

Back to business! Let it rain

Social Security Office to reopen Monday at new location

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

It's back to business next week for the local Social Security office — even if business will be held in a different venue.

According to Sarah Schultz-Lackey, regional communication director out of Dallas. Social Security employees will once again see clients face-to-face two days a week beginning Monday now that temporary office space has been secured.

The governmental agency's

at 2006 E. FM 700, has been vacant since March 19, after a Dodge Ram 4x4 Pickup slammed into the structure at a high rate of speed causing extensive damage to the building.

Shultz-Lackey said repairs will take some time to make.

'We have to ensure it is very, very safe for our customers and employees to do so. Our aim is, of course, to get back into a permanent space — that permanent space in Big Spring," she said. "The

permanent building, located truck was driven into our lobby and that's normally were we would welcome the public which poses a problem. We've had the structural engineer out to figure out exactly what needs to be done and they are figuring out the estimate...it's going to take some time, obviously, to get this fixed.

"At this point, we want to have our employees in the community as much as we possibly can," she continued.

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Learn how to build a home water system solely dependent on rain water

Special to the Herald

Stanton - The Permian Basin Underground Water District will host 2015 Rainwater Harvesting Presentation, A Night With Billy Kniffen, on Thursday, May 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The presentation will take place at the PBUWCD office at 708 W. St. Peter Street in Stanton, and this year's guest speaker will be Mr. Billy Kniffen.

Mr. Kniffen is a Water Resource Associate in the Biological and Agriculture Engineer Department with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

He along with his wife, Mary, live in Mernard, Texas in a home solely dependent on rainwater. Kniffen worked on most of this project by himself and it was completed in May 2004. Along with his home, Kniffen also built a barn which serves a multi-purpose for a shop, garage, and protection for his 3,000 gallon polypropylene tanks. He is able to capture about 2,900 gallons of water per inch of rain between the combined 5,900 square feet from his home and barn roof.

Kniffen has also served as a Water Resource Specialist and county agent for TAMU for 30 years and is a TAMU Board of Regents Fellow Service Award recipient. His efforts have been directed towards rainwater harvesting, land management and watershed stewardship.

He is the past vice president and education committee chairman for the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSA), conducting educational workshops, training and installing demonstration rainwater collection systems all across Texas, the United States and provides support internationally.

He co-authored the "Rainwater Harvesting: System Planning" manual used in training rainwater professionals and the technical training provided by ARCSA. He received his degrees from Abilene Christian University and Tarleton State University.

Choate honored for distinguished service by local DADS offices

Health Fair 2015



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

At right, Elvira Conner, a YMCA employee and fitness instructor, visits with Vanessa Bilbao and Andrea Galvan at the Big Spring Area Chamber's 2015 Health Fair Saturday. The halfday event included several health-related demonstrations, blood presure checks and along with about 50 booths offering health services and information about healthy living.

Five-year plan for county on tap for next commissioner's meeting

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners will continue work on a five-year plan for this area when they meet at 10 a.m. Monday on the third floor of the county courthouse.

This is the second planned workshop on the subject, County Judge Kathryn Wiseman said.

"We're just trying to look at all the major issues the county is facing and make some plans," Wiseman said. "We're looking at where we are now and where we want to be in five years."

Once completed, this will be the second fiveyear plan adopted by the county. Wiseman credited Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long as the driving force behind the original document.

All aspects of county government will be looked at during the workshops.

In other action Monday, commissioners will consider:

• Tax appraisal tax base and legislative updates from Chief Appraiser Ronnie Babcock.

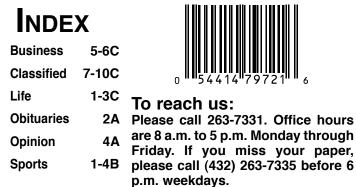
• Maintenance of courthouse grounds.

 Discussion of recognition of students from Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts.

• Invoices, purchase requests and budget admendments.

Quarterly financial and treasurer's reports.

Pipeline crossings and road maintenance.





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Amy Choate (pictured second from the left) was the recipient of the 2015 Adult Protective Service Honor Award. Others pictured are the presenters of the Award, from left to right, they are Melissa Galloway, APS Specialist IV; Karla Warren, APS Program Administrator; and Lindsey Fryar, APS **Facility Investigations Supervisor.**

Speical to the Herald

Amy Choate of Big Spring was honored Friday by the Big Spring DADS offices for her distinguished service to the aging and persons with disabilities population.

Adult Protective Services (APS) honors distinguished citizens who have provided extraordinary care and service to APS clients during the past year. Designated as the "APS Honors," the awards are a special project of the Regions 2 and 9 staff and four volunteer boards.

While Choate is an employee of department of Aging and Disability Services in Big Spring, she sees the bigger picture when it comes to helping clients, according to DADS officials. Amy's job as screener stops with taking the intake and sending the information on to caseworkers.

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BSHS blasts Lamesa Lady Steers race to

19-1 victory in district softball action Friday Herald Staff Report

The way she was pitching, Mariah Sarmiento didn't need a lot of help from her teammates, but, brother, did she get it anyway.

Sarmiento pitched a three-hitter and was the beneficiary of an offensive onslaught as the Big Spring Lady Steers obliterated Lamesa, 19-1, in district softball action Friday.

It is difficult to pick out an offensive standout for Big Spring, because almost everybody provided some heroics.

Cierra Martinez was 3-for-3 with a double, home run and three RBIs, Mia Oliva added a home run, Jaci Aguilar was 2-for-3 with a double, Mercedes Ruiz was 3-for-4 with four RBIs and three doubles and Shaylee Franks scored three runs for Big Spring.

Sarmiento, meanwhile, was sterling in the pitcher's circle, not allowing an earned run in five innings pitched.

The Lady Steers, now 5-1 in the district standings, will return to action Monday at Lubbock Estacado. Game time is 5 p.m.

Duncan leads Spurs past Houston

HOUSTON (AP) – The San Antonio Spurs hacked Josh Smith for most of the second half against the Houston Rock-



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College's Corrina Liscano belts a walk-off, three-run home run to complete the Hawks' doubleheader sweep of Odessa College in Western Junior College Athletic Conference softball action at Foundation Field Friday. Liscano was 5-for-7 with three home runs and seven RBIs in the two games. The two teams met again in a Saturday twinbill in Odessa.

Injury bug bites Texas again Holland, Choo, Rua leave early as Astros take down Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Derek Holland Daniels said never looked right on the mound for the Texas Rangers in their home Even if the pitcher is good opener. Now he won't be back there for at least six weeks - and maybe more.

Holland left the 5-1 loss to the Houston Astros after only one inning Friday with tightness in the back of his shoulder that was later diagnosed as a strained subscapularis muscle.

"I'm pretty beat up about this," Holland said. "I just wanted to make sure I got through the inning. To come out here and throw the first pitch and have it go down the drain like that crushes you. Personally it really sucks."

Holland won't throw again until the muscle is healed. when another scan is done in four weeks, Holland would still have to rebuild his arm strength and do rehab before coming back.

The Rangers were already without ace Yu Darvish, who had Tommy John surgery last month.

Outfielders Shin-Soo Choo (back spasms) and Ryan Rua (sprained right ankle) also made early

General manager Jon missed most of last season recovering from left knee surgery, felt the tightness on the last pitch he threw during warmups. The left-hander then gave up a single to Jose Altuve on the first pitch of the game, and his velocity was noticeably down.

"I thought he was throwing change-ups," shortstop Elvis Andrus said.

"The velocity below 90 (mph), and not typical of where Derek is normally at," said Jeff Banister, the Rangers manager who made his home debut. "We after Jed Lowrie's homer that came after Altuve was picked off second base.

Bass allowed one run in five innings. The righthander had a defensive gem in the fifth when he had a diving backhanded stab to catch Robbie Grossman's popped-up bunt and turned that into a double play.

"Anthony Bass did a tremendous job and gave us exactly what we needed," Banister said.

Collin McHugh (1-0) pitched six solid innings, with four strikeouts while

ets on Friday night to keep the ball out of James Harden's hands.

Coach Gregg Popovich's strategy worked. The Spurs held Harden to 16 points and got their 10th straight victory, 104-103, and a

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exits because of injuries. Choo was feeling better afterward, but Rua had a protective boot on his foot and could be headed to the disabled list. who

Holland (0-1), felt like that we needed to get in front of it."

Anthony Bass was already warming up before Holland finished the first inning on nine pitches. The Rangers trailed 1-0 allowing one run, to win his eighth consecutive decision. He was 7-0 with a 1.77 ERA his final 10 starts as a rookie last season.

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Oh, no you don't

Howard College shortstop Skyler Bean moves in to tag a Western Texas College runner during their Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader at Jack Barber Field. The two teams were scheduled to play another doubleheader Saturday in Snyder.

Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

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Spieth on record pace at **Masters**

AUGUSTA. Ga. (AP) – At the Masters, those famous, hand-operated scoreboards are all over the course. It's kind of hard to miss them.

Jordan Spieth will do his best.

Golf's next big star has positioned himself for a coronation at the most hallowed of spots, playing the first two rounds at Augusta National better than anyone who came before him.

Spieth heads to the third round with a 14-under 130 — the lowest 36hole score in the tourna-

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The best collegiate cowboys and cowgirls in the country put their talents on display at the Howard College Rodeo this weekend

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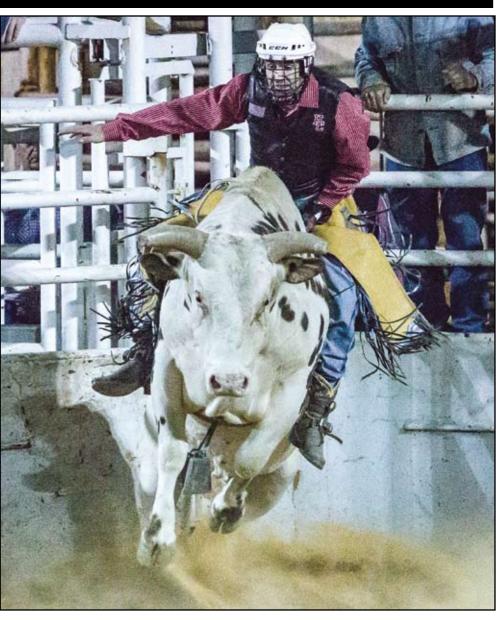




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How did a family-run grocery store in the small town of Kerrville become over 350 stores throughout Texas and Mexico? In a word - dedication. And it started with one man - Howard Edward Butt, Sr. (1895 - 1991). Having managed the first store in Kerrville while in high school, he took the reins of the C.C. Butt Grocery store in 1919 after serving in the Navy during World War I.

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Regardless of setbacks and economic challenges, Howard remained dedicated to his fellow Texans by bringing them better value and friendly service, two hallmarks H-E-B is known for.

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Pictured in front: Howard E. Butt, Sr. with G. Leland Richeson, H-E-B's first employee.





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Obituaries

Josefina Sandate



Josefina Sandate, 69, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at her residence. No services are planned.

She was born Jan. 17, 1946, in Midland, Texas to Concho (Hernandez) and Ernesto Sandate. She grew up in Midland and had moved to Las Vegas where she worked as a housekeeping supervisor. She has been a resident of Big Spring for the last four years.

She was a Jehovah Witness.

She is survived by six children, Catalina Salazar, Pete Salazar Jr. and Robert Salazar, all of Big Spring, Corene Guerrero of Las Vegas, Nev., Caroline Cueller and Cindy Gonzalez, both of Big Spring; 19 grandchildren; one brother, Vicente Sandate of Odessa; three sisters, Dominga Reyes of Midland, Guadalupe Revelez of Andrews and Lucia Macias of Richmond, Texas.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother Antonio Sandate and one sister Valentina Sandate.

