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Is there black gold under your back yard?

New techniques open up city limits to oil exploration

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Horizontal drilling has opened up a lot of areas to oil exploration that were previously out of bounds — like the land your house sits on, for example. But that doesn't mean a drilling rig crew is about to sprout up on your front yard anytime soon.

Several local homeowners report they have received letters from oil companies in recent weeks asking them to sell or lease the mineral rights to their property. While oil exploration within Big Spring's city limits was unthinkable just a few years ago, it is not only possible, but probable in the future, thanks to horizontal drilling, which means local property owners could possibly cash in if oil companies want to drill underneath their property.

Back in the old days — think 10 years ago — drilling for oil within city limits was impractical, if not impossible. Vertical drilling was just that — rigs set up shop directly above a target zone and drilled straight down. And many cities, including Big Spring, have ordinances prohibiting oil drilling within a certain distance

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Ready ... set ... Relay!



Cancer survivors take a ceremonial first lap at the 2015 Relay For Life. This year's event, which is a major fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For more on Relay for Life, see Pages 13 and 14.

Downed power line sparks fire

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Howard County Volunteer firefighters tackled a grass fire near North Birdwell Lane after downed power lines ignited the blaze and caused an outage on the north side of Big Spring Wednesday.

According to Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan, the call came in the afternoon of an electrical blaze at Brumley Electric located near North Birdwell Lane. City firefighters originally responded to the call but after arriving on the scene, they discovered a



Sullivan

power line cross arm which holds up the lines broke, sending the lines into the grass and igniting the fire, Sullivan said. Volunteer firefighters were called in to take over the situation.

"There is a little creek that runs near there and it has a bunch of wood and brush washed up into it," Sullivan said. "That ignited."

Firefighters responded with five units and spent around two hours on the scene. A few structures

and some livestock at Big Spring Cattle Auction were in danger for a period of time while firefighters extinguished the flames.

The downed lines left north Big Spring without power for about an hour Wednesday, Mike Henry of KBYG reported. According to Oncor's power outage map, fewer than five residences were affected this morning and power was expected to be restored around 10 a.m.

Once the area was safe Wednesday, Oncor began making repairs to the damaged cross arm, KBYG reports.

Reliever route work continues



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Road crews pave a section of Interstate 20 near the interchange with the U.S. 87 reliever route. The first leg of the route, which will circle around Big Spring to the west, is expected to be completed later this year.

Democrats shift left on health care

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the Obama administration counting down its final year, many Democrats are finding less to like about the president's health care law, unsure about its place among their party's achievements.

Sen. Bernie Sanders' call for "Medicare for all" seems to have rekindled aspirations for bigger changes beyond "Obamacare." That poses a challenge for Hillary Clinton, who has argued that the health care law is working and the na-

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Obituaries

Essie Person



Essie Person, 88, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 1, 2016, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Nursing Care. Funeral service will be held Saturday, May 7, 2016, at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 25, 1927, to Lucille Hannon Evans and Decatur Evans in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Essie married

Glenn Person, Dec. 26, 1948, in Sulphur Springs and he preceded her in death, Feb. 25, 2016.

Essie attended Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas, where she received her bachelor's degree. She attended Texas Southern University in

Houston earning her master's degree. She then attended East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas, where she obtained her Library Science Degree.

Essie came to Big Spring with her husband in 1950. She was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, taught Sunday School for 35 years and was the church's education director. She taught at Lakeview Elementary and Goliad Middle School, where she also worked as librarian.

Essie is survived by two sons, Glenn L. Person of Dallas and James Person of Big Spring; three grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Person; and her parents.

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

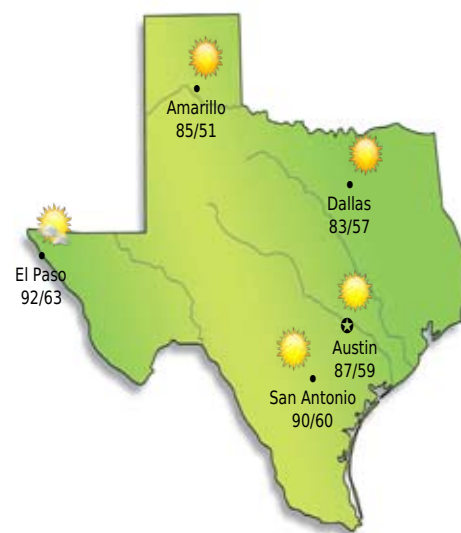
Nellie "Lou" Darden

Nellie "Lou" Darden, 82, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 5/6	Sat 5/7	Sun 5/8	Mon 5/9	Tue 5/10
87/61	87/60	89/56	86/59	91/60
Mostly sunny skies with gusty winds developing later in the day. High 87F. Winds S at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	Windy with times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Mainly sunny and windy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	Sunny and windy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 6:54 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 6:54 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 6:53 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	58	Sunny
Amarillo	85	51	Sunny
Austin	87	59	Sunny
Beaumont	84	56	Sunny
Brownsville	88	64	Sunny
Brownwood	85	55	Sunny
Corpus Christi	89	65	Sunny
Corsicana	81	55	Sunny
Dallas	83	57	Sunny
Del Rio	91	61	Sunny
El Paso	92	63	Cloudy
Fort Stockton	90	63	Cloudy
Gainesville	80	53	Sunny
Greenville	79	55	Sunny
Houston	88	59	Sunny
Kingsville	92	61	P Cloudy
Livingston	85	53	Sunny
Longview	80	52	Sunny
Lubbock	88	56	Sunny
Lufkin	81	52	Sunny
Midland	91	61	P Cloudy
Raymondville	93	63	Sunny
Rosenberg	87	57	Sunny
San Antonio	90	60	Sunny
San Marcos	88	58	Sunny
Sulphur Springs	77	56	Sunny
Sweetwater	86	58	Sunny
Tyler	80	53	Sunny
Weatherford	84	55	Sunny
Wichita Falls	84	57	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	63	47	Cloudy
Boston	47	45	Cloudy/Wind
Chicago	54	45	P Cloudy
Dallas	83	57	Sunny
Denver	82	51	M Sunny
Houston	88	59	Sunny
Los Angeles	65	54	Cloudy
Miami	83	66	Sunny
Minneapolis	76	55	M Cloudy
New York	60	51	Cloudy
Phoenix	97	64	P Cloudy
San Francisco	63	52	Cloudy
Seattle	67	52	P Cloudy
Saint Louis	68	45	Sunny

Moon Phases

Phase	Date
First	Apr 14
Full	Apr 22
Last	Apr 30
New	May 6

UV Index

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10	10	10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ANDRENA LEIGH MORENO**, 32, of 1002 N. Main St. was arrested on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- **FRANK CHAZARRETA**, 29, of 1203 Wood St. was arrested on a warrant for organized retail theft (\$500 to \$1,500) and on another outstanding warrant.
- **KASSANDRA LOUISE**

URBINA, 24, of 2107 Grace St. was arrested on warrants for theft of property (less than \$100) and bail jumping/failure to appear.

- **CHAVANDA RENIQUE MICKIN**, 17, of 1102 Ridgeroad Drive was arrested on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750)/shoplifting.
- **TERA DANEISE HENRY**, 17, of 604 Elgin St. was arrested on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750)/shoplifting.
- **HAYDEN DOUGLAS**

MCMURRIN, 27, of 1708 W. 3rd St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street and the 1500 block of E. Cherokee Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1100 block of Hickory Street and the 100 block of N. Rex Avenue.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 4th Street and Owens.;

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 82 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JAMIE LEE ATKINSON**, 47, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for parole violation.
- **FRANK CHAZARRETA**, 29, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of service (\$500 to \$1,500).
- **ELORIA BARELA**

DOMINGUEZ, 19, was booked by DPS on warrants for possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram) and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **TERA DANEISE HENRY**, 17, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750).
- **HAYDEN D. MCMURRIN**, 27, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for criminal trespass.
- **CHAVANDA RENIQUE MICKIN**, 17, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of prop-

erty (\$100 to \$750).

