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Drew Mouton, left, and Tommy Churchwell go over some information conserning the CARE Fund — a fund designed to help shoulder some of the financial burdens a long-term illness can cause.

Community Foundation has philanthropic opportunities

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Foundation is looking for financial backing from the community for a new endowment that could help soften the financial burden illness has on many residents.

The endowment, which was started with an initial donation of $10,000, is part of a network of funds the The Big Spring Area Community Foundation oversees, according to local attorney Drew Mouton.

"The community foundation is based on the same model all community foundations around the country are based on. The closest one to our area is the Permian Basin Foundation in the Midland-Odessa area," Mouton said. "The foundation is really a conduit for people who want to get involved with philanthropy and to help them realize their philanthropic goals. Some people have the ability to set up their own foundations, which are private foundations. The best example of that is the Dora Roberts Foundation, which is a private foundation.

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Howard County Health Clinic soon to be reality, officials say

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

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It has been a long road from dream to reality for the Howard County Health Clinic.

The clinic, which has suffered more stops and starts than metropolitan rush hour traffic, will soon become reality, thanks to an outpouring of private and public support.

The latest push the clinic received came when it received $150,000 from the Big Spring Economic Development Corp. to help with renovation of the clinic's future home at 1300 Gregg. Clinic officials and BSEDC representatives put their signatures on the formal agreement Friday morning.

If all goes well, the clinic should be open to the public around May 1, said Ann Farley, clinic manager.

This green light caps more than two years of effort on the part of community and county leaders to provide a clinic tooled toward low-income residents.

"It took us about 2½ years, but people in Austin we talked to when we first started this said it would probably take 5 to 7 years," Farley said. "So we're actually on sort of a fast track, although it really doesn't seem that way."

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HC preps for budget showdown

District stands to lose $2.7M under proposed House package

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

In the week since the Texas House of Representatives announced its proposed state budget for the coming biennium, officials have been busy analyzing the numbers to determine exactly what they would mean to Howard College.

The short answer? Little in the area of good news.

HC escaped the list of Texas community colleges targeted for closure by the proposed House budget, but other than that, the news is bleak. The House is proposing cuts that would lop off close to $3 million a year from the combined budgets of Howard and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and would

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County to state: No unfunded mandates

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A number of routine matters top the agenda for Howard County commissioners Monday morning, as the court looks to lend its support to House Joint Resolution 56, which calls for a constitutional amendment prohibiting unfunded and under-funded mandates from the state of Texas.

County Judge Mark Barr said the county's resolution, if approved, will help show support for the House resolution, which touches on a sore issue among most county government officials.

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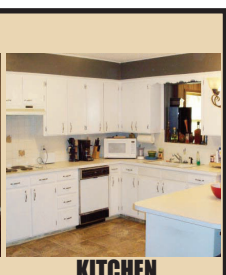
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Seliger files bill to forfeit pensions of officials who abuse public trust

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, filed Senate Bill 371 this week to eliminate retirement annuity payments to members of the Legislature and statewide elected officials who are convicted of felonies arising directly from the official duties of their elected offices.


Seliger

"Tax-supported pensions are justified by honorable service and citizenship. If this condition is acceptable for the judiciary, then it should be acceptable to members of the legislature and all statewide elected officials," said Seliger.

Under SB 371, the specific offenses that would trigger the elimination of the annuity include bribery, embezzlement, extortion, theft of public money, perjury and conspiracy.

Upon conviction of one or more of these offenses, the retirement annuity contributions would be returned to the annuitant without interest.

Current Texas law already requires all elected and appointed judges to forfeit their Judicial Retirement System pensions upon impeachment or removal for official misconduct.

Of the 10 largest states, only Texas and New York lack a pension forfeiture law for their state elected officials.

It is worthwhile to note that in 2007, bills to enact similar pension forfeiture requirements to members of Congress passed both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, but the bodies could not come to an agreement on a final bill to send to President George W. Bush.

Seliger represents District 31 in the Texas Senate, spanning 26 counties from the Panhandle to the Permian Basin.

Seliger currently serves as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting, as well as actively serving on the Education, Finance, International Relations and Trade, and Natural Resources Committees.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 1/23	Mon 1/24	Tue 1/25	Wed 1/26	Thu 1/27
57/28	65/29	64/33	63/32	61/32
Partly cloudy. High 57F. Winds N at 10 to 20 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 20s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.
Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:12 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 6:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:15 PM

WTO sets community meeting

West Texas Opportunities will be holding its Community Meeting at the Howard County Library on Jan. 28 at 1:30 p.m.

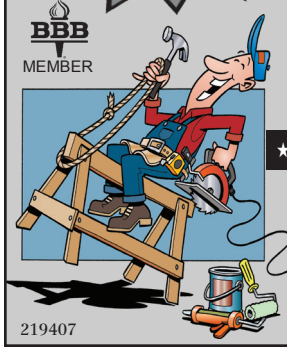
Guest speaker will be Jennifer Applin. The topic will be the Farm Workers Education and Retraining Program.

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2008 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Arizona Beige w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/28,000 Miles. Stk# 2657A.
Was $27,995 NOW $25,995
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Media ethics sometimes lacking

Opinion



Thomas Jenkins

As the search for 13-year-old Hailey Dunn of Colorado City gets ready to move into its fourth week, tensions within the small West Texas town and outlying communities continue to grow.

And within those tensions are numerous rumors, miscommunications, false claims and bald face lies, growing like a cancerous tumor in the heart of a Lone Star region best known for its ability to pull together and protect its own.

Missing since Dec. 27, Dunn's disappearance has served as a reminder to many West Texas parents that the sort of quietly assumed safety each of us enjoys living outside the hustle and bustle of larger metropolitan areas is fragile, at best. And, if anything, the Hailey Dunn case has shattered that illusion of safety, forcing many of us to take a second look at the safety of our children.

While volunteers from all over the region — Big Spring, Abilene and San Angelo, just to name a few — continue to search the vast fields and brushy expanses of Colorado City and nearby communities, the need to bring Hailey Dunn home continues to mount.

Unfortunately, bringing Hailey home isn't necessarily everyone's first priority. For many involved in this case, locating the young girl is simply a fringe benefit to be enjoyed while capitalizing on increased ratings that generate more and more advertising dollars.

At the center of that media whirlwind is none other than Nancy Grace, former prosecuting attorney turned television personality for the HLN Network.

Honestly, I'm not sure how much of the mishandling of this story can actually be blamed on Grace, who, as all media personalities do, answers to her network's head honchos. Regardless, it is her reputation she is putting on the line each night as she reports the details of the search for Dunn.

We've all heard claims the media "sensationalizes" stories in efforts to drive up ratings, which, in the end, determines what they can charge for advertising. And, as much as I hate to admit it, it's true. Any media outlet that isn't a not-for-profit agency has to deal with this fact of life, and at any given time efforts are ongoing to identify methodologies to increase ratings or circulations.

However, there is, and always should be, a line that shouldn't be crossed. Ever.

You can call it ethics or just plain, old common sense, but there are just some things that should not be used to generate revenue, and a missing 13-year-old girl is a prime example.

Shoddy reporting and fact finding, coupled with the mentality to "get it first, not necessarily right," is what's driving Grace's supposed examination of the Dunn case. Of course, they want America to believe all they care about is helping young Hailey Dunn, and they don't want to discuss the way misreported and misrepresented details in the case have devastated Dunn's family and friends.

There's a secret motto in television news many joke about but don't want the public to know about. "If it bleeds, it leads." I can't tell you how many times I heard that during my four years as a television news journalist, and it still abounds today.

With everyone on edge — especially parents — during this time, it's no wonder rumors run rampant. It's easy to pass judgment on Hailey's parents or Shawn Adkins — Billie Dunn's live-in boyfriend — right now. However, judgment should be left to the court system, where each of us is to be considered innocent until proven guilty.

I'm sure Nancy Grace and her producers couldn't care less what a community newspaper reporter and writer like me thinks of them or what their reporting is doing to our communities. And I'm well aware my little rant here isn't likely to persuade anyone from gawking at her television show, night after night.

It's hard to say whether the media's lack of ethics is a reflection of its viewers and their desires, or vice versa. What I do know, however, is changes are needed, and the American people are the only ones that can call for them.

Regardless of the outcome of the Hailey Dunn case, let's hope the media — television, radio, newspapers and others — treats the matter with some dignity and respect. While the people involved with the search may seem like characters in a movie or television show, they aren't. They are our friends and neighbors, and they deserve our help and compassion.

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realize their philanthropic goals and wishes by creating a fund within the foundation that can be used for the purposes they want to see it go toward. If they want to create a scholarship in the memory of a loved one, all they need is a way to fund it. They contribute the money to the foundation, at which time we enter into a contract with them that says they or others will provide us with funds to provide for the endowment, we'll name it and agree, contractually, that all income we earn on that permanent endowment will be used specifically for the purpose they want it used for."

Tommy Churchwell, who is currently working to educate the public on the endowment, said the fund — named the CARE Fund — is designed to help shoulder some of the financial burdens a long-term illness can cause, items that are not covered by insurance.

"Every endowment begins with a contract saying you'll put in $10,000 to create the endowment. You can do that with a one-time payment or you can do it with a 10-year commitment at $1,000 per year," Churchwell said. "But it has to begin with $10,000 or more. This fund is aimed at people who have a hardship, but it's not designed to pay for medical treatment. It's aimed at their travel expenses, overnight stays, babysitting, things that there is no insurance for. You can't buy coverage for these kinds of things.

"What we want to do is be able to find these people, people that are ruined by these sort of expenses. The kind of person that is working, has a house and car, but this is such a long term burden on them, every extra dollar they have goes toward gas, hotels and things like that, which really add up. The fund is there to help soften the blow a little bit. It's never going to make any one individual whole or solve all their needs. It's designed to work a little bit here and there."

And, because the fund is driven by a permanent endowment, Mouton said it is designed to be there for the community forever.

"An endowment is a fund that is held forever. The principal of the fund is never spent," Mouton said. "The funds that are paid out of that fund is limited to the revenue and income that is attributable to that fund. In good times, when interest rates are better and there is more revenue, the endowment will have more funds to grant. In tough economic times, when interest rates are low, the fund will have less.

"Either way, however, you will always have some money. That aspect of an endowment is dependent on the economy. We currently have between 15 and 20 funds we're responsible for today, and two of those are temporary, which is unusual. Our primary objectives are permanent endowed funds that will be there, quite literally, forever."

Churchwell said the CARE Fund will act to reimburse financial hardships related to long term illness through local charitable organizations, who will be responsible for determining the needs and requesting the funds.

"In this particular case, it's more like a reimbursement. It's not money that's handed out ahead of time," Churchwell said. "There are so many people that are in need of just gas money to go to Midland and get cancer treatments every week, sometimes as many as five times a week. Where do you get that money? I don't know of any other place you can get that kind of money for individuals.

"Think about it. If we are able to give 5 percent of the $10,000 fund — which is around what it's expected to earn — we'd be able to hand out $500. Obviously, the reason for publicizing the fund is to get people to participate in funding this and getting it to, say, $1 million. Then we'd have $50,000 to give out each year. That's what we're trying to get out to the people, that if they want to give $25 in lieu of sending flowers or a gift, you can give that to the CARE fund, and with enough people, we can get there, get to that $1 million."

Mouton said he hopes area residents — the fund is limited to residents of Howard and surrounding counties — will get behind the effort, which could help fill a fiscal gap in many local residents' lives.

"That's one of the reasons we want the public to become aware of these types of funds, such as this CARE fund," Mouton said. "It's a perfect example of a fund that is being started by someone who has a particular interest in this need and is wanting to see this need filled, and it's a need everyone in the community can get their hearts behind. Everyone knows someone who has an illness, whether it's cancer or heart problems. We all know someone who is struggling because of that. So, we're hoping the community will grasp that need and our ability to fill it, and jump on the bandwagon and help fund this effort."

For more information on the Big Spring Area Foundation or CARE Fund, contact Churchwell at 432-267-3857.

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The big stumbling block, all along, was operational funds, she added.

"Getting started wasn't the difficult part," she said. "It was finding the funds to sustain operations that was the hard part."

Clinic supporters overcame that final hurdle when they agreed to become a satellite of the South Plains Rural Health Care System out of Levelland. South Plains, with its ability to secure Medicare and Medicaid funds, became the perfect solution to the problem, Farley said.

And now, with renovation money in hand, the clinic is one step closer to reality.

"We're excited to get started," said Dr. Judy Madura of South Plains. "The amount of support we've received has been exceptional … Without the support of the Economic Development Corp. and others, this wouldn't have happened."

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Get registered for Howard Co. Day at Capitol

It's time for another Howard County Day at the State Capitol, a chance for our community to put its best foot forward in front of our elected representatives and their colleagues, and the deadline is rapidly approaching for those who want to join the group riding to Austin on a chartered bus.

The trip to Austin is scheduled for Feb. 9, that's about a month earlier than the trip two years ago. And that means now is the time to get a spot reserved on the bus. The deadline to make reservations is Friday.

Remember, officials have had little trouble filling the chartered buses in the past, so it's important to make reservations early for what will be an important day for our community.

Legislators and other state officials are in the midst of what could wind up being the most difficult legislative session in decades. So, it's important that our community take this opportunity to not only be noticed in Austin, but to use this opportunity to thank our state's leaders for their hard work.

Seats on the charter are again $40 per person and include a box lunch on the capitol grounds. Those who take their own cars will be asked to pay $10 for lunch and need to register by the Friday deadline, as well.

In addition, all those planning to attend are asked to wear Big Spring shirts and khaki pants or skirts for the event. The new black shirts are $27 and available at the chamber office but must be ordered and prepaid by Wednesday.

To register or obtain additional information, call the chamber office at 263-7641 or the Big Spring Economic Development Corp. at 264-6032.

While the group makes its visit to both houses of the Legislature, a resolution will be read on the floor of the House and Senate declaring it Howard County Day in Austin, the lunch on the east grounds of the Capitol, a Coca-Cola and Blue Bell Ice Cream reception on the grounds and the taking of a group photo on the Capitol steps with legislators.

As we've noted in the past, it's important to remember the trip is designed as a chance to offer the community's thanks to our legislators for their efforts. It's not a chance to complain about things that we think are wrong, but to thank people for the things they do for us.

So, make plans to join us in making another positive impression on our state's lawmakers.

You'll have a good time and go a long way toward making sure Big Spring's, Howard County's and the rest of West Texas' needs are considered during this crucial legislative session.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

As president of the Howard County Bible Class Board of Directors, I, along with the other members of the board, am very disappointed by the recent actions taken by the Big Spring Independent School District superintendent and administration concerning the long-standing elective Humanities Bible Class at Big Spring High School.

We dispute the assertion that "no changes were made" to this course. Changes were indeed made and include:

- The Bible itself was removed as an educational resource material for the class.
- Big Spring ISD now prohibits the use of nontaxpayer funds for paying the course instructor's salary and provide instructional materials.
- The long-time Humanities Bible Class instructor and member of the faculty at Big Spring High School was replaced as the teacher because he is also an ordained minister.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we are bombarded with unexpected problems, Lord, You help us when we give them to You.

Amen

House right to vote to repeal

In a January 2008 Democratic presidential debate, then-Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama both promised to deliver universal health care plans. But Obama hit Clinton for supporting a requirement that individuals buy their own health care.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

"She believes that we have to force people who don't have health insurance to buy it. Otherwise, there will be a lot of people who don't get it," Obama charged. "I don't see those folks."

After winning office, however, Obama came around to Clinton's point of view. No surprise. As the fiscal watchdog group the Concord Coalition noted in a policy brief, the individual mandate, by guaranteeing a healthier insurance pool is what allows the new system to avoid this "death spiral" of increasing insurance costs.

So it is ironic — deserving? — that the very mandate against which candidate Obama campaigned could prove to be his plan's weakest link.

Now, I am not rooting for conservatives to win in federal court on the grounds that it is unconstitutional to require Americans to buy something. How is it constitutional for Washington to make me pay for someone else's health care but unconstitutional to make them pay for their own care? Nor do I relish the prospect of federal judges overturning a law enacted by elected officials.

That's why House Republicans were right to vote to repeal Obamacare on Wednesday. This is how politics should work.

Consider how the previous Congress jammed through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act with too little scrutiny and barely any debate over costly provisions.

The Democrats' health care plan also included a new Community Living Assistance Services and Support Act — which set up a federal voluntary long-term care insurance fund.