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

Police blotter

The BigS pring Police Department reported the following activity:

• JAMES DEWAYNE TURNBO, 36, of 1013 Wood St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.

• TAVIANCE DAVON CLEMONS, 28, of 1309 Lamar Ave was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous convictions and parked facing traffic.

• ADRIAN PATRICK VALENCIA, 26, of 1106 Ridgeroad Dr. was arrested on warrants for no driver's license, fail to appear, two warrants from other agencies and bail jumping/failure to appear.

• TRIS MICHELLE CLEMONS, 48, of 1307 Stanford Ave. was arrested on charges of assault by contact and hindering officers discharging official duties.

• TIFFANY MARIE EVERETT, 28, of 5515 Wasson Rd. was arrested on charges of theft more than \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.

• DESTINY JANE PITTMAN-WRAY, 18, of Bremerton Wash. was given a citation for theft more than \$50 but less than \$500 shoplifting.

• ANISSA RENEE HERNANDEZ, 20, of 1905 Wasson Rd. was arrested on a warrant for another agency.

• CODY RAY BROWN, 27, of Stanton, Texas was arrested on a warrant for another agency.

• NATHANIEL DEVON LANG, 20, of 703 Lorilla was arrested on four warrants for other agencies.

• JOSEPH DEWAYNE RICHTER, 28, of 1002 N. Mains St. was arrested on charges of criminal trespass – property/building/aircraft/vehicle, driving while license was suspended/invalid – no insurance and two warrants from other agencies.

DANIEL DOUGLAS PERIMENTER, 24, of 1704
State St. was arrested on charges of criminal trespass – property/building/aircraft/vehicle.
WARRANT SERVICE was reported in the 3600
block of W. Hwy 80 and 300 S. Main St.

MONDAY

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears).

Open meeting at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942. • VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Take Note

Support Groups

• SOS — Save Our Symphony. Ny. The Big Spring Symphony Association needs funds to help pay off debts occurred in this past symphony season. Contributions can be made to the Big Spring Symphony, P.O. Box 682, Big Spring, Texas 79721 or can be directly deposited to the symphony's account at Western Bank, 607 S. Scurry St. For more information, contact Symphony President Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• The Howard College Dance Department will stage concerts at 7:30 p.m. April 24-25 at the Hall Center for the Arts. General admission is \$5; students and faculty tickets are \$3. To make reservations, call 432-264-5161.

 Republican Party of Howard County. All Howard County Conservatives are invited to hear Dr. Donald May speak at the monthly GOP meeting in the Cactus Room at Howard College noon Monday, April 13. A Dutch treat lunch will be available. Dr. May has been on the faculties of the University of Illinois, the University of Texas, the University of California, Tulane University and the Texas Tech Health Sciences University. He was a Major in the US Air Force and received the Air Force Commendation medal. Dr. May writes a daily conservative political column as "Mr. Conservative," atlubbockonline.com/ conservative.

• The All-School CHS Reunion date has been scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2015. This year's focus will be on recognizing and honoring Coahoma ISD teachers from throughout the years.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Faceat www.Facebook.com/ book Food2Kids

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• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• IDENTITY THEFT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

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• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street

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• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 $\frac{1}{2}$ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

> • The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed

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Who's Who in Howard County

Name: Brent Zitterkopf

Where do you work: Chief Deputy at the County Clerk's office and serving civil papers as a side business.

Where were you born: Merkel, Texas City you live in: Sand Springs, Texas Family: wife, Mary Zitterkopf; daughter, Brooke Wells and her husband Spencer; son, Blake Zitterkopf

Hobbies, Organizations, Clubs: Deacon and Treasurer at Midway Baptist Church, collects Hot Wheels. I have thousands still in the packages plus I have hundreds that I played with as a child.

Favorite book: I don't really read much, but when I do it is to find something in the Holy Bible

Favorite show: Mike and Molly, Big Bang Theory

Favorite movie: Steel Magnolias

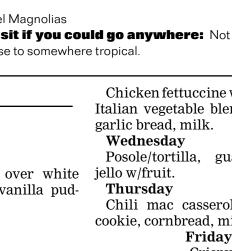
Where would you visit if you could go anywhere: Not sure where, but I really want to go on a cruise to somewhere tropical.

MENUS

Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center Monday

Sausage & red beans over white rice, okra & tomatoes, vanilla pudding, cornbread, milk.

Tuesday



Sloan Davis BRIDE-ELECT OF Sterling Hohensee Shower: April 18, 2015 Wedding: June 20, 2015

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Big Spring ISD Monday

Breakfast: Apple or cherry frudel, string cheese, grapes, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: corn dog or pizza dippers with sauce, baked beans, crunchy broccoli salad, apple-pineapple d'lite, milk.

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Births



Wyatt James Roberts April 2, 2015

Casey and Rikki Roberts of Big Spring are proud to announce the birth of their son, Wyatt James Roberts, born at 6:04 p.m. April 2, 2015 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. He weighed 9 pounds and was 21 inches long.

Wyatt's maternal grandparents are Kevin and Debbie Gilbert of Colorado City, Texas. His paternal grandparents are Troy and Jamie Roberts of Stanton, Texas.

Are you thirsty?

n Judges 15:18-20, we see Samson exhausted following a great battle during which he killed 1,000 Philistines with

thirst. He is weary and cries out to God

> Greg SURLES

we read, And God split open the hollow place that is at Lehi, and water came out from it. And when he drank, his

spirit returned, and he *revived*. Therefore the name of it was called En-hakkore; it is at Lehi to this day. The footnote in my Bible reads: En-hakkore means "the spring of him who called.'

Have you ever felt like Samson?

Maybe you have been that physically exhausted and depleted, craving just a drink of water. More likely, however, I think that most people have felt this way at some point in their life mentally, emotionally, or spiritually. You are not sure that you can go on - in fact you are convinced at that moment that you cannot go on.

Sometimes these moments even come after a "mountain top experience" or what we would think is a great victory in our life. Remember Elijah and his great victory on Mount Carmel over the prophets of Baal in 1 Kings 18. Then in the very next chapter he is running for his life, hid-

In times like these. the important thing to remember is where to go for help. To whom will I turn when I need to be revived? Often we try to fix everything by ourselves. We draw from our own well to try to sustain ourselves But our well may have turned bitter from the hardships we have suffered.

Many times those hardships are self-inflicted just like Samson (go back and read from the beginning of chapter 14). We don't seek God or after a while we blame God because our solutions are not working. Jeremiah 2:13, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Let us do as Samson did — call upon the Lord. If you think you can save yourself, you are mistaken.

Stop looking within yourself for the answers



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ing in a cave, and ready to give up.

He went straight from the mountain top down into the valley and his life seemed hopeless. Samson was coming off the mountain top of his victory, but it seemed the price for it would be too great. When you are in a low time of your life, it can be difficult to think of the good times because of how weary your are and how much you are hurting.

and the help that you need. That is sinful pride that is blinding you to the truth. God wants to help us, but it is up to us. We are keeping ourselves from the blessings of God.

Isaiah 59:1-2, Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. You can be refreshed and renewed if you will humble yourself before the Lord. God will split open your sin-encrusted life with a spring of living water.

John 4:10, Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you *living water.*" Then in John 4:13-14, Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Greg Surles is the preacher of Birdwell Lane church of Christ.

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Master the Mountain

Early morning run or walk...



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Participants in the annual Master the Mountain 5K,10K race were out early Saturday morning attempting the tackle the course at the Big Spring State Park. Money raised from the event goes to the Bob Fishback Memorial Scholarship.

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She does more than that officials said. Amy will work with APS caseworkers to see what the clients qualify for and if they are refused services, why the didn't qualify. She truly feels that it is her job to help keep people in their homes and will try to help APS caseworkers make that happen, officials said.

"Our collaboration with many service providers gives us opportunities to see outstanding people", states

9. "We simply want to recognize excellence. We want to show our appreciation and honor our community partners who provide extraordinary care and service and demonstrate the core values of our agency. APS Honors is our way to say thank you and to help the community recognize these persons for outstanding efforts."

Adult Protective Services is a program of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Te APS mission is to protect the elderly and persons with disabilities from abuse, neglect and exploitation by working with clients, families and communi-

Highlights from around the Capitol

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas lawmakers grilled Uber executives over safety concerns during a hearing for a bill that would set statewide regulations for ride-hailing firms.

The bill regulates companies such as Uber and Lyft that use a smartphone app to connect drivers with passengers. No action is expected on the proposal Thursday.

With Uber and Lyft spending up to \$1 million on lobbyists, and the taxi industry forking over about half that, according to the Texas Ethics Commission, it's no surprise that lobbyists in suits took up most of the chairs in the committee room.

More than 60 people — lobbyists, drivers, passengers, public safety officials and insurance agents - signed up to testify.

Marshall Republican Rep. Chris Paddie's proposal is similar to laws already passed in eight states in requiring companies to carry \$1 million commercial insurance for drivers and conduct background checks on them, both of which the companies say they already do. Another 30 states are currently considering similar proposals.

But some on the House panel that held the hearing want to require that drivers be fingerprinted, something that Uber and Lyft oppose.

"If we have to comply with a fingerprint mandate, it typically adds many weeks to getting a driver on the road and making money," said Sally Kay, Uber's head of U.S. State Affairs.

Matthew Assolin, vice president of a chauffeur business that operates in Houston and Austin, said both cities require his drivers to be fingerprinted, which he said "is crucial" to passengers' public safety.

Sherman Republican Rep. Larry Phililps queried Kay over a recent incident involving a Houston Uber driver who was arrested after a passenger alleged she'd been sexually assaulted. The driver was later found to have had a 10-year-old federal conviction and hadn't received a permit from the city, which requires fingerprinting.

Kay said Uber's background check didn't catch the driver's criminal background because their checks only go back seven years.

"That's not really good enough for me, to be honest," Phillips said. "I think fingerprinting — all 10 prints – is something that you're going to have to do."

Senate Passes 'Right To Try Act" easing terminal patients access to experimental drugs.

The Texas Senate has approved a

that have yet to receive federal approval.

The "Right to Try Act" by Houston Republican Sen. Paul Bettencourt passed 31-0 Thursday and now heads to the House.

The Food and Drug Administration already allows patients with physicians' permission to get experimental drugs via a "compassionate use" exception. His bill attempts to create an expedited state process.

Bettencourt said it would "get government out of the way" and let patients "fight with any resources they can."

But he also tweaked his proposal to answer concerns it could allow swindlers with false drugs to prey on desperate patients.

Colorado, Arizona, Louisiana, Michigan and Missouri have already approved similar measures.

House gives final OK to

Abbott-backed Pre-K plan

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's limited pre-K makeover plan - one of his top priorities — is a step closer to becoming law, having cleared the Texas House.

Lawmakers gave final approval to the bill on a 128-17 vote Thursday. It now heads to the Senate.

Following an initial debate and vote on Wednesday that set up final passage a day later, Abbott took to Twitter to thank the House.

The bill would give school districts \$130 million to improve existing pre-K programs.

But it frustrated school administrators and education groups, who say Texas is missing an opportunity since the plan wouldn't expand pre-K eligibility or extend programs to full-day classes.

Four years ago, Texas cut \$300 million from pre-K to help close a budget shortfall that still hasn't been restored.

House panel votes to raise juvenile criminal age to 18

A proposal to change the state's definition of who is considered an adult in the criminal justice system is on its way to the Texas House.

The bill to classify 17-year-olds as juveniles could yet be stymied by Democratic Sen. John Whitmire, who oversees criminal justice issues in

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Cemetery in Lubbock,

Josephina Sandate, 69,

died Wednesday. No ser-

vices are planned.

Tommy Reed, Regional Director, ties. Adult Protective Services, Region 2 &

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"We will be in the community while that construction is going on because we don't want folks in Big Spring to go unserved.'

