and no two cases will ever be the same.

D. Gene Valentini, director of the Texas Dispute Resolution System, is the instructor. He has been a mediator since 1981, an active trainer since 1997, and is an adjunct professor at the Texas Tech University School of Law.

The course is approved by the State Bar of Texas for 40 participatory continuing legal education hours, including three hours of ethics.

Registration includes CLE credits, light refreshments, and program materials. The training will be held at the Ashmore Inn & Suites, 4019 South Loop 289, Lubbock, Texas. The training will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call toll free at 866-329-3522 or visit our office in Room 308 of the Howard County Courthouse.

## Even the healthy are locked out of 2014 policies now

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans thinking about buying health insurance on their own later this year, or maybe switching to a different insurer, are probably out of luck. The policies are going off the market as a little-noticed consequence of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

With limited exceptions, insurance companies have stopped selling until next year the sorts of individual plans that used to be available year-round. That locks out many of the young and healthy as well as the sick and injured, even those who can afford to buy without government subsidies.

"Now they're stuck," said Bonnie Milani, an independent insurance broker in Los Angeles, who says she warned her customers last year that the change was coming. "It just closes everything down."

The next wide-open chance to sign up comes in November, when enrollment for 2015 begins in the government-run insurance marketplaces created by the health care law. Companies are following that schedule even for the plans they sell outside the federal and state exchanges.

The health care law allows insurers to keep selling all year. But it also creates the conditions prompting them to stop.

The law, which requires nearly all Americans to be insured or pay a fine, bans insurers from rejecting customers because of poor health. The companies say that makes it too risky to sell to individuals year-round.

"If you didn't have an open enrollment period, you would have people who would potentially enroll when they get sick and dis-enroll when they get better," said Chris Stenrud, spokesman for insurer Kaiser Permanente. "The only insured people would be sick people, which would make insurance unaffordable for everyone."

The change makes individual policies work more like the job-based plans that already cover far more Americans.

But those who act fast may still be able to get in this year, depending on where they live.

Following the lead of the government marketplaces, some companies are extending off-marketplace sales for a week or a month to help people who hit snags trying to enroll by last Monday's deadline. Rules vary from state to state.

After those extensions, eligibility for coverage during 2014 is guaranteed only for people who experience certain qualifying life events, such as losing a job that provided insurance, moving to a new state, getting married, having a baby or losing coverage under a parent's health plan.

A survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation in mid-March found that 6 out of 10 people without insurance weren't aware of the Affordable Care Act deadline of March 31. The Obama administration, insurance companies and nonprofit groups scrambled to spread the word, often with messages that focused on the savings available to many people through government-subsidized plans sold on the marketplaces.

There wasn't much public discussion about people who prefer to buy policies outside the state or federal marketplaces, sometimes finding better deals or options more to their liking.

Health and Human Services spokesman Aaron Albright pointed to a note buried on the HealthCare.gov website: It says "in some limited cases some insurance companies may sell private health plans outside the marketplace and outside open enrollment" that satisfy the law's coverage mandate. It doesn't say how to find any companies doing that. Albright had no further comment.

Gary Claxton, a health law expert at the Kaiser Family Foundation, said it's "highly unlikely" that companies will offer such coverage after the deadline window fully closes. Some do still offer temporary plans, lasting from a month to a year. But those plans don't cover pre-existing conditions and don't get buyers off the hook for the law's tax penalty.

Nate Purpura, spokesman for eHealthInsurance.com, which sells policies from 200 companies across the nation, said at this point he knows of none planning to offer major medical insurance after this month, except to people with qualifying life events.

For people trying to get an off-marketplace plan through an open enrollment extension, some insurers are selling them through April 15, and others through the end of the month. Purpura said eHealth will offer such plans in at least some areas of these states: Arizona, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Utah, Virginia and Washington state.

## States rebel against powerful new painkiller

BARRE, Vt. (AP) — State officials around the country are rebelling over a powerful new painkiller that law enforcement and public health authorities fear could worsen the nation's deadly scourge of heroin and prescription drug abuse.

On Thursday, Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin announced an emergency order that would make it harder for doctors to prescribe Zohydro, an extended-release capsule that contains up to five times the amount of narcotic hydrocodone previously available in pills.

Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick went even further last week, ordering an outright ban on prescribing and dispensing Zohydro until it is marketed in a form that is difficult to abuse.

Some health authorities say addicts can crush the capsules, thwarting their slow-release properties, and then snort or inject the drug for an immediate and extremely powerful high that can prove lethal.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Zohydro last fall, and it hit the market last month.

"What puzzles all of us is the recent FDA action to approve a new opiate that's stronger and likely to be even more addictive because of its strength,"

Shumlin said. "Zohydro has been approved by the FDA to the bewilderment of many of us."

Vermont Health Commissioner Harry Chen said of the FDA decision: "One might wonder if they're on the same planet."

Prescription drug abuse is the nation's fastest-growing drug problem, with more than 4.5 million Americans abusing pain relievers, according to a 2013 Drug Enforcement Administration report.

Law enforcement and public health officials say that for many people, prescription painkiller abuse can pave

the way to heroin addiction. In January, Shumlin devoted the bulk of his State of the State address to Vermont's "full-blown heroin crisis."

The backlash against Zohydro has been growing since the FDA approved the drug against the recommendation of an FDA advisory committee.

Late last year, 28 state attorneys general signed a letter asking the FDA to revoke the drug's approval or require the manufacturer to reformulate the drug to make it harder to crush.

Also, Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Rep. Stephen Lynch, D-Mass., introduced legislation that would compel the FDA to withdraw the drug.