As the Concord Coalition noted, by promising to pay in-home care benefits for which countless seniors could qualify, the program invites "induced demand." What's more, Medicare and Medicaid chief actuary Richard S. Foster warned that adverse selection — those who sign up are the most likely to present claims — is likely to make the program "unsustainable."

Obamacare's requirement that health plans include adult children — up to age 26 — as ordinary dependents of insured workers has added to the price of employer-paid plans. That provision helped prompt SEIU 1199, the large and powerful local health care workers union on the East Coast, to drop dependents' health care coverage from its plan.

Ditto the requirement that plans not charge co-payments for services deemed to be preventive.

The bill was classic Washington: politicians lavishing unfunded benefits — while demanding that others exert restraint.

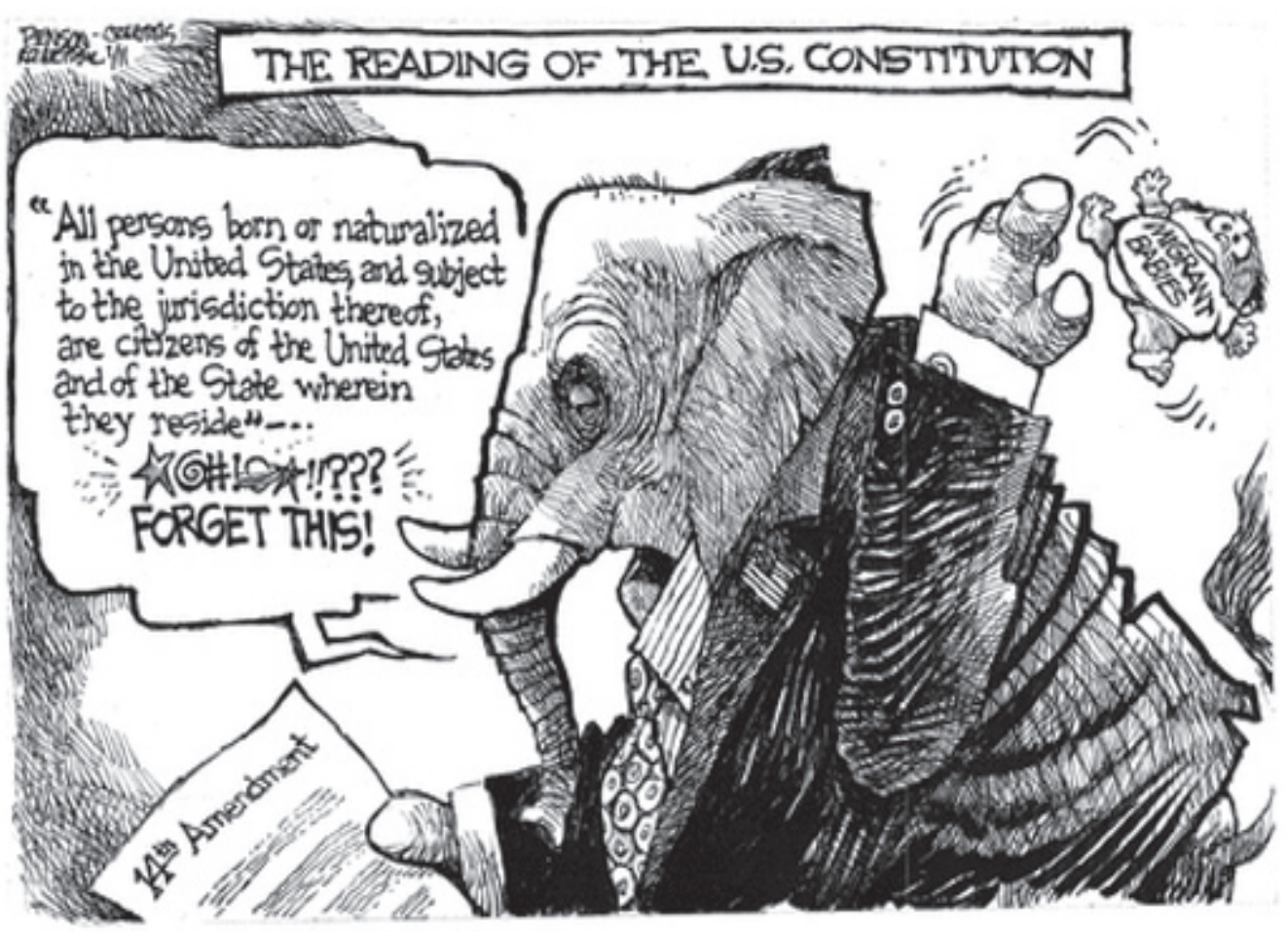
When he ran for office, Obama said that his health care plan "will cut the cost of a typical family's ... premium by $2,500." But how are employers supposed to curb rising health costs when Washington is stripping away the leverage to contain them?

In 2008, Obama didn't see folks declining to buy health care.

I'll tell you what I don't see — $2,500 in savings per family. Not ever.

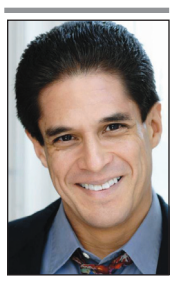
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Creating baby scapegoats

I'd like to welcome America's first baby of 2011 to the world. Eighteen seconds into New Year's Day, Peter Gabriel Imson was delivered on the U.S. territory of Guam. Named for the former lead singer in the band Genesis, little Peter Gabriel weighed in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Congratulations, kid! Now, after your next diaper change, some politicians from Arizona, Georgia, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and South Carolina would like to check your papers.



RAUL REYES

Unfortunately, I'm serious. Earlier this month, a group of Republican state legislators announced plans to address what they see as a pressing problem facing the nation: newborn babies.

The GOP lawmakers floated ideas like issuing distinct varieties of birth certificates, or passing "state citizenship" laws to curb the rights of the U.S.-born children of undocumented migrants. They say this is about fighting undocumented immigration. "We want to bring an end to the illegal alien invasion that is having such a negative impact on our states," says Daryl Metcalfe, a Republican state representative from Pennsylvania.

It saddens me that the kids of undocumented immigrants are being scapegoated. The children in question are as American as you and I. The debate over their citizenship is nothing but a misguided, mean-spirited sideshow.

Metcalfe and his colleagues acknowledge that their plans might be unconstitutional.

After all, birthright citizenship is guaranteed by the 14th Amendment, which states: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."

In other words, if you're born here, you're an American.

The Republicans hope their proposals result in legal challenges, which will land the issue of birthright citizenship in the Supreme Court. Yet there's more than a century of settled case law supporting it.

As far back as 1898, in U.S. vs. Kim Wong Ark, the Supreme Court ruled that a U.S. baby born to Chinese nationals was a citizen. At the time, the Chinese-American community was the object of widespread xenophobic furor.

GOP lawmakers, determined to gut this longstanding constitutional right, believe that guaranteeing citizenship to all children born on U.S. soil leads to "anchor babies." This term is rooted in the false idea that an American-born baby can "anchor" an undocumented family in this country.

In truth, having an American-born child is no protection from deportation. According to the Department of Homeland Security, immigration authorities removed over 108,000 parents of American children between 1998 and 2007.

The actual numbers are undoubtedly much higher, as DHS relies on information supplied by deportees who may be reticent to disclose the presence of their children.

Arguing against birthright citizenship, Arizona State Sen. John Kavanagh notes, "Only a handful of countries in the world grant citizenship based on the GPS location of the birth."

Since other countries don't confer automatic citizenship at birth, he reasons, neither should we.

I find his viewpoint startling. America's greatness lies in the unparalleled rights and privileges we enjoy. We set the standard for the rest of the world, not the other way around.

Undocumented immigration is a huge challenge, but stripping kids of their citizenship won't solve anything. Immigrants come here to work. They may have babies here, but the magnet drawing them across the border is jobs.

Wouldn't it make more sense to declare war on the employers hiring undocumented workers, rather than on innocent children?

Ironically, ending birthright citizenship would only increase our undocumented population by creating a permanent caste of second-class citizens. These "illegal by birth" children would swell the ranks of the more than 11 million undocumented persons already here.

I'm disappointed in the lawmakers seeking to score political points at the expense of the children of undocumented workers. Punishing kids for their parents' actions is simply inhumane and unfair. And it flies in the face of one of the core values of our society: whether we're from Guam, Pennsylvania, or Arizona — all Americans are born equal.

Raul A. Reyes is an attorney and columnist in New York City.

Dear Margo

by Margo Howard

With Friends Like These...

Dear Margo: I'm getting married in a few months to a wonderful guy. We had an engagement party a few weeks ago. I invited all of our friends and family to celebrate. The issue I am having is with one of my friends. I invited her to the party and saw a different side of her. She had a lot to drink, and her behavior was the worst. She was very hurtful in many ways. She started telling people at the party personal things about my sisters and me, how she should be maid of honor, etc. She made everyone uncomfortable.



Margo Howard

It took me a few weeks of not talking to her before I could confront her. I told her she drank way too much and said a lot of hurtful things. I told her the truth. She then said she will be unable to be a bridesmaid and unable to make my wedding. At that point, I decided I really didn't want to be her friend. Here's the question: She's started asking me if I want to hang out and has asked me to do her favors. I have declined, telling her I'm busy. But really, what is the best way to handle this? — *Tanya*

Dear Tan: The best way is directly. You can't be busy forever. The friendship has been tarnished, to say the least, so pretending otherwise is kind of pointless. This person turned out to be an unpleasant drunk and withdrew as a bridesmaid because she wanted to be the No. 1 bridesmaid. It seems to me this girl is not wrapped real tight, so I would tell her, the next time she calls to hang out or to ask a favor, that not everything is meant to last, and, unhappily, your former friendship is in that category. Over and out. -- Margo, decisively

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LETTERS

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This last action by BSISD is particularly ironic, as there are other teachers and administrators in our schools who are ordained ministers, but they continue to be allowed to teach and administer.

The Howard County Bible Class Board is exploring its options and possible responses to these developments.

We want to thank the many hundreds of individuals, community churches and foundations within Howard County that have helped to fund this endeavor during the many, many years of its existence.

We simply could not have done this for the past 65 years without your help and support.

Walter L. Shipman
Big Spring

To the Editor:

There still seems to be something amiss concerning the plans to renovate our school system.

When the bond issue was proposed, the citizens were informed of the amount and type of work to be done, with a cost based upon this.

Since the citizens approved the issuance of bonds, the scope seems to have been changed.

The main variation involves Moss Elementary School.

The original design was to make alterations to Moss to bring it up to present standards. This is what the citizens agreed to with their votes. Now the superintendent wants to change the game plans by demolishing the old building and erect a completely new structure.

According to an article in the Jan. 14 issue of the Big Spring Herald, the superintendent stated that a completely new school would cost between $11.5 million and $11.7 million. This compares to $9.7 to $10 million to renovate the existing structure. Evidently the superintendent feels that the difference of $1.5 million to $2 million is insignificant. This is 15 to 20 percent of the original design costs.

Obviously at one time the school board agreed that renovating Moss was totally acceptable. Now they seem to be bent on playing the old "bait and switch" game. Get the money in hand and then change the plans.

The city council pulled this trick after the street improvement bond issue was passed. I would hope that the school board would not follow this line in pulling the wool over the voters' eyes.

The superintendent stated that additional money would be available by using money saved at the junior high and utilizing money originally budgeted for parking lots. Cutting costs is admirable, but any money saved should be devoted to scaling down the indebtedness. This is like a child being given money by his parents to go to the store to buy certain items, and after his purchases, he had money left over. Instead of giving the change back, as he should have done, he spent it on something else.

I hope that the tax paying citizens will let the school board know that this is unacceptable.

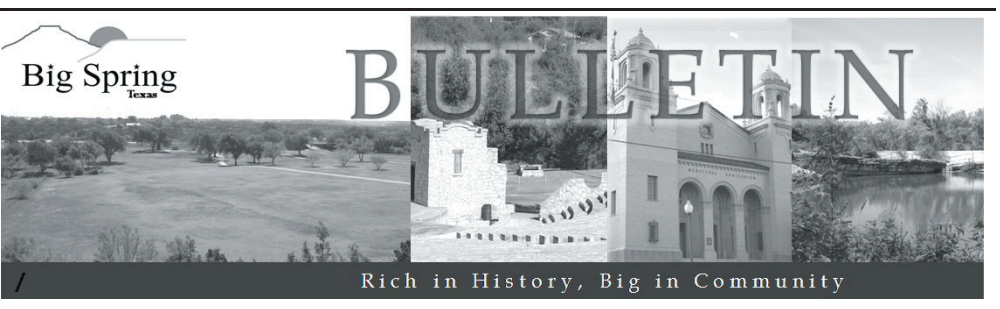
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Have you ever wondered why sewer lines backup or manholes overflow? These problems are caused by the improper disposal of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) into our sewer system. In order to help prevent expensive sewer backups, plumbing emergencies or public health issues, the City of Big Spring is requesting that all of our citizens follow these simple do's and don'ts.

DO scrape all food scraps into the trash, never in the sink.

DO dispose of large amounts of FOG by mixing clay cat litter, a little at a time, with the FOG. When all of the FOG has been absorbed, pour the cat litter into a trash bag, seal the bag appropriately and dispose of it with your regular trash in the dumpster.

DO recycle used cooking oil or properly dispose of it by pouring it into a sealable container, allowing it to solidify or absorb into cat litter or paper towels and place the sealed container in the trash.

DO wipe pots, pans and dishes with dry paper towels before rinsing or washing them.

DO use strainers in sink drains to prevent food scraps from entering the sewer system.

DON'T use cloth towels or rags to scrape plates or clean grease dishes. When they are washed, the grease will go to the sewer.

DON'T put grease or greasy food into the garbage disposal.

DON'T use hot water to rinse FOG from dishes, pots and pans. When the water cools in the sewer, the FOG will solidify and clog the pipes causing them to back up the system.

DON'T rely on commercial additives in detergents to dissolve grease. They only disperse it down the line to recollect and cause problems for another area.

DON'T pour FOG, including salad dressings and sauces, into your drains, the toilet, the alley or gutters.

Clogged pipes, whether in your own household plumbing or in the City's sewer system, are a major nuisance, an expensive problem and a public health issue. In fact, sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) from the collection system must be reported to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as a violation of the wastewater discharge permits they issue. We are therefore, asking our residents to help us make our sewers "FOG FREE" so that we can reduce the number of SSOs that occur within our City collection system. Your help is most appreciated!!

The next Big Spring City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

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.

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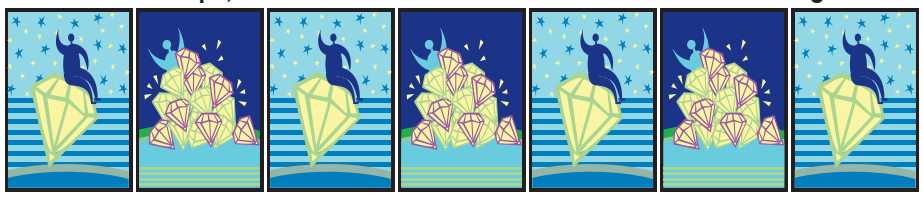
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Valenties for veterans

Dear Annie: Over the years, your readers have opened their hearts to America's veterans by participating in the National Salute to Veteran Patients each February.

This past year, more than 300,000 valentines were received at VA medical centers, and 15,252 visitors visited more than 45,000 veteran patients.

This program encourages readers to visit and volunteer at our Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals and to send letters of thanks to those who have protected our nation.

As I saw personally during our 2010 Salute, our veterans always appreciate this heartfelt acknowledgement of their service.

An outstanding VA staff of 239,000 and 85,000 volunteers at our 1,400 sites provide care and support to our veterans with the state-of-the-art health care they earned defending our great nation.

VA is projected to treat 6.1 million patients in 2011 -- equivalent to the populations of Los Angeles and Chicago combined.

Those 6.1 million veterans, including 439,000 veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, will make 83 million outpatient visits and be treated as inpatients 937,000 times.

This year's National Salute to Veteran Patients will take place Feb. 13-19. Getting involved is easy!



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

You can find all the information you need to deliver a valentine or get additional volunteer information at VA's Volunteer Service webpage www.volunteer.va.gov.

From this site, you can generate an e-mail to your local VA Volunteer Service and find out if they can use valentines or other items.

I am personally committed to ensuring our nation's veterans receive the exceptional care and respect they deserve. We have a sacred trust for those who have worn the uniform of the United States of America.