Social Security employees will begin seeing clients on Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the West Texas **Opportunities** office, 2001 Scurry St.

"West Texas Opportunities has graciously accepted our request to be in their space," Shultz-Lackey said. "We are so grateful to them for allowing us to be there two days a week that we are working around they're schedule. They have welcomed us with open arms."

Sultz-Lackey added clients can visit www. socialsecurity.gov or 800-772-1713 call 1 between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to reach an agent to receive help. The agency also has an office in Odessa.

At this time, Shulz-Lackey said the agency doesn't have an estimate of when their permanent building will reopen for business.

"Our priority is to not get into that space until it is completely fit for our costumers and employees,"she said. "We want to get back in as soon as we can but we want to make sure it is safe."

Twenty-five-year-old Dustin Riley, was the driver of the pickup that crashed in the building after losing control of his vehicle, according to Big Spring police offi-

cials. Following the accident, he fled the scene on foot leaving behind a passenger, William Riley, 44, according to police reports. Dustin Riley was later found and arrested on multiple warrants. William Riley was also arrested on a charge of public intoxication. Both were treated for minor injuries at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, according to the news releases from the Big Spring

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bill making it easier for terminally ill Page 5A patients to get experimental drugs

police.

"This is the first time on my watch that we've had anything like this happen, but we are just so grateful that no one was in the building when it occurred because it could have been quite a different circumstance," she said.

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Club news

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, April 6, in the Cactus Room of Howard College. Lisa Brooks, president, led us in the pledge to the Flag and called on Jim DePauw for the invocation. We welcomed Joe Musgrove as a new member. Financials and minutes were approved and Lisa reminded us to get teams together for the Texas Trash Off set for Saturday, Teams are to bring filled trash bags to the Heart of the City downtown park and enjoy a hot dog lunch. Thanks to ALON and 7/11 for providing the food and H.E.B. for loaning us their mobile food cart. It was announced that we are in the process of buying a "Big Belly" trash receptacle. This is high-tech. We were told of "Love Where you Live" applications and the Earth Day celebration in Dallas is April 25-26. Our Trash barrel wraps will be complete soon thanks to John Leonard and will be put in appropriate locations. We need volunteers for our Main Street median clean-up. We will have a work crew there the April 8, but this will take several efforts to complete. Londa Henrv and Gus Leonardi will take care of our native & adaptive garden this month. Our next meeting is May 4 at Howard College.

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association met March 17. 2015. Carolyn Walker, a Colorado City artist, demonstrated "Types of Clouds." Basic techniques and a history of the medium were reviewed. This included a review of washes, wet into wet, and scumbling methods of applying paint to the canvas. The members of the Big Spring Art Association thoroughly enjoyed Mrs. Walker.

Leada Wood, another Colorado City artist, will be our speaker. She has always loved to create, whether doll furniture or decorations for her home; she says it is deep within her. Some of her earliest memories are drawing in her parents living room while watching tv. The smell of new crayons still take her back. She started painting in high school and continued her art education in college. She enjoys taking advanced workshops with master artist and exchanging ideas with other artist, doing demos for groups and teaching.

Mrs.Wood considers learning a lifelong pursuit and enjoys acquiring new knowledge, especially about art, and keeping up with new trends in the world. Mrs. Wood continues to push the limit to see where her next painting will take her. For her, she says, it is all about the process and journey of the painting.

She uses symbolism, texture and color to communicate with her viewers.

Her works are often noted for their original and unique style, whimsical subject matter, rich textures and vivid colors. She says God gives us extraordinary beauty to enjoy and for that she is grateful. Whether she is traveling with her husband, Don, or just going about her daily life, she finds inspiration all around her.

Picasso said "Art is life and Life is Art;" Mrs. Wood says that is so true and everything she is goes into her creations. She carries a camera with her at all times to capture things that inspire her whether that is the way light dances across a subject or the colors or textures. Mrs. Wood is grateful for the gift of creativity and being able to do the work she loves.

Mrs. Woods is a fourth generation Texan. She and her husband have made their home in Colorado City where they own and operate Woods Boots. She owns a consignment gallery, Studio Twenty where she creates and has classes. She is an active member of the Artist of Texas, West Texas Watercolor Society, West Texas Art Guild, Caboose Watercolor Society, Mixed Media International, and Contemporary Fine Art International. Mrs. Wood, a full time professional artist, donates her time and talents to various charities and groups. Her works have been published in Watercolor Magic, Southwest Art and Artist of Texas 2012 collectors book, Art Tells the Story. Her works are in private collections across the United States and Europe.

The members of the Big Spring Art Association are blessed and excited to have Mrs. Wood come share with us a technique called gelli printing. Would you like to be a part of the art association? Come visit us. We will be glad to have you. We meet in the basement of the Howard County Library. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7 p.m. We look forward to having you. Follow us on Facebook.

REFLECTIONS: The Power of Words

hen we were children we had a saying: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me."

We usually quoted this little rhyme when words had hurt us, and it was usually followed by sticking out our tongue for emphasis. Somehow this ditty has been passed down through the generations, even though it is not true.

Words can destroy us. It is not the well thought out words that <u>give us trou</u>ble, words that we wrestle with before writing them down, words that we edit a dozen times before finally putting them in print.

The words that trouble us and cause our difficulty are the careless words, the thoughtless words, the words that escape our lips without thinking.

These words cannot be called back.

Unlike animals escaped from the cage, words cannot be hunted down and returned to captivity.

Sometimes the careless words run rampant causing unknown damage without our knowledge. We don't even remember what we said, or when we said it. But the damage is done nonetheless.

We try to bury our careless words beneath repeated apologies. "I'm sorry." Or "I didn't mean it." Sometimes we are forgiven. Sometimes others claim to overlook them. But words are rarely forgotten.

They lodge in the memory and cast a shadow on everything else.

Jesus said, "I tell you that men will have to give account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken." (Matt. 12:36) Jesus was referring to our final judgment before God.

Ultimately, when we stand before Him we will be required to give account for every careless word. But, perhaps he had something else in mind. Perhaps He was drawing our attention to the reality of human relations. Careless words destroy relationships.

We have seen prominent careers come to an abrupt end due to careless words spoken in the public arena. Like the classic movie, A Face In the Crowd, few are able to overcome racial slurs and arrogant expletives caught on an open microphone.

But more damaging to us all are the careless words spoken

shattered.

On the other hand, an encouraging word, the right word spoken at the right time, can make an enormous difference. The opposite of careless words is not careful words, words that are guarded and self-serving, but caring words, words that are spoken in the interest of others.

Nothing is more important than learning the discipline of our speech. James compared the tongue to the small rudder that turns a huge ship, or the bit placed in the mouth of a horse, able to harness the animal's great strength. Careless words, he said, are like sparks that ignite an uncontrollable fire that consumes everything in its path.

"If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check." (James 3:2).

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@ tinsleycenter.com.

Forsan ISD now accepting transfer applications

The time period to transfer into the Forsan ISD system as a student for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. Students entering grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade must have their transfer application to the school by May 29. Students in grades sixth through 12 have until July 30. Guidelines, timelines and applications are available at each Forsan ISD campus.



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Bill Tinsley

in the privacy of our homes each and every day. Careless words chip away at relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children. They leave families fractured and psyches

MENUS

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Tuesday

Breakfast: mini maple pancakes, strawberry yogurt, applesauce cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: meaty queso w/tortilla chips or grilled cheese sandwiches, garden salad, baby carrots, pears, side kick fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: sausage rolls, string cheese, peach cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: chicken patty or beef & bean burrito, Mexicali corn, fresh veggie cup, fruit Jello, fresh fruit bowl, milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: cheese stuffed sandwiches, banana, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: meaty macaroni or chicken nuggets, breadsticks, garden salad, grapes, mashed potatoes, animal crackers, milk.

Friday

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Tuesday

Breakfast: mini pancakes, yogurt, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: chicken sandwich, fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity Jello.

Wednesday

Breakfast, sausage roll, cheese stick, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: beefy queso nachos, refried beans, garden salad, pears, sherbet cup.

Thursday

Breakfast: homemade breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: chicken nuggets with gravy,

garden salad, mashed potatoes, fresh grapes, breadsticks, cookies.

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r. Jim Bush recently retired from his job as chaplain at an assisted living facility for adults at Carlsbad, just north of San Angelo. He says he's not sure if he is kin to the Bush presidents.

"If I am related to Uncle George, he was born on the side of the family



SMITH

eighteen children. Sixteen of them were boys.

"I know my grandfather and two of his brothers. That means there are 13 branches of the Bush family in Texas that I know absolutely nothing about."

Years ago, he worked as a part-time disc jockey at a radio station in Clayton, N.M. "That's as far northeast in New Mexico as you can go. Step across one state line and you're in Colorado and cross another and you're in Texas. And there's a little bit in

there where you can step across into Oklahoma.

Part-time radio fun

"The station was KLMX, Crossroads Country for northeastern New Mexico. Occasionally I would feature a country western group on my show. This one particular night, I was featuring the group Alabama when they just happened to be driving through in their bus from a concert in Denver on their way to a concert in Amarillo. That group of musicians heard me playing their songs and found out where the station was. They stopped in and I got to interview the whole band live on the air."

Jim was a single father with a teenage daughter. He was a schoolteacher during the day. But that wouldn't pay all the bills. So occasionally, he worked as a night clerk at a Clayton motel.

"George Strait owned a ranch near Eagles Nest, N.M. and he had been visiting that ranch. He was on his way back home when it started to snow in Clayton. When it snows in Clayton, N.M., there's nothing to stop the wind. We've had whiteout conditions many times. Anyway, the doorbell rang and I went to answer

it. There was George Strait. He looked at me and said 'If I stay here tonight, are you going to call all your friends?' I said, 'Who are you?' He kinda grinned and said, "You know who I am." I said, 'Mr. Strait, I would not call anybody and tell them that you are here.' So he rented one entire wing of rooms at the motel and stayed there that night.

"He would come through and stay with us quite often when he was going home from the ranch. Somehow, he heard about my radio career and, when he was doing a concert in Amarillo, he asked if I could come and introduce him, which I did. It was quite an exciting thing for me to get to share the stage with George Strait."

I told Jim, who is nearly bald, that both those incidents with well-known performers were quite unusual and wonderful for him.

He replied, "I would trade them for hair."

When Tumbleweed Smith is not out chasing Texas stories he's at home in Big Spring with his wife Susan. Contact him at ts@ tumbleweedsmith.com

Letters to the Editor

Interstate 27: More than a dream To the Editor:

In the 1920s, Texas Technological College (Texas Tech) was to be awarded by the Texas Legislature to some community in the western two-thirds of Texas. Recognizing future potential, Big Spring leaders formed a committee to attract Texas Tech. A Big Spring subdivision remains today where the campus would have been located — a testament to those pioneers' efforts. Lubbock, Texas became the winner — opening modestly, with about 900 students. Some would say Texas Tech made Lubbock what it is today — the only Texas campus featuring a major university, law and medical schools with students numbering in the thousands.

Despite Big Spring not being the successful contender (nor were the many other competitors), the critical and strategic message is that Big Spring made an effort through activities and a committee to seek the new four-year college. The pioneers tried!

Today, Big Spring faces a different kind of poten-

 that of acquiring another interstate highway tial to cross its Interstate 20. The junction would lift Big Spring to a status of about No. 6 in Texas alongside select other cities that currently have interstate crossroads — those being Amarillo, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and El Paso.

The future of a Ports to Plains route from Canada, through the US into Mexico and Mexico's west coast deep water seaport (to compete with Los Angeles) with an interstate-designated route through Big Spring is an exciting economic possibility. But Big Spring will have to work as an involved, committed community, for it. To date, Big Spring population hasn't demonstrated much evidence of an effort and its medias of radio and newspaper have been basically silent on the matter. The TV station Big Spring used to have and lost could now be playing an important role.