San Diego-based Zogenix, which makes Zohydro, said that it has set up a board of experts to guard against abuse and that its sales representatives are not being paid based on volume,

but rather on their efforts to ensure prescribers, pharmacists and patients understand the medication's risks and benefits.

Zohydro belongs to a family of medicines known as opiates or opioids. Others include morphine, heroin and oxycodone, the painkiller in OxyContin.

Its painkilling power comes from hydrocodone. Other medications, such as Vicodin, contain the same narcotic but also include acetaminophen, the active ingredient in Tylenol.

The FDA said Zohydro meets its standards and provides an important option for patients with chronic pain. The agency, which in 2010 approved a crush-resistant version of OxyContin to discourage abuse, said abuse-detering formulations of Zohydro are in the early stages of development.

Vermont's emergency rule governing Zohydro includes requirements that prescribers conduct a thorough medical evaluation and risk assessment.

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**► Business Briefs**

**Southwest CEO's compensation flat at \$4 million**

DALLAS (AP) — The CEO of Southwest Airlines Co. received \$4 million in compensation for 2013, unchanged from the year before, as he and other top executives didn't get salary increases although profit and the stock soared.

The airline said in a regulatory filing on Friday that Gary Kelly was paid a salary of \$675,000 and a \$929,070 bonus and incentives last year. That was a 3 percent decline in bonus and incentive pay.

Most of Kelly's compensation was in stock awards, which Southwest valued at \$2.25 million on the day they were granted, matching the grants he got in 2011. He also received \$162,808 in other compensation including deferred pay, contributions to retirement and profit-sharing plans, home security and free travel on the airline.

Dallas-based Southwest said in a proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission that its board believed Kelly could have received more in stock awards based on his "strong performance and significant contributions." But, the board's compensation committee "deemed it appropriate" to keep the stock award flat.

Southwest, which is the nation's fourth-biggest airline and owns AirTran Airways, earned \$754 million last year, a 79 percent increase over 2012 thanks largely to lower fuel prices. Revenue rose 4 percent to \$17.7 billion. Shareholders benefited — the stock jumped 84 percent.

Kelly started in Southwest's finance office in 1986. He was chief financial officer before being named CEO in 2004 and chairman in 2008.

The Associated Press formula calculates an executive's total compensation during the last fiscal year by adding salary, bonuses, perks, above-market interest that the company pays on deferred compensation and the estimated value of stock and stock options awarded during the year. The AP formula does not count changes in the present value of pensions.

**Beekeeper accused of stealing hives pleads guilty**

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — A Washington beekeeper accused of stealing 28 hives from a competitor

will have to pay more than \$14,000 in restitution.

But, Joseph Eugene "Skip" Guilmette of Everson avoided jail time in a plea agreement last week in Bellingham. He says he pleaded guilty to theft and possessing stolen property to stay out of jail and keep his honey and candle business going.

Guilmette told The Bellingham Herald (<http://bit.ly/1gtXirk>) he took the hives last spring in a disputed business deal, but he is sorry for the theft.

Authorities say Guilmette hauled off seven pallets of hives, bees and honey on his forklift.

**Milwaukee group wants to buy Pabst Blue Ribbon**

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Long before it was known for fine cheddar cheese or the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin was famous for beer, especially the national brands brewed in Milwaukee: Schlitz, Blatz and Pabst Blue Ribbon.

The brewing tradition started by Milwaukee's German immigrants in the 1800s endured for more than a century, until industry consolidation in the 1980s and '90s began sending familiar brands to other companies and cities.

Now a small group of Milwaukee residents wants to revive part of that proud history by buying Pabst Brewing Co. from a California executive in hopes of returning the brand to its birthplace, possibly as a city-owned brewery.

The effort appears to be a distant long shot, requiring hundreds of millions of dollars to acquire the 170-year-old beer best known as PBR. But Milwaukee officials like the idea enough to talk about it, and at least one industry analyst says the plan is not beyond the realm of possibility.

"When I think about Pabst being anywhere else but Milwaukee, it just doesn't make sense," said Susie Seideman, an organizer of the "Bring Pabst Blue Ribbon Home" effort. "Milwaukee made this beer what it is. ... It's right on the can."

The beer, with its pale gold color and light, fizzy taste, has become especially popular over the last decade among urban hipsters, in part because it's one of the cheapest on the market.

The company that started in Milwaukee in 1844 is now headquartered in Los Angeles after being bought by food industry executive C. Dean Metropoulos in 2010 for a reported \$250 million.

Reports surfaced last month suggesting that Pabst might be looking for buyers. Organizers of the group want Metropoulos to give them first rights of sale so they can begin raising money toward any asking price.

Pabst representatives would not comment on any potential sale or the efforts to bring the brand back to Milwaukee, saying only that they "are considering financial alternatives" that will help Pabst "aggressively pursue its next phase of growth through strategic acquisitions."

The effort to buy Pabst has a core of seven people with various business and nonprofit backgrounds. It also has a Facebook page titled "Milwaukee Should Own Pabst Blue Ribbon" and a website at [bringpbrhome.com](http://bringpbrhome.com), which lets visitors sign a letter to Metropoulos. The letter acknowledges that the purchase proposal might seem "crazy" but asks readers to "humor us for just a moment."

"We want to bring PBR home," reads the letter, expected to be sent next week.

In 1996, Pabst headquarters left and beer production ceased at the company's main complex in downtown Milwaukee, opening a "gaping hole in our city's economy," according to the letter. PBR is now brewed in another part of town as part of a deal with MillerCoors.

Bringing Pabst back is less about the beer and more about "investing in the city of Milwaukee," Seideman said.