- **ANDRENA LEIGH MORENO**, 32, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- **KASSANDRA LOUISE URBINA**, 24, was booked by BSPD on warrants for theft (less than \$100)/shoplifting and failure to appear.
- **RIGOBERTO VASQUEZ**, 20, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for terroristic threat.

Take Note

• Bailey Pittman is raising money to go on an 11 month mission trip to 11 countries. It's called the The World Race with the non-denominational ministry, Adventures in Missions. She and her teammates will be living in tents most of that 11 months while serving the needy and spreading the Gospel. Despite the primitive conditions she needs to raise at least \$17,000 to join her mission team. Would you consider helping Bailey? If you want to donate directly to Bailey or follow her journey, see her blog at www.baileypittman.theworldrace.org. Also, Dr. David Ward is collecting for Bailey. Checks should be made to "Adventures in Missions" and also put "Bailey Pitman" on the note section of your check. You can mail or drop it by Dr. Ward's office at 1500 Scurry St.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

• Photographs of area military personnel-currently on the job or veterans-going about their daily life are currently being sought by the July 3 Pops in the Park committee to be used in a military tribute during the event.

The candid photos will be used during the photographic military salute portion of the Independence Day celebration.

Any wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to posinthe_park2016@yahoo.com. Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number with each submission.

•Dora Roberts Community Center is hosting a clinic on May 2nd, 2016 at 100 Whipkey Drive for Big Spring and Howard County residents to learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious condition with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Screenings are affordable, convenient, and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 for more information.

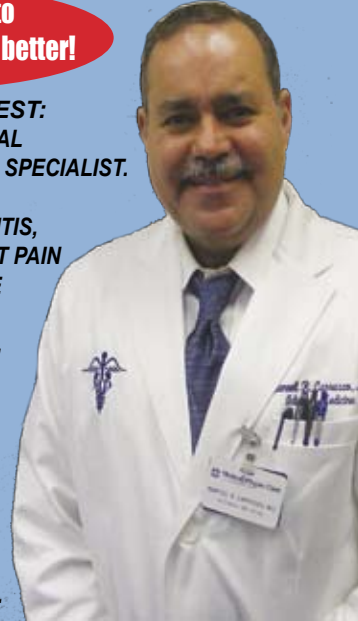
• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2016 semester. Students must be Howard county residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Application deadline is April 15. Application deadline for current A&M students is June 1.

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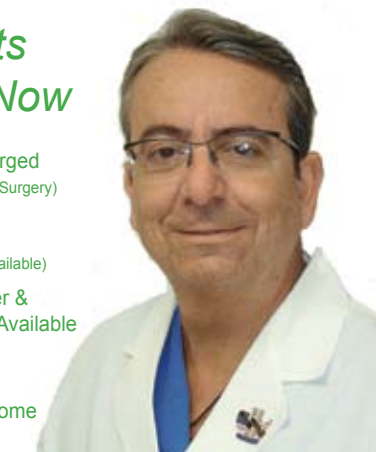
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News in brief

Iraq routed IS from Ramadi at a high cost: A city destroyed

RAMADI, Iraq (AP) — This is what victory looks like in the Iraqi city of Ramadi: In the once thriving Haji Ziad Square, not a single structure still stands. Turning in every direction yields a picture of devastation.

A building that housed a pool hall and ice cream shops — reduced to rubble. A row of money changers and motorcycle repair garages — obliterated, a giant bomb crater in its place. The square's Haji Ziad Restaurant, beloved for years by Ramadi residents for its grilled meats — flattened. The restaurant was so popular its owner built a larger, fancier branch across the street three years ago. That, too, is now a pile of concrete and twisted iron rods.

The destruction extends to nearly every part of Ramadi, once home to 1 million people and now virtually empty. A giant highway cloverleaf at the main entrance to the city is partially toppled. Apartment block after apartment block has been crushed. Along a residential street, the walls of homes have been shredded away, exposing furniture and bedding. Graffiti on the few homes still standing warn of explosives inside.

When Iraqi government forces backed by U.S.-led warplanes wrested this city from Islamic State militants after eight months of IS control, it was heralded as a major victory. But the cost of winning Ramadi has been the city itself.

The scope of the damage is beyond any of the other Iraqi cities recaptured so far from the jihadi group. Photographs provided to The Associated Press by satellite imagery and analytics company DigitalGlobe show more than 3,000 buildings and nearly 400 roads and bridges were damaged or destroyed between May 2015, when Ramadi fell to IS, and Jan. 22, after most of the fighting had ended.

Over roughly the same period, nearly 800 civilians were killed in clashes, airstrikes and executions.

AP FACT CHECK: Bringing coal jobs back to Appalachia

DALLAS (AP) — Donald Trump says he would bring back lost coal-mining jobs, and he is positioning for the November election in big coal states by portraying Hillary Clinton as a job killer.

Trump, however, has yet to explain exactly how he will revitalize Appalachia's coal industry. To pull it off, he will have to overcome market forces and a push for cleaner fuels that have pummeled coal.

Coal's slump is largely the result of cheap natural gas, which now rivals coal as a fuel for generating electricity. Older coal-fired plants are being idled to meet clean-air standards.

Another hurdle for reviving coal mining in Appalachia: less coal. Reserves of coal still in the ground are smaller than in western states like Wyoming, the leading coal producer.

There is no question that there are fewer mining jobs today. According to the Labor Department, there were 56,700 jobs in coal mining in March, down from 68,000 just a year earlier. In March 2009, shortly after President Barack Obama entered office, there were 84,600 coal-mining jobs.

Senate Dems field large roster of women in the Year of Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — If 2016 has been the Year of Trump in politics, it may also end up being a new Year of the Woman, if Democrats get their way. And that won't be a coincidence.

Democrats will have female Senate candidates on the ballot in nine states in November, a near-

record, and these contenders will likely be sharing the ticket with the first major-party female presidential nominee in history in Hillary Clinton.

Donald Trump, whose commanding win in Indiana cemented his improbable status as the GOP's presumptive presidential nominee, is viewed unfavorably by 70 percent of women, according to Gallup. So as discomfited Republican Senate candidates released statements trying to change the topic or have it both ways Wednesday, Democrats made plans to link their largely male opponents to Trump, aiming to win back control of the Senate in November by electing Democratic women from coast to coast.

"I'll tell you as a professional woman, too many women have had to fight Donald Trump's type of sexism and offensive rhetoric their entire lives," said Democratic Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick of Arizona, who is challenging Republican Sen. John McCain and released an early ad in February tying the incumbent to Trump.

"After 33 years in Washington John McCain has changed, and Donald Trump proves that he has changed," Kirkpatrick said in an interview.

OIL

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from residential areas.

With the advent of horizontal drilling, however, things changed. A rig could be set up miles from its intended target area, allowing companies to reach oil and natural gas that was previously out of bounds to them.

"Under our ordinances, there's not many wells that can be drilled vertically (within city limits)," Big Spring City Manager Todd Darden said. "But horizontally? The drilling rig could be five to 10 miles away."

Under local ordinances, drilling rigs must be at least 150 feet away from residential areas and several environmental issues, such as avoid-

ance of water tables, must be addressed, as well, Darden said. Those ordinances, however, do not take horizontal drilling into account.

"We're in the process of addressing that," Darden said.

Darden said the letters homeowners have been receiving appear to be on the up-and-up, but cautioned residents to use caution before proceeding on any of those requests.

"I'd advise homeowners to do their homework before they lease their mineral rights," he said. "And, as for me, I'd never sell my mineral rights."

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HEALTH

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tion should build on it, not start over.