As the Interstate Highway system (inaugurated by President Eisenhower) drew to a close in the 1960s, Interstate 27 was established between Amarillo and Lubbock. At the urging of a Lubbock may

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Life's ups and downs

whose children were born with silver spoons in their mouths. I've always had my foot in my mouth." His greatgrandparents had

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your Southwest Conference. word, Lord, for our life.

have reached that place in life that virtually all that I see, hear or do reminds me of something that's already happened, often decades ago. As an example, when whisked

to the top of a skyscraper recently by state-of-the-art elevator,

I thought of its association with music we liked to joke about in another century. **Elevator music** was scoffed at often disparaged, rarely praised. It has gone the way of the wild goose, what with most elevators now



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devoid of music, friendly small-talk of riders and the gentle patter of usually-older men or women at the controls.

Gone, too, are elevator jokes, such as the one shared a zillion times about the Baylor graduate who dreamed he'd died, then faced St. Peter — of all places in an elevator. The grad assumed, of course, that it would zoom skyward. Instead, it began a rapid descent into colder and colder climes. It was a frozen encasement, and when the door opened, he beheld a wintry wonderland. "Oh, my," he exclaimed, "Baylor must have beaten Texas."

That's pretty much the way it was when heralded Coach Grant Teaff came on the Baylor University scene 40-plus years ago. He preached and lived the "yes-we-can" approach, and both the Bears and their fans believed him. Sure enough, the 1974 team, piloted by All-American quarterback Neal Jeffrey, won the

Most memorable was the Bears' 34-24 comeback win over

UT, despite being on the short end of a 24-7 half-time score. (First win over UT in 17 years; first SWC championship in 50 vears.)

Coach Teaff invited me to address the Bears and their faithful at the euphoric post-season banquet. Happiness ruled and was contagious. It mattered little what I said. That night, I was privileged to meet Jeffrey.

A longtime staff member at Prestonwood Baptist Church, Neal is widely-known for his amazing pilgrimage of service, inspiration and encouragement. His career is amplification of the credo engrained by Teaff and by the late James Jeffrey, his dad. (In the early going of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, James was executive director for almost a decade.)

Neal has addressed audiences of all sizes and types since his BU years, often beginning with remarks like "It's good to see you again."

He always claims that he stutters extremely well. Prayerfully dealing with the condition across the years, Jeffrey has long since cleared the hurdle of embarrassment that once loomed. Audiences readily believe he's comfortable with stuttering that caused football signals to be "sung" during his BU years. Hearers, in fact, pull for him during silent moments that sometimes occur in presentations today.

During pauses, he explains that whatever he intended to say will happen soon.

Neal's endorsements are many. Masterful motivator Zig Ziglar said, "Brace yourself! You're about to be charged and challenged." Similar accolades are from Andy Pettitte, allstar pitcher for the New York

Yankees; Dr. Kenneth Cooper, founder of the Cooper Clinic and Aerobics Center, Dallas; legendary broadcaster Pat Summerall and Lovie Smith, coach of the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

In both pulpits and at lecterns. Jeffrey speaks unashamedly of his Christian walk, and when he's putting words togetherverbally or in print—he's an energetic encourager for both the here and the hereafter.

He has no greater fans today than Sheila, his wife of 39 years, as well as three children and their families. The Jeffreys' have eight grandchildren and counting, with a ninth on the way.

A while back, we "tag-teamed' at a regional senior adult conference in Amarillo. I was humbled; what could I say that Neal couldn't say better? Nothing.

I did mention, however, that if we were ever on the same program again, I'd stay at a different hotel, kidding that I was wakened several times by a stuttering snorer—or vice versa.

And we were on different wings of the hotel, four floors apart.

Whatever, no one is happier than Neal that the Bears' current football resurgence has put those "put down" stories to rest.

He's a walking testimonial to Teaff's claims.

'Course, dear old dad got in the first formative shots. And if heaven has a glass bottom, there's a smiling father, mighty proud of his son.

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leg up in the playoff standings.

Tim Duncan had 29 points and blocked Harden's layup with 2.9 seconds left to secure the victory.

San Antonio jumped into the third spot in the Western Conference and Houston dropped from third to sixth.

Popovich was pleased with the way his Hack-A-Smith routine changed the game.

"Absolutely, I'd trade it any day rather than have James Harden with the basketball," Popovich said. "That's kind of scary."

The Spurs had a fourpoint lead when Harden made a layup for his first points of the half with less than 90 seconds remaining.

Duncan missed a layup before Harden made a 3-pointer with 28.9 seconds left to get Houston to 104-103.

Tony Parker turned it over to give Houston one last shot.

But Duncan blocked Harden's shot and grabbed the rebound to secure the victory.

"It was a good opportunity for me to get redemption at the end," Duncan said, noting his missed layup that would have put it away earlier.

Harden summed up the play simply.

"Got to finish," he said. "I've just got to finish." The close game ended a streak of nine straight wins by at least 12 points, which had tied an NBA record.

Harden, who entered the game leading the NBA in scoring, was kept well below his 27.6 average.

Logano looks to take Texas two-step

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Joey Logano had dreams as a kid of racing Jeff Gordon to the checkered flag.

Sports

That was reality a year ago at Texas, when Logano made a last-lap pass of Gordon in the NASCAR Sprint Cup race.

"When your 6 years old — I remember that part, and having all of his gear, and all the (No.) 24 stuff," Logano said. "It's still cool, you're racing against your childhood hero, and last year at Texas to be able to pass him for the win like that. That was a really cool moment."

Logano was leading and about to take the white flag when a late caution came out instead. Gordon exited pit road first after the ensuing stop, but Logano recovered during NASCAR's version of overtime for the first of five wins in a breakout year.

The Team Penske driver has carried that momentum into this season, starting with a win in the Daytona 500 and finishing in the top 10 in all six Sprint Cup races. Logano is second in points going into Saturday night's Duck Commander 500 at Texas, after the series was off last weekend for Easter.

Gordon makes the first of his two trips to Texas in his last fulltime Cup season, returning to the scene of that post-race melee last November involving Logano's teammate, Brad Keselowski, and their respective teams. Contact with Keselowski during extra laps ended Gordon's shot at winning the eighth of 10 races in the Chase for the Sprint Cup — and his fifth season title.

Keselowski qualified third for the first night Cup race of the season, with Kurt Busch the polesitter. Logano will start sixth, and Gordon 12th.

While Gordon and Keselowski may have moved past what happened five months ago, Texas Motor Speedway president Eddie Gossage has certainly had fun with it.

Billboards promoting the race in North Texas showed a puffyfaced Keselowski with the slogan, "Left turns and right crosses!" Others listed "Gordon's Last Stand!" with a picture of a sternlooking Gordon.

"Got to have fun with this stuff, don't take it serious," said Gossage, who saw Gordon about a month after that race.

"He said, I looked over and I saw you, and expletive, of all places for me to do this, why does it got to be here, because I know what you're going to do," Gossage recalled. "I said, well, yes."

During an open test this week at Richmond, Keselowski told NASCAR.com that he's tried not to feed into that hype.

"I don't think that's what racing's about or what it should be about," Keselowski said. "But I respect that for Eddie, that sells tickets. He's got to do what he's got to do."

Kyle Larson, who had top-10 finishes in both Texas races as a rookie last year, is back after missing the race two weeks ago at Martinsville.

He fainted during an autograph session the day before the race, and extensive tests determined that he was severely dehydrated.



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ment's history — and a commanding five-stroke lead that matches the biggest edge at this point in the tournament.

"No scoreboard watching," Spieth said. "Just keep my head down and set a goal for myself."

Herman Keiser in 1946, Jack Nicklaus in 1975 and Raymond Floyd in 1976 went to the weekend with the same fiveshot advantage. All went on to capture the green jacket, which bodes well for Spieth.

Especially the way he's playing, making Friday's 66 look downright easy. His most challenging putt to save par was about 7 feet. He would have gone even lower if not for misses from inside 10 feet at the ninth and 18th holes.

"It's a long, long way from being finished," Ernie Els said after a 72 can close it out," Spieth said. "I don't want to go down as the 36-hole best record, but somebody who didn't win."

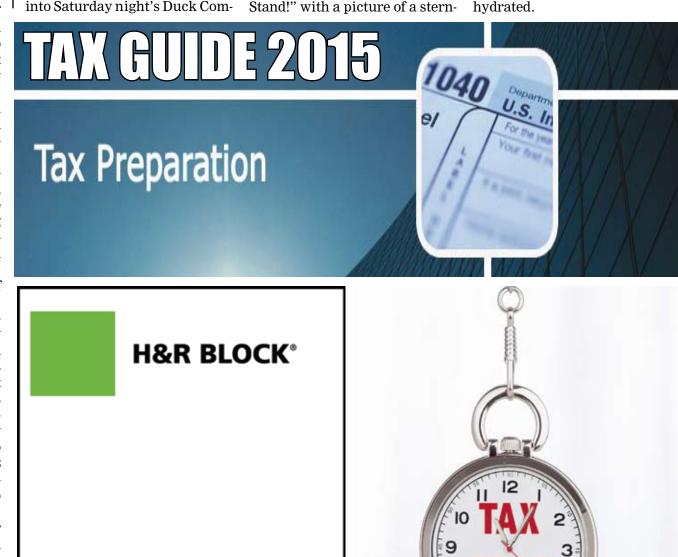
Some things to watch for in the third round of the Masters on Saturday:

HOFFMAN'S STAY-ING POWER: There's a lot of big names on the leaderboard, including major champions Justin Rose, Phil Mickelson and Ernie Els.

Hoffman looks out of place.

Until now, the 38-yearold was known largely for his flowing, bleached mullet, which always made him easy to spot on the course. He cut his hair but attracted plenty of notice for the way he played the first two days, shooting 67 and 68 to earn a spot with Spieth in the final group Saturday.

Of course, the major championships are filled with golfers who played well in the early going, only to fade badly on the weekend. It will be interesting to see how Hoffman holds up under the pressure. GET TOUGH: The course was there for the taking over the first two days, but the players can expect much tougher conditions on the weekend. The guys in the green jackets do not take kindly to players running roughshod over their treasured course like Spieth did the first two days. Look for tournament officials to break out every trick in their greens-keeping book to slicken up the putting surfaces.



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put him nine shots back. "A lot of work still to be done, so we'll see. But he's very, very impressive."

Charley Hoffman was Spieth's closest challenger at 135, but he's playing the Masters for only the second time and has never been a serious contender in a major.

As for everyone else, Spieth would have to totally fall apart for any of them to have a realistic chance.

The green jacket is there for the taking.

"As far as history and what happened the last couple of days, it doesn't mean anything unless I

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Jed Lowrie and Colby Rasmus homered for Houston, which had more runs and hits than in its first three games combined.

"That's the best way to win. When you have guys who can contribute every day," Lowrie said. "You don't have to rely on one person."

Lowrie hit a solo homer in the first off Holland. Rasmus had a tworun shot in the ninth off closer Neftali Feliz pitching in a non-save situation.

No.9 hitter Jake Marisnick had three of Houston's 10 hits and drove in two runs. The Astros totaled only three runs and eight hits in their season-opening, threegame series against Cleveland.

TRAINER'S ROOM Astros: RHP Brad Peacock, who is rehabbing after hip surgery, allowed no hits in 4 2-3 innings in a start for Triple-A Fresno. He walked five batters and hit another one. "It's good that he was hard to hit," Hinch said. ... RHP Josh Fields (right groin) threw live BP in Kissimmee, Florida, and next will pitch for Fresno, likely this weekend.