A letter to the Milwaukee mayor and city council asks them to consider the purchase of Pabst using a community ownership model similar to that of the Green Bay Packers, in which the public buys stock that does not increase in value and pays no dividends. But, Seideman said, they are also considering other options, including forming a cooperative.

Another organizer, Erika Wolf, said the group wants to hold town-hall-style meetings and online chats about how to buy and run PBR. The first meeting is scheduled for April 23.

Regardless of the business structure chosen, they want to put the profits back into the city, she said.

The group's website was put together by the great-great granddaughter of brewery founder Frederick Pabst. Bridget Byrnes, a web designer in

Missoula, Mont., volunteered after seeing the Facebook page. The return of Pabst back would hopefully create jobs and "bring Milwaukee back to the beer city it was."

The plan is being floated at a time when some Great Lakes cities are trying to develop a "blue economy" by attracting industries that rely on water. As growing water scarcity casts a shadow over the economy in warmer states, many northern communities want to use their abundant freshwater to attract businesses, including breweries.

Jeff Fleming, a spokesman for Milwaukee's development department, said city officials know little about the effort so far but look forward to discussing any plan with the organizers.

Paul Gatza, director of the Colorado-based Brewers Association trade group, said he's seen reports the company could go for \$700 million to \$1 billion. He said Metropoulos' business is acquisitions, not brewing, which might explain the interest in selling.

Raising that sort of money from Milwaukee's 600,000 residents would be tough, but it might be more feasible if a private-equity group stepped in, Gatza said.

Beer is personal to beer drinkers, and Gatza has seen social media backlash when beer drinkers grow unhappy with other companies' changes, he said.

"There might be some PR value in selling it to a group of Milwaukee fans," he said.

The Pabst family sold their controlling interest in the company in 1933, and the last family member, August Pabst, Jr., retired from the board of directors in 1983.

One of the city's tourist attractions is the Pabst Mansion, a masterpiece of Gilded Age architecture that was once home to Frederick Pabst. And one of Milwaukee's main music venues is the Pabst Theater, which was run for many years by the family.

Jim Haertel owns Pabst's old administrative building and bar in the company's former brewery complex.

He said he would buy into Pabst if given the opportunity and even scrap his plans to put a bed and breakfast in the building with beer taps in the rooms.

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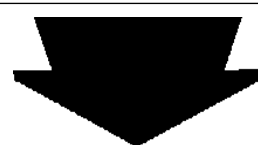
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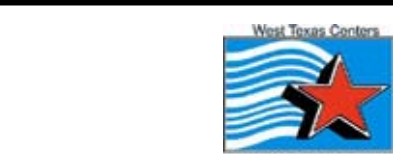
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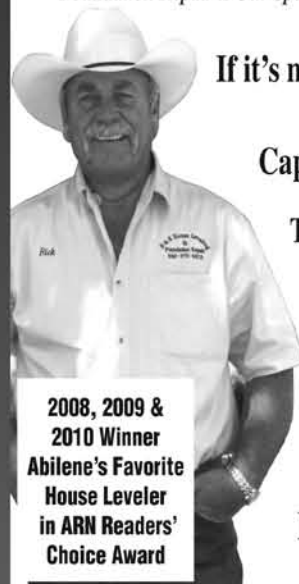
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**ROUSTABOUT SUPERVISOR** needed to manage 6-8 gangs. Requires verifiable supervisory experience and oilfield experience. Pay negotiable DOE. Health, vision, and dental ins. 100% paid! Apply in person at 9400 South Service Road, Coahoma, TX, or call 432-394-4604.

**WESTSIDE DAY** Care needs a Cook, Monday-Friday 7AM-1PM. Call 432-263-7841.

**STERLING COUNTY** Nursing Home is now taking applications for L.V.N., C.N.A'S, Housekeeper, Dietary positions we offer medical, dental & vision insurance plus retirement benefits, competitive pay & shift differentials. For more information call 325-378-2134 and ask for Ashley Porter.

CITY OF BIG SPRING

- Airport & Industrial Park Maintenance Superintendent
  - Animal Control Officer
  - Kennel Worker
  - Utility Service Worker
  - Part Time Golf Course Maintenance
  - City Planner
  - Non-Certified & Certified Police Officer
  - Sanitation Truck Driver
  - Streets Heavy Equipment Operator
  - Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
  - Customer Service Clerk
  - Meter Reader
  - Water and Wastewater Treatment Manager
  - Seasonal Maintenance Workers
- See website for more info.  
[www.mybigspring.com](http://www.mybigspring.com)  
or apply in person in the
- City Hall**  
(Human Resources)  
310 Nolan  
(432) 264-2346

Help Wanted

**INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN NEEDED.** RESPONSIBILITIES: Troubleshoot and repair Electric Controls, Motor Starters, Breakers, Contactors, VFD's, High Voltage Switchgear and Protection Relays, Smart transmitters, Control valves, I/P's and DCS/PLC controllers. Install new equipment including conduit, wiring and controls. Investigate equipment failures, determine root cause of failure, and recommend appropriate solutions to reduce recurrence of/or eliminate cause of failure. Recommend and specify alterations and revisions to improve equipment requirement and/or system reliability/capacity. Assist in the development, implementation, and periodic review of preventative/predictive maintenance programs to reduce unplanned shutdowns and improve overall plant on stream capability. Participate in the planning and execution of minor and major shutdowns. Participate actively in plant safety programs. Promote safety rules and regulations.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Two years training and/or experience in Electrical or Instrumentation in an Industrial Setting. Capable of troubleshooting and repairing Electrical Controls, Motor Starters, Breakers, Contactors, VFD's, High Voltage Switchgear and Protection Relays, Smart Transmitters, Control Valves, I/P's and DCS/PLC controllers. Read and understand Electrical prints and schematics. SID RICHARDSON Carbon Big Spring Plant is a privately owned Carbon Black manufacturer with a 25 MW Cogeneration Facility. Employment will be on an at-will basis. All associated benefits - Medical, Dental, Vision, 401(k), Pension. SRCE is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Please apply on our website [www.sidrich.com](http://www.sidrich.com) or at our office located at 1211 N. Midway Rd, Big Spring, TX 79720

**KITCHEN HELP & CARHOP.** Must be Neat in Appearance. Honest & Dependable. No experience necessary will train. Inquire at **WAGON WHEEL**, 2010 Scurry St. No phone call Please!