Two recent polls have shown an uptick in negative ratings of the Affordable Care Act, or ACA, and the shifting sentiments seem to come from Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents. For example, in the latest installment of the Kaiser Family Foundation health care poll, the share of Democrats with unfavorable views increased by 6 percentage points.

Underlying the unease seems to be a growing conviction that the law did not go far enough. About 27 million people remain uninsured, and many who gained coverage find it costly. Kaiser found that for the first time, a 51-percent majority of Democrats wants to expand what the law does, a sharp increase from the 36 percent who said so in December.

The health care law was a good start "but it doesn't do all the things we need to have done," said Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash.

"I think frankly Bernie's campaign has stirred it up," he added. A longtime advocate of coverage for all, McDermott is supporting Clinton.

Democrats' shifting views could make things tricky for Clinton if she's picked as the nominee over Sanders,

which appears likely. Clinton established her commitment to covering the uninsured long ago, during the losing battle for health care legislation in her husband's administration.

Going into the 2016 primary season, she cast herself as the candidate of continuity, promising to defend Obama's health care accomplishments from repeal by Republicans.

Lately she's been stressing changes she'd make to increase coverage, make it more affordable and even encourage states to experiment with government-sponsored alternatives to private health insurance.

"She can't have so many people who are not excited about something and say 'I'm going to continue it for eight more years,'" said Robert Blendon, a professor at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, who follows public opinion on health care.

Overall, Democrats still support the Obama health care law by broad margins, especially if the alternative is repealing it. But the nonpartisan polls released last week registered surprising movement.

A Pew Research Center poll found that overall the public disapproves of the law by 54-44 percent, a change from last summer when it found Americans almost evenly divided. Part of the explanation was a 12-point drop in support among

Democratic-leaning independents.

Kaiser's April tracking survey found 49 percent of Americans had an unfavorable view of the health law, with 38 percent favorable. That showed slippage from a 47-41 split in March.

Among Democrats, the share of those with unfavorable views went up from 19 percent in March to 25 percent in April. "It's being driven by the Democrats. That's what's so interesting here," said Mollyann Brodie, who directs the Kaiser poll.

Many people covered by the law express mixed feelings.

Karen Rezny of Austin, Texas, says the health care overhaul has saved her life by allowing her to get better quality treatment for advanced breast cancer. She was uninsured when she was first diagnosed, and before the law passed, insurers would have rejected her because of her medical condition.

But as a massage therapist, Rezny struggles with the out-of-pocket costs. She's still paying off bills from last year.

"I feel like the ACA is a step in the right direction, where a lot more work needs to take place," said Rezny.

"There's a problem with the name of the Affordable Care Act," she added. "It is not affordable for some."

Lodiza LePore, a photographer from Bennington, Vermont, is paying about \$1,000 a year for a policy with a

deductible of more than \$3,000. The deductible is the share of medical costs individuals must pay each year before their insurance kicks in.

"You go to the doctor, and you think your insurance is going to cover it, and then you get billed," she said. "You have insurance but you can't really use it."

Former Obama health care aide Ezekiel Emanuel agrees with Clinton that the health law is a success, but it needs more work.

"Some of the compromises and problems that are inherent in the way the ACA works are coming out, and solutions are needed," Emanuel said. "There's no resting on your laurels on this."

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Where in the World?

French-Canadians are originally from France in western Europe. Now they live mainly in Quebec but can be found across Canada.



What's In A Name?

Not everyone is French-Canadian

As most people that know Canadian history can tell you, the French were the first people from Europe to come to Canada. Because of this, many people in Canada today have a French heritage. However, not everyone likes to be called French-Canadian.

In Quebec, for example, they do not consider themselves to be "French-Canadian" and like to be called *québécois*, which is French for "people of Quebec." Other areas have similar groups, including the Franco-Albertans (French-Canadians from Alberta) and Franco-Ontarians. New people that come over from France or French-speaking countries are often called Franco-Canadians to show that they are new to Canada.

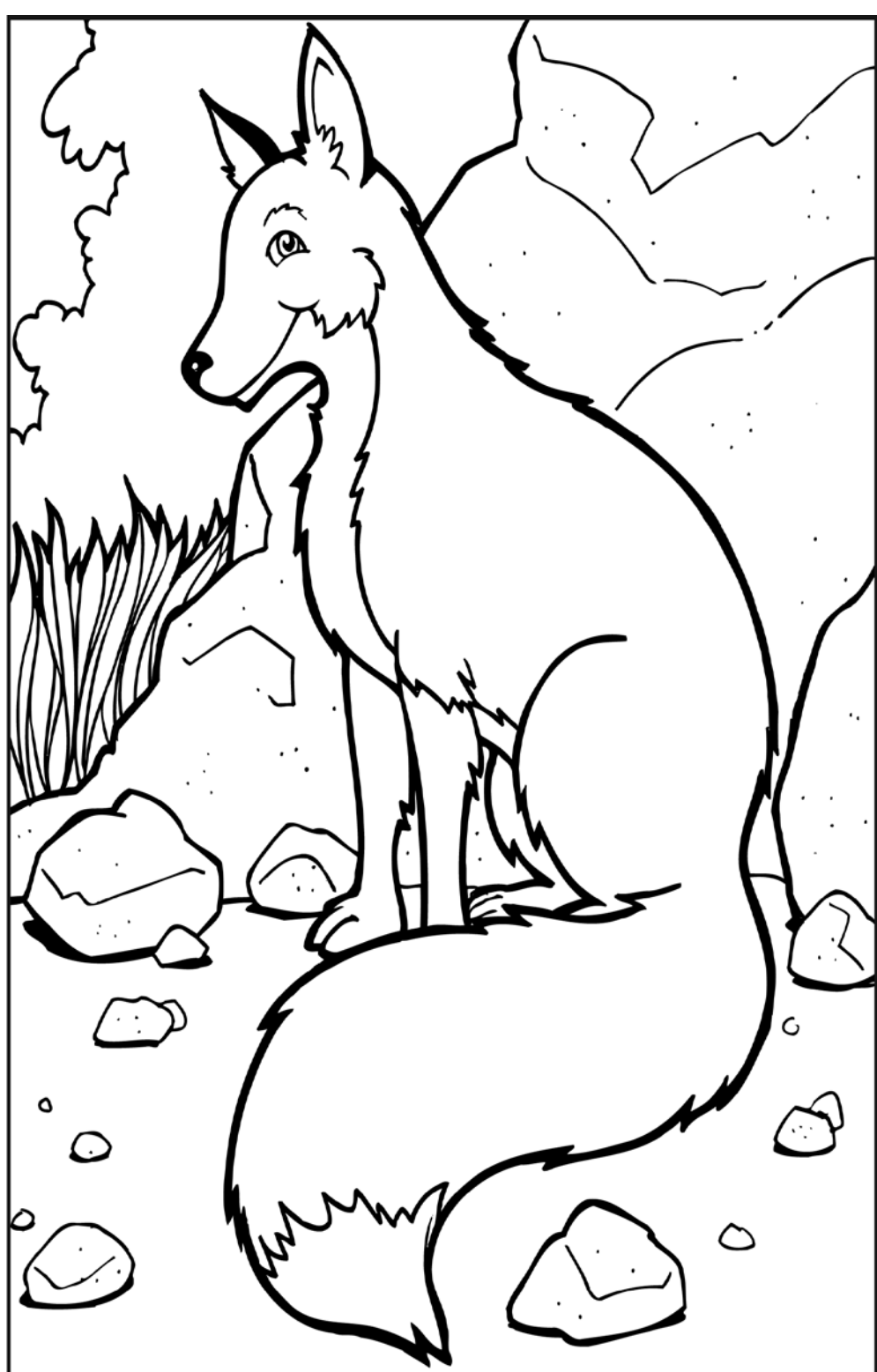
All of the French-Canadian groups, though, have a common history in Canada's founding. The French came over the Atlantic in hopes of claiming new land. They found their new land in Canada, Louisiana and the Mississippi River valley. In what was to become Canada, they found many animals that they could trap for food and clothing, and worked together with many tribes of Native Americans to learn how to make the most of each animal.