Rangers: RHP Tanner Scheppers (right ankle) struck out all three batters he faced for Double-A Frisco. The next step is pitching in consecutive games, which is the plan Saturday and Sunday. Tel: (432) 263-1931 Fax: (432) 263-1402 www.hrblock.com

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Features

Volunteer pilots help doomed dogs land new chance at life



BY SUE MANNING

Associated Press LOS ANGELES (AP) - For some dogs, a chance at the good life takes off when the pilots do.

Thousands of pooches facing euthanasia — some just hours from death — get loaded on planes each year and flown to new homes in places with shortages of adoptable pets. Groups such as California-based Wings of Rescue or South Carolinabased Pilots N Paws lead the charge, recruiting pilots to

volunteer their planes, fuel and time in a trend that's growing as more dogs end up in shelters and more people seek out canine love.

More than 4 million U.S. pets are euthanized every year. Both pilot groups encourage spaying and neutering as a solution but know that airlifts will increase every year as they become more visible and the number of needy dogs grows.

States such as California, Georgia and South Carolina typically have too many dogs

in shelters, while places such as Washington, Oregon, New York, New Jersey and Florida need more pets to satisfy demand. To solve the location conundrum, pilots fire up their engines.

In Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, retirees want smaller dogs, which are easier to take care of but a tough find in the area with the high demand.

So, the Kootenai Humane Society orders a planeload of dogs under 16 pounds every month, or more than 1,000 animals in the last 16 months,

Executive Director Debbie Jeffrey said.

"It's just been a real success. As fast as they come in, they are adopted," she said.

The successes increase as more pilots sign up to help.

"We have seen the number of animals rescued go up every year since we started in 2008," said Kate Quinn, executive director of Pilots N Paws.

The group's 5,000-plus pilots have flown more than 15,000 dogs to new homes each of the past two years, relocating more than 75,000 animals over the last seven years, she said. And the numbers keep rising.

"Pilots love a reason to fly. They love making these flights," Quinn said, adding that all dogs have to be spayed or neutered, microchipped and vaccinated before they take off.

Yehuda Netanel, founder and president of Wings of Rescue, says business has doubled each of the past 4-years. He started as the lone pilot who rescued 300 dogs, and now the group expects to fly 7,000 pets in 2015, he said.

The pilot of 27 years will charter planes to move dogs if there aren't enough private

planes, meaning flights cost about \$80 per dog.

Netanel and his 28 pilots are preparing to take flight this weekend with 250 dogs from San Bernardino, 150 from Bakersfield and smaller numbers from other locations.

Pilots Kale and Anj Garcia of Seattle will be in San Bernardino to bring as many as 50 dogs back to Washington state in their seven-passenger Cessna 414. The couple have flown 16 missions for Wings of Rescue.

Most dogs sleep during the flight, and only a few have had air sickness, said Anj Garcia, who will take each one out of its crate and cuddle it during the journey.

The flights allowed Cathy Parker of Coeur d'Alene to find her dogs: Bella, a poodle-Chihuahua mix, and Sidney, a poodle-Pomeranian mix, who Wings of Rescue delivered from different shelters about nine months apart.

"They've been a real good match for each other and me," she said.

Online:

- www.wingsofrescue.org
- www.pilotsnpaws.org

Elder care costs keep climbing; nursing home bill now \$91K

BY MATTHEW CRAFT

AP Business Writer NEW YORK (AP) -The steep cost of caring for the elderly continues to climb. The median bill for a private room in a nursing home is now \$91,250 a year, according to an indussurvey out try Thursday.

The annual "Cost of Care" report from Genworth Financial tracks the staggering rise in expenses for

long-term care, a growing financial burden for families, governments and insurers like Genworth. The cost of staying in a nursing home has increased 4 percent every year over the last five years, the report says. Last year, the median bill was \$87,600.

"Most people don't realize how expensive this care can be until a parent or family member needs it," said Joe

Caldwell, director of five years. One year in a long-term services at the National Council on Aging. "And then it's a real shock."

The annual report from Genworth, which sells policies to cover long-term care, looks at costs for a variety of services, including adult daycare, and home health aides. And nursing home bills are rising at the fastest pace, twice the rate of U.S. inflation over the last nursing home now costs nearly as much as three years of tuition at a private college.

For its report, Genworth surveyed 15,000 nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other providers across the country in January and February. It found wide differences from state to state. In Oklahoma, for instance, the median cost for a year in a nursing home came out to \$60,225. In Connecticut, it was \$158,775. Alaska had the highest costs by far, with one year at \$281,415.

So, who pays the nursing-home bill? "A lot of people believe Medicare will step in and cover them, but that's just not true," said Bruce Chernoff, president and CEO of The Scan Foundation, a charitaorganization. ble

some short visits for recovery after a surgery, for instance, but not long-term stays.

Often enough, experts say senior citizens wind up spending their savings until they hit their last \$2,000, and at that point they can turn to Medicaid, the government's health insurance for the poor, to help cover the bill. As a result.

Medicare will cover See, **ELDER**, Page 11C

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Up & Down in Texas politics: Budget battles; pot bills

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Battle lines are being drawn in the looming budget war between the Texas Senate and House — and a key source of conflict is simple enough for even non-accountants to understand.

The upper chamber wants billions of dollars in property tax cuts that would save the average household around \$200 a year. The lower one is backing the first sales tax reduction in state history. The House plan would cost billions too and save taxpayers a little less, about \$172 annually for the average family of four. But it would benefit everyone, not just homeowners.

Republicans control both the House and Senate, but the tax cut discord got testy in a hurry.

After House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dennis Bonnen unveiled his chamber's plan, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who over-

full Senate.

system.

sees the Senate, noted that Gov. Greg Abbott wants meaty property tax cuts. Patrick called the House plan "out of step with Texans, my office and the governor."

It's too soon to tell which will win out ,Äî or how some kind of grudging compromise will be struck.

Here's a look at other people and issues that had strong weeks — and didn't — in Texas politics.

Dutton's bill to the House. If it clears

that chamber, it'd go to Whitmire's

committee and then possibly on to the

Research indicates that youths are

less likely to reoffend if they are fun-

neled into the therapy-rich juvenile

Dutton said Whitmire told him "he'd

What's up

House Public Education Committee Chairman Jimmie Don Avcock unveiled a formidable \$3 billion plan to fix the way Texas pays for schools, which has been dogged by three decades of legal battles. The plan deemphasizes the "Robin Hood" system, where school districts in wealthy parts of the state share property tax revenue with those in poorer areas. Aycock says he can muscle the plan through the House, but it may stall in the Senate. There, education leaders are far more focused on a major school voucher plan giving parents public funding to pull students out of struggling public schools and send them to private alternatives.

Who's Down

Prosecutors in Paxton's home county have turned a criminal complaint involving his admitted securities violations over to the Texas Rangers for investigation. Collin County District Attorney Greg Willis' announcement came amid criticism that his office had slowplayed a possible investigation. Paxton was fined \$1,000 by the Texas State Securities Board last year for being paid for investment advising without registering. A criminal complaint in the matter was filed by Texans for Public Justice, a left-leaning watchdog group that filed the complaint that got ex-Gov. Rick Perry indicted on abuse-ofpower charges. This time, it argues that Willis should recuse himself because he and

Paxton are friends and business associates. Paxton spokesman Anthony Holm says there's no case.

What's in-between

Bills to decriminalize marijuana have virtuallv no chance of passing **GOP**-dominated the Legislature. But at least they've now had a Texas Capitol hearing. Supporters waited late into the night, then testified with gusto before the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee. Three Democratic bills would reduce possession of small amounts of marijuana to a low-level misdemeanor or fine, while tea party-backed Rep. David Simpson of Longview is seeking outright legalization.

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the Senate and has said he's opposed to raising the age.

But many others support raising it to 18.

On Wednesday, a House committee listen," if the bill passed House comapproved Democratic Rep. Harold mittee.

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or, the Texas Department of Transportation should soon be on course to study the feasibility of an interstate highway between Lubbock and San Angelo.

Big Spring's US Highway 87 (not an Interstate now) can be an interstate candidate to cross IH 20 at Big Spring. The influence is palpable as what it could mean for a place that has train, rail and highway transportation systems enjoyed by this community.

Every trade journal, statistic, article, research and visit testifies Mexico is on the cusp of economic explosion. Their more than 40 world trade agreements (US has 20) has placed it No. 1 in the world for expansion — with a labor market to outcompete China. A recently privatized oil industry (after seven decades of state ownership) is another growth, plus securing involvement and investment of American companies such as Chevron and others. Big Spring, with a major Ports to Plains route could be significant in many ways. Once an import rail terminal, Big Spring could be again.

TxDOT officials met last week in several cities — Midland and Big Spring included — about the IH

27 study.

For now, a couple of simple but critical steps can be done to prepare Big Spring for future competition. Big Spring media will eventually get aboard and be discussing the matter and perhaps other possibilities.

It's every citizen, you, me and us, businesses and industries of Big Spring. We can win or lose this non-petroleum related stable new industry by what we do or don't do as a community. Our pioneers inherited a legend — they tried to attract their potential. Will we? At the Settles meeting Tx-DOT quizzed the audience with a "Do you want it" question.

> Bobby McDonald Big Spring

Keep friends, family close

To the Editor:

I have lived a hard life — one full of many hardships and losses and, at times, I thought my heart would break if I had to fight any more battles or lose someone else who I loved or cared for. So, in order to protect myself and my heart, I found myself pulling away from the ones I love and those who care for me.

I thought it would be be better if I stood alone —

that way, I wouldn't get hurt.

But I've come to a place in my life where I realize that when you stand alone, often you fall and that's why God gave us the gift of family and friends in times of trouble and loss, we don't have to stand alone.

I would like to thank Duffy and Nancy Vassar, Rob and Luci Roberson and my dear son for being there for me and not letting me fall.

I pray God will always walk with each of you.

Lana F. Anguiano Big Spring

We need to fix the streets To the Editor:

I agree with Charles Smith's letter pot holes and striping the streets.

Wasson Road is another street that is a death trap — it is anyone's guess where you are driving on that street. There used to be yellow stripes down the center of the road, but they are all but gone from FM 700 to Alamesa. You only hope you are not driving in two lanes at the same time, because you cannot see the stripes between the two lanes anymore.

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Stripes Convenience Stores raising funds for Children's Miracle Network

Special to the Herald

Now through May 5, Stripes Convenience Stores will be asking customers to Put Their Money Where The Miracles Are and purchase a \$1 Miracle Balloon to raise funds for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Stripes has partnered with Children's Miracle Network Hospitals for the past 15 years, raising more than \$5 million for sick and injured kids.

"At Stripes, we are committed to improving the communities where we live and work," said Eduardo Pereda, vice president of marketing at Stripes Convenience Stores. "We are proud of our passionate store teams and generous cus-

tomers who time after time show their support for this great cause."

Funds generated during the in-store campaign are unrestricted, meaning the hospitals can use the funds however they are needed most. Donations raised during the campaign have a strong impact on local kids treated at Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Children's Miracle Network Hospitals donations help kids like Miracle Child Deonc who was born with Jarcho-Levin Syndrome. Donations helped cover Deonc's medical expenses after her father lost his job, along with the family's health insurance coverage.

This year, each dona-

tion at Stripes registers will be rewarded with a free 12-ounce Slush Monkey drink and buyone-get-one free Smokin' Barrel Peanuts or Trail Mix snack promotion.

"Kids treated at our member hospitals rely on the vital funds raised through Stripes' annual campaigns," said John Lauck, president and CEO of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. "We are grateful to partner with such a great company, one that has been helping improve the lives of sick and injured kids since 1998."

Like all in-store Children's Miracle Network Hospitals fundraisers, 100 percent of funds raised from Stripes' campaign will stay in the community to help U.S. and Canada.

make miracles happen by funding vital medical care, equipment and therapy programs that save and improve the lives of more than 10 million sick and injured children a year.