**LA QUINTA INN & SUITES** is now hiring for front desk management and staff. Please apply at 1102 West I-20. No Phone Calls Please.

**LAQUINTA INN & SUITES--** Accepting applications for all Positions. Must be able to work weekends. Apply at 1102 West I-20. No phone calls please.

Help Wanted

**NEED COUNTER** help. Apply in person at Klassic Kleaners, 2107 S. Gregg. No Phone Calls Please.

**NEEDING FULL-TIME** Shelter Manager, Family store truck driver part-time, Boys & Girls Club program coordinator full-time, Summer Program Aid full-time. Must be 18 yrs. old. For further information contact Salvation Army at 811 West 5th or call 432-267-8239.

Miscellaneous

ADAMS INSURANCE SERVICES

Need rain? Read II Chronicles 6:26-27. Need insurance? Medicare, critical illness, guaranteed acceptance life, ACA health. I can help you save money! Call Sherry Adams at (432)263-6645

**REGISTER TO VOTE** and **Vote LEAL, JP** in November 2014. Paid political ad by Carlos A. Leal

National Ads

**CASH FOR CARS/TRUCKS:** Get A Top Dollar INSTANT Offer! Running or Not. Damaged? Wrecked? OK! We Pay Up To \$20,000! Call Toll Free: 1-800-871-9712.

**HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FROM HOME.** 6-8 weeks ACCREDITED. Get a Diploma. Get a Job! No Computer Needed. FREE Brochure. 1-800-264-8330 Benjamin Franklin High School [www.diplomafromhome.com](http://www.diplomafromhome.com)

Pets

**MINI DESIGNER Puppies** Located in Big Spring! 3 months old, Free to very good homes! Call 214-734-0941



This link [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) connects people to pets up for adoption from the Big Spring Animal Control (432)264-2372.

Real Estate for Rent

**3 BR/2BA** formal living & dining. Over 2000 sq ft! Great view! Application required. \$45.00 application fee per adult over 18. One year lease. \$1100 rental, \$1100 deposit. (432) 352-7298 Owner is a Licenses Texas Realtor.

**RV SPACE** for Rent, Not in RV Park, Country Living. Call (432) 816-1107

**BIG SPRING**  
*Bowl-A-Rama*  
Now hiring in our Snack Bar for nights and weekends! Part time and full time available. Must be 18 years or older. Cooking experience an advantage but not essential.  
3318 E. I-20 432-267-7484

Real Estate for Rent

Swimming Pool  
Carports,  
Most Utilities Paid,  
Senior Citizen  
Discounts  
1 & 2 Bedrooms &  
1 or 2 Baths  
Unfurnished

KENTWOOD APARTMENTS

1904 East 25th Street  
267-5444  
263-5555

**1303 STANFORD,** 2 Bdrm, 1 bath, CH/A, no pets. \$1300.00 month, \$1000.00 deposit. All bills included. Call (432)816-5570 for application.

**2BR/1BA.** Laundry room, fridge, stove, washer and dryer, carpet, large backyard with privacy fence good for large dogs, available May 1st! Rent \$975, deposit \$975. Background check required. Please call 541-292-9825.

**4201 MUIR** 3 Bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, 2 living areas, covered patio. Very Nice. \$1,150 month, \$900 deposit. No HUD or Pets. Call (432)517-2876.

**AVAILABLE NOW!** 800 square foot Office Space available with 4 rooms! 1512 Scurry. Call 432-213-1112 for more info!

**ONE ACRE** of land for rent, septic and water well. Coahoma and Big Spring school bus. \$500.00. Not RV park. 432-213-5631

**RENT to OWN-** 32ft Travel Trailer. \$1000.00 Down, \$500.00 month. Call (432)257-7666.

**SUPER PRIVATE,** super quiet, spacious. Fully furnished apartment. One person only!! Utilities paid, ducted central air, non-smoking, no pets. Excellent credit report required. \$700. Broker (432)270-0707

**VERY NICE,** 3 bdrm, 1 bath, 2911 Navajo. \$1400.00 plus deposit. Background check. Call 432-816-1815.

Real Estate for Sale

**FOR SALE BY OWNER:** If you're looking for a fantastic family home and great, quiet location, look no further!!!! Two story- 4br/3ba, 2,468 sq. ft. Large family room, gas fireplace, tankless water heater, sprinkler system, large storage building, and 2 extra lots! Located in the city limits of Big Spring, near Marcy School. By appointment only, serious inquiries. Please contact: [agire2000@gmail.com](mailto:agire2000@gmail.com)

**NEED HOUSING?** For lease or sale: 3/2 Executive; 3/2 Family; 2/1 Excellent location. 432.213.8456 Kathy. We check references.