In the Seven Years' War (or the French and Indian War), the Indians and the French allied against the British to try to defend the land. The French lost the war, and Canada became part of the British empire. Ever since then, the French-Canadian people have been trying to keep their heritage alive in Canada. In some places like Quebec, signs are posted in French and the residents speak both English and French. The French-Canadians are proud to declare their heritage.



Tour de Neighborhood—Cycling

In France, one of the most popular sports is cycling. You can set up your own race like the Tour de France, the biggest cycling race of the year, with your parents' help. Together, create a safe route around the neighborhood on sidewalks and driveways. Make sure you wear all your safety equipment like a helmet, pads and reflectors, and as you race down the course, be careful of other people. When racing, you can have your parents time you or test to see how well you avoid things in your way. Try different types of races like slowest time, fastest time and there and back. Most importantly, have fun!



COLOR THE PICTURE The red fox is a small animal in the dog family. The most famous French fox is Reynard, a smart fox that plays tricks on other animals. Reynard has been in French stories for over 800 years.

HIDDEN PICTURE



Find these hidden items in the big picture.



Riddle

Q: What did one wall say to the other wall?

A: Meet you at the corner

Parent's Corner: The summaries of life

I think that one of the great treasures in life is being able to share the experiences we have with others. I have been given one of the greatest opportunities in the world in sharing by the pleasure of writing for the Big Spring Herald.

I treasure the space I am given each week and I hope I can always share things that connect with my readers. Today I would like to share something I came in contact with



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several years ago called the Summary of Life. No matter who you are, or where you are, you will find these truths to be self-evident and will conjure up a smile or two as you read them.

As a child you learned the following: 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats. 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair. 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person. 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato. 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food. 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair. 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the

same time. 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts. 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

Then, as we age, we learn some other interesting things. You have heard these before, but let's review them: 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-o to a tree. 2) Wrinkles don't hurt. 3) Families are like fudge, mostly sweet and with a few nuts. 4) Today's mighty oak is just a nut that held its ground. 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside. 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy. 7)

Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional. 8) Forget the health food. We need all the preservatives we can get. 9) When you fall down, look for what else you can do while you're down there. 10) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions. 11) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician. 12) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

Then we learn as we grow older we learn that life is a cycle: 1) At age 4 success is not messing in your pants. 2) At age 12, success is having friends. 3) At age 17, success is having a driver's license. 4) At age 35, success

is having money. 5) At age 50, success is also having money. 6) At age 70, success is having a driver's license. 7) At age 80, success is having friends. 8) At age 90, success is not messing in your pants.

And so goes life, but there is also something we should use as a constant: Forget the troubles that pass our way; but don't forget the blessings we have each day. Oh by the way; I saw a bumper sticker recently that made perfect sense. It said: Everyone has a right to be stupid, but some folks abuse the privilege.

By Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD director of school safety

Star power going viral



Courtesy photo/BSI

Big Spring Intermediate School released a parody of Taylor Swift's "Bad Blood," called "Bad Grades," on the school's Facebook site. The video was made in good fun to inspire students for the upcoming STAAR test. As of Wednesday after, the video has had 16,000 views. Participating in the video are students Mercedes Cantu, Isabella Marquez, Alejandro Bravo, Esmeralda Ramirez Bravo, Kalell Smith-Wennik, Pablito DeHoyos, Natalia Lopez, Wesley Schmidt, and Celeste Martinez with BSI choir teacher Billy Daves. The video also features Ms. Williams, Nurse Robles, Coach Riddle, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Woodard, and Mrs. Sanchez. The video was directed by Jose Ramirez, produced by Billy Daves with additional help by Corey Green and Jared Sanchez.

Commissioner Bush Announces Save Texas History Program Fundraising Campaign

AUSTIN — Commissioner George P. Bush announced the beginning of a month-long Save Texas History program campaign to help raise awareness and funds for historic document preservation.

"Our history is at risk of being lost forever," said Commissioner Bush. "That history shows us not only how we got here, but also gives us the knowledge to understand what here means. If we don't preserve Texas' precious historic documents — documents that show men and women rising to extraordinary heights — our past is essentially erased. Texans deserve better than that."

Throughout the month of May, individuals who donate \$30 or more will receive a Save Texas History kit, including a limited-edition t-shirt bearing the phrase, "I saved Texas history."

Established in 1837, the Texas General Land Office is home to more than 35.5 million documents and 45,000 maps dating back to the year 1561. These documents trace the history of Texas' public lands.

No general revenue from the Legislature is appropriated for conservation of these historic

records. The conservation and promotion of these Texas treasures depends solely on private donations, map purchases and corporate sponsorships.

"Please help ensure Texas history stands the test of time," said Commissioner Bush. "A \$30 contribution can make a world of difference to a document in need of preservation."

Donations to the Save



Courtesy photo/BSI

Big Spring Intermediate School Choir Director Billy Daves and his Honor Choir members spent an afternoon picking up trash around the campus helping to spruce up their school.

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McMurry professor wins Austin Civil War Round Table's Laney Book Prize

Special to the Herald

Dr. Donald Frazier, professor of history at McMurry University in Abilene, has won the 21st annual Daniel M. & Marilyn W. Laney Book Prize given by the Austin Civil War Round Table, Inc. The Daniel M. & Marilyn W. Laney Prize is awarded yearly by the Austin Civil War Round Table, Inc. for distinguished scholarship and writing on the military or political history of the Civil War.

The winning work is *Blood on the Bayou: Vicksburg, Port Hudson, and the Trans-Mississippi*, the third volume of a planned four volume history of the Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi, published by State House Press. This is Frazier's second award of the Laney Prize; the first prize was awarded to Frazier in 2010 for the first volume of the Trans-Mississippi quadrille, *Fire in the Cane Field*.

Blood on the Bayou tells the story of the closing of the Mississippi River by Federal forces in the summer of 1863 but told from the perspective of the west side of the river, describing the lesser known actions that occurred during that summer. The book details how the fighting on this side of the river affected the recently emancipated slaves, created a black army of occupation and forever changed the social and economic landscape of Louisiana and the entire nation.

The Laney Prize money of \$2,000 will be awarded to Frazier at the June 23, 2016 meeting of the Austin Civil War Round Table, Inc.

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Lady Hawks, Hawks both tournament bound

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks are going into the Region V tournament this weekend as the number one seed after Odessa College lost a game to Clarendon College last weekend.

Howard and Odessa each finished with a conference record of 22-6, giving them Co-Conference Champion titles, but Howard holds the tiebreaker for the tournament's top seed due to taking three of four from Odessa earlier in the season. Both teams will have to wait until the second round to get started after they were rewarded with first-round byes. Howard will play the winner of Clarendon College and Western Texas College, while Odessa will play the winner of Midland College and El Paso Community College.

"Everyone keeps asking me about Midland and Odessa, and I keep telling them we've got to get past Clarendon and Western first," Howard head coach Kelly Raines said.

Howard took three of four from Clarendon this season and split their four-game series with Western Texas with each team sweeping their home field doubleheader.

Raines said Celeste Villagrana will likely be the starting pitcher Friday, but the decision isn't completely final.

"It kind of depends because we'll be their second game of the day," she said. "We know pretty much which Western pitcher we'll see, I don't know about Clarendon. But we're pretty sure we're going with Celeste, but that could change."

She said being they only have one game on Friday as opposed to their usual two, she may use all four of her pitchers if she needs to. She also said nothing will change when it comes to the lineup card.

"We're not changing anything. We're just going to go with what we've been doing," she said.

The bye is also beneficial in that Villagrana should be ready to start another game on Saturday.