The company operates over 650 convenience stores in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, more than 580 under the Stripes banner and 45 under the Sac-N-Pac banner. For more information about Stripes Convenience Stores viswww.stripesstores. it com.

Miracle Children's Network Hospitals raises funds and awareness for 170 member hospitals that provide 32 million treatments each year to kids across the

Watch out for student loan scam

f you're like me, paying off a debt is not fun. Many of us have had to pay off a student loan in the past, or are still paying one off today. So, the idea of taking care of that loan fast and easy sounds great, right? Well, that's what some are claiming they can do. But unfortunately, this

dream come true could turn in to a financial nightmare if you fall for it. That's because it's a scam!

How the Scam Works:

You get an email or spot a post on social media that claims a company can erase your student loan debt. Many claim that their service is made possible by a new government program or policy. See one example below:

The company asks for an upfront fee to negotiate with your student loan lender on your behalf. They

will claim they've helped numerous other clients, but don't believe them! Student loans can only be forgiven under specific circumstances, and it's not fast or easy. These scammers will take your fee and disappear.

In another version of the student loan scam, con artists claim that they can save you money



by consolidating your loans. Some charge a fee for using a free government service. Others may actually move your loans to a private lender with a higher interest rate.

Tips for avoiding this scam:

• Never pay upfront. Real lenders will take a percentage once their

service is complete. You don't need to pay an upfront fee.

• Know your options. If you are having trouble paying your student loans, contact your lender directly. You should research programs offered by the U.S. federal government.

 Never give a third party power of attorney. Don't sign anything giving a company the power to negotiate on your behalf. A scam company can use this to take control over your loans.

• If it seems too good to be true... it probably is. Any company that claims it can erase your student loan debt in minutes is lying. Don't bother responding to the ad or email.

Learn more about student loans at Studentaid. ed.gov.

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Marriage Licenses

Johnny Abert Daporto, 20, and Annisa Cruz Carrillo, 21, both of Big Spring

David Wayne Buckner Jr., 33, of San Angelo and Tonya Marie Damgaard, 52, of Big Spring

Mark A. Leininger, 26, and Danielle J. StClair, 26, both of Big Spring

Manuel Gonzales III, 28, and Shirin Soleda Marquez, 28, both of Big Spring

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The State of Texas vs. Gudelio Ledezma. Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence in original charges of driving while intoxicated 2nd offense, \$600 fine, court costs and 10 days in jail.

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Howard County, et al vs.

Linda Salgado, tax.

Credit Control, LLC. vs. Dora L. Rodriguez, accounts, notes and contracts - consumer/commercial/debt.

Credit Control, LLC. vs. Atchley Massingill, accounts, notes and contracts - consumer/commercial/debt.

Glenn Thompson and Desiree Thompson vs. Eddie Earles, civil suit.

Judson Oppegard vs. Kelli Kay Oppegard, divorce.

Elida Hernandez vs. Reynaldo Hernandez Sr., divorce.

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Sherry Burdette

Grantee: Gabriel Ortiz Property: Lot 1, block 3, Wasson Place addition Date: April 2, 2015

Grantor: Coahoma Development Corporation Grantee: John Rodgers Property: E. 75 feet of lots 11 and 12, block 18, Saunders addition to town of Coahoma Date: April 1, 2015

Grantor: Desiree Torrez Grantee: Western Commerce Bank

Property: Lot 27, block 6, Douglas addition

Date: Mar. 31, 2015 Grantor: Chuck Rosen-

baum Grantee: Charles Byron Harris

Property: Lot 5, block 1, Coronado Gardens addition Date: Mar. 26, 2015

Grantor: Thomas F.

Eberhard and Amy C. Eberhard Grantee: Relo Direct, Inc.

Property: N. Part of sec 8, block 32, T-1-S T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Mar. 13, 2015

Tonya Grantor: M. McLauchlan-Stewart and Shelby Stewart Grantee: Peter Padron and Judy Padron Property: Lot 14, block

1 University Gardens addition Date: Mar. 31, 2015

Grantor: Phillip Dean Barber Grantee: Stacie Purcell Property: E. half of lots 5 and 6, block 53, original town of Big Spring Date: Mar. 19, 2015

Grantor: Henry Granados and Grace Granados Gantee: Rocky Guzman Property: S.E. quarter of sec 32, block 32, T-1-N T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Mar. 25, 2015

Grantor: Rodney C. Chandler and Lesley N. Chandler Grantee: Jeremy Jones Property: Lot 7, block 19, College Park Estates addition

Date: Mar. 30, 2015

Grantor: Joshua Hamby and Michelle Hamby Grantee: Michelleca,

LLC. Property: Lot C, block 2

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Date: Mar. 18, 2015

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Grantor: Sandra Marie Frvar

Grantee: James Philip Ringener

Property: Lot 4, block 27, Monticello addition no 7 Date: March 31, 2015

Grantor: Relo Direct, Inc.

Grantee: Hill Durham and Gale Durham

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Grantor: Horace Richie Tubb

Grantee: Rick and Tammy Stephens

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Grantee: Clair Gonzales and Patrick Gonzales

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Volunteer Appreciation

BIG SPRING HERALD Sunday, April 12, 2015

Volunteers make Chalet a downtown mainstay

Big Spring State Hospital's Volunteer Services Council's Chalet Resale Shop started more than 25 years ago as a fundraiser that was nothing short of a low-key, makeshift garage sale that sometimes pulled in several dollars a day. Now the cash register downtown rings up on average more than a \$1,000 each business day.

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"You have to remember that we are only open three hours a day and most of our items sell for just a few dollars or even less," Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community **Relations Jamey Stegall** said. "That's a high volume of sales crammed into just a few hours. The amount of business they do is phenomenal."

"And when you think about it – it's all run by volunteer labor."

"You'dbehard-pressed to find any other volunteer group that produces that much work in that amount of time. They are the most dedicated, hard-working group of women and men I have ever come across. Ever. I constantly am in awe of them each and every day."

Chalet Resale The Shop has grown from its meager beginnings switching locations numerous times as it has outgrown its space.

When they moved to their current home at 115 E. Second St., around 2003, Co-Chairman Ruth Nanny looked at the cavernous building that at the time they only occupied a portion of and she shook her head and exclaimed to no one in particular that there was no way they would utilize much of the space.

"It was like a big, empty barn."

But the volunteers put out the word for donations and the people of Big Spring and the outlying communities responded and responded and responded and have continued to respond.

"Attimes, we just want to throw up our hands and cry 'uncle' but we would never do that," Stegall said. "As long as people want to donate, we will take their donations. At times, I look at all the items these ladies and men go through each day I walk in the door and I shake my head and wonder how they do it, but they just chip away at the pile."

"They never complain, they never gripe. They just sort, hang, fold, clean. They do whatever needs to be done. You'd be hard-pressed to find people who work for a wage working as diligently as they do."

Eventually the space that Nanny thought would never be filled began to overflow at the seams and the racks were pushed together as close as possible and every inch of display space and workspace was taken up. Nanny and Co-Chairmen Tommy and JoBeth Corwin knew at that time they needed to find even more room.

That's when an anonymous and generous benefactor stepped in and gave them what they needed most in this world — more room.

A few months ago, a generous donor gave the Volunteer Services Council the ability to add onto the current building at 115 East Second St. allowing The Chalet's expansion next door.

"Boy, did we ever need the room," Nanny said. "We had no place to store and sort items, and our racks were so close together. We were very crowded. We managed, but space was starting to get tight."

"This was truly a blessing."

Nanny and JoBeth Corwin knew for several years they needed extra space and had looked at several possibilities. Next door was the most logical because it would not require anyone to be off-site.

"If we had to purchase a building across the street, we would have to put two people over there and we just didn't have the resources,' Nanny said. "It just wasn't a workable solution. Here, we were able to knock down the wall and get to work.'

"We could not have been able to do it without the generous support of one of our donors, who wants to remain anonymous," Nanny said. "Without his help, we could not have done this. And because of his generosity, the people of Big Spring have benefitted, the Chalet has benefitted and most of all the patients of Big Spring State Hospital have benefited."

All proceeds from The Chalet go directly to the patients of Big Spring State Hospital. Money raised through Chalet sales and other fundraisers such as the Cars, Stars and Handlebars have funded Christmas parties, the purchase of a transport van and



the construction of a Family Visitation Center, among many other items.

"What the volunteers add to the hospital and our patients does not have a price tag," Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Lorie Dunnam said.

"I am asked all the time how come our Volunteer Services Council is so successful and my only answer is, 'It's the people here in Big Spring. They are the reason.' They are hardworking, salt-of-theearth, wanting nothing in return except what is good for our patients."

"They believe in the work we do out here and they believe in our hospital and they support our hospital. We truly value their work and appreciate our partnership with them. And we are so thankful that donors in the community, such as the gentleman who allowed the addition onto The Chalet stepped forward. We needed that so much."

The addition has given Nanny and the Corwins a separate room for books, knickknacks, televisions, and dishes to be displayed away from the clothing. It also gives workers three additional workrooms within an arms' reach of the display area to help sort in the high traffic area.

"That was just so important to get them out near the floor area where they could work closely with the items and replenish them as needed," Nanny said. "Those items move quickly and it gives them their own work area."

Moving those workers away from the huge clothing sorting area

also gives those workers much-needed space and will allow them to go through items more rapidly and get them out onto the floor, Nanny said.

"We were just on top of each other," she said.

But what she is most proud of is the small break room area tucked near the window and away from public view that gives workers a chance to take a breather and grab a handful of pretzels or snack on a homemade muffin or sip a cup of coffee.

"It's a nice area where our ladies and men can rest if they need a few minutes," Nanny said. "It's one of the benefits of working at The Chalet. We always have lots of snacks and cold drinks and hot coffee We love to work. But we love to snack as well."

"We're a fun group."



Mobile Meals: Helping the indigent

Imagine being alone, unable to drive or get around and having little contact with the outside world. For some people just tying a shoe can be difficult, much less preparing a meal.

But, because of a few caring individuals in 1975 who began taking prepared meals to people in need, Mobile Meals was born.

"Mobile Meals was established in 1975," explained Mobile Meals Program Director Macaria Cantu, "by a group of citizens who started fixing meals and delivering them to the indigent and it grew and grew until it was incorporated."

Mac, who had retired from Big Spring ISD after 25 years, was looking for something to fill in her free time when an idea came to her. "I had retired and was going crazy," remembered Cantu whose own par-

ents were recipients of the program and by volunteering, she would be able to "pay it forward." Little did she know that four months later she would be heading the program. "After the previous director left, I was asked to fill in," Mac said. "I started working out of my home on my own personal computer. Many of the forms we use I created on my computer just to

make my job easier." While Mac enjoys her post at Mobile Meals. she emphasizes that the program relies on its volunteers.

The private, non-profit organization, currently delivers noon meals for between 60 and 70 people a day, but more help is needed.

"We have five routes," said Cantu. "And it only takes about an hour." If a volunteer isn't available Cantu has to fill in

which adds to her already busy workload.

Cantu said the program is designed to help homebound Big Spring residents over the age of 60 (the program does deliver outside not the city limits). Referrels come from Scenic Mountain Medical Center, doctors, neighbors, families and friends, Cantu said.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center prepares the meals each morning Monday through Friday, then route drivers deliver the meals by noon, she said.

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you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in the necessity. There are none that can withstand your power.

O show me you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (3 times)

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times)

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BUSINESS

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GM says it's fixed 70% of faulty switches DETROIT (AP) Fourteen months after General Motors started

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recalling more than 2 million small cars with faulty ignition switches worldwide, the company says it has repaired about 70 percent of the vehicles that are still on the road.

The figures, which the company says are current as of Thursday, show that the switch replacements are now running at about the same pace as the average recall in the U.S. for a similar time frame.