Real Estate for Sale

**4 BEDROOM** 1 Bath House, corner lot. Large front & back yard, both fenced. Central Air/Heat. Includes refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, storm windows. \$85,000. 1300 Colby Street. Call 831-419-0367 or 831-334-8522

**AS IS -- FIX or FLIP IT!** \$77k 901 Canyon, Midland. 2 bd/full bath garage near school. NO owner financing. 512-355-2745

**HOUSE FOR** sale as is, 3BR/1BA, 1312 Tucson, newly remodeled, \$69,500. Serious inquires only, no owner finance. 432-517-2959

**HOUSES FOR Sale:** 3BR/2BA, 2BR/2BA, 3BR/1BA, 2BR/1BA. Nice homes, country living. 432-213-4291 or 432-263-5272.

Services Offered

**Small Engine Repair** 709 Pine St. Push lawn mowers, riding lawn mowers. Come by or call at 432-270-0575. Email [pherera@suddenlink.net](mailto:pherera@suddenlink.net).

**WE BUY** Mortgage Notes for cash! For more information or to request a free quote call 325-792-9429. No loans provided.

Vehicles

TRUCKS FOR SALE

-2006 Ford F250, Diesel, Runs Great, \$9,500.00  
-1992 12 yard Dump Truck \$14,000  
-1996 Freightliner, Runs Good \$8,000  
-1998 Club Cab 8 yard Dump Truck, Diesel, Runs good \$9,500  
-F350 Diesel Club Cab Flat Bed \$6,000  
-Caterpillar Maintainer, Perfect for Lease Work, Good condition, Runs Perfect \$22,000  
Call 432-267-8169.

Legals

**NOTICE**  
On March 28th, 2014 ICA Broadcasting I, LTD. Filed applications with the Federal Communications Commission for the renewal of license relating to translator stations K10HH channel 10 and K31KJD channel 31 located in Big Spring, Texas, which rebroadcast the signal of KOSA-TV to viewers in Big Spring and the surrounding area.

Legals

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RUBY FAYE LEWIS, Deceased, were issued on April 1, 2014, in Cause No. P-14255, pending in the County Court of HOWARD County, Texas, to: Lawrence Ray Lewis, Sr.  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
c/o: **C.E. (Mike) Thomas III Attorney at Law**  
501 Gregg Street  
PO Box 2117  
Big Spring, Texas 79721

**DATED** the 2nd day of April, 2014. C.E. (Mike) Thomas III Attorney for Lawrence Ray Lewis, Sr.  
State Bar No.: 19845200  
501 Gregg Street  
PO Box 2117  
Big Spring, Texas 79721  
Telephone: (432)263-4142  
Facsimile: (432)267-2763  
#8249 April 6, 2014

**HOME REALTORS** 110 W. Marcy  
263-1284  
263-4663  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
SUN. - APRIL 6TH  
1:30-3:30 PM  
6503 N. SERVICE RD.  
HOSTED BY  
CHARLES SMITH

Legals

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION** IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:  
TO: Venice Cawthron fka Venice Tolson, Defendant Lienholder if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:  
3 tracts of land out of Sc2, Bk 33, T1S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$586.50, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.  
You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against LARRY MOORE AKA LARRY R. MOORE and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on 31 March, 2014, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LARRY MOORE AKA LARRY R. MOORE, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6382 and that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.  
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.  
You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 19 day of May, 2014 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 1 day of April, A. D. 2014.  
Jury Padron  
Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#8250 April 6, 2014

**Ritter Construction Company** is seeking an experienced, qualified Pipeline Construction Safety Representative for their West and South Texas Division Areas.  
Send resume to [wade@rittercc.com](mailto:wade@rittercc.com) or mail to **PO Box 1108, Carthage, TX 75633**

Transmission Substation Maintenance Technician

Hourly position directly responsible for the execution of facility maintenance activities. Ideal candidate has 5 years continuous experience in related field (i.e. Substation repair or Relay technician). Must be able to perform basic tasks associated with system equipment repair & maintenance as well as provide technical assistance to contracted craft employees working under lump sum & fixed unit price contracts. Position located in Big Spring, Texas.

Submit resume & salary information to [resumes@windenergyoftexas.com](mailto:resumes@windenergyoftexas.com)

**West Texas Centers**  
Quality Service for Quality Life

**Position 322: Provider Service Part Time positions.** This position provides services to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Services range from skills training, to assistance with daily living activities. Services are provided in the home, the community in a vocational setting. Schedules are flexible. Hrly \$9.93.

**Residential Support Service Manager:** Supervises the RST staff in a residential 4 bed home. Services include: ICF-MR residential, HCS residential and out of home respite. Assures that all services provided are in compliance. Maintains compliance with Center policies and procedures in all settings. May be required to work flexible hours and work directly in each home. \$12.09 hr High School Diploma or GED.

**Support Service Manager:** Responsible for the hiring, training, ongoing supervision and scheduling of the Support Services Technicians. Will participate in Service Planning/IDT meetings, develop Action Plans, and monitor service delivery. May be required to work flexible hours. May be required to use personal vehicle with reimbursement. \$10.59 hr High School Diploma or GED.

Applications available at 409 Runnels or [www.wtcmhmr.org](http://www.wtcmhmr.org) or by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769.EOE

**West Texas Centers**  
Quality Service for Quality Life

**West Texas Centers**  
Mental Health Rehab Provider: Employee will perform psychosocial rehabilitation and skills training services to reduce the symptoms of and disabilities of mental illness. Services will be delivered primarily in the community.

Mental Health Part Time Crisis Worker: Employee will be responsible for responding to mental health crisis calls after hours and on weekends, and also participating with an on-call team.