"Just the one game on Friday, that really helps just that bye," Raines said. "So I'm hoping if they only pitch the one game, then the next game they should be ready to go."

As for the pressure of the tournament, Raines expects her players to handle it well.

"You always worry about that. We have a lot of freshmen in key positions, but the thing is, we've played all these teams and it's nobody new. And we beat every one of them, so I know there's pressure, but hopefully we're going in pretty confident and playing our best on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday," Raines said.

The Lady Hawks also recently received good news about pitcher Arielle Charuk. Though she will need surgery on her hip and probably won't start, she should be available out of the bullpen this weekend.

"She has to have surgery, but the doctor said she might as well go ahead and finish the season. She



FILE photo/Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)
FILE — Howard's Ashley Lopez makes a catch in center field April 22 against Western Texas College.

did close this weekend and got two saves, so we're hoping that she can throw a couple innings. She's not in shape since she's been out for three or four weeks, but she pitched a little bullpen today and she feels good. So I'm looking to see her definitely because these other teams haven't seen her."

At the end of the day, though, Raines expects their games to come down to the offense.

"We need to hit and score runs because that's our game. So if we don't do that we probably don't have a chance," she said.

Hawks clinch tournament berth

The Howard Hawks clinched a trip to Lubbock last weekend after they swept El Paso Community College last weekend and four to Midland College. The weekend guaranteed Howard a top-four finish in the conference.

"It obviously feels good, I mean that's your goal at the start of the year is to get in," Howard head coach Britt Smith said. "But to clinch it and have these last four games is always helpful."

With the Region V tournament already a guarantee, Smith isn't sure exactly how his team is going to handle their upcoming four-game weekend se-

ries with Odessa College.

"I really don't know. A lot of it will depend on Giovanoni's ankle. He didn't throw last week and he still couldn't throw yesterday so we'll just have to see," Smith said.

They're currently tied with New Mexico Junior College for the second and third seeds with a conference record of 23-9, but Smith isn't too worried about which seed his Hawks end up as.

"The 4-seed has won the tournament the past two years. It's the toughest region in the country, and that just shows you why," Smith said. "As a matter of fact, last year all the 1- and 2-seeds lost their first round games. So seeding really doesn't matter, it's just about playing well."

If Giovanoni can't start this weekend, closer and reliever jack-of-all-trades pitcher Jake Davis may get another start after starting for the first time this season last weekend against El Paso.

"It helps us heading into postseason because at least he's started a game. And if we get in a situation where we need him we at least know he can do it."

The first pitch of a doubleheader will be at noon Friday at Odessa College, while the final two games of the series will get started at noon Saturday at Howard.

Blue Jays beat Rangers 4-3



Toronto Blue Jays right fielder Jose Bautista (19) breaks his bat in frustration after hitting a pop fly out during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers, Wednesday. (Nathan Denette/The Canadian Press via AP)

TORONTO (AP) — Hits have been few and far between for Blue Jays catcher Russell Martin in 2016.

His second of Wednesday night's game more than made up for all the early season misery.

Martin singled home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning and the Toronto Blue Jays beat Texas 4-3 on Wednesday night, their second straight last at-bat victory over the Rangers.

Edwin Encarnacion singled off Tony Barnette (1-2) to begin the ninth and was replaced by pinch-runner Ezequiel Carrera. Justin Smoak walked, Troy Tulowitzki popped up and Kevin Pillar walked to load the bases for Martin, who drove a ball beyond the reach of Nomar Mazara into the right field corner.

"I was just thinking of trying to drive the ball somehow," said Martin, whose two-hit effort boosted his bat-

ting average to .169. "The end result, I'm definitely happy about it."

Martin was mobbed behind the mound by his teammates. The Blue Jays won 3-1 in 10 innings Tuesday on Smoak's second home run of the game.

"It's huge for Russell," Blue Jays starter Aaron Sanchez said. "Obviously, that was a huge hit. He'd been struggling to get that big hit in a key spot."

Roberto Osuna (1-0) worked one inning for the win.

Barnette blamed poor control for the two costly walks.

"It's tough luck," he said. "I lost a little bit of control. I've got to be able to keep the team in it and give them a chance. I didn't do that tonight."

The Rangers have lost two straight after winning five of six. They are 5-8 on the road and have lost six of their past seven away from home.

WJCAC Standings — Softball
1. Howard College (41-15, 22-6)
2. Odessa College (41-20, 22-6)
3. Midland College (41-13, 21-7)
4. Clarendon College (32-25, 17-11)
5. Western Texas College (26-30, 15-13)
6. El Paso CC (22-33-1, 11-17)
7. Frank Phillips College (11-41, 2-26)
8. Luna Community College (8-37, 2-26)

WJCAC Standings — Baseball
1. Midland College (35-16, 27-5)
2. Howard College (33-19, 23-9)
3. New Mexico Junior College (33-19, 23-9)
4. Clarendon College (33-18, 21-11)
5. New Mexico Military Institute (24-28, 18-14)
6. Odessa College (27-25, 16-16)
7. Western Texas College (14-35, 11-21)
8. Frank Phillips College (13-38, 8-24)
9. El Paso CC (10-41, 7-25)
10. Luna Community College (11-39, 6-26)

Star Athlete of the Week

Jackson Owens

Howard Hawks



FILE photo/Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Jackson Owens had to battle in the early Owens for the starting second baseman role, but he hasn't looked back since locking it down. He highlighted an excellent second half with a stellar weekend against El Paso Community College, going 6-for-10 in the final three games of the series. He had two home runs, including a grand slam, a triple, a double, 11 RBIs, and three runs scored.

"He provided us a little more than the other guys offensively, and he's

really picked up his game defensively. At the start of the year it was his defense that was keeping him off the field more than anything. His progression on the field is what's really allowed him to be in the lineup, because you've got to have the ability to defend at second base. And he's given us that and that's why there's been consistent improvement. He got his final opportunity out there and just ran with it," Howard head coach Britt Smith said.

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DISTRICT 08
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NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 31, 2016
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV
Rule 38
Case No. 08-0300026
Status/Permit No. 813690

CORRECTED NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ENCANA OIL & GAS(USA) INC., [RRC Operator No. 251691] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 35, Bk. 33 T1S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-375, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 5.8 miles S direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

Legals

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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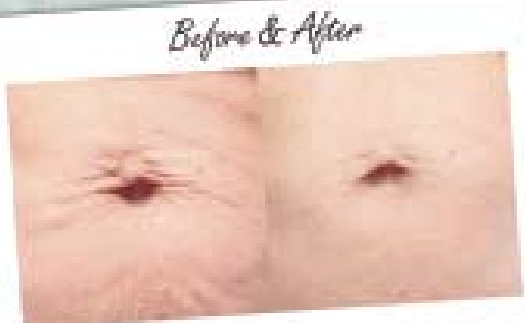
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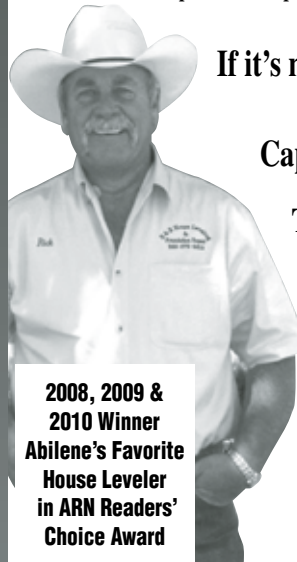
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). While your heightened awareness of your surroundings is of great use to yourself and others these days, the time to let loose of your vigilance is coming -- tomorrow. So don't relax just yet!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Welcome to yet another day when you'll be around people who don't share your beliefs. These foreign minds have strange ideas about how the world works and the meanings of things, but you'll be more amused than offended.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Many wonderful ideas look a lot easier than they really are. What starts out as the best idea ever will