GM has fixed 1.6 million of the roughly 2.3 million recalled cars worldwide that are registered and still in use, spokesman Alan Adler said Friday. In the U.S., the completion rate is almost 71 percent. The average completion rate $1 \frac{1}{2}$ years after a recall begins is 75 percent.

GM started recalling the cars in February of last year, and acknowledged that it knew of the deadly problem for more than a decade, yet waited years to take recall action. The switches can slip out of the run position and cause the engines to stall, knocking out air bags and power steering and brakes. This has led to crashes that caused at least 80 deaths and nearly 150 injuries in the U.S. alone.

GM was fined \$35 million by the government for delays in reporting the problem as required

In the months after the recalls began, GM was criticized by customers and members of Congress for a low completion rate, which the company blamed on a lack of parts. The switches, in cars such as the 2005 to 2010 Chevrolet Cobalt, were not being produced at the time in large numbers, so parts supplier Delphi Corp. had to crank up assembly lines. It took several months for the switches to start arriving in great numbers at dealerships, which weren't fully supplied until October.

GM then used telephone calls from dealers, Facebook messages and personal letters

from CEO Mary Barra in an effort to get people to take their cars to dealers for repairs.

Also Friday, GM drew some rare praise from new NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind. At a speech in New York, Rosekind lauded the company for putting in place procedures to make sure dealers don't sell new cars unless recall repairs have been made. Such sales of new cars would violate federal laws, but used cars can legally be sold with open recalls.

After a Chevrolet dealer near Philadelphia was fined \$50,000 last fall by NHTSA for selling new vehicles without making recall fixes, GM checked its dealer network and changes in its computer inventory to prevent the problem from happening again, Rosekind said.

Now the systems notify dealers if they have a car on their lot with an unrepaired recall and tell them how much GM will pay to get the problem fixed, he said. The system also won't let dealers submit requests for company rebates and other incentives until the recall work is done, he said.

"All other manufacturers and dealers should embrace the proactive approach that GM is taking," Rosekind said. In March, ABC News

bought a new pickup truck with unfixed re-

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call repairs from a New Jersey Chevrolet dealer, even though reporters were told by the salesman that the truck had no recalls.

Company spokeswoman Ryndee Carney said GM's system that blocks incentives is being put in place this month. It would prevent dealers from selling cars and trucks that need recall repairs, she said. Incentives can sometimes be in the thousands of dollars, so it makes no sense for dealers to sell vehicles without them.

"Until you go in and let us know you completed the recall repair, you won't be able to see if that vehicle qualifies for any sales incentives," she said.

Lawsuit says Wall St. exec overcharged on contracts

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two former employees of a helicopter company owned by a prominent Wall Street financier allege that she exploited a connection with an Army colonel to charge the U.S. government inflated prices for rotorcraft.

In documents filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Alabama, the whistleblowers said Lynn Tilton offered the officer, Norbert Vergez, a lucrative job long before he retired from military service as a way of inducing him to make contract decisions favorable to her company, MD Helicopters of Mesa, Arizona.

Attorneys for Tilton have disputed the allegations, calling them weak and implausible.

In a separate but related move, Vergez, who went to work for

her private equity firm and holding company

Marsteller and Swisher, by contrast, depict a prolonged and mutually beneficial business relationship between Tilton and Vergez that covered a period during which MD Helicopters was awarded tens of millions of dollars in helicopter contracts managed by Vergez's office. Tilton and Vergez talked and met frequently — over drinks in Arizona and dinner in Dallas, at Vergez's home in Huntsville, Alabama, and aboard Tilton's private jet, according to the whistleblowers.

MD Helicopters has described Marsteller and Swisher as "disgruntled former employees." Tilton's lawyers said the allegations that her dealings with Vergez were improper or nefarious are baseless. MD Helicopters "sold helicopters to the government at fair and reasonable prices based on proposals that were truthful," they said in a motion requesting dismissal. Tilton describes herself as the business world's "turnaround queen." She buys financially struggling companies and attempts to make them profitable. When she acquired MD Helicopters in 2005, it had fewer than three dozen employees and was on the brink of bankruptcy. Eight years later, it had nearly 500 employees, according to an interview Tilton gave in 2013 to Bloomberg's Businessweek. The about-face, she said, was due largely to "a lot of new business with the U.S. Army." A lot of that new business came from the Army office Vergez commanded from early 2010 until he retired nearly three years later. According to the lawsuit, Tilton first became impressed with Vergez after he informed her in March 2011 that an announcement would soon be made that MD Helicopters had won an Army contract potentially worth \$186 million for helicopters to train Afghan air force pilots. The helicopters the Army would buy for the Afghans cost \$2.3 million each. But MD Helicopters was selling that same model to commercial customers for

\$400,000 less, the lawsuit said.

"Tilton told her employees that Vergez 'got us this Afghan contract, he has great connections and he will drive our Army business," the lawsuit said.

From that point, it was known among a small group of MD employees that Tilton intended to hire Vergez when he retired from the army, according to Marsteller and Swisher.

MD Helicopters received what the lawsuit called a "highly unusual concession" in June 2012 when the company received a nearly \$41 million contract to deliver helicopters to the Saudi Arabia National Guard. MD Helicopters was struggling financially at that point, according to the lawsuit, and Vergez used his influence to ensure the company was paid more quickly than normal so it could meet the terms of the contract. The lawsuit said Marsteller and Swisher told their superiors that employing Vergez at MD Helicopters would be illegal. Vergez ultimately was hired to work for Patriarch, they said, although they said he was directly involved in MD Helicopters' day-to-day business. Doubts about the hire also echoed in the office of the company's top lawyer, according to a wrongful termination lawsuit filed in Arizona.

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Shop only secure websites - Reputable websites are secured with SSL encryption this is symbolized by the little "locked" icon at the bottom of the websites. One thing to be careful about is that some scams can encrypt their websites if in doubt get the phone number and call the place that you are wanting to order from.

Protect your personal information, PINS and passwords – Thieves don't just steal credit card numbers; names, addresses, phone numbers, and dates of birth are easy to steal and these are obtained by searching online. Be aware of online presence and opt out of as many directories and databases as possible. A strong password is at least 8 characters and contain letters, numbers and special characters and they should never be written down.

Purchase a document shredder and shred all receipts that have your information on them. Never throw any receipt, invoice, or packing slip in the trash shred them.

Don't purchase items from door to door sales people unless it is with cash that way you don't give them your banking information that is on the checks.

Tilton after hanging up his uniform, has agreed to plead guilty to false statement and conflict of interest charges. The plea deal with U.S. government attorneys follows a lengthy Justice Department investigation into his stewardship of an Army acquisition office in Alabama and subsequent hiring by the flamboyant and outspoken Tilton.

The civil suit filed by former MD Helicopter employees Philip Marsteller and Robert Swisher under the False Claims Act came two days after U.S. attorneys unveiled the plea agreement with Vergez. Their lawsuit, which expands on a complaint they first lodged nearly two years ago, paints a dark and more detailed picture than the one presented in the plea agreement Tuesday by the federal government.

That agreement indicated that Vergez's actions, while serious, were limited. He failed to disclose a \$30,000 check from his future employer and a \$4,000 Rolex wristwatch his wife received as a gift from a foreign company. Vergez also caused the terms of a contract with MD Helicopters to be adjusted in its favor and made a false statement to the Pentagon's inspector general.

The agreement does not mention by name Tilton, MD Helicopters, or Patriarch Partners,

The next meeting of the **Big Spring City Council** is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City **Council Chambers.**

City Council Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Big Spring City Council Chambers located at 307 East 4th Street. If you need special assistance in order to participate in a City Council meeting, please contact Lesa Gamble, at 432-264-2401, in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.

The Code Enforcement Department would like to remind the community that with the change in seasons comes growth of vegetation. The Code Enforcement Department is out patrolling the neighborhoods looking for potential violations of City Ordinances, and some of the most common violations during this time of year are overgrown grass and weeds, accumulated items, Front yard parking, and items around the dumpsters. Once a violation has been identified, the Code Enforcement Department will open a case against the properties and the persons in care of the properties where the violations have been identified. The Code Enforcement Department would like to encourage everyone to do their part within our community to make the proper improvements necessary to gain compliance with the City Ordinances Please contact the Code Enforcement Office with any questions and or concerns @ 1-432 -264-2505. Thank you for your time.

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FEATURES

Survivors of 2009 Fort Hood attack receive Purple Hearts





AP photos

Smaug the dragon braces for new adventures at Houston Zoo

By MARKIAN HAWRYLUK

Houston Chronicle HOUSTON (AP) — Sometimes even

dragons need a little medical help. Last year, zookeepers at the Houston Zoo noticed that Smaug, a 17-year-old Komodo dragon, wasn't using his Howell's team made molds of Smaug's foot while he was anesthetized for other tests. They created a spring-loaded, hinged polyurethane orthotic brace that would help him walk normally. The initial brace, which extended to just below Smaug's

BY PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Eric Jackson took a bullet in the forearm during the deadliest mass shooting on a U.S. military base, and returned to Fort Hood five years later with other survivors Friday to receive Purple Heart medals.

Some smiled over an honor they felt was overdue, but also clenched their teeth over needs in their scarred and injured lives they say the Army has denied.

"I try not to be bitter. But it's kind of hard not to be bitter," said Jackson, a former staff sergeant. "You wonder, where's the respect? Where's the recognition? Where's the support for what you've gone through and what you're continuously going through?"

Thirteen people were killed and 31 were injured in the 2009 attack carried out by an Army psychiatrist who is now on military death row. Following years of tension, the Army gave the Purple Hearts to survivors and relatives of the dead in a somber ceremony on the Texas military post, just two miles from where Nidal Hasan had opened fire in a room of unarmed soldiers.

Top military commanders recalled tables that became makeshift stretchers to transport the wounded and dying. Ten of the survivors remain on active duty.

"It is our sincere hope that in some small way this will help heal the wounds you have suffered," Army Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland said.

But words of gratitude from military leaders and elected officials, including Republican Texas senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, gave way to medal recipients pressing and chastising the Pentagon over combat benefits. The Purple Heart, given to military personnel wounded in battle, offers increased retirement pay. Cornyn said he expects Fort Hood victims to finally get approved for entitlements within weeks, noting that he spoke to Army Secretary John McHugh before the ceremony.

Many survivors are also seeking separate financial damages in a lawsuit, claiming the U.S. government should have known of Hasan's extremist views.

During his 2013 trial, Hasan told jurors he had "switched sides" in what he called America's war with Islam. He admitted beginning the rampage by pulling out a pistol and shouting "Allahu akbar" (God is great) and said he wanted to stop American soldiers from being deployed to kill fellow Muslims.

Kimberly Munley, a Fort Hood police officer at the time, helped end the attack in a gunfight with Hasan. She was awarded the Defense of Freedom medal but after the ceremony expressed frustration over uncertainty about the level of benefits Fort Hood victims would receive.

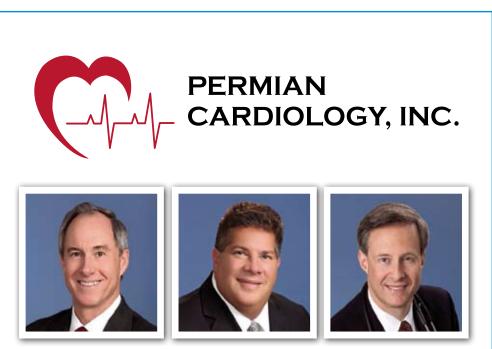
"These soldiers are going to get what they rightfully deserve," Munley said.

Military officials had long denied the Purple Heart awards because they called the attack an act of workplace violence, not terrorism. Cornyn and others have long condemned that classification, but he said changing the distinction could have jeopardized the case against Hasan, who was not charged with terrorism.