MH Mobile Crisis Outreach Worker: Will respond to the crisis hotline and provide face to face care for in-crisis mental health consumers. Requires Bachelor's degree in Social Work field or Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. Travel within an assigned region is required. Personal vehicle required - mileage reimbursement. Hours are Mon.-Fri.

MH Primary Care Worker: Provides Triage/Liason with primary care hospital, performs behavioral health consultation and follow up, care management. Provides behavioral health assessments and referrals.

Mental Health Team Coordinators; Employee will assist individuals in gaining access to medical, social, vocational and educational services. Some positions require participation in crisis call rotation.

These positions must have a Bachelors degree with a major in Social work or a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. All Employees must live within 70 miles of the duty site. Employees will be required to have a personal vehicle available with WTC reimbursement provided. Travel requirements depend upon the position. Extensive training is provided. Flexible Schedules. Salaries range from: \$33,000 to \$41,000 depending on the position.

Applications available at 409 Runnels or [www.wtcmhmr.org](http://www.wtcmhmr.org) or by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769.EOE

**Health Care Professionals**  
We currently have the following openings:

- Social Worker
- Licensed Vocational Nurse
- Certified Nurse Aides
- Certified Medication Aide
- Maintenance Supervisor
- Dietary Cook & Aide

We offer a new salary and benefits are available. If you are a person dedicated to providing quality care, please apply in person or email resume to:

**Terrace West Nursing and Rehabilitation**  
2800 Midland Drive • Midland, TX 79707  
Phone: 432-697-3108 • Fax: 432-689-0486  
ADM.TerraceWest@daybreakventure.com

For other job opportunities visit [www.daybreakventure.com](http://www.daybreakventure.com)  
Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer

Legals

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312 Scurry  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
C. Brantley Jones  
P.O. Box 15008  
Amarillo, Texas 79105-5008  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
NOTICE OF DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after this citation was issued, a default judgement may be taken against you."  
To: Paul Demotte, his assigns, heirs, and devisees  
Defendent greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday

next after expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday May 12, 2014, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County of Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 03/24/2014 in the entitled cause LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. vs. PAUL DEMOTTE, ET AL.  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Application of Receiver as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.  
Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 24th day of March, 2014  
COLLEEN BARTON  
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas  
#8241 April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2014

Legals

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312 Scurry  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
C. Brantley Jones  
P.O. Box 15008  
Amarillo, Texas 79105-5008  
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To: Mid-Tex Corporation, assigns, heirs, and devisees  
Defendent, Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION-  
TRC 109 & 114  
THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
Cause No. 1648  
GLASSCOCK COUNTY COOP  
VS KEITH GULLY  
IN THE 118TH DISTRICT COURT  
OF GLASSCOCK COUNTY,  
TEXAS  
TO: KEITH GULLY  
1478 EAST FM 2105,  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS 76905  
Defendant  
GREETING:  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."  
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days

after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday APRIL 28, 2014, before the Honorable Judge Yeats, 118th District Court of Glasscock County, at the Courthouse in said County in Garden City, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 12th day of March, 2014 in the above entitled cause. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to-wit:  
**On Account**  
as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.  
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Garden City, Texas this 12th day of March, 2014.  
Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff:  
**Gary R. McLaren  
Phillips & McLaren, L.L.P**  
2708 82nd Street  
Lubbock, Texas 79423  
(806)788-0609  
Clerk of the Court:  
Rebecca Batla  
Glasscock County, Texas  
#8235 March 16, 23, 30, 2014 and April 6, 2014

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
The State of Texas  
Declaration of the Invalidity of a certain document and claim:  
Lot 10 Block 29,  
Garden City, Texas  
  
To: J.N. Akin, Lilla E. Akin, Gladys Akin Bryant and Ruth Akin Harris, The Unknown Heirs of J.N. Akin, Lilla Akin, Gladys Akin Bryant and Ruth Akin Harris, and all Persons claiming any title or interest in land under deed heretofore given to J.N.Akin, of the County of Glasscock, State of Texas, as grantee and covering all of Lot 10 Block 29, Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Book 1, page 1, plat records Glasscock County, Texas.

the date this citation was issued, a default judgement may be taken against you."  
  
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being **Monday, May 12, 2014** before the **Honorable Judge Timothy Yeats, 118th District Court of Glasscock County**, at the Courthouse in said County in **Garden City, Texas**. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 28 day of March, 2014 in the above entitled cause.  
  
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Garden City, Texas this 28th day of March, 2014

**Notice to defendant:** "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after

Clerk of the Court:  
Rebecca Batla  
118th District Clerk  
Glasscock County, Texas  
#8248 April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2014

Legals

Sealed proposals addressed to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees will be received at Forsan ISD, Superintendent's Office, 411 W. 6th Street, Forsan, Texas 79733 until Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. for the New Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System.

Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock Texas, 79423 (Phone 806 follows:

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Superintendent's Office. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the Board of Trustees for action at a later date.

1. Download documents (.pdf file extension format) from PSC's Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with issuing PSC office. There is no cost or deposit required for this option.
2. One set of paper copies for a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00.
3. A digital copy (.pdf file extension format) upon a non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 per each CD.

A pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2014 in the Superintendent's Office 2:00 p.m. local time. Attendance by prospective Bidders is not mandatory.