develop into a royal pain unless you quickly get other people involved to help handle the dozens of details likely to come up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A disagreement exists between you and your dear comrade. Why does everything have to be solved? Take it on if you must, but if you don't, rest assured there are truly have enough commonalities to go on for a long while.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You make others feel comfortable -- maybe too comfortable. You're constantly getting information and stories you wish you could un-hear. Take heart in the fact that you're doing an important public service.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Inanimate objects will provide interesting obstacles for your mind and body to find a way around. Being forced to deal with impossibly cumbersome resources and inadequate tools is what will make you great.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To want too much from someone is an act of rejection. To want nothing more or other than what the person naturally delivers is an act of love. Expect a loved one to be who they are and do what they do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've been exposed to many different ideas and beliefs. Furthermore, you've been praised and rewarded for your open mind. This isn't the norm in many societies. One of the hardest things for you to tolerate is intolerance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are so many ways to go wrong, most of which can be easily accessed from a state of impatience. So cling to the one virtue that will most keep you from regret: patience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're not out to change anyone's mind, and you resent when others try to change yours. Also, this almost never works. Once you've decided on what to do, it's as good as done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you're putting out to the world is a little on the unusual side and frankly so are you -- at least according to the new people lucky enough to experience what you do today. Gather contact information!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you understand how a person's past can affect his or her behavior, you are slow to judge the one who responds more drastically than is

necessary. Your wisdom will one day be deeply appreciated.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 5). Over the next six weeks you will expand your social horizons through church, networking groups and community functions. Your love life will flourish, too. Something lost will be regained in July. You'll be appointed to a position that will utilize your talent for rousing, energizing and motivating those around you. Pisces and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 22, 28 and 3.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "What do you have to say to a hygienist who is secretly in love with her dentist boss? I'm afraid that the other hygienists know because I caught them whispering and when I approached they shut up quickly. I've been trying not to flirt as much ever since. But if they know, then he probably does, too. I can't tell if he's interested in me or if he just has a fantastic personality and makes everyone feel as though they are the most important person in the world. He's a Capricorn; I'm a Libra."

So now that you know you are not so "secretly" in love after all, you need to get smart about it. The

co-workers talking in hushed tones have issued you your warning ticket. Now you're on probation. This is your chance to act as professionally as possible to save your status in the workplace. Capricorn bosses tend toward conservative views, and yours is likely to take a traditional hard line against dating in the workplace. When you're at work, you should really be thinking exclusively of the job you're doing, especially when your work involves sharp tools inside another person's mouth.

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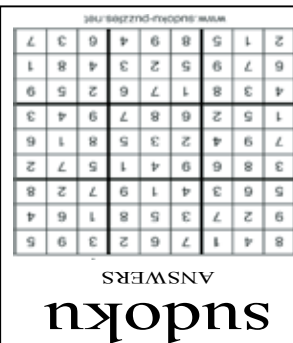
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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My mother has always been a strong presence in my life. Growing up, I couldn't do anything right. She took things away from me and redid them, or stood over me and directed.

Three years ago, my husband suggested we move my parents in with us because their neighborhood had become drug and gang infested and we feared for their safety. Dad has Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, which have greatly slowed his movements, but he is still able to feed, bathe and dress himself. However, living with my mom is a nightmare. She pokes her head into our bedroom many times a day and stands over me in the kitchen, often getting between me and whatever I'm doing. I have tried talking to her about it, but it doesn't help.

We recently bought a house in another city. I would love to get my parents set up in their own place now, but Mom has repeatedly said she can't take care of my father by herself. I feel so trapped and guilty. What do I do? --

Wilting in the South

Dear Wilting: There are ways to help your mother care for Dad without sacrificing your happiness and independence. Look into assisted-living facilities close enough for you to visit often. Check out home health care options, including the Visiting Nurse Association (vnaa.org). Call the Eldercare Locator (eldercare.gov) at 1-800-677-1116 and ask for help. Mom may not like it, but you have to take care of your mental health.

Dear Annie: I would be grateful if you pass along to your readers some helpful hints when leaving a voicemail message, especially on a cellphone. I'm a Realtor and receive several such messages every day. Many people leave long, rambling messages and then say their phone number so quickly I can't get it the first time. I then have to go back and listen to the whole message again. Please tell your readers when leaving a voicemail to keep it short, say your phone number slowly and then repeat

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Dear Realtor: This goes for any voicemail, whether cellphone or landline answering machine. Sometimes the connection is scratchy. Repeating the number slowly would help. Please, readers, keep this in mind. It could explain why some of your phone messages haven't been returned.

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Dear Jennifer Tislerics: We appreciate the clarification. Any readers interested in making a lifesaving donation should check your website.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@creators.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. You can also find Annie on Facebook at Facebook.com/AskAnnie. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.
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Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — five of hearts.

It is said that every weapon devised by the will of man sooner or later leads to an effective counter-weapon that acts as an equalizer. I don't know whether this is literally true or not, but I do know that in bridge, many situations arise where an equivalent principle applies. This deal occurred in a team-of-four match. At the first table, West led a heart against South's three-trump contract. East took

dummy's queen with the king and returned a heart to the ace. Declarer now played a low club to the ten, losing to West's jack, and West returned a heart to South's jack.

Declarer then led the king of clubs and overtook it with dummy's ace. When East's queen fell, South was able to run dummy's clubs and make four notrump.

The same contract was defeated at the second table after a heart lead by West and a heart return by East to dummy's ace. Again declarer led a low club to the ten, but here West allowed South's ten to win the trick! As a result, declarer could not run dummy's clubs and finished down two.

Both declarers were very much on their toes in playing the clubs as they did. They realized that their best chance for the contract was to find East with the Q-x or J-x of clubs, in which case they would score five club tricks after losing the ten to West's jack or queen.

The second declarer ran into unusually inspired defense as West found the countermeasure to confuse South's plan. West sacrificed a club trick by refusing to take his jack, but his side got three tricks back in exchange.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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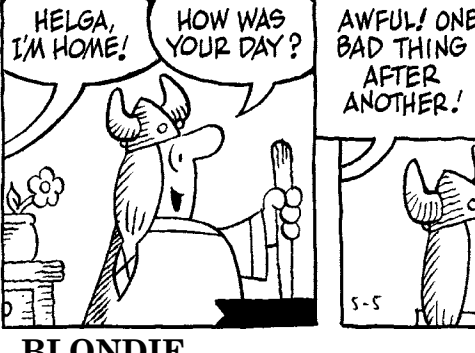
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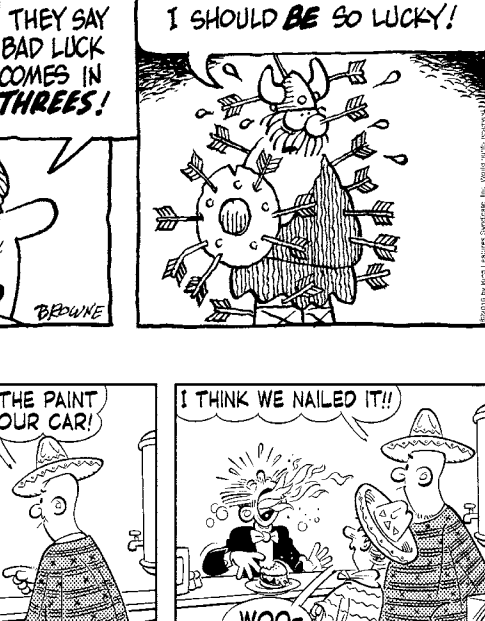
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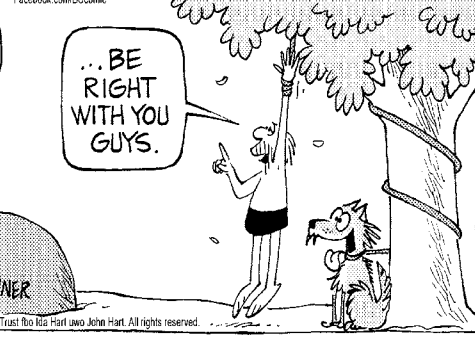
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 5, the 126th day of 2016. There are 240 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 5, 1866, the town of Waterloo, New York, observed a day honoring the fallen soldiers of the Civil War. (Although a proclamation signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966 recognizes this observance as the first Memorial Day, the claim is disputed by other communities who say they were the first to create a holiday commemorating America's war dead.)