Last year, Congress approved new eligibility requirements for Purple Hearts that forced the Defense Department to reconsider.

The daughter of Michael Cahill, a physician's assistant who was the only civilian killed in the attack, accepted the Defense of Freedom medal for her father and used the occasion to draw attention to veteran suicides. Cahill was shot as he rushed toward Hasan with a chair lifted over his head.

"The first month after dad died, everyone asked us, 'What can I do?' And it was great," Kerry Cahill said. "Nobody asks me that any more. We're not done."



right front foot normally. "Occasionally, he was flipping it underneath and walking on the top of his toes," said Dr. Lauren Howard, associate veterinarian at the Houston Zoo. "We're still trying to determine why he's not holding his foot the right way, but in the meantime, our goal is to keep him holding his foot upward so he doesn't continue to walk on the tops of his toes."

In November, Howard got in touch with Jared Howell, director of the Orthotics and Prosthetics Program at Baylor College of Medicine, to see if he could help. The problem was described as a case of drop foot, a layman's term for a condition in which people can't lift the top of their foot.

Howell and his team set out to build a spring-loaded brace that would allow Smaug a natural range of motion but would properly position his foot with every step.

A dragon's front leg functions somewhat like a human's arm. The foot bends backward when the dragon lifts it from the ground, then flips forward, much like the range of motion of a human wrist.

"When a Komodo dragon picks up its foot, it slides forward and they fire their muscles and they are able to put their palm downward," Howell told the Houston Chronicle. "What happened for Smaug is that he wasn't able to fire his muscles to pull the foot forward."

Instead, Smaug's foot would stay in the flexed position and he would land on it, rolling his wrist underneath and walking on the tops of his toes.

"He's over 200 pounds, so that's a lot of weight," Howell said.

Judith Bryja, supervisor of the zoo's herpetology department, said it's common for dragons to move in this fashion once in a while.

"But he started doing it with the right front foot more and more. We didn't know what was going on," she said. "It's not like he fell down and injured it or sprained it playing baseball." elbow, worked well but came off too easily. A second version extended above the elbow and stayed on much better.

The team was able to use many of the same concepts used to attach artificial arms in humans.

"It was interesting to see that transfer, but there's a lot that didn't transfer," said Lorin Merkley, an orthotics instructor at Baylor who worked on Smaug's brace. "We thought this should be easy. It was not."

When Smaug developed an infection in his foot, the team made another rigid device to hold his foot in place while he healed.

Smaug may have to wear a brace for at least four to eight months. If his foot heals and regains strength, he may be able to ditch the device. But there is a chance he may need the brace long-term.

"The goal is for him to relearn how to walk, but he's 17 years old," Howell said, noting that Komodo dragons generally live into their 20s. "If there's a true nerve paralysis, it may not get better. He may be wearing the springloaded device forever."

The effort to get Smaug walking correctly has been a collaborative process between the Baylor orthotics experts and zoo personnel. On Thursday, Bryja asked for another modification to the current brace, drilling a few holes in it to help with breathability.

"It's fun, because everything is a challenge," Howell said. "Trying to find something that will interface with the scales appropriately, it forces us to think outside the box with materials as well."

Bryja said an estimated 4,000 Komodo dragons remain in the wild, on five islands in Indonesia. But their food supply is diminishing as humans have begun to hunt deer, their primary food source. They can take down prey as big as a water buffalo.

Smaug, who was born at a zoo in Miami and came to Houston in 2001.

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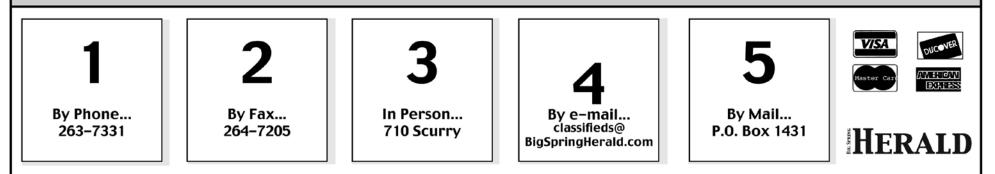
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus as Belle

In Disney's version of the French fairytale "Beauty and the Beast." the main character. Belle, enters an enchanted house where the objects are alive. The weeks to come have an enchanted quality, too, as Venus in Gemini plays Belle. Here, the love goddess communicates freely, believing all things are alive -- the rocks, the sky and the night itself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not sure whether you should be trying to maximize your gains or focusing on minimizing your losses. If you're going for applause, maximize your gains. If security is more important, minimize your losses.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you have confidence, you will persist in the face of challenges and ultimately overcome them. You don't have to have swagger or think you're the greatest. You just have to believe you can do it.

reservation. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because you think something doesn't mean vou should accept it as truth. Thoughts are just electrical impulses sent from one part of your brain to another, and they need to be put to the test.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 12). Sometimes ubiquitous goals become meaningless. That's why you get very specific about what you want to do over the next six weeks. June is freespirited, though, and you'll go back to focusing on what you want to feel. Good relationships give you prosperity more than any benchmark number could. Gemini and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 1, 3, 22 and 14.

FORECAST FOR THE

WEEK AHEAD: Yesterday, Venus, the love goddess, tiptoed into Gemini, where she'll dance on pointe until May 7. In this part of the sky, Venus seeks knowledge but isn't limited by it. Romance is an enchantment that makes the impossible happen. Like Belle in "Beauty and the Beast," Venus is intelligent and fanciful at the same time, ready to communicate with all living things (and in the Disney version, even the teacups are alive). She is also willing to look past appearances and try to find love in the essence of things and people.

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Declarer ruffed the diamond lead,

cashed the ace of hearts and ace of

clubs, and ruffed a club in dummy.

Then he ruffed a diamond and a club,

By this time eight tricks had been

played, and declarer had won them

all. Sobel still had the A-Q-J-10-9 of

trumps, and South, with the K-6 of

trumps, could not be stopped from

The result did not prove that

Sobel had made a bad double - one

must occasionally pay the piper in

order to show a profit over the long

Of course, Sobel got credit for his

100 honors, but that was small con-

solation considering that South

scored 730 points for making his

doubled contract. In essence, Sobel

got buried - with honors!

scoring a trump for his last trick.

another diamond and his last club.

come rolling in.

doubled.

A Sad Disillusionment

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH **A** 8 7 2 ♥10852 ♦ 109765 **4**5 WEST EAST ♠ A Q J 10 9 **♥**KQ64 ₹J **♦** J 8 2 ♦ A K Q 4 3 **♣**K 10 8 2 **♣**Q 9 6 4 SOUTH **•** K 6 5 4 3 ♥A973 . 🔶 ♣A J 7 3 The bidding: South West North East ¢ Dble 2 🌩 Pass 3 🏟 Pass Dble Pass Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Let's say you're playing rubber bridge and hold the East hand. Much to your surprise, South opens with one spade, your partner doubles, and North bids two spades. You restrain yourself and pass, whereupon South says three spades, which rolls around to you. You have four trump tricks in your own hand, and partner has indicated a hand of approximately opening strength, so - naturally - you double.

That's exactly how the bidding went many years ago when Al Sobel,

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day of March, 2015. COLLEEN BARTON District Clerk of Howard County, Texas By: Jurry Padron #8657 March 29, April 5, 12, & 19, 2015

Notice of Application for Fluid Injection Well Permit

Merit Energy Company, 13727 Noel Road, Ste. 1200, Dallas, TX 75240, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres/San Angelo & Clearfork formation, Dodge, Granville M. Estate Well Number 233. The proposed injection well is located 5 miles Southeast of Coahoma, in the latan, East Howard Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2100' to 2782'. 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

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You need rest, and there are numerous benefits to doing absolutely nothing. When you do nothing, you take it to the level of art, doing nothing passionately, almost actively.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't always get to choose what you witness in life, but exercise whatever amount of control vou do have. When vou put yourself in beautiful locations, you increase your chances of seeing something gorgeous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sometimes you can be your worst critic and biggest adversary. Make it easy on yourself -- spend time with the people who appreciate you and help you feel good. A Sagittarius will be among them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't want to give up too soon, but you also don't want to be accused of not knowing when to quit. They key here is to trust yourself. Be confident about your own sense of timing, which is stellar right now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's said that lost time does not return, though it will feel like you're getting a bonus from the clock today when unexpected events free up the hours needed to do something really fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You begin each interaction with a sense of humility and a willingness to change. It is with this attentive flexibility that you create a great deal of affinity between you and the person who will play a key role in your future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Gamblers understand how good luck and bad luck seem to come in spurts. You'll get on a good run with three beautifully timed interactions. Play this for all it's worth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

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Pluto turns retrograde on Thursday April 16 and will continue in this direction until September 24, 2015. The retrograde of this planet (or dwarf planet or trans-Neptunian object, as the nomenclature has developed), which rules matters of life. death and rebirth. promises spiritual stillness that allows us to get our heads together regarding our feelings about what is really worth doing at this time. As Pulitzer Prize-winning author Annie Dillard wrote, "How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives. What we do with this hour, and that one, is what we are doing.'

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Claire Danes has received several major acting awards for her portrayal of CIA officer Carrie Mathison of Showtime's thriller "Homeland." Born when the sun and Mars were in assertive Aries, Danes knew she wanted to be an actress as a young child. Her natal Mercury and Venus are in Pisces, the sign of old souls. Her moon in Libra bodes well for harmonious relationships of all kinds.

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Medicaid pays for more than half of the country's long-term care bill. That cost accounts for more than a quarter of Medicaid spending, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Genworth and other insurers offer long-term care policies to help people shoulder the financial burden. But people have to be healthy enough to qualify for coverage. Those who take out policies find their insurance bill rises steadily as they age.

Caldwell described Genworth's survey as essentially a marketing pitch. "Of course they want people to see how much it costs to sell

long-term care insurance," he said. "What they're not telling you is that the long-term care coverage is becoming more and more unaffordable for middle-class families."

Mounting costs have also pushed many insurance companies out of the business. Four of the five largest providers have either scaled back offering new policies. The largest provider, Genworth, has struggled under the weight of old policies.

Less-intensive care remains much cheaper than staying at a nursing home, according to Genworth's survey. One year in in an assistedliving facility runs \$43,200. A year of visits from an agency's home aides health runs \$45,760.

First male White House social secretary plans own exit

WASHINGTON (AP) - The first man to ever serve as White House social secretary is now planning his own exit.

The White House announced Wednesday that Jeremy Bernard is leaving after four years in the high-profile post.

As social secretary, Bernard oversaw everything from this week's annual Easter Egg Roll to opulent state dinners, along with their business or stopped numerous receptions, ceremo-

nies and other events.

He plans to leave after a state dinner for Japan at the end of the month. There was no word on what Bernard will do next.

Bernard was named to the post in February 2011. He was the third social secretary to serve President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama.

A replacement is expected to be announced soon.



Bernard



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Staff Writer

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"There were over 80 entries for the car show. The First Place winner was Gene Hector, Second Place was Jimmy Johnson and Third Place was Bullet Burchet" said event contact, Brody Coates, "All three of the winners donated their winnings back.' Overall, the car show raised

more than \$20,000 for the Parrish family to go towards Garett Parrish medical expenses, a Coahoma Senior that was injured in a sledding accident in February.

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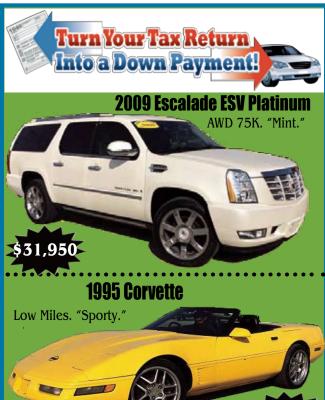


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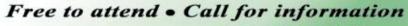
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