Deposit shall be Company check or cashiers' check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. No partial sets will be issued.  
#8254 April 6 & 13

Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT  
  
Athlon Holdings LP, 420 Throckmorton St. Ste. 1200, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial permit to dispose produced water fluid into a formation which is NOT productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation, in the Hoelscher, Clifford W. SWD #1 Well. The disposal well is located 7.5 miles Southwest from Garden City, Texas in the Spraberry Field, in Glasscock County. Fluid is injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3575 to 4000 feet.  
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463/6792). #8251 April , 2014

**Notice of Application for Commercial Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit**  
BOUNDARY VENTURES, INC., PO BOX 1090 COLUMBUS, TX, 78934 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres formation, Coahoma SWD Lease, well numbers 1 and 2. The proposed disposal well is located 12 miles Northeast of Big Spring, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Howard County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2300 to 3000 feet.  
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #8252 April 4, 2014

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To: James Wilson, his assigns, heirs, and devisees  
Defendent greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after expiration of 42 days af

ter the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday May 12, 2014, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County of Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 03/24/2014 in the entitled cause LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. vs. PAUL DEMOTTE, ET AL.  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Application of Receiver as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.  
Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 24th day of March, 2014  
COLLEEN BARTON  
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas  
#8243 April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2014

Tomorrow's Horoscope

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll have the realization that someone you admire is not very different from you, and in fact, you may have more talent and ability in a certain area than this person does.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). However refined your tastes may become, there is still a rabble-rouser inside you who will emerge among kindred spirits. Expect that you'll get caught up in the riotous fun, and plan for that.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You will be in the mood to argue, but not necessarily to argue your own side. You appreciate the game of making a case for different points of view and will learn through this kind of play.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're not a natural self-promoter, but when you sense that people really need what only you can offer, telling them seems like the only kind thing to do.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll get an opportunity to spend time with someone you ideally would like to see more often. Restraint will be key. If you want a second meeting, don't bring everything you have to the first one.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Of course you are more likely to be taken by surprise when you are engaged in a task with which you have very little experience. You'll rather enjoy the excitement, so seeking new endeavors is favored.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone you mentor

is growing up fast and making you very proud in the process. Tonight, ask for what you need. Being direct is not only effective; it's also the only thing that will work.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Use kind, gentle words, but speak them firmly and with confidence. It is more powerful to be calm, gentle and clear than it is to be passionate and unclear.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You officially have analyzed a situation to death, and the only thing left to do is follow your gut. You don't need a reason why now, because "why not?" is the best reason there is now.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love has many incarnations, and you experience a wide range of them within one relationship. There is much to be gained from an easy-going attitude. Love and freedom go hand-in-hand now.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your influence will be strongest when it is wordless. Leading silently and by example has real power. It takes a confident person to do this. Note: Experience is one way to gain confidence, but it's not the only way.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The person who is not saying "yes" is saying "no." This is hard for some people to understand because they equate "no" with rejection. You wisely translate "no" into "my winning path lies elsewhere."  
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 6). You'll build good will that you'll cash in on at a much later date. Your intent is noble, but it just so happens that you'll also be rewarded for it. Prospects turn to gold this month. Love and a promise come in May. Family business is settled in June, and you'll help some of your kin in a big way. Gemini

and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 5, 17, 38 and 14.  
**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The prevalent fire energy gives this week a passionate tone. Retrograde Mars is lining up across the sky from the Aries sun, inviting confrontation and conflict, and there's an overall sense that it's best to bring things out into the open.  
Mercury changes suit on Monday, joining the party in Aries and encouraging a change in our communication style. Instead of bandying about ideas and using conversation for social bonding, artistic inspiration and collective dreaming, we'll want to get right to the point. This transit features plain facts and calling it like it is. Mercury in Aries has a child-like quality, and people are likely to blurt out what comes to mind without filtering it first. Most people won't mind, simply because most things are best understood when stated directly. Dare to be frank, and you'll find that people are tolerant of what you have to say even if they don't particularly like or agree with it. Honesty earns friends and fans.  
Of course, there are always those folks who would rather be lied to or at least hear a gentler, flowerier version of the story. There is good news for those folks, too: This transit only lasts about two weeks.

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**  
1 Prague Spring stopper  
9 Fair  
15 Raise fully  
16 Word from the Latin for "golden"  
17 "Of course!"  
18 World's most densely populated city  
19 Trivial pursuit  
20 Nation on the Atlantic  
22 Shaver  
23 Ran, as a fan  
25 Hawaii abolished them in 1852  
26 Single Action Army, e.g.  
27 Merest amount  
29 Vito's *Godfather* subordinate  
30 Smile on  
31 Binding profession  
33 Certain Israeli  
35 Probiotic dairy brand  
39 How some gifts are made  
40 It may call for adjustments  
42 Split \_\_\_  
43 Laggard movers  
44 Crime-news blog  
46 Ornament  
50 Some dams  
51 Very observant  
53 Higher-up  
54 Much like  
55 Surpass  
57 Comparable level

- DOWN**  
1 Fair  
2 Captivate  
3 Zuckenberg alma mater  
4 Sudden move  
5 SelectMed, PacifiCare, etc.  
6 Casual times  
7 *Newsweek's* 2013 issues  
8 Longstanding  
9 Uncle in Uruguay  
10 Articulated  
11 Solder fodder  
12 Blow up  
13 Solo  
14 Printed, unkindly  
21 Scale with one white key  
24 Hatches  
26 It will let you go  
28 Low interest-rate advocates  
30 Waiting in an in-box, perhaps  
32 "Quotation is a serviceable substitute for \_\_\_": Wilde  
34 Atomize  
35 Sought review of

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**► Menus**

**Sands CISD**

Monday: Breakfast, sausage kolache and oven roasted potatoes.. Lunch, beef and cheese chalupas, tortilla chips, salsa, garden salad, refried beans and apple sauce.