On this date:

In 1821, Napoleon Bonaparte, 51, died in exile on the island of St. Helena.

In 1862, Mexican troops defeated French occupying forces in the Battle of Puebla.

In 1891, New York's Carnegie Hall (then named "Music Hall") had its official opening night, featuring Russian composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky as a guest conductor.

In 1925, schoolteacher John T. Scopes was charged in Tennessee with violating a state law that prohibited teaching the theory of evolution. (Scopes was found guilty, but

FOR THE BOYS by Billie Truitt

his conviction was later set aside.)

In 1936, the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, fell to Italian invaders.

In 1941, Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie returned to Addis Ababa after the Italians were driven out with the help of Allied forces.

In 1945, in the only fatal attack of its kind during World War II, a Japanese balloon bomb exploded on Gearhart Mountain in Oregon, killing the pregnant wife of a minister and five children. Denmark and the Netherlands were liberated as a German surrender went into effect.

In 1955, West Germany became a fully sovereign state. The baseball musical "Damn Yankees" opened on Broadway.

In 1961, astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute suborbital flight aboard Mercury capsule Freedom 7.

In 1973, Secretariat won the Kentucky Derby, the first of his Triple Crown victories.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army hunger-striker Bobby Sands died at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland in his 66th day without food.

In 1994, Singapore caned American teenager Michael Fay for vandalism, a day after the sentence was reduced from six lashes to four in response to an appeal by President Bill Clinton.

Ten years ago: A military transport helicopter crashed in eastern Afghanistan, killing all ten U.S. soldiers on board.

Five years ago: Solemnly honoring victims of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, President Barack Obama hugged survivors at ground zero in New York and declared that the killing of Osama bin Laden was an American message to the world: "When we say we will never forget, we mean what we say." Pakistan's army broke its silence over the U.S. commando raid that killed bin Laden, acknowledging its "shortcomings" in finding him but threatening to review cooperation with Washington if there were another similar violation of Pakistani sovereignty.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Pined (for)
 - 6 Orchestral accessories
 - 10 "I suppose so"
 - 14 Capital at 0.23 degrees South Latitude
 - 15 Lake that sounds strange
 - 16 Notable NSA suer
 - 17 I Love Lucy executive producer
 - 18 Guatemalan girl
 - 19 Lose fur
 - 20 Door buster
 - 23 62 Across promoters
 - 24 Minor damage
 - 25 Sanitizes
 - 29 Small explosion
 - 30 Guy in the military alphabet
 - 31 Swindler, e.g.
 - 34 Stylishly flashy, for short
 - 36 Comb maker
 - 37 Good price/performance ratio
 - 41 Mouse hunter
 - 42 Strike through
 - 43 Sprinter's stats
 - 44 Ultra-tidy type
 - 47 Rule out
 - 48 Johnny Depp's director role
 - 49 Bowl over
 - 51 Big money, briefly
 - 54 Martin Frobisher contemporary
 - 57 Course creator
 - 60 Approaching
- DOWN
- 1 Jordanian port
 - 2 Band-Aid rival
 - 3 Intimates
 - 4 Simone's state
 - 5 Nodded
 - 6 Nigger neighbor
 - 7 Circular sealer
 - 8 Tanagers take it
 - 9 "I haven't a clue"
 - 10 Whine
 - 11 Prefix for system
 - 12 Maximal effort
 - 13 Modest quarters
 - 21 Fabric flaw
 - 22 Just like
 - 26 Wedding keepsake
 - 27 Family member
 - 28 Goes after
 - 29 Identify, so to speak
 - 30 Insincere talk
 - 31 Flank alternative
 - 32 Spoke haltingly
 - 33 Family member
 - 34 Understand, in sci-fi slang
 - 35 No nickname for Vuitton
 - 38 Rust agents
 - 39 Point of comparison
 - 40 Storage container
 - 45 Caramel candy
 - 46 ". . . _ iron bars a cage"
 - 47 Public transport
 - 49 Climb up
 - 50 Short on energy
 - 51 Seder staple
 - 52 "That's no surprise"
 - 53 Hear (about)
 - 55 Name on the cover of *Biloxi Blues*
 - 56 Car mirror view
 - 57 Louisiana winter hrs.
 - 58 Foal food
 - 59 Tetons grazer

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*Howard-Glasscock
Relay for Life
6 p.m.-Midnight, May 6, 2016
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum*

Come Relay with us: It's all about hope

It's that time of year again when we gather as a community to Celebrate

Cancer Survivors, Remember those that we have lost to cancer and to Fight Back through volunteering and participating in the Relay For Life of Howard and Glasscock counties!



MANNY NEGRON

Ten years ago I walked onto the parking lot of Big Spring High School, where I would experience my first Relay For Life. I had never heard of Relay For Life or the word cancer until I had moved to Texas. I was invited to be a part of the Wal-Mart team, stayed up all night and walked!

soon realize for what during my 10 years as a participant.

Relay For Life is the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. The funds raised at every local Relay For Life event helps with Cancer Research; education and awareness; and to provide patient services to our local cancer patients.

In the past 10 years I realized what HOPE is ... I see it in our Survivors as they fight day and night just to live. I see it in our volunteers who give up their time and money for a majority of the year to be sure that we have a successful event.

I see it in the family member who walks six hours to help finish the fight against cancer. I see it in the Team



Captain who organizes fundraisers for their team to help reach the event goal.

I see HOPE in Howard and Glasscock counties and it is because of everything this community does for the American Cancer Society.

Our local event has been in existence for more than 20 years. Thank you to Diane Wood, Joanne Forest, Lisa Brooks and the rest of the first group of

volunteers for seeing the need for this event and responding.

Our fight is not over! The American Cancer Society announced earlier this year that, since 1991, we have seen a 23 percent decline in cancer deaths! Amazing! This is due to our local Relay For Life event and many others across our nation. We are making a difference but we are not done yet.

My HOPE is that we

will respond and invest into the lives of the future generation, so they don't have to hear those words "you have cancer." I volunteered for seven of the last 10 years and participated in the Relay For Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties.

I am blessed to not only be a participant but also to be the community manager for this amazing event for the past three seasons.

My wife and recently had a baby. I want to be my baby's superhero and I want her to be able to tell her friends, "my daddy helped cure cancer." I invest into the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life for my daughter, wife and my dog...they are all at risk of getting cancer.

The national theme this year is Paint Your World Purple. I want to personally invite you to help us Paint Our World Purple and invest into the American Cancer Society. Our goal for this event is \$145,000. I am asking for Howard and Glasscock Counties to step out and invest into the American Cancer Society.

We are a third of the way to our goal, but that is not enough. Please join me on Friday, May 6, 2016 from 6 p.m. to midnight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Sonic Floor to Paint our World Purple. Your help will continue to help the American Cancer Society save lives and create a world with less cancer. Thank you and God bless Howard and Glasscock counties!

Manny Negron is community manager for this year's Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life

Straight from the heart

Howard and Vickie Stewart are emotional warriors in the fight against cancer



At first blush, the pairing of Howard and Vickie Stewart to Relay for Life seems an odd one. After all, RFL is a major fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, and cancer is something that's been blessedly absent from the Stewart family tree.

Add to that the fact the Stewarts became involved with Relay almost by accident and it's hard to see an emotional connection between them and the event.

Look closer, however, and you'll see emotions are the driving force behind the couple's

almost two-decade-long involvement with Relay.

Howard, as any of his friends can testify, is the kind of man who wears his heart on his sleeve — a man whose heart "is as big as West Texas," as Vickie says — so it's not unusual for him to get emotional when talking about subjects near and dear to him. Vickie, on the other hand, claims to be the more dispassionate of the couple, but even her voice catches when she talks about Relay.

"I'm very family oriented, and I don't want my grandkids to ever have to go through hearing

the words, "You've got cancer,"" Vickie said. "So, if I can do anything to help find a cure, I'm willing to do it."

Her husband is equally committed to the fight against the deadly disease.

"Ever since I got into this, I've seen so many improvements in medicine — it's not automatically a death sentence anymore," he said. "Survivors are living longer and (doctors) are finding new treatments. Hopefully, They'll find a cure soon. I want cancer to become like polio, where it's

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Why we Relay: The people behind the event

Debbie Val Verde:

I RELAY to celebrate being cancer free for 10 years! I RELAY to remember my loved ones who lost their battle — Dad, Tia Mary, Uncle Frank, Pat, Elice, Olga, Marcie, Jerry, Abraham ... too many more. I RELAY to let others know that I am fighting alongside with them Jeannie, Connie, Pano, Paula, I RELAY so that my niece Sophie, or anyone else, does not hear those words "you have cancer." "Don't Stop Believing" is my Hero of Hope Fight Song! There is no finish line until we find a cure!

Maggie Gonzlaes:

I relay for both of my parents, brother and grandfather, who are my angels. I relay for my two sisters who are cancer survivors! I relay for all of my other loved ones, who number too many, who I've lost to this dreaded disease. I relay for my cousins who are currently fighting. I relay so that the number of survivors will one day outnumber our Angels. But mostly, I think I relay so that even though I don't have any kids, that none of my nieces and nephews and their little ones will ever, ever have to hear those words that can punch your heart out and pull the rug out from under you: "You've got cancer."

Azure Wilbert:

I Relay for my mother who lost her battle

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A touch of normal

In a small room in the back of her store, Sherry Phillips helps cancer patients feel better about themselves — one wig at a time

“We have a makeup emergency!” shouted a customer as her and her daughter walked through the doors of Sherry Phillips’ Merle Norman store off of Gregg Street. In less than five minutes, Phillips had calmed both mother and daughter, found the perfect foundation color, and sent them both on their way. Mission completed.

Phillips has been taking care of Big Spring’s “makeup emergencies” for four years now, but in the back of her store, behind the brushes and powders, flip-flops and necklaces, lies one of her biggest passions: wigs. And not just wigs, but hats, scarves, and wraps, all for local cancer patients, and all for free. “I started the wig program about 3 and a half years ago, but before that it was at First United Methodist Church here in Big Spring, but

it was hard to manage and was not effective there,” explained Phillips. “When they asked if I would do it here in my store, I agreed.”

But helping out her church project isn’t the only reason that Phil-



lips agreed. Phillips has a personal connection and place in her heart for those suffering from cancer.

“My mother passed away from cancer,” said Phillips. “I do this to honor her memory.”

According to Phillips, all the wigs, hats, scarves, and wraps come from donations from people in the community. When someone undergoing cancer treatment such as che-

motherapy or radiation comes into her store, she guides them to the back to pick out a free wig.

“When people come in I try and give them a wig, but some take hats or scarves as well,” said Phillips. “The main thing is, I want them to have a wig.”

The back of Phillips’ store boasts an impressive number of wigs for a small shop that relies only on donation. The wigs come in all different colors for those wanting to stick to their natural color along with mirrors for trying on. It’s during this process that Phillips really gets to know the person.

“They pour out these stories and I am really interested in hearing them,” said Phillips. “They say they are so appreciative but I really get a blessing from it. To be able to help someone is so wonderful. All it takes is a little bit of your time.”

While Phillips and the Methodist Church do not advertise the program often in a conventional sense, thanks to the tight knit community of Big Spring and the surrounding areas, the program has spread. However, Phil-



lips hopes to get more people in the know of the program as Relay season quickly approaches.

“It’s a word of mouth kind of thing,” said Phillips. “Last week I had two people, some weeks are busy and some weeks I don’t have anyone come in at all.”

Although Phillips is not running in the Relay for Life this year, she supports the program 100 percent and hopes to perhaps bring a wig or two to get the word out about the wig donation program.

“One thing about the Relay that is encouraging is the survivor’s walk,” said Phillips. “It is so encouraging to see people get better. It is like that here in the store too. Some customers come back a few months after they have gotten a wig and they’re

all better.”

And while the Relay goes to help research how to beat cancer, Phillips is proud that her wig donation program is something that goes to help the citizens in Howard, Glasscock, and Martin County.

“There are organizations and charities that help nationally and that is wonderful, but we need to help locally more,” said Phillips.

“There is a need in this community and I think if people knew that, they would help more. This is my chance to help locally.”

If you are interested in donating wigs or are in need of a wig due to cancer treatment, contact Phillips at 432-263-6161 or stop by her Merle Norman store at 1210 S Gregg St.

— Amanda Elston

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with cancer 13 years ago. Since then I have also come to know several people fighting now or also had lost their life to cancer. I Relay with hope that one day we WILL find a cure.

Julie Alvarez:

I Relay for the taken, for the sick, and for the survivor. I Relay for every fight won, for every battle lost, and for everyone still fighting. I Relay so that one day a cure will be found.

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more-or-less eliminated.”

Howard was the first member of the family to become involved with Relay for Life, and he admits he stepped in rather begrudgingly. In 1998, he was employed by Big Spring Independent School District when his boss, Assistant Superintendent Ron Logback, came to him with a request in advance of that year’s Relay at Blankenship

Field.

Well, maybe “request” is too mild a term.

“I was basically told to be there,” Howard said. “(Logback) came up to me and said, ‘What are you doing Friday?’ When I told him I didn’t have any plans, he told be I needed to be at Blankenship Field to help turn the lights on and off ... So, my story’s pretty different from others who work on Relay — I was paid to be there.”

Howard’s reluctance, however, was soon quashed watching the enthusiasm RFL volun-

teers displayed during the event, and quickly decided he wanted to be a part of the action. He recruited a group of BSISD bus drivers to form a RFL team and, along the way, convinced his wife to join up, as well.

“Howard’s personality is what keeps us involved in this,” Vickie said. “He’s a workaholic, but he has a heart as big as West Texas. If it weren’t for Howard being as involved, I wouldn’t be — he’s the one who pulled me in.”

And their involvement has enthusiastic, to say the least. Over

the years, they have done just about everything — from grunt work to chairing the event multiple times.

If that sounds like a lot of work, rest assured, it is. For the couple, it’s a year-round commitment.

Relay for Life’s calendar year begins on Sept. 1 and runs through the following August. During that time, there is fundraising to coordinate, seminars to attend, volunteers to recruit and a thousand other details that must be ironed out before event.

“I’ve been event

chair four times,” Vickie said. “Committee people come and go, so it’s something I was always working at ... We start looking for sponsorships in October, because that’s when a lot of businesses are setting their budgets for the coming year ... now, I’m area volunteer coordinator for all the Relays in our area, which means I’m on the road a lot.”

If all that is a strain, however, it’s one the Stewarts gladly bear.

“Of everything I’ve been a part of, this is a group that most goes out of its way to

help people, and that’s because we never know who’s going to be the next one who receives that diagnosis,” Howard said. “You look at people like Diane Wood and Lisa Brooks — they’re the ones that got Relay started here. They’re my heroes.”

“I love the camaraderie of getting (cancer) survivors together and hearing their stories,” he added, “but I also know that every cent we raise at Relay is a cent the American Cancer Society didn’t have before.”

— Steve Reagan



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