Many of our facilities are planning special events during the week and would be pleased to arrange a visit.

Once again, thank you, Annie, for your support of this outstanding program. — *L. Tammy Duckworth, Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs*

Dear Secretary Duckworth: Every year, our readers make us proud with their outpouring of appreciation for our veterans through the Valentines for Vets program.

We know they will come through again. Sending a valentine or, better yet, visiting our veterans or volunteering at one of the VA medical facilities is a wonderful way to express gratitude to those who have served our country.

The veterans would be especially thrilled if you could spend a few minutes visiting and talking about their families and hometowns. Tell them how much you appreciate their service.

Teachers, you have always been wonderfully supportive in making this a class project, especially with those charming and much appreciated handmade valentines.

Encourage your students to express their creativity while learning the satisfaction of doing for others.

Every year, the dedicated members of Camp Fire USA participate in this VA program, and Salvation Army volunteers distribute valentines, gifts and refreshments at various VA facilities around the country.

Eleven concerts are being held across the country as part of the 2011 National Salute to Veteran Patients Week. If you do not live close enough to a VA facility to drop off your valentines in person, it's perfectly fine to put them in the mail.

Simply check your phone book for the nearest VA facility or go to the VA website at www.volunteer.va.gov.

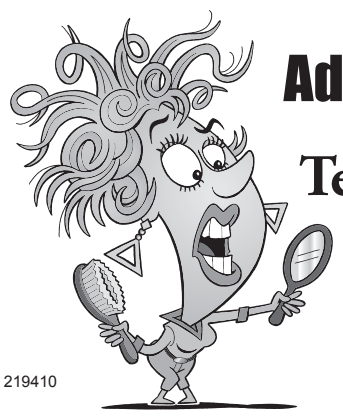
We can never repay these courageous veterans for the sacrifices they have made on our behalf, but we can take the time to let them know they have not been forgotten.

Please remember our veterans this Valentine's Day. We know of nothing else that costs so little and brings so much happiness. — *Marcy and Kathy*

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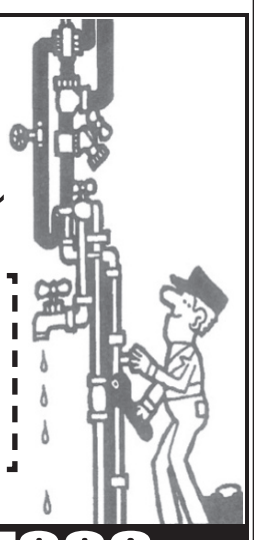
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Charlene Birdwell



It is with grateful hearts that we celebrate the life and death of Charlene Birdwell. Mom began this life's journey on Sept. 7, 1930, the only child of Maudie and Charlie Smith, in Sweetwater; and completed it in Big Spring on Jan. 20, 2011.

While growing up, Mom moved with her parents all over Central and West Texas and Arizona, finding whatever jobs were to be had. And it was at that time that she developed her voracious love of reading.

She attended Texas Tech University, where she met "Steve". She married Harland "Steve" Birdwell in 1949 and later had two children, Cynthia and Scott. They moved from Snyder to Lexington, Ky., in 1962 so that Dad could pursue his studies to be an Episcopal priest. Following seminary, Mom and Dad lived in Colorado City, Big Spring, Roswell, N.M., Albuquerque, N.M., Lubbock, Abilene and finally back to Big Spring for the past 3½ years. It was during these years that Mom forged her second love — friendships.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, the Rev. Harland Birdwell; daughter, Cynthia Marshall and husband John of Big Spring; son, Scott Birdwell and wife Alison of Houston; grandchildren, Kristen Elder and husband Richard of Alexandria, Va., Zac Marshall of Midland and Colin, Sam and Emma Birdwell, all of Houston; one great-grandchild, Annabell Marshall of Big Spring; one beloved dog; one equally beloved cat ... and innumerable books and friends.

Goodbye, Mom! We love you and pray nothing but peace for you.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Big Spring, with the Right Rev. Scott Mayer, bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas, the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the Rev. Bill Wright, retired priest and close friend, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Mom and family request that all donations go to either your local Humane Society or to St. Mary's Episcopal Church Trust Fund, P.O. Box 2949, Big Spring 79721-2949.

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

Paid obituary

Mary Alice Anderson



Mary Alice Anderson, 85, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011, at her residence. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born Sept. 26, 1925, in Breckenridge to Alice and Walter Cluney. She graduated from Hotel Dieu School of Nursing in El Paso. She graduated from Anesthetist School in Chicago. She became a registered nurse at the age of 18, and became a certified nurse anesthetist at the age of 21. She worked 50 years (1949 until 1999) at Malone and Hogan Hospital, which is now Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She has been a resident of Howard County since 1949, moving from Artesia, N.M.

She is survived by one daughter: Ellen Phillips of Big Spring; one son: Mark Anderson of Atlanta, Ga.; and five grandchildren: Amy Philips, Connor Phillips and Brady Phillips, all of Big Spring, and Alice Anderson and Elizabeth Anderson of Atlanta, Ga.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Bobby Cluney; one sister, Betty Pyland; and one son-in-law, Greg Phillips.

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

Paid obituary

Lucille King

Lucille King, 85, of Coahoma, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2011 at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Quin G. Martin Jr.



Funeral services for Quin G. Martin, Jr., 78, of Alba and formerly of Wills Point, are scheduled for 11 a.m, Monday, Jan. 24, 2011, at Hiett's LyBrand Funeral Home in Wills Point, with graveside honors to follow at 2:15 p.m. at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Grand Prairie.

Quin passed away Jan. 18, 2011, in a Tyler hospital.

Quin Gart Martin, Jr. was born in Hathorn, Miss., Sept. 25, 1932, to Quin and Markey Bedwill Martin.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1971, after serving for 22 years.

Quin also worked in Iran for two years as an instructor for Bell Helicopter. He operated his own business, QM Custom Frames and Gallery, in Big Spring.

While driving a tour bus in Colorado, Quin met Jacky Ashman and they married June 2, 2000. They made their home in Wills Point until moving to Alba in 2008.

Quin worked in the transportation business, driving tour buses for 10 years.

Quin is survived by his wife, Jacky Martin of Alba; son, Jerry N. Martin and wife Marilou of Fort Davis; daughter, Cherie Tidwell of Lake Worth; sisters, Dorothy Robbins of Columbia, Miss., Joyce Elliott and husband George of Lancaster and Gloria Smith and husband Ray of Meridian, Miss.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be one hour prior to service time at the funeral home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday and early Saturday:

• PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ, 19, 1601 Stadium, was arrested on a warrant for public intoxication and failure to appear.

• CHRISTOPHER BENNETT WOOTEN, 50, 1700 S. Runnels, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• JIMMY DEWAYNE TINNEY, 42, San Angelo, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.

• PEDRO SANCHEZ-PERALITA, 37, 4114 Parkway, was arrested on warrants for expired inspection certificate, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (two counts) and warrants from other agencies.

• ANDRES ARGUELLO, 25, 1604 Kentucky, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence-intentionally/recklessly impeding breathing or circulation.

• KELLY LEA MCDANIEL, 45, Coahoma, was arrested on warrants for expired registration/commercial motor vehicle, failure to appear and a warrant from another agency.

• SHANE LEE NEWSOME, 46, Coahoma, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• LORI GARCIA FRANCO, 27, 603 N.E. Eighth, was arrested on charges of theft and shoplifting.

• WAYLAND LEE BOYD, 18, 2504 Rebecca, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Take note

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• Big Spring's own Charley Johnson will be inducted as a member of the 2010 Class into the Texas Sports Hall Of Fame on Feb. 7 in Waco.

If you can't attend but would like to list your name in an official program ad that congratulates Charley for this momentous achievement, contact Ken Johnson at 940-325-4366 for details or e-mail at kenrocknj@suddenlink.net.

If you want to attend the ceremonies, contact Ken about discount tickets.

• An account has been set up to help Bob and Jeanine Fishback with Bob's medical and travel expenses: Bob Fishback Medical Account 915967, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 263-8393.

• A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarria family, which lost all of its possessions in a house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer.

One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it visiting a patient, or working in the office, or helping with a craft, you can make a difference.

We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, at Compass Hospice, 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Bring this note when you join and receive a box of Weight Watchers snacks. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.

• 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 currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.





COLLEGE

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severely cripple the schools' existing employee benefit program.

HC President Dr. Cheryl Sparks will update college trustees on the situation when they hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building's Tumbleweed Room.

The State of Texas is facing a budget shortfall estimated at around $15 billion, and to deal with that, preliminary figures call for massive cuts in just about every area. Community colleges, in particular, are facing total cuts exceeding $700 million, and four institutions — including Odessa College — have been targeted for closure.

HC isn't facing that dire fate, but officials are confronting the possibility of massive cuts in state aid for the coming biennium.

Sparks said preliminary figures show Howard would lose about $500,000 and SWCID $450,000 this year alone in "core" state financial assistance, with even bigger cuts proposed in the area of employee health and retirement benefits.

Texas community colleges normally receive around $330 million from the state for employee insurance. That figure would be reduced to $58 million in the House's proposed budget, according to figures released by the Texas Association of Community Colleges.

In addition, state contributions to employee retirement plans would be slashed by 50 percent, the TACC figures show.

What would that mean for Howard and SWCID? Sparks said the figures break down in the following manner:

• Howard would lose $490,000 in core financial aid and more than $1.5 million in employee benefit money.

• SWCID, which is almost totally dependent on state money for operations, would lose $450,000 this year in core aid and $287,000 for employee benefits.

• The total lost state revenue for the two institutions this year would be around $2.7 million under the proposed budget, Sparks said.

The good news, at least for now, is that there is a long way to go before the state's budget is formalized by legislators, Sparks said.

"First thing, we're not giving up," she said. "We have a long process to go through and this is only the beginning."

HC officials will watch with interest as the Texas Senate announces its version of the state budget within the next few days.

"After that, we will go through the legislative process for the next several months," Sparks said. "And, during that time, we're hopeful the state economy will continue to improve. In the short term, we will be beginning the budgeting process and looking at every angle we have.

"Our first order of business is to be active in the legislative process," she added. "At the same time, we will analyze what we can do if the worst-case scenario becomes reality."

COUNTY

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"We just want to show our support for this resolution," Barr said. "Counties face unfunded mandates every year, and it's an issue that should be addressed."

According to informati on provided by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), unfunded or under-funded mandates place an undue strain on taxpayers.

"County officials have collectively voiced their frustration with unfunded mandates for many years — because their local property taxpayers have had to shoulder the costs of these mandates," TAC officials said in a press release. "Decisions that are good for counties also are good for local taxpayers. On the other hand, even if unintentional, legislative actions that create unfunded or underfunded mandates harm local property taxpayers by causing either tax increases or reductions in services.

"So we are gratified that Rep. Burt Solomons filed this resolution and look forward to working with him and other legislators toward finally passing a constitutional amendment that would allow the voters of Texas to decide whether unfunded mandates should be banned — and we are quite sure the voters will resoundingly say to stop sending them."

The meeting gets under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the cCourthouse. For more information, call 264-2202.

Tax experts offer tips for preparing returns

The Associated Press

With tax season upon us, tax experts are ready with advice.

"Everybody needs to put some effort into understanding what the law is for 2010, how things changed, how things didn't change," said Greg Rosica, tax partner at Ernst & Young.

Some pointers:

— Documents. "Get your records in order, get everything together, don't be in a rush," said Barbara Weltman, author of tax guides for J.K. Lasser. Needed records include W-2s, 1099s and receipts for charitable deductions.

— Deductions and credits. Make sure you're claiming every one you're entitled to, said Turbotax Vice President Bob Meighan. For example, he said, if you volunteer at the food kitchen you can't deduct your time but you can deduct your mileage to get there. Don't underestimate the value of goods you donate to charity.

— Check for errors. "Review, review, review," the Internal Revenue Service says. Don't forget to include your Social Security number and sign your return.

— Don't go it alone. "Software serves as a double-check," said Mark Luscombe, a principal tax analyst at CCH. So do professional preparers.

— File electronically. "You're going to get a more accurate return," says Terry Lemons, chief spokesman for the IRS. It also will help speed your refund, especially if you choose direct deposit.

— Look ahead. It's not too early to start planning for your 2011 taxes. Are you having too much tax — or too little — withheld from your paycheck? Should you be doing more to save for retirement — and lower your tax liability in doing that? Are you considering selling a house or business? If so, you might want to consider doing it this year, when capital gains rates are still low. "All items ought to be on the list and examined," Rosica says.

Important numbers

The Associated Press

Some key numbers you'll need to know for filing your taxes in 2011:

PERSONAL EXEMPTION:

— Each personal or dependent exemption is worth $3,650.

STANDARD DEDUCTION:

— $11,400 for married couples filing a joint return, and qualifying widows and widowers.

— $5,700 for singles and married individuals filing separate returns.

— $8,400 for heads of household.

— Taxpayers who are 65 or older or who are blind may be eligible for a higher standard deduction.

ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX THRESHOLD:

— $72,450 for a married couple filing a joint return, and qualifying widows and widowers.

— $47,450 for singles and heads of household.

— $36,225 for married individuals filing separately.

Income tax brackets:

— 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent, 28 percent, 33 percent, 35 percent.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT:

To qualify income can be no greater than:

— $43,352 ($48,362 married filing jointly) with three or more qualifying children

— $40,363 ($45,373 married filing jointly) with two qualifying children

— $35,535 ($40,545 married filing jointly) with one qualifying child

— $13,460 ($18,470 married filing jointly) with no qualifying children

Maximum credit:

— $5,666 with three or more qualifying children

— $5,036 with two qualifying children

— $3,050 with one qualifying child

— $457 with no qualifying children

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The Howard County Community Health Care Clinic recently received $150,000 from the Big Spring Economic Development Corp. to help renovate the clinic's future home at 1300 Gregg. Shown are, from left, Clinic Manager Ann Farley, Dr. Judy Madura of South Plains Rural Health Care Systems, which will oversee clinic operations, Terry Wegman, BSEDC executive director and Rodney Bomar, BSEDC board chairman. See related story, Page 1A.

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Smith taking 'Texas Stories' to Colorado City

By TONI EVERETT
Special to the Herald

COLORADO CITY — Tumbleweed Smith is coming to the stage of the historic Colorado City Opera House on Feb. 4-5 to present his one-of-a-kind "Texas Stories."


Smith

Tumbleweed brings his special brand of humor to stage with his one-man show as he introduces tape-recorded segments of fellow Texans. Within seconds after Tumbleweed walks on stage, members of the audience are howling with laughter.

According to Tumbleweed, "They (the audience) laugh because they see and hear a little part of themselves in the presentations. Chances are real good they've never heard anything quite like what they're hearing: good, funny stories from everyday people."

The Opera House is located at 337 Walnut St. Evening events begin at 7:15 with Linda Clay's talented group of musicians. At 7:45 the audience will be treated to a Collection of Texas Sounds compiled by Tumbleweed, followed by his "Texas Stories" at 8 p.m.

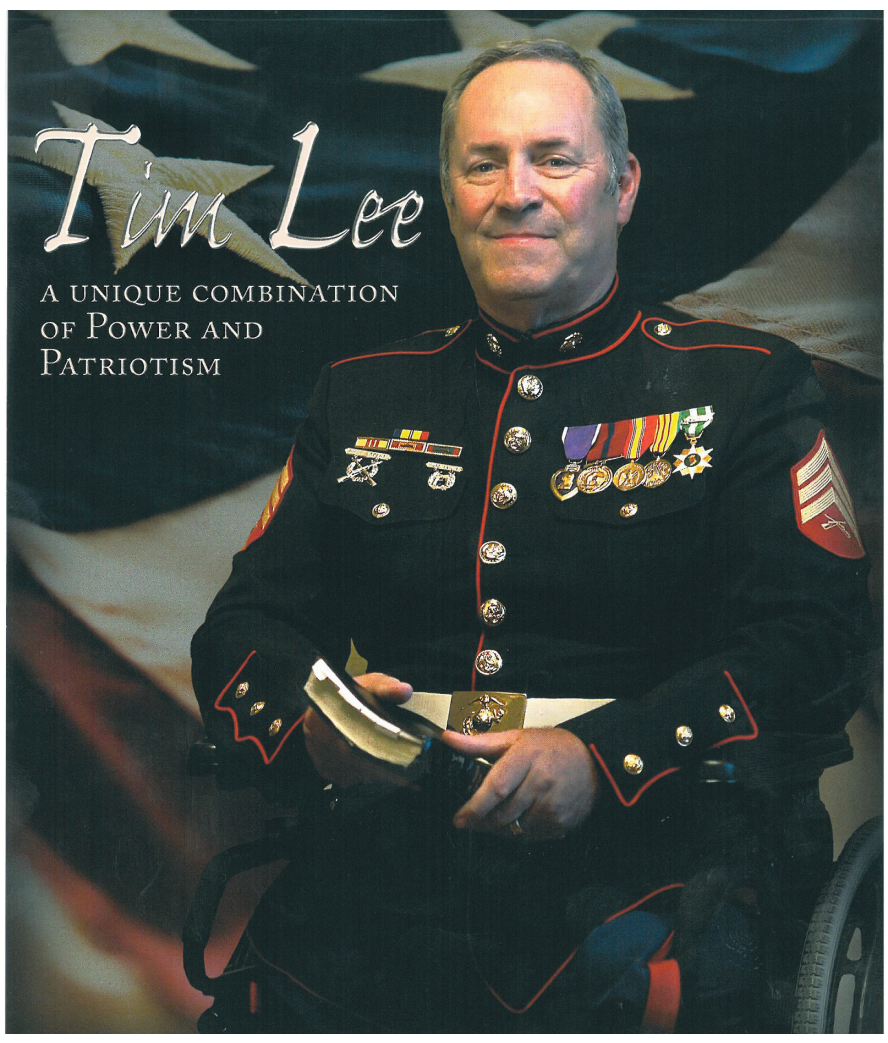
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Lady Steers oust Snyder, 59-53



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Valerie Ross flies by defenders for a layup in the Big Spring Lady Steers' 59-53 win over Snyder Friday — their first district win of the season.

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Apparently, the Big Spring Lady Steers made up their minds in practice Wednesday they weren't going to fall to 0-4 in District 5-3A play.

Whatever was said then, it definitely gave Big Spring a much-needed spark as the Lady Steers upended Snyder 59-53 Friday in Steer Gym.

"We were just determined," BSHS center Cerbi Ritchey said. "In practice on Wednesday, we decided 'Hey, we're tired of this and this isn't our team. So we're going to practice hard and we're going to play hard.' So we did. We played like we practiced this week and it really paid off."

All seems right again with the Lady Steers after Friday's win. Ritchey led the way with 18 points after scoring six in Tuesday's loss to Sweetwater. But even better, Mackenzie Stone had 14 points on four 3-pointers Friday night.

The Lady Steers have been in dire need of strong post play and perimeter shooting during their 0-3 start in district play.

The third quarter was huge for Big Spring. Down 30-27 early in the third, Stone propelled the Lady Steers to a 33-32 lead with three consecutive 3-pointers.

Big Spring wasn't done, though. After two free throws, Ritchey and Diamond Mayes hit layups to give the Lady Steers a 42-32 lead, their biggest of the game. Meanwhile, Snyder was riddled by turnovers and missed shots. The Lady Tigers only hit three field goals in the third and while they cut the lead to four with about 21 second left in the game, Big Spring's third quarter was too much to overcome.

Stone, who had been in a shooting lull along with the rest of the team, was the catalyst for the run and it was a pleasant sight for BSHS head coach Mike Warren.

"It was good to have Mackenzie back," he said. "I've been giving her a hard time lately and boy, she came out and played well. That opened it up for everything."

Warren echoed what Ritchey said about the practices after the loss to Sweetwater Tuesday. He said Wednesday and Thursday's practices were the best of the season and was exactly the remedy the Lady Steers needed to get out of the funk.

Ritchey and Warren both said this win should provide a spark as Big Spring enters the second half of district play.

A lot of improvement still has to happen, though, in order for the Lady Steers to get back to the way they were playing earlier this season.

"Mackenzie's back, now I have to get Valerie (Ross) going with her," Warren said. "Cerbi's one of the best players in the whole district. Once she gets going on the inside, we're hard to stop. Then if Diamond's playing along with her at the same time — you could see when Cerbi was missing, Diamond was always there and vice versa and they were great together."

Big Spring 59, Snyder 53

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Big Spring — Mackenzie Stone 14, Bridgette Tuitt 3, Valerie Ross 7, Cerbi Ritchey 18, Diamond Mayes 7

Snyder — Carrisa Medina 2, Heather Medrano 2, Ryanna Martinez 2, Ashton Burton 2, Xalee Northcutt 5, Jentri Driggers 18, Laura Reigh 7, Jacoree Brooks 15

3-point field goals — Big Spring 5 (Stone 4, Ross 1), Snyder 2 (Driggers 2)

Free throws: Snyder 19-25, Big Spring 14-22

Fouls: Snyder 20, Big Spring 21

Records: Big Spring (16-6, 1-3)

Next game: Big Spring vs. Monahans at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Monahans

No. 24 BSHS boys throttle Tigers by 36

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

One thing Big Spring boys' basketball coach Cliff Thompson noticed in the Steers' 85-49 win over Snyder Friday was how packed the gym was

Maybe the newly-ranked No. 24 Steers are getting a little bit more attention than they thought they would at this point in the season.

"I think the word is spreading," head coach Cliff Thompson said. "I don't know how that got out. I guess people read the paper more than I thought. That ranking doesn't really mean a whole lot, but hey, if it gets people in the stands, put us wherever you want. It kind of puts a target on our back, but it's OK to have that target when you have support like that."

The Steers aren't trying to put too much weight into the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' ranking, but they played like the team to beat in District 5-3A on Friday.

Luke Adams had 20 points and 11 assists, but it was big men Devante Lloyd and Chazzell Robinson who were impressive. Robinson had 16 points and 11 rebounds and Lloyd had 14 points and 14 rebounds. The points for the two post players are season-highs.

> ***"We're real confident right now. We just don't want our heads to get too big. We're not trying to get a big head and lose."***
>
> Chazzell Robinson, BSHS center

Marc Segundo and Dayvion Young chipped in 13 apiece, too. So, Friday's game marked the first time the Steers had five players in double figures and it was the first time they've had a double-double this season.

Big Spring was in control of this one from the get-go.

The Steers jumped out to a 14-5 lead thanks to shots from Lloyd, Robinson, Adams and Segundo. The Steers extended that lead to 23-7 when Adams' 3-pointer and buckets from Lloyd and Mike Menefield started the second quarter. Lloyd got hot toward the end of the quarter when he hit three consecutive shots to give Big Spring a 31-16 lead.

Then, Robinson went off early in the third when he scored four consecutive shots to give the Steers a 41-20.

The two credit Adams for getting them the ball when they were open and Lloyd especially feels proud of his performance considering how quick the Tiger were.

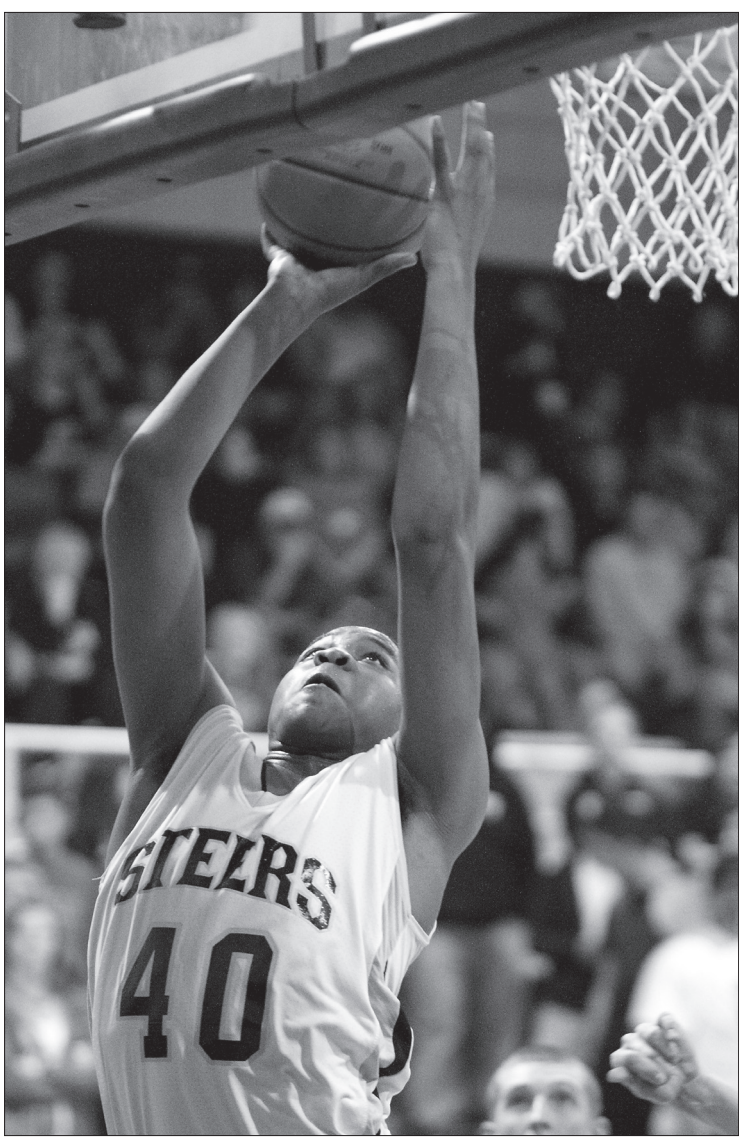
"For me it was hard because I'm so big and they're so little and quick," he said. "They're just hard for me to keep up with. I did the best I could and we came out on top."

While the Tigers are quick, Thompson said their style of play isn't suited for comebacks when they get in deficits. That fueled the the Steers' run.

Thompson is hoping Robinson and Lloyd can keep this up, especially Robinson, who is a sophomore. The two have been a strong defensive presence for the Steers, but add in the scoring they could do in the paint and the Steers could be dangerous.

"They were doing a lot of different defenses — diamond and one, triangle and two — stuff we hadn't seen in a while," Thompson said of Snyder's ef-

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Chazzell Robinson was huge for the Big Spring Steers against Snyder Friday with 16 points and 11 rebounds

Sports in brief

Big Spring Little League Baseball

Sign-ups for little league baseball for ages 4-15 begin Saturday from 10 a.m.to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. Sign-ups will take place at those hours every Saturday until Feb. 12 at the mall. They also will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 7 through Feb. 11 at the mall.

Participants can also sign up at Gartman Refrigeration on 3206 East FM 700 from 8 a.m.to 5 p.m. Jan. 24 through Feb.11. Registration is $80 and it includes jersey, pants, socks and belt. Be sure to bring the child's birth certificate.

For more information, contact Paige at 213-2062 or Robert at 816-8161.

Big Spring Lady Steer Softball-Mandatory Parent Meeting

The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the ATC.

If there are any questions, please contact Coach Sparks at (432) 270-2711.

Garden City football

The 2010 Six-Man Football Division I state champions and their families will host a meal Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011, at the St. Lawrence Parish Hall, 2400 FM 2401, near Garden City. The meal will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will include country style ribs, beans, potatoes, salad and dessert, followed by a 2011 highlights video. Proceeds will help the team members pay for their State Champion Rings. Everyone is invited.

For more information please contact Carol at 432-354-2654.

2011 MAYB River City Shootout

Registration is ongoing for the 2011 MAYB River City Shootout Basketball Tournament to take place on Feb. 19-20.

The tournament is for boys and girls, grades 3 through 8.

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Coahoma boys, girls get wins at Post

BY ADAM COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Coahoma boys

POST — Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols and his Bulldogs can breathe a little bit easier now that they got a 42-33 win over Post Friday — their second in District 3-2A play.

Sheigh Cravens was huge with 16 points and Aaron Acevedo's 11 helped the Bulldogs put the Antelopes away, too.

Nichols credited the bench for stepping up in this game, though. He said Josh Gonzales, Marco Molina, Ryan Reid and Gabriel Lopez played well when the starters got in foul trouble. Without them the Bulldogs might have been staring at loss No. 6 in district play.

The second quarter was all the Bulldogs needed, too, as they outscored the Antelopes 22-9. The Bulldogs start the second half of district play with Forsan at home Tuesday.

Coahoma 42, Post 33
Coahoma 13 22 2 5 - 42
Post 6 9 11 7 – 33

Coahoma — Cravens 16, Acevedo 11, Echavarria 6
3-point field goals — Coahoma 1 (Ruiz 1)
Records: Coahoma (10-11, 2-5)
Next game: Coahoma vs. Forsan at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Coahoma

Coahoma girls

POST — A lot has gone wrong with the Coahoma Bulldogettes, but everything went right on Friday for a change.

The Bulldogettes beat Post 50-41 in overtime for their third District 3-2A win of the year.

Head coach Mitzi Bell said the difference was simple: nine of the Coahoma's 13 points in overtime were free throws.

Minnie Goodblanket didn't play the whole game, leaving the second quarter with an recurring knee injury. Lynzi Ferrell, who is still dealing with a shoulder injury, had five points. Otherwise, Jennifer Castliaw was the hero with 16 points.

Bell's message to her team after this win was to continue taking it one game at a time in hope the Bulldogettes can find themselves back in the district race.

Coahoma 50, Post 41 F/OT
Coahoma 9 6 10 12 13 - 50
Post 10 12 6 9 4 – 41

Coahoma — Gonzales 9, Neff 8, Pace 6, Castilaw 16, Ferrell 5, Maddox 4, Goodblanket 2
3-point field goals — Coahoma 3 (Gonzales 1, Neff 1, Castilaw 1)
Records: Coahoma (10-12, 3-6)
Next game: Coahoma vs. Forsan at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Coahoma

STEERS

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forts to shut down Robinson and Lloyd. "Credit to Luke getting them the ball. … Unbelievable effort by those two guys of finishing and our guards getting them the ball."

The Steers may be playing their best basketball of the season right now. The Snyder win put them at 3-0 in district play and with an open date Tuesday, they have a week to prepare for Abilene Wylie at home Friday.

"We're real confident right now," Robinson said. "We just don't want our heads to get too big. We're not trying to get a big head and lose. We have to take it one step at a time."

No. 24 Big Spring 85, Snyder 49
Snyder 7 9 17 16 - 49
Big Spring 16 15 30 24 – 85

Big Spring — Marc Segundo 13, Dayvion Young 13, Tristian Clay 3, Mike Menefield 4, Chris Turner 2, Luke Adams 20, Chazzell Robinson 16, Devante Lloyd 14
Snyder — Taylor 21, Ward 5, Carroll 7, Roemisch 7, Malone 5, Garcia 4

3-point field goals — Big Spring 7 (Segundo 3, Young 1, Clay 1, Adams 2), Snyder 4 (Carroll 1, Roemisch 1, Malone 1, Brown 1)
Free throws: Big Spring 2-7, Snyder 4-15
Fouls: Big Spring 17, Snyder 10
Records: Big Spring (19-6, 3-0)
Next game: Big Spring vs. Abilene Wylie at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Steer Gym

Nadal stops 18-year-old Aussie to reach 4th round

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Rafael Nadal overcame the much-hyped potential star of Australian tennis in his quest for a fourth consecutive major title.

Despite a mostly parochial crowd of 15,000 at Rod Laver Arena, the top-ranked Nadal secured a 6-2, 7-5, 6-3 win over 18-year-old wildcard Bernard Tomic at the Australian Open on Saturday. Nadal advanced to a fourth-round match against Marin Cilic.

A title at Melbourne Park would make the Spanish star the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to hold all four Grand Slam trophies at once, although Laver achieved the true Grand Slam by winning all four in a calendar year.

"I think I started playing well, but he's the kind of player who can make you play bad," Nadal said. "I have to play a bit better if I want to get to the quarterfinals."

French Open finalist Sam Stosur lost 7-6 (5), 6-3 to No. 25 Petra Kvitova, ending Australia's hopes in the women's draw.

For Nadal, it wasn't always easy. He trailed 4-0 in the second set before giving Tomic a clinic in comeback tennis. At 5-5, he broke Tomic's serve, then held in the next game to win the set.

"I thought it was over at 4-love and that's when he came back," Tomic said. "You can't afford to lose concentration. Physically-wise, he is a machine, he wears you down."

He said Nadal gave him some words of encouragement at the end of the match.

"He said 'You are a very good player, keep working hard for the future,'" Tomic said.

Tomic upset Fernando Lopez in the second round and is being touted as a replacement for Lleyton Hewitt in the lean tennis fortunes Down Under. He tried his best, but ultimately was no match for the polished and experienced Nadal.

In other results, No. 4 Robin Soderling advanced along with Marin Cilic, who beat American John Isner 4-6, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (2), 9-7 in 4 hours, 33 minutes.

It was the first five-set match Isner had played since his epic encounter against Nicolas Mahut at Wimbledon, which finished 70-68 in the fifth for the longest tennis match in history.

Isner's departure left Andy Roddick as the only American in the men's or women's draws.

U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters defeated Alize Cornet 7-6 (3), 6-3 of France to move another step closer to claiming her second Grand Slam in a row.

Also Saturday, Andy Murray cruised past Guillermo Garcia-Lopez 6-1, 6-1, 6-2.

Murray, the 2010 finalist, hit a high lob to the back of the court. He watched as Garcia-Lopez ran it down and, facing the back of the court, hit a between-the-legs shot that passed Murray for a winner.

"It was the first time someone passed me on a through-the-legs shot on the tour," Murray said. "It was a very close one on the line."

Instead of marveling too long at the rare tennis shot — Roger Federer had similar crosscourt winner against Novak Djokovic at the 2009 U.S. Open — Murray broke the Spanish player's serve.

Garcia-Lopez might have had the most flamboyant shot of the match, but Murray had more of the most effective ones, putting him closer to his second straight Australian Open final.

"The first game doesn't always dictate the way the match is going to go, but it definitely helped today," said Murray, who lost the 2010 final to Federer. He's only dropped 17 games through three rounds.

On her 21st birthday, Cornet provided a tougher challenge for Clijsters, who had only conceded four games in her first two rounds. The French player was presented with a birthday bouquet of flowers after the match.

"It was tough. She's a tricky player," Clijsters said. "During the match I felt like I was playing two different persons. I had to constantly move my feet, and work harder."

Cornet had trouble enough playing one.

"She plays great ... she's always fighting from the first point until the end, and she's very consistent, very powerful," Cornet said. "For me, she's just the favorite of the tournament."

Second-seeded Vera Zvonareva is aiming for a third consecutive Grand Slam final, advancing with a 6-3, 7-6 (9) win over Lucie Safarova.

Zvonareva, who lost the U.S. Open final to Clijsters, served for the match twice against Safarova but was extended to the tiebreaker. Safarova led 4-2 and 5-3 in the tiebreaker before Zvonareva finally clinched it on her fourth match point.

Zvonareva has a chance to move into the No. 1 ranking if she wins the title. Her next priority is getting past

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AP source: Damon and Ramirez agree with Rays

The Associated Press

Manny Ramirez and Johnny Damon are about to become teammates again, this time in Tampa Bay.

Both free-agent outfielders agreed to one-year contracts with the Rays, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Friday night. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the agreements were subject to physicals and had not been announced.

Damon gets $5.25 million and the chance to earn $750,000 in bonuses based on attendance, the person said. Ramirez gets $2 million.

The moves mark the first major additions for the AL East champions after a devastating offseason in which one prominent player after another left cost-cutting Tampa Bay.

Carl Crawford, Carlos Pena and Rafael Soriano signed elsewhere as free agents. Matt Garza and Jason Bartlett were traded. A strong bullpen was depleted by the losses of Joaquin Benoit, Grant Balfour, Dan Wheeler, Randy Choate and Chad Qualls.

Ramirez and Damon played together for four years in Boston and helped lead the Red Sox to the 2004 World Series title — ending the team's 86-year championship

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Bryant leads Lakers past Nuggets, 107-97

The Associated Press

DENVER — Kobe Bryant blasted the Denver crowd by day and quieted it at night.

After criticizing Denver fans for booing Carmelo Anthony, Bryant gave the Pepsi Center crowd little to cheer about, as he led the Los Angeles Lakers past the Nuggets, 107-97 on Friday night.

Bryant scored 14 of his 18 points in the decisive third quarter and was one of five Lakers to score at least 17. Ron Artest scored a season-best 19 as did Pau Gasol. Lamar Odom had 18 and Andrew Bynum 17.

"Every one of their big guys had a big game," Nuggets coach George Karl lamented.

After frittering away double-digit leads in their last three games, the Lakers never let up after grabbing a 10-point advantage in the third quarter.

Anthony led Denver with 23 points after missing shootaround to attend to a personal matter. Arron Afflalo chipped in 22, but the Nuggets repeatedly failed to find him in their second-half rotations and Bryant went off in the third quarter, helping the Lakers take control.

Bryant said his quiet first half was by design.

"It's important for me to keep my guys involved, and build their confidence. I know I can score at any mo-

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Area basketball results and scores

Forsan girls

Forsan 33, Colorado City 31
Forsan 7 5 13 8 - 33
C-City 7 7 5 12 – 31
Forsan — Hill 14, Galloway 13, Forshee 2, Crane 2, Roemer 2
Next game: Forsan vs. Coahoma at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Coahoma

Forsan boys

Colorado City 69, Forsan 41
Forsan 7 10 9 15 - 41
C-City 13 14 22 20 – 69
Forsan — Self 13, Bagnall 9, Phillips 8, Robles 3, Schreiner 2, McDonald 2, Burchett 2
Next game: Forsan vs. Coahoma at 7:30 p.m. in Coahoma

Sands boys

Sands 75, Dawson 36
Sands — Blake Thomasson 18, Caleb Thomasson 14, Preston Zant 13, Bert Ybarra 10
Records: Sands (22-4, 9-0)
Next game: Sands vs. Grady at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Lenorah

Sands girls

Sands 46, Dawson 38
Sands 16 5 14 11 - 46
Dawson 15 6 7 10 - 38
Sands — Morgan Yarbrough 15, Nora Gomez 9, Lani Robles 7, Meagan Yarbrough 6, Jennifer Gomez 6, Lexi Robles 3
Records: Sands (20-5, 7-2)
Next game: Sands vs. Grady at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Lenorah

Stanton boys

Roosevelt 11 12 2 11 - 36
Stanton 16 17 14 8 - 55
Roosevelt — Whitley 9, Pearson 6, Maines 5, Keith 5, Martinez 5, Polk 2
Stanton — Fulton 14, Gray 22, Sidle 9, Reyna 4, Brantley 2, Mauldin 2, Chavez 2
Records: Stanton (18-2, 6-1), Roosevelt (6-17, 2-5)
Next game: Stanton at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

Stanton girls

Roosevelt 41, Stanton 31
Roosevelt 6 11 8 16 —41
Stanton 8 5 10 8 —31
Lubbock Roosevelt — Burt 4, Atkins 3, Welch 6, Whitley 2, Jasmine Brainard 26
Stanton — Ashton Snellgrove 4, Tara Patterson 3, Selah Ramsey 4, Jennifer Beasley 6, Jennifer Henley 2, Bailey Bryan 8, Jamie Hale 4
Records: Stanton (12-14, 2-7 in 3-2A), Roosevelt (9-0 in 3-2A)
Next game: Stanton at Colorado City, 6 p.m. Tuesday

Grady boys

No. 10 Grady 80, Klondike 19
Grady 30 21 21 8 —80
Klondike 7 3 4 7 —19
Grady — Shane Teague 23, Bransen Richards 12, Johan Wiebe 8, Karsten Russell 6, Bryley Pinkerton 9, Jacob Rodriquez 15, Auden Perez 4, Lauren Aguirre 4
Klondike — Tidwell 4, Gregory 9, Torres 3, Bartkowski 5
Records: Grady (21-2, 8-1)
Next game: Sands at Grady, 8 p.m. Tuesday

Garden City boys

Garden City 44, Sterling City 43
Sterling City 11 12 8 12 —43
Garden City 17 10 8 9 —44
Sterling City — White 14, Wales 11, Foster 9, Horwood 5, Hughes 2, Munoz 2
Garden City — Brett Chudej 17, Josh Colunga 10, Reggie Halfmann 6, Aaron Long 4, Corbin Davis 4, Brian Hirt 3
Records: Garden City (8-4, 6-1)
Next game: Paint Rock at Garden City, 8 p.m Tuesday

Garden City girls

Garden City 32, Sterling City 30
Sterling City 6 9 8 7 —30
Garden City 10 7 3 12 —32
Sterling City — Jones 14, Havlok 6, Smith 5 Horwood 3, Parham 2.
Garden City — Taylor Hughes 7, Cassie Hirt 7, Maggie Huerta 5, Leticia Ramirez 4, Hanna Halfmann 4, Lexie Schaefer 3, Kamie Halfmann 2.
Records: Garden City (12-14, 6-3 in 12-A, Division II)
Next Game: Paint Rock at Garden City, 6:30p.m. Tuesday.

RAYS

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drought. Both colorful characters are well past their primes, but if nothing else they could at least provide an attraction at Tropicana Field for a Rays team that drew just 1.86 million fans last year.

The 38-year-old Ramirez began last season with the Los Angeles Dodgers, then was claimed on waivers late in the summer by the Chicago White Sox. He hit a combined .298 with nine homers and 42 RBIs in the final season of a $45 million, two-year contract he signed with the Dodgers.

Hampered by injuries, the longtime slugger had 320 plate appearances in 90 games. Still a power threat, he likely will be a designated hitter for the Rays.

Ramirez's career took a downward turn in May 2009 when he was suspended 50 games for using a banned female fertility drug.

The 12-time All-Star has 555 home runs, good for 14th on the career list, and 1,830 RBIs, which ranks 18th. He also helped Boston win the 2007 World Series, then was traded to the Dodgers the following season.

The 37-year-old Damon spent last season with the Detroit Tigers, batting .271 with eight homers and 51 RBIs, mostly as a DH. Weak-armed in left field and no longer the stolen base threat he once was, Damon remains very durable — he played 145 games last year and hit 36 doubles in 539 at-bats.

Damon, who is from nearby Orlando, can pad his paycheck by making a difference at the gate. He would get $150,000 each for 1.75 million, 1.85 million, 1.95 million, 2.05 million and 2.15 million in home attendance.

Spotlight shines on Bears, Packers coordinators

The Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — The Green Bay Packers were a mess when they hired Dom Capers as their defensive coordinator two years ago, and the Chicago Bears had issues on offense when they turned to Mike Martz after last season.

Well, now look at them.

The Packers and Bears meet in the NFC championship game on Sunday, and the outcome just might hinge on the chess match between two veteran coordinators.

"Mike has certainly been doing this for a lot of years, and he has a lot of little intricacies that are true to his system, I think, that you never know when that's going to come out," Capers said. "And he knows when he wants to use them and he knows when I think they'll be the most effective against you."

Martz called Capers "a terrific teacher" whose teams have always been "well schooled." And Green Bay's defense sure earned high grades this year, helping the Packers get to the conference championship despite a list of injuries that would have derailed many teams.

The Bears, meanwhile, looked as if they were coming off the tracks before making some key adjustments on offense and turning around their season.

Now, these teams are facing off for the 182nd time and the stakes have never been higher. Only once before have they played in the postseason, and that was a week after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, when Chicago beat Green Bay at Wrigley Field on the way to the championship.

Finally, they meet again in the playoffs.

Franchises with a combined 21 championships and 47 Hall of Famers — with icons on both sides such as Halas, Butkus and Ditka, and Lombardi, Starr and Nitschke — are set to go at it for a spot in the Super Bowl.

It's a chance for young and talented quarterbacks Aaron Rodgers and Jay Cutler to cement themselves among the best at their position, with two of the league's stingiest defenses staring at them.

Then, there are the coordinators.

"They show you a lot of looks," Cutler said. "They're really good. Dom Capers does a great job of preparing each and every week and keeping offenses off balance, which they've done to us in the past."

Statistically, it looks like a mismatch. Capers is leading the fifth-ranked defense, while Martz's offense ranked 30th, but the improvements the Bears made on that side of the ball during the season helped lift them to the NFC North title and a first-round playoff bye.

For Green Bay's defense, the work began two years ago. Capers took over a unit that was vulnerable to the big play and couldn't hold big leads. The transition from the 4-3 to his 3-4 set wasn't an easy one, but the Packers made big strides and kept it up despite a string of injuries.

Three defensive starters are on injured reserve and several other key players missed time with injuries, but they still have Charles Woodson and Clay Matthews. Tramon Williams developed into a top-tier cornerback, adding depth in a secondary with Pro Bowl safety Nick Collins.

The Packers held opponents to 15 points per game, the second-lowest scoring average, and made things miserable on quarterbacks. With 47 sacks, they tied for second in the league, and leading the way was Matthews with 13½.

That might make Bears fans cringe, considering Cutler got sacked a league-high 52 times. But Chicago also came on strong over the second half of the season after it committed to the run and settled on a starting offensive line, helping spark a 7-1 run that saved the season.

That was something few envisioned when the Bears stumbled into their break at 4-3 after dropping three of four in a brutal stretch. Cutler was taking a pounding behind a line that was being juggled because of injuries and poor execution. The running game was being ignored, too.

The deep drops that Martz likes to use simply weren't working, and many were wondering if the architect behind "The Greatest Show on Turf" in St. Louis was the right fit. The team that returned from the bye had a different look, a different emphasis.

LAKERS

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ment or get looks at any moment," he said. "The third quarter I was able to do that."

The Nuggets had won seven of their previous nine regular-season games against Los Angeles at the Pepsi Center, but the Lakers' size bettered Denver's speed as the Nuggets lost for just the fifth time in 24 home games.

Led by Gasol's 13 boards and 10 from Odom, the Lakers outrebounded the Nuggets 47-27.

"They're trees down there," Anthony said. "And they bring Lamar, another 7-footer, off the bench, and he does the same thing: attack the offensive glass, putbacks."

NADAL

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a fourth-round match against Iveta Benesova, who beat No. 16 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-3, 1-6, 7-5.

No. 12 Agnieszka Radwanska defeated Simona Halep 6-1, 6-2 and will play China's Peng Shuai, who had a 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 win over Japan's Ayumi Morita. Peng, who saved seven break points in the seventh game of the deciding set, will make her first appearance in the fourth round of a Grand Slam.

No. 10 Shahar Peer was ousted, losing 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4 to No. 22 Flavia Pennetta.

Two former finalists also went out. Marcos Baghdatis, the 2006 runnerup, retired from his third-round match because of a finger injury when he was trailing No. 11 Jurgen Melzer 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-1, 4-3.

"I don't think it's broken because I could push the ball, but whenever I hit it, it felt like electricity on the joint," said the 25-year-old Baghdatis.

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, the 2008 finalist, lost 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1 to Alexandr Dolgopolov.

Milos Raonic, a 20-year-old Canadian qualifier with the fastest serve in the first two rounds of the tournament at 143 mph, fired 31 aces while beating No. 10 Mikhail Youzhny 6-4, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

He'll play No. 7 David Ferrer, a 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 winner over Richard Berankis.

Soderling defeated Jan Hernych 6-3, 6-1, 6-4. He'll plays Dolgopolov, hasn't dropped a set and is on an eight-match winning streak.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Recipe for Success

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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♦ A 5
♣ K Q 2

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♥ Q 5 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ 9 6 4

EAST
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♥ 2
♦ 8 7 3 2
♣ A J 10 8

SOUTH
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♦ K 9 6
♣ 7 5 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

When dummy appears, the first thing declarer must do in a suit contract is to count his losers. In so doing, he starts by assuming any tricks that can be lost will be lost. On this deal, South therefore notes at the outset that his possible losers at four hearts are a spade, a heart and two clubs.

He realizes that with a little luck there may be no trump loser, and that he will lose only one club if West has the ace of that suit. But the basic premise he pursues is that he will be unlucky in both suits.

Declarer's next step is to look for a means of overcoming the presumed bad luck. He notes that if the missing spades are divided favorably, he might be able to avoid one of his club losers, and that this possibility can be explored without relinquishing his other chances of making the contract.

Accordingly, South wins the opening diamond lead with the king and immediately leads his singleton spade, East taking dummy's jack with the king. Let's assume East returns a diamond to the ace, whereupon declarer ruffs a low spade.

A diamond is next trumped in dummy, and another spade is ruffed. As it happens, West's ace falls on this trick, establishing the Q-7 of spades as tricks.

The A-K of hearts are now led, revealing that West has a trump trick coming. Declarer then plays a club to the queen, taken by East with the ace. It makes no difference what East returns, because sooner or later South reaches dummy's king of clubs and discards his last club on the spade queen.

Declarer thus winds up losing only a spade, a heart and a club thanks to spotting and then implementing an additional option at the start of play.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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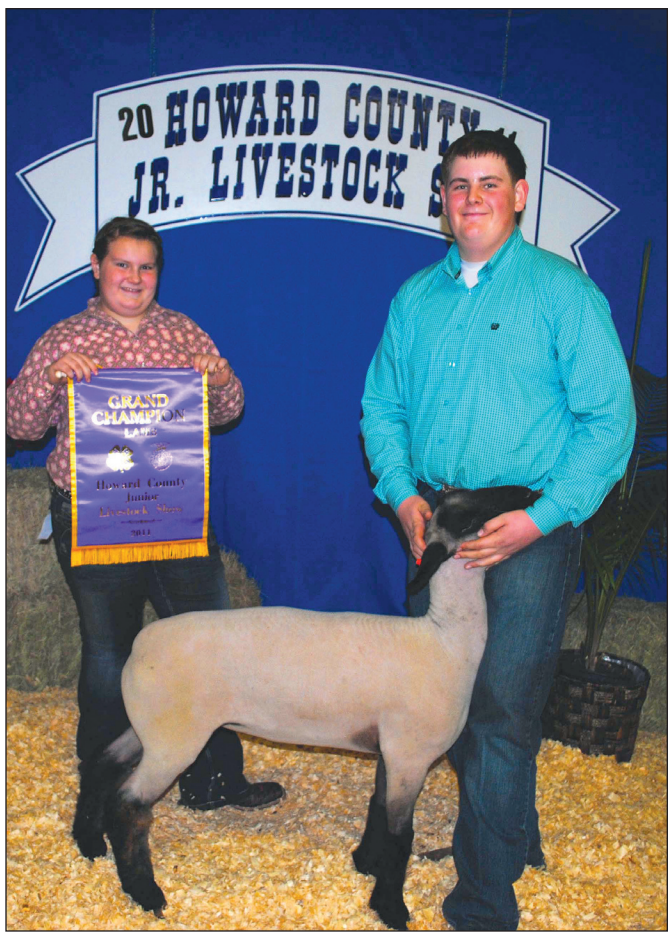
Emilea Brumley exhibits her Grand Champion Barrow at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show.



Kelly Zant photo

Jacki Torbik shows her Grand Champion Rabbit.

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Kelly Zant photo

Morgan Luce, pictured with sister Ashley, shows the Grand Champion Lamb.



Kelly Zant photo

Brayden Iden shows his Grand Champion Steer. Also pictured is Robert Butchee of the Oasis Gin.

Scholarships

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Big Spring Herald: Landon Parker, $250.
Big Spring Herald: Hunter Williams, $250.
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Kelly Zant photo

Emilee Custer shows her Grand Champion Goat.



Kelly Zant photo

The Grand Champion Heifer was shown by Myka Blissard, pictured with her grandparents, Bill and Delores Jenkins, her parents, Amanda and Mike Blissard, and her sister, Aubrey.

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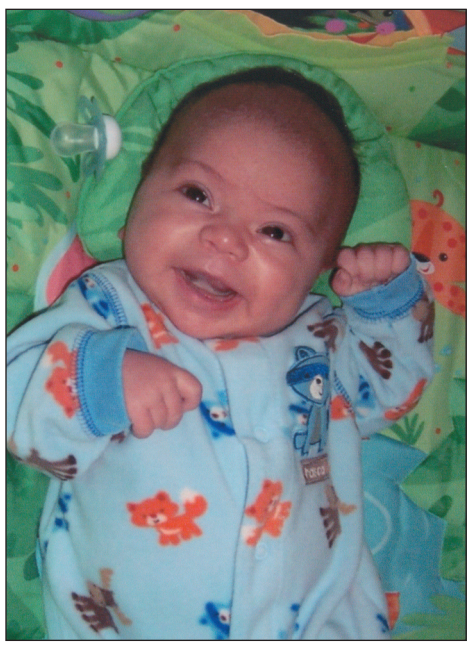
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Births



Samuel Joe Holguin, a boy, was born at 1:02 a.m. Dec. 2, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. He is the son of Manuel "Gordy" and Amber Holguin of Coahoma.

Grandparents are Darla Estill and Dusty Choate of Big Spring, Manuel and Mary Holguin of Coahoma and the late Sylvia Ramirez of Stanton. Great-grandparents are Bill and Darlene Hipp and Caroll and Joyce Choate, all of Big Spring, and Teresa Booth and the late Cruz Holguin of Stanton.

He was welcomed home by older sibings Dominic and KimberLynn.

Who's Who

Catherine Leubner of Big Spring and Ashley Cox of Stanton were named to the President's List at Wayland Baptist University for the fall 2010 semester, having achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the term.

Two other Big Spring students, Michael Felton and Morgan Metcalf, were named to the university's Dean's List with grade point averages between a 3.5 and 3.99.

Items for the Life pages should be turned in by noon Friday to ensure they will be published in the Sunday edition of the Herald.

2011 Bridal Guide

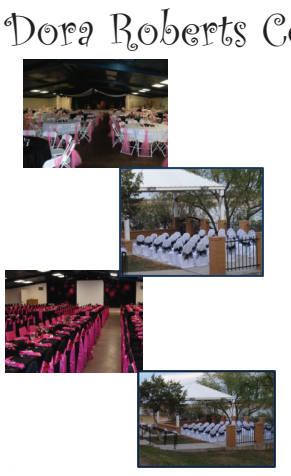
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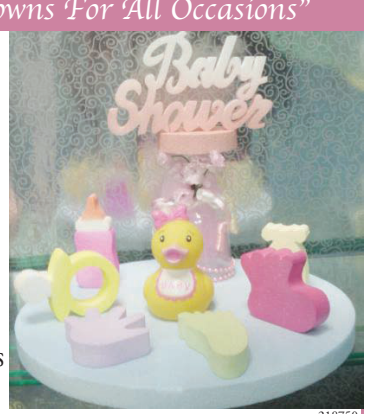
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Keep Big Spring Beautiful held its annual awards banquet and officer installation Monday, Jan. 10 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Pictured are new officers being sworn in by outgoing president Jo Ann Stalcup. Pictured from left to right are new officers; Secretary Teresa Darden, Treasurer Jan Foresyth, Vice President Janell Davis and President Janice Bishop. This year, KBSB was awarded the President's Circle Award by Keep America Beautiful during its national conference in Orlando, Fla. The award recognizes exemplary performance made by certified affiliates of the national nonprofit organizations to reduce litter, minimize waste and recycle and beautify their local communities. The Big Spring Herald was also awarded second place in the State Media Award category for helping to promote Keeping Big Spring Beautiful and awareness in the community.

Fantastic Festival of Lights



PAT SIMMONS

Wow! Again, another successful Festival of Lights. We had wonderful comments about our Festival this year. "We are as good as Branson," was one comment. and others, "our best yet."

I did not reach my goal of 25,000 visitors, but we had 1,000 more than last year. We had visitors from 38 states and 14 countries — Puerta Rico, Germany, Japan, Norway, Phillipines, Mexico, Canada, Nicaragua, Tiawan, Guatamala, Bosnia, New Zealand, Holland and Russia. We are getting good recognition, and that is our goal and purpose.

Once again, Howard Stewart is a blessing to me. He took total responsibility for getting our lights and displays up and working. He spearheaded the operation from the get-go, with a plan using the help from the city's Parks and Streets departments. We are always blessed to have three great trustees from FCI to assist in the preparations. It is teamwork that makes this possible. I was unable to work in the field this year. I knew it was in very capable hands. Like I have said before, I don't know of a person who would take vacation time from their job to do a project such as this. Thanks, little buddy!

I thank GEO for allowing him off for a couple of days to wrap up. This is a volunteer project, not funded nor sponsored by the city. They certainly help with manpower and vehicles and want to see it succeed as much as we do. We are often asked why doesn't the city do this or that, and we have to say this not a city project!

When I recruited Howard I got three for the price of one, his wife Vicki and son,Quintinn. Vicki works in several areas. She is the secretary, advises Howard on area of location for displays and manages the gift shop. She is a real asset to the Festival. Quintinn, who is gifted in computer and all the science that goes along with it, is in the process of setting us up a Web site. He and sister, Stephanie, took some great pictures, made some Christmas cards, and with that I recruited her since she returned home. The Christmas cards were sold at our gift shop and the ones left over were given to our out-of-state visitors Christmas night, which the recipients truly appreciated. Since they were received so well, she made more cards and they are on display and available for purchase at the Chamber of Commerce and Heritage Museum.

It is not just the displays and lights that make this event happen, it's a host of various operations that make it click and succeed. There is the contacting of individuals, businesses and organization that wish to order our large 8' x 8' Christmas card. Then ordering lights, contacting all our Adopt A Spot participants to make sure they are on board again, and signing up new ones wanting to get involved. Then, there is recruiting greeters, which is a task in itself. My friend, Debbie Wegman, has been doing this for several years. The need for greeters is a very important part of the festival, not only counting the number of visitors, but finding where our visitors are from and collecting donations. We need three for each shift. 6 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. We can get by with just a couple of greeters on slower week nights, but it is a challenge!

Then, there is the treasurer, Georgie Newsom. She has been with me since the beginning, 14 years ago. She works in lot of different areas and has been a tremendous asset to me and the Festival. She deals with Oncor in getting electrical power turned on and off, plus keeping track of each power source and its billing. She keeps track of all supplies ordered and paid for. This job goes on six months or more.

We've had some people ask what the donations go for. Well, first, the lights they see cost money. There's electricity, rebar to make displays, extension cords, heavy duty cable and timers. The most costly expenses have been the transformers, which cost a hefty $7,000. We have put seven in the park to provide service to all of our displays. It is costly to put this on each year.

All went rather well. We had an attempted theft of flood lights. Thanks to our police department, however, they were caught in the act. Oh, how thankful I am to them. I wish they could have helped with the other problem we had. In testing the lights the night before opening, we noticed Western Container's spot had some lights that would not work. In checking, Howard came dragging extension cords from Western Container's display. They were all chewed up, and we did not know who or what the culprit was.

We replaced the extension cords and the same thing happened. Howard discovered it was a dog. After the second chewing he decided to put hot sauce on the cords. They worked for a few nights but went out again. That was a costly endeavor. Then the wind storm on Dec. 30 did quite a bit of damage. It destroyed our greeters booth and damaged about 10 of our Commercial Christmas Cards. There were several displays turned over which Howard set back up for closing night.

Thanks for visiting our Festival of Lights and I hope everyone enjoyed it. We still plan on being the greatest Festival of Lights attraction in West Texas and we have been recognized as the "Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas."

Pat Simmons is founder/chairman of the Festival of Lights.

Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Sunrise bites, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn on the cob, peach cobbler, roll, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pocket, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken pot pie, garden salad, ranch dressing, strawberries, fresh fruit, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Baked cheese sticks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Steak fingers, green beans, mashed potatoes, peaches, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Pizza bagel, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Spaghetti, pears, garden salad, ranch dressing, green peas, roll, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cinnamon breakfast pastry, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Cheeseburger, french fries, pineapple chunks, fresh fruit, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Pop tarts, sausage, applesauce, milk. Lunch - Chicken fajitas or burritos, salad, refried beans, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Pancake sausage on stick, grape juice, syrup, milk. Lunch - Tostada or McRib and bread, pinto beans, salad, chocolate cake, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Oatmeal, ham, orange juice, milk. Lunch - Lasagna or corn dog, corn, bread, mixed fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Pancakes sausage on stick, syrup, apple juice, milk. Lunch - Homemade burritos or hot pockets, potato salad, apples, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Biscuits, gravy, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk. Lunch - Pizza, corn, fruit, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Pop tart, juice, milk. Lunch - Ravioli, green beans, garlic toast, apple and orange smiles, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Turkey sandwich, veggies, Sun Chips, baby carrots, frozen fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - French toast, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, fancy gelatin, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk. Lunch - Hot dog, tater tots, ranch beans, broccoli with cheese, sparkly apple, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cereal variety, cinnamon toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit variety, milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

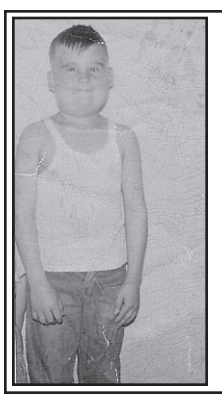
Monday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, seasoned greens, rolls, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Tamales with chili, refried beans, Spanish rice, salad, pear halves, milk.

Wednesday: Beef tips, rice, mixed vegetables, rolls, sliced peaches, milk.

Thursday: Marinated chicken, oven roasted potatoes, peas and carrots, salad, banana cake, rolls, milk.

Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce and tomato, onions and pickles, french fries, mandarin oranges, milk.



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Wells Fargo Bank has donated $5,000 to the general scholarship fund at Howard College to assist students in achieving their educational goals. Pictured, from left, during a check presentation ceremony are: Howard College staffer Brenda Claxton and HC President Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks; Wells Fargo employees Lisa Hobbs, Johnny Earp and David R. O'Neill; and Vice President Terry Hansen of Howard College.

Medicare beneficiaries receive prescription cost help from ACA

Special to the Herald

WASHINGTON — U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has announced that 193,301 Medicare beneficiaries in Texas, and three million people nationwide, have received prescription drug cost relief through the Affordable Care Act.

To date, three million eligible beneficiaries who fell into the drug coverage gap known as the "donut hole" during 2010 have been mailed a one-time, tax-free $250 rebate check.

"For too long, many seniors and people with disabilities have been forced to make impossible choices between paying for needed prescription medication and necessities like food and rent," said Sebelius. "The Affordable Care Act offers long overdue relief by lowering prescription drug costs each year until the donut hole is closed."

Eligible beneficiaries who fell into the coverage gap during 2010 are continuing to automatically receive rebate checks. These checks are only the first step in how the Affordable Care Act will reduce prescription drug costs for beneficiaries in the donut hole each year until it is closed in 2020.

Starting this year, eligible beneficiaries in the coverage gap will receive a 50-percent discount on covered brand name medications while in the donut hole. In addition, in 2011 Medicare will begin paying 7 percent of the price for generic drugs during the coverage gap.

The closing of the donut hole is just one of the ways seniors benefit from the Affordable Care Act. In addition to savings on prescription drugs, the law provides new benefits to Medicare beneficiaries when they visit their doctor starting this year:

• As of Jan. 1, Original Medicare no longer charges out-of-pocket costs for the "Welcome to Medicare" physical exam and, for the first time since the Medicare program was created in 1965, Original Medicare now covers an annual wellness visit with a participating doctor, also at no cost.

• In addition to these annual wellness visits, most people with Medicare can now receive critical preventive services, including certain cancer screenings such as mammograms and colonoscopies, for free.

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BIG WINNERS



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The Glasscock County 4-H Livestock Judging Team represented Texas at the Western National Roundup, held in conjunction with the National Western Livestock Show in Denver on Dec. 9. The team competed against other teams from across the United States and Canada and won the contest by 37 points. The team consisting of Ian Schaefer, Brody Halfmann, Lane Halfmann and Reggie Halfman placed first in the swine division, first in oral reasons, second in sheep and second in beef cattle. Reggie Halfman was the high individual in the contest. Ian Schaefer second place, while Lane Halfmann was eighth and Brody Halfmann was 14th individually. The team is coached by Rebel Royall and Cade Halfmann.

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wachovia Securities Midland office.



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

The New Year has picked up right where December left off. The Santa Claus rally concluded with a respectable 1 percent gain for both the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) and S&P 500.

Another widely watched seasonal pattern, the January early warning system, the performance of the New Year's first five days, was also positive (S&P 500 at plus-1.1 percent and DJIA was at plus-0.8 percent).

Historically, this indicator has had a very high accuracy ratio for the performance for the entire year.

In the past 38 "up" first five days of January for the S&P 500, an up year followed on 33 of those occasions.

The average gain for all 38 years was 14 percent.

With that kind of performance, it seems we can all just pack it in, set our portfolios on cruise control and go home for the year!

To quote a popular football analyst: "Not so fast, my friends."

Last week ended with a modest gain for the averages and the sixth straight week of advances. The stock market, however, travelled a rocky, up and down road to get there.

There were some disappointments along the way.

The much anticipated December jobs report was met with mixed interpretations and sluggish stock performance last Friday.

Nonfarm payrolls fell short of expectations by 50,000 jobs while the jobless rate fell more than expected because of statistical quirks.

The biggest disappointment to investor psychology, in our opinion, was that market participants were anticipating a better than expected figure in the December nonfarm payrolls report following Wednesday's ADP Employment report, which showed 297,000 new private sector jobs versus expectations of 100,000.

But it didn't happen.

Mixed interpretations played out in stocks because the October and November figures were revised up by a combined 74,000 jobs.

Fed Chairman Bernanke weighed in on the same day and had a slightly more positive assessment of the U.S. economy, saying that "a self sustaining recovery in consumer and business spending may be taking hold" but it could take four to five years for the labor market to normalize.

There have been a few more pundits in recent days warning of extreme valuations and advising defensive steps to protect profits in front of an imminent stock market correction.

While these predictions may prove to be correct, the most important implication from our standpoint is that this is a refreshing note of caution coming against the backdrop of a high level of investor complacency at this time.

With the absence of any meaningful pullback in stocks dating back to August, the bullish percentage in investor sentiment surveys (Investor's Intelligence, AAII) remains historically high and has barely budged from these elevated levels in recent weeks.

It is no secret then that given the market's current short term extended condition, it is vulnerable to normal pullbacks at any time.

Our work in progress scenario is that there is further near term upside momentum that could carry all the way through January. We would then expect some type of pullback in the 4 percent to 6 percent range.

The strongest two factors for this scenario to play out will be continued inline to better economic data and no major disappointments in fourth quarter earnings season, which kicks off this week.

More importantly, history has taught us that extended stock markets seemingly in need of a correction can persist much longer than most rational individuals would expect.

This is the market's way of confusing the majority and why following the crowd is frequently wrong.

For now, we are listening to the market's message of continued strong momentum, investor's desire to buy any dips in prices and the Fed providing ample liquidity to support markets.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced Jan. 11 by Scott Marcouiller, Wells Fargo Advisors' chief market strategist. The opinions expressed in the report are those of the authors and are not necessarily those of Well Fargo or its affiliates. Additional information is available upon request by calling 432-684-7335.



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Scenic Mountain Medical Center recently donated $600 to the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club to help with the club's expenses in bringing the Harlem Ambassadors basketball team to Big Spring Feb. 23. Joining children from the club are, back row, left to right, Sonnet Hildrebrand, director of the Boys and Girls Club, SMMC Marketing Director Kim Howell and SMMC CEO Larry Rodgers.

ACA

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• Also this year, the Affordable Care Act will provide qualifying doctors and other health care professionals providing primary care to people on Medicare a 10 percent bonus for primary care services. This will help ensure that those primary care providers can continue to be there for Medicare patients.

People with Medicare can learn more about these new benefits, search for participating doctors in the area and find other helpful information by contacting a trained customer service representative toll-free at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or visiting www.Medicare.gov

Additionally, the Affordable Care Act makes Medicare stronger and more secure for all beneficiaries. These provisions under the new law increase benefits to beneficiaries and help to extend the life of the Medicare Trust Fund by 12 years..

• An analysis issued by the Department of Health and Human Services estimates that under the Affordable Care Act, average savings for those enrolled in traditional Medicare will amount to more than $3,500 over the next 10 years. Savings will be even higher — as much as $12,300 over the next 10 years — for seniors and people with disabilities who have high prescription drug costs. Total savings per beneficiary enrolled in traditional Medicare are estimated to be $86 in 2011, rising to $649 in 2020. For a beneficiary in the donut hole, estimated total savings increase from $553 in 2011 to $2,217 in 2020.

• The Affordable Care Act establishes a new Innovation Center that will research, develop, test and expand innovative payment and delivery arrangements to improve the quality and reduce the cost of care provided to patient with Medicare, Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program coverage. Innovations that are found to work can be rapidly expanded and applied more broadly—helping to transform the health care system into one that provides better care at lower cost.

• The Affordable Care Act contains important new tools to help crack down on criminals seeking to scam seniors and steal taxpayer dollars. The law strengthens the screenings for health care providers who want to participate in Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP; enables enforcement officials to see health care claims data from around the country in a searchable database; and strengthens the penalties for criminal wrongdoing.

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County Court Decisions:

Judgment and Sentence: Eder Angel Zuniga, driving while intoxicated, no fine, $457 court costs, 30 days in jail.

District Court Filings:

Brian William Baxter vs. Stephanie Lynn Baxter, divorce.

State National Bank vs. Western Bank, accounts, notes and contracts.

Citibank of South Dakota vs. Bob Kincheloe, accounts, notes and contracts.

Citibank of South Dakota vs. Randy J. Weaver, accounts, notes and contracts.

Robert Rios vs. Rosario Rios, divorce.

Casie Darden vs. Justin Darden, divorce.

In Re Savanna Lynn Burden, family.

State of Texas vs. Phillip Mendoza, seizure.

Citibank of South Dakota vs. Michael T. Courtney, accounts, notes and contracts.

Marriage Licenses

Juan Carlos Rojas, 27, and Monica Ann Mariscal, 32, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: David and Debra Hillger
Grantee: Robert Hillger
Property: Tract out of southwest quarter of section 40, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR survey
Date: Jan. 5, 2011

Grantor: Big Spring Economic Development Corp.
Grantee: J. Rutledge Realty, LLC
Property: Tract out of northwest quarter of section 3, block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR survey
Date: Jan. 7, 2011

Grantor: Tommie and Robbie Gibson
Grantee: John D. Jones
Property: Lot 3, block 3, Caroline Court addition
Date: Jan. 6, 2011

Grantor: Paula Carey
Grantee: Michael Nairn
Property: Lot 6, block 4, Monticello Addition
Date: Jan. 6, 2011

Grantor: Charles Davis
Grantee: Marcellous Weaver
Property: Lot 12, block 20, Edwards Heights Addition
Date: Jan. 7, 2011

Grantor: Chase Home Finance LLC
Grantee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Property: Tract out of northwest quarter of block 21, College Heights Addition
Date: Dec. 14, 2010

Grantor: The LM Family Trust
Grantee: Jerrod Beall
Property: Tract out of northeast quarter of section 14, block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR survey
Date:Nov. 30, 2010

Grantor: Melinda Jo Thomason Tignor
Grantee: Chris Mulkey
Property: Lot 5, block 9, Saunders Addition, City of Coahoma
Date: Jan. 7, 2010

Grantor: Carole Gene Crumley
Grantee: Daniel Ray Fleeman
Property: Sections 2, 3, 4 and 11, block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR survey
Date: Dec. 21, 2010

Grantor: Jimmy Lockhart
Grantee: Milton Anderson
Property: A 1-acre tract out of Section 38, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Jan. 13, 2011

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:

Grantor: Terry Ray Dietz and Sarah Dietz
Grantee: Travis Lynch and Susan Schlegel
Property: Lot 6, Block 23, Monticello Addition
Date: Jan. 19, 2011

Grantor: Donna Sue Dockery
Grantee: Martin D. De Los Santos and Jessica De Los Santos
Property: Lot 12, Block 26, Monticello Addition
Date: Jan. 13, 2011

Grantor: Vaden and Cassidy Wennik
Grantee: Samantha Kuykendall
Property: Tract out of northeast quarter of section 33, block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR survey
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Property: Lot 6, block 60, Original Township
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The 2012 UTP is a comprehensive ten-year plan for the development and construction of State of Texas transportation projects including roadways, aviation, public transportation, waterways and coastal waters, and rail projects and includes specific funding levels for each fiscal year.
The public meetings will be held from **4:00-7:00 p.m**. on the following dates and locations:
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10767 Gateway Blvd. West, Suite 605
El Paso, Texas 79935
Wednesday, February 9, 2011
TxDOT – Bexar Metro Office
9320 SE Loop 410
San Antonio, Texas 78223
Thursday, February 10, 2011
TxDOT – Lubbock District
Training Center, Mesquite Room
Building D – 058083
135 Slaton Road
Lubbock, Texas 79404
Tuesday, February 15, 2011
TxDOT – Houston District Auditorium
7600 Washington Avenue
Houston, Texas 77007
Thursday, February 17, 2011
TxDOT – Fort Worth District Regional Training Center
2501 SW Loop 820
(at McCart Ave.)
Fort Worth, Texas 76133
Beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m., TxDOT staff will conduct a brief presentation on the purpose and development of the UTP. Additional information and exhibits will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to discuss the development process and answer questions. Forms will be provided in order to receive written comments. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.
For additional information, please go to
www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm
or call the toll-free information line at (800)687-8108.
Written comments may be submitted on the UTP website at: **www.txdot.gov,** using search engine keyword: 2012 UTP; by email at: FIN_UTP@txdot.gov; or by mail to: David Plutowski, P.E., UTP Engineer 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Public comments will be received until March 3, 2011.
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The contract shall be for a twelve (12) month period with an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year contract terms.

A copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) **#SA/LCDC 11-01** may be obtained by submitting a written or faxed request for the RFP to:

Permian Basin Community Centers
401 E. Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701
Contact: Keysha Kidd
kkidd@pbmhmr.com
Phone: 432-570-3312
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Or proposals can be downloaded off the Permian Basin Community Center website at www.pbmhmr.com under the contract category.

Proposals must be received no later than 5:00 pm February 15th, 2011.

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The Big Spring State Hospital Governing Body will convene a public session at 8:30a.m., Feb. 3, in the Big Spring State Hospital Allred Building Professional Library Conference Room, 1901 North Highway 87. Any citizen wishing to address the Governing Body must schedule an appointment through the Superintendent's office by calling (432)268-7222. Appointments must be scheduled no later than Jan. 28. Public comments are limited to three minutes and are scheduled from 11:30a.m. to 12p.m. If you require special accommodations, please advise the Superintendent's office when scheduling your appointment. Written comments also may be submitted to Lesa Jaird, Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Highway 87, Big Spring, TX, 79720, or e-mailed to alisa.jaird@dshs.state.tx.us

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CAUSE NO.
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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

T-5878
Howard County, et al vs. RIC Investment Corporation
A 0.408 acre tract of land, designated as Lot No. 33, of Balch Subdivision No. 7, out of the S/2 of Sc. 32, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys, Howard County Texas

T-5878
Howard County, et al vs. RIC Investment Corporation
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T-5842
Howard County, et al vs. Marcus Ortiz
Lts 1 & 3-4, Bk 5, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

T-5811
Howard County, et al vs. A.K. Webb, Lorene Webb, Richard A. Webb, Mary A. Knapp and Donald E. Webb
All of Lts 4-6, Bk 2, Wright's Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

T-5316
Howard County, et al vs. Emily M. Roberts
Lt 3, Bk 4, Lakeview Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

T-5136
Howard County, et al vs. Salvador Aguilar and Angela Aguilar
Lt 1, Bk 5, Hathcock Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

T-5031
Howard County, et al vs. Heriberto Gutierrez and wife, Lorensa Lopez Gutierrez
Lt 13, Bk 2, Wright's Airport Annex Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

T-5385
Howard County, et al vs. H.P. Kirchner, III
a TRCT out of Section 39, Bk 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; SAVE & EXCEPT

Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Witness my hand this 30th day of December, 2011.

Stan Parker
SHERIFF OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: Deputy

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Eldon Lee Callarman, Deceased, were issued on December 1, 2010, in Cause No. P-13913, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Nelda Lois Callarman.

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

c/o: **Nelda Lois Callarman**
2500 Lynn Drive
Big Spring, Texas 79720

DATED the 1st day of December, 2010.

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Nelda Lois Callarman
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

As the moon shifts from Virgo into Libra, she's like a professional changing out of her work attire into a comfortable, fun-loving evening outfit. There is much to accomplish today, mostly getting ready for the busy week ahead. Get busy early and you'll be in the mood for tonight's casual vibe featuring friendly connections and laughter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your people-watching skills are in good form, and you'll get a creative charge when you go out into the general public. As you notice how people walk, sit and talk, you'll pick up extra street savvy, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a vision about where to take a relationship. How you're going to get there is unclear at this point. Rest assured, the bond will be built with one emotional connection at a time.



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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will be driven to look for new adventures. There is no rush to commit to a single direction. When you find the right target for you, you will know it. The pull will be irresistible. Don't move unless you have that feeling.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Being around people who accept and love you "as is" will be important to your confidence. If you feel compelled to apologize for your existence, consider that maybe it's not you. Maybe it's them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everyone you meet is fighting his or her own private battle. Your kindness and good cheer give others the energy to soldier on, and it comes at no cost to you. In fact, you get energy from giving.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This is a day of disguises that do not involve makeup or wigs. The ruse mostly occurs in facial muscles and expressions that tell a story about who a person wants to be instead of who he or she really is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have tools for dealing with difficult people, and you will use them to good effect. You will teach others by your example and, if they ask for help, offer your instruction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you give everything you have to the sport, a loss is sometimes more triumphant than a victory. You will play a game, and whether you win or lose, you will play it well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can see that someone needs help even before that person understands that to be the case. You'll offer your kind consideration, and it will take a while for the other person to respond.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Success depends on your ability to think ahead. Take precautions against potential temptation and distraction. Do what compels you most in the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are not usually motivated by money alone. There has to be an emotional and personal payoff, as well, or you quickly lose interest. A prime opportunity will arise today that promises to involve you on many levels.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are so in tune with nature now that you could feel the soul of flowers and the heartbeat of the moon. Take advantage of this connection by spending more time than usual outdoors.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 23). Through the next 10 weeks, your friendships grow stronger and your love life gets more exciting. Powerful agreements in February help you upgrade your lifestyle. New love and friendship connections come in March. You'll develop skills in May. In June, you reach a professional milestone. You are especially adored by Capricorn and Aries people. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 1, 44, 39 and 15.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The old saying goes that you can only hurt the ones you love. They are the people we have made ourselves vulnerable to and who have made themselves vulnerable to us. Consider the words of Robert Greene in his bestselling book "The Art of Seduction," wherein he describes the symbol of Cupid's arrow: "What awakens desire in the seduced is not a soft touch or a pleasant sensation; it is a wound. The arrow creates a pain, an ache, a need for relief. Before desire there must be pain. Aim the arrow at the victim's weakest spot, creating a wound that you can open and reopen." As Saturn, the planet of life lessons, turns retrograde in the realm of Libra, the ruler of partnership and lovers, our close relationships will be tested. But this is not to be seen as a negative omen, as there is usually an overwhelmingly positive benefit to Saturn's teachings. There's a reason why on Feb. 14 we will celebrate Cupid's arrow instead of cursing it. More often than not, we are much better off for opening our**selves up to love.**

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter Lucinda Williams performs on a collaboration album with her friend Ray Davies alongside Jon Bon Jovi, Bruce Springsteen and Metallica, among others. Williams exemplifies the eclecticism of Aquarius with her cross-genre style of music, classified as Americana, folk, blues and country. She is also a human rights advocate with Amnesty International.

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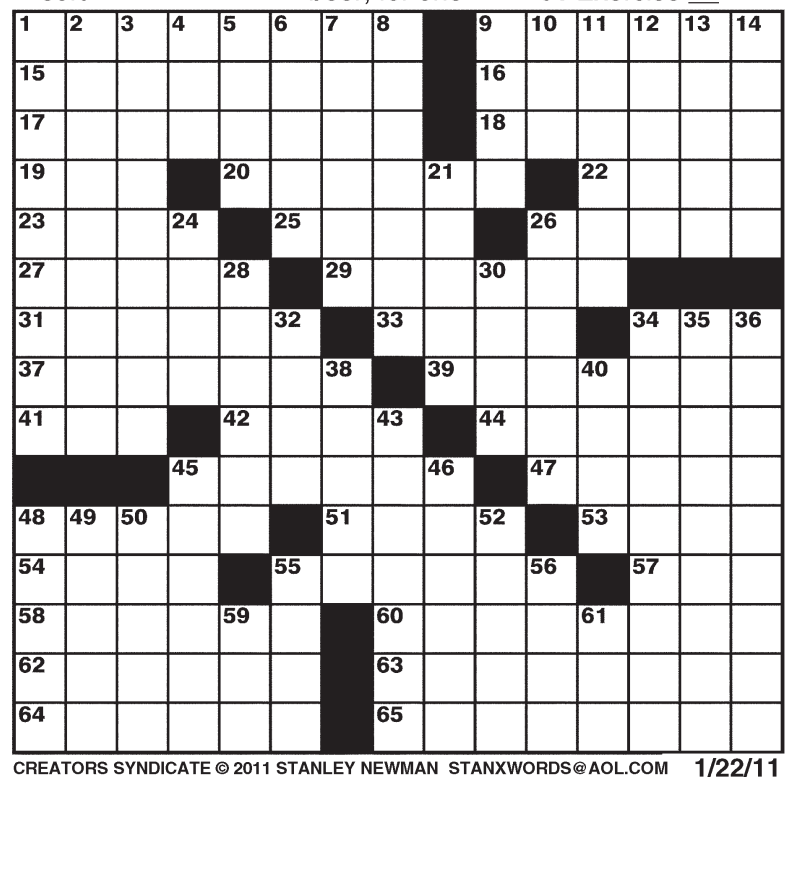
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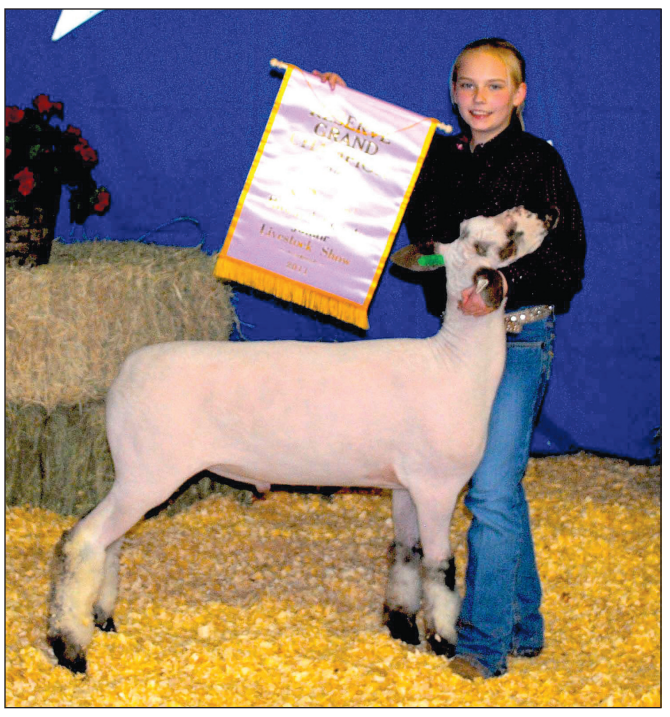
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Bryce Hamlin shows his Reserve Grand Champion Barrow.



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Reagan Hamlin shows her Reserve Grand Champion Lamb.



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Morgan Luce exhibits his Reserve Grand Champion Goat.

Show results

Heifers

Grand Champion: Myka Blissard, Howard County 4-H.

Reserve Grand Champion: Brynn Workman, Howard County 4-H.

1. Myka Blissard, Howard County 4-H; 2. Myka Blissard, Howard County 4-H; 3. Myka Blissard, Howard County 4-H; 4. Brynn Workman, Howard County 4-H

Steers

Grand Champion: Brayden Iden, Coahoma FFA.

Reserve Grand Champion: Myka Blissard, Howard County 4-H.

British: 1. Laurel Nix, Coahoma FFA, (breed champion); 2. Brayden Iden, Coahoma FFA (reserve breed champion); 3. Ali Knight, Howard County 4-H; 4. Braxton Iden, Coahoma FFA.

Light Weight Exotic: 1. Brayden Iden, Coahoma FFA (breed champion); 2. Myka Blissard, Howard County 4-H; 3. Braxton Iden, Coahoma FFA; 4. Jerad Staggs, Sands FFA; 5. Zane Parker, Sands FFA; 6. Casey Roberts, Coahoma FFA.

Middle Weight Exotic: 1. Ali Knight, Howard County 4-H; 2. Jess Brooks, Coahoma FFA; 3. Jacy Parker, Sands FFA; 4. Landon Parker, Sands FFA; 5. Brayden Iden, Coahoma FFA.

Heavy Weight Exotic: 1. Myka Blissard, Howard County 4-H (reserve breed champion); 2. Jess Brooks, Coahoma FFA; 3. Brynn Workman, Howard County 4-H.

Barrows

Grand Champion: Emilea Brumley, Coahoma FFA (*); 2. Franz Friesen, Sands FFA; 3. Julia Castilaw, Coahoma FFA; 4. Dustin Fontana, Coahoma FFA; 5. Sarah Macik, Coahoma FFA.

Heavy: 1. Sloan Miller, Howard County 4-H; 2. Aaron Thomas, Sands FFA; 3. Tatum Miller, Howard County 4-H; 4. Emilea Brumley, Coahoma FFA; 5. Faith Parum, Howard County 4-H; 6. Blaze Yeater, Howard County 4-H.

(•) Emilea Brumley took breed and reserve breed champion.

Reserve Grand Champion: Bryce Hamlin, Howard County 4-H.

Black OPB

Light: 1. Landon Boeker, Howard County 4-H (reserve breed champion); 2. Brycson Pineda, Howard County 4-H; 3. Brissa Coates, Coahoma FFA; 4. Jacy Parker, Sands FFA.

Medium: 1. Austin Nichols, Sands FFA; 2. Bryce Gartman, Howard County 4-H; 3. Sam King, Howard County 4-H; 4. Brian Moore, Sands FFA; 5. Kacee Allen, Howard County 4-H.

Heavy: 1. Trey Brumley, Coahoma FFA (breed champion); 2. Yanci Yeater, Howard County 4-H; 3. Christian Gamble, Howard County 4-H; 4. Sloan Shaw, Sands FFA; 5. Brian Moore, Sands FFA.

Cross

Light: 1. Emilea Brumley, Coahoma FFA (*); 2. Lindsey Boeker, Howard County 4-H; 3. Reagan Hamlin, Howard County 4-H; 4. Alex Hill, Coahoma FFA; 5. Brent Wright, Coahoma FFA; 6. Braxton Iden, Coahoma FFA; 7. Hunter Williams, Coahoma FFA; 8. Brissa Coates, Coahoma FFa; 9. Julia Castilaw, Coahoma FFA; 10, Zane Parker, Coahoma FFA.

Medium: 1. Brayden Iden, Coahoma FFA; 2. Garrett Anderson, Coahoma FFA; 3. Sloan Miller, Howard County 4-H; 4. Landon Boeker, Howard County 4-H; 5. Brody Coates, Coahoma FFA; 6. Katie King, Howard County 4-H; 7. Will Thomas, Sands FFA; 8. Morgan Pierce, Coahoma FFA; 9. Sloan Shaw, Sands FFA.

Light Heavy: 1. Emilea Brumley, Coahoma FFA; 2. Franz Friesen, Sands FFA; 3. Julia Castilaw, Coahoma FFA; 4. Dustin Fontana, Coahoma FFA; 5. Sarah Macik, Coahoma FFA.

Heavy: 1. Sloan Miller, Howard County 4-H; 2. Aaron Thomas, Sands FFA; 3. Tatum Miller, Howard County 4-H; 4. Emilea Brumley, Coahoma FFA; 5. Faith Parum, Howard County 4-H; 6. Blaze Yeater, Howard County 4-H.

(•) Emilea Brumley took breed and reserve breed champion.

White OPB

Light: 1. Reagan Hamlin, Sands FFA (breed champion); 2. Bryce Hamlin, Howard County 4-H; 3. Nathan Vidal, Howard County 4-H; 4. Blaze Yeater, Howard County 4-H.

Medium: 1. Braxton Iden, Coahoma FFA; 2. Yanci Yeater, Howard County 4-H; 3. Brayden Iden, Coahoma FFA; 4. Jacy Parker, Sands FFA; 5. Braxton Iden, Coahoma FFA; 6. Sarah Macik, Coahoma FFA; 7. Will Thomas, Sands FFA; 8. Sloan Shaw, Sands FFA.

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Duroc

Light: 1. Brent Wright, Coahoma FFA; 2. Colby Latimer, Sands FFA; 3. Trey Brumley, Coahoma FFA; 4. Nathan Vidal, Howard County 4-H.

Medium: 1. Braxton Iden, Coahoma FFA (breed champion); 2. Trace Hull, Sands FFA; 3. Colby Latimer, Sands FFA.

Heavy: 1. Will Thomas, Sands FFA (reserve breed champion); 2. Tatum Miller, Howard County 4-H; 3. Colby Latimer, Sands FFA; 4. Kaleb Denton, Howard County 4-H.

Hampshire

Light: 1. Zane Parker, Sands FFA; 2. Keifer Pulis, Coahoma FFA; 3. Hunter Jordan, Sands FFA; 4. Yanci Yeater, Howard County 4-H; 5. Lindsey Boeker, Howard County 4-H; 6. Bryce Gartman, Howard County 4-H.

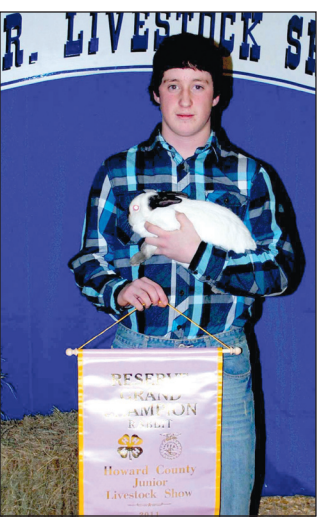
Medium: 1. Bryce Hamlin, Sands FFA (breed champion); 2. Brody Coates, Coahoma FFA; 3. Jessica Privett, Coahoma FFA; 4. Brant Gartman, Howard County 4-H; 5. Erin Fontanta, Coahoma FFA; 6. Kelsey Allen, Howard County 4-H; 7. Kimberly Jordy , Howard County 4-H.

Light Heavy: 1. Austin Nichols, Sands FFA; 2. Cassidy Gamble, Howard County 4-H; 3. Aaron Thomas, Sands FFA; 4. Zach Taylor, Sands



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Reserve Grand Champion Heifer was exhibited by Brynn Workman, pictured with her parents, Michael and Tara Workman.



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Hayden Adamson shows his Reserve Grand Champion Rabbit.



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Myka Blissard exhibits her Reserve Grand Champion Steer. She is pictured with her sister, Aubrey.

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Light Heavy: 1. Julia Castilaw, Coahoma FFA (reserve breed champion); 2. Franz Friesen, Sands FFA; 3. Colby Latimer, Sands FFA; 4. Kaylee Hill, Coahoma FFA; 5. Gaige Hill, Coahoma FFA; 6. Lane Coates, Coahoma FFA; 7. Brycson Pineda, Howard County 4-H.

Heavy: 1. Brayden Iden, Coahoma FFA; 2. Jennifer Castilaw, Coahoma FFA; 3. Hayden Tubb, Howard County 4-H; 4. Jennifer Castilaw, Coahoma FFA; 5. Emilea Brumley, Coahoma FFA.

Lambs

Grand Champion: Morgan Luce, Coahoma FFA.

Reserve Grand Champion: Reagan Hamlin, Sands FFA.

Southdown

Heavy Wright: 1. Kobyn Ramey, Howard County 4-H, (breed champion); 2. Callie McMorris, Sands FFA; 3. Will McMorris, Sands FFA.

Light Weight: 1. Will McMorris, Sands FFA (reserve breed champion); 2. Will McMorris, Sands FFA.

Finewool

Heavy Wright: 1. Reagan Hamlin, Howard County 4-H (breed champion); 2. Kobyn Ramey, Howard County 4-H (reserve breed champion); 3. Bryce Hamlin, Howard County 4-H.

Light Weight: 1. Brynn Workman, Howard County 4-H; 2. Emilee Custer, Coahoma FFA; 3. Bryce Hamlin, Sands FFA.

Finewool Cross

Heavy Wright: 1. Bryce Hamlin, Sands FFA; 2. Holder Biemeret, Howard County 4-H; 3. Reagan Hamlin, Sands FFA; 4. Landyn Young, Coahoma FFA.

Medium weight: 1. Jessi Morgan, Coahoma FFA; 2. Lukas Grantham, Howard County 4-H; 3. Bryce Hamlin, Howard County 4-H; 4. Lukas Grantham, Howard County 4-H; 5. Braxton Coor, Howard County 4-H; 6. Jessi Morgan, Coahoma FFA.

Light Weight: 1. Reagan Hamlin, Howard County 4-H (breed champion); 2. Kobyn Ramey, Howard County 4-H, (reserve breed champion; 3. Mason Coor, Howard County 4-H; 4. Savannah Grigg, Howard County 4-H.

Medium Wool

Heavy Wright: 1. Lukas Grantham, Howard County 4-H; 2. Kobyn Ramey, Howard County 4-H; 3. Reagan Hamlin, Sands FFA; 4. Holder Biemeret, Howard County 4-H; 5. Landyn Young, Coahoma 4-H.

Medium Weight: 1. Kylee Borchardt, Howard County 4-H; 2. Brynn Workman, Howard County 4-H; 3. Keifer Pulis, Coahoma FFA; 4. Jessi Morgan, Coahoma FFA; Kaleb Denton, Howard County 4-H.

Light Weight: 1. Morgan Luce, Coahoma FFA, (breed champion); 2. Lukas Grantham, Howard County 4-H, (reserve grand champion); 3. Ashley Luce, Coahoma FFA; 4. Kaleb Denton, Howard County 4-H; 5. Keifer Pulis, Coahoma FFA; 6. Nathan Feemster, Howard County 4-H; 7. Nathan Feemster, Howard County 4-H.

Goats

Grand Champion: Emilee Custer, Coahoma FFA.

Reserve Grand Champion: Morgan Luce, Coahoma FFA.

Light Weight

Class 1: 1. Emilee Custer, Coahoma FFA, (breed champion); 2. Casey Roberts, Coahoma FFA; 3. Brynn Workman, Howard County 4-H; 4. Reagan Hamlin, Sands FFA; 5. Cooper Miller, Howard County 4-H; 6. Shelbie Reid, Coahoma FFA; 7. Shelbie Reid, Coahoma FFA; 8. Morgan Pierce, Coahoma FFA; 9. Dylan Smith, Howard County 4-H; 10. Cooper Miller, Howard County 4-H.

Class 2: 1. Morgan Luce, Coahoma FFA, (reserve breed champion); 2. Emilee Custer, Coahoma FFA; 3. Cassidy Gamble, Howard County 4-H; 4. Aubrey Parum, Howard County 4-H; 5. Brynn Workman, Howard County 4-H; 6. Morgan Pierce, Coahoma FFA; 7. Cutter Atkins, Coahoma FFA; 8. Austin Nichols, Sands FFA; 9. Jayden Holt, Coahoma FFA; 10. Cassidy Gamble, Howard County 4-H.

Medium Weight

Class 3: 1. Morgan Luce, Coahoma FFA, (breed champion); 2. Ashley Luce, Coahoma FFA; 3. T.J. White, Coahoma FFA; 4. Morgan Luce, Coahoma FFA; 5. Reagan Hamlin, Howard County 4-H; 6. Faith Parum, Howard County 4-H; 7. Trevor Blagrave, Sands FFA; 8. Bryce Hamlin, Sands FFA; 9. Cutter Atkins, Coahoma FFA; 10. Vaughn Green, Howard County 4-H.

Class 4: 1. Casey Roberts, Coahoma FFA, (reserve breed champion); 2. Blaze Yeater, Howard County 4-H; 3. Emilea Brumley, Coahoma FFA; 4. Ashley Luce, Coahoma FFA; 5. Trevor Burchett, Howard County 4-H; 6. Machelle Barr, Howard County 4-H; 7. Austin Nichols, Sands FFA; 8. Reagan Hamlin, Howard County 4-H; 9. Mason Coor, Howard County 4-H; 10. Yanci Yeater, Howard County 4-H.

Heavy Weight

Class 5: 1. Joe Thompson, Coahoma FFA, (breed champion); 2. Morgan Luce, Coahoma FFA, (reserve breed champion); 3. Ashley Luce, Coahoma FFA; 4. Brian Moore, Sands FFA; 5. Yanci Yeater, Howard County 4-H; 6. Foster Burchett, Howard County 4-H; 7. Blaze Yeater, Howard County 4-H; 8. Austin Nichols, Sands FFA; 9. Machelle Barr, Howard County 4-H; 10. Kobyn Ramey, Howard County 4-H.

Class 6: 1. Reagan Hamlin, Sands FFA; 2. Foster Burchett, Howard County 4-H; 3. Machelle Barr, Howard County 4-H; 4. Bryce Hamlin, Sands FFA; 5. Landyn Young, Coahoma FFA; 6. Braxton Coor, Howard County 4-H; 7. Lukas Grantham, Howard County 4-H; 8. Sean Blagrave, Sands FFA; 9. Savannah Grigg, Howard County