Tuesday: Breakfast, cheddar omelet wrap. Lunch, country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, roll and strawberry cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza. Lunch, chicken fajitas, pepper and onions, tortilla, charro beans, seasoned corn, salsa and orange smiles.

Thursday: Breakfast, waffles and sausage. Lunch, popcorn chicken, garden salad, baby carrots, bread sticks and apple slices.

Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon roll with bacon. Lunch, fish strips, sweet potato fries, coleslaw and sliced peaches.

**Senior Center**

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

Tuesday: Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, tortilla chips and salsa, Jell-O with Mandarin oranges and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, Harvard beets, fresh fruit, rolls and milk.

Thursday: Ham slice, lima beans, seasoned greens, lime Jell-O with pineapple, cornbread and milk.

Friday: Fish sandwich, lettuce and tomato, baked chips, seasoned corn, peaches and milk.

**Big Spring ISD**

Monday: Breakfast, assorted cereal, animal crackers, grapes, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, turkey and cheese chalupas or chicken quesadilla, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, mini maple pancakes, sausage patty, apples, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberries and milk.

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

Thursday: Breakfast, blueberry loaf, strawberry yogurt, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken spaghetti or popcorn chicken, breadsticks, garden salad, baby carrots, peaches and milk.

Friday: Breakfast, grape PBJ Uncrustable, mixed fruit cup, assorted fruit juice and milk. Lunch, Baja fish sticks or hamburger or cheeseburger, Texas toast, sweet potato tots, creamy coleslaw, pineapple chunks, fresh fruit bowl and milk.

**New Hope Christian School**

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, berry juice and milk. Snack, Goldfish and oranges. Lunch,

ham and cheese sandwich, peas, carrots and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, pancakes, peaches and milk. Snack, Ritz crackers and pineapple. Lunch, pizza casserole, mixed veggies, fruit mix, garlic bread and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, cinnamon toast, Mandarin orange and milk. Snack, butter crackers and ham deli meat. Lunch, mac and cheese with weenies, green beans, pears, bread and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, buttered toast, mixed fruit and milk. Snack, veggie sticks and string cheese. Lunch, Salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, bread and milk.

Friday: Breakfast, granola bar, apricots and milk. Snack, fruit bar and milk. Lunch, patty melt, corn, green beans and milk.

**Forsan ISD**

Monday: Breakfast, yogurt and fruit parfait with Awesome granola, cereal, toast, jelly, chilled peaches and fresh whole fruit. Lunch, cheesy chicken mac, Swedish meatballs, popcorn chicken salad, seasoned green beans, mashed potatoes, Romaine garden salad, blushing pears, roll and peach crisp.

Tuesday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs Santa Fe, cereal, toast, jelly, chilled pears and whole fresh fruit. Lunch, chicken brown rice bowl, sweet and sour chicken, cheeseburger basket, seasoned carrots, steamed broccoli, Romaine garden salad, chilled tropical fruit, fortune cookie and roll.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuit and gravy, sausage patty, cereal, toast, jelly, chilled pears and whole fresh fruit. Lunch, Big Daddy pizza cheese and pepperoni, beef ravioli with breadstick, chicken caesar salad, seasoned corn, Italian zucchini and tomatoes, Romaine garden salad and chilled Mandarin oranges.

Thursday: Breakfast, mini blueberry pancakes with syrup, cereal, toast, jelly, mixed fruit and whole fresh fruit. Lunch, taco pie, chicken fajitas, beef/chicken taco salad, Spanish brown rice, Santa Fe blend veggies, seasoned pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, chilled peaches, salsa/jalapeno/sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs with ham, tater tots, cereal, toast, jelly, chilled Mandarin oranges and whole fresh fruit. Lunch, roasted barbecue chicken, hot ham and cheese sub, spicy chicken basket, sweet potato fries, pickle spear, California blend veggies, Romaine garden salad and chilled mixed fruit.

**Coahoma ISD**

Monday: Breakfast, breakfast wrap egg/sausage/cheese, yogurt and fruit parfait with Awesome granola, toast, jelly, cereal, chilled peaches, fresh whole fruit, 100 % fruit juice and milk. Lunch, cheesy chicken mac, Swedish

meatballs, popcorn chicken salad, seasoned green beans, mashed potatoes, Romaine garden salad, blushing pears and roll.

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, scrambled egg Santa Fe, toast, cereal, jelly, chilled pears, fresh whole fruit, 100% fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken brown rice bowl, sweet and sour chicken, seasoned carrots, steamed broccoli, Romaine garden salad, chilled tropical fruit, fortune cookie and roll.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuit and gravy, sausage patty, smoked sausage with cheese in flour tortilla, toast, cereal, jelly, chilled apricots, fresh whole fruit, 100% fruit juice and milk. Lunch, chicken tetrazzini, beef ravioli with breadstick, chicken caesar salad, seasoned corn, Italian zucchini and tomatoes, Romaine garden salad, chilled Mandarin oranges.

Thursday: Breakfast, mini blueberry pancakes, French toast sticks, syrup, toast, cereal, jelly, mixed fruit, fresh whole fruit, 100% fruit juice and milk. Lunch, taco pie, chicken fajitas, beef/chicken taco salad, Santa Fe blend veggies, seasoned pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, chilled peaches, salsa/jalapeno/sour cream.

Friday: Breakfast, Home-Style cinnamon rolls, scrambled eggs with ham, toast, cereal, jelly, chilled Mandarin oranges, fresh whole fruit, 100% fruit juice

and milk. Lunch, grilled chicken basket, sweet cheese sandwich, ham potato fries, pickle and cheese sub, spicy spear, California blend

veggies, Romaine garden salad, chilled mixed fruit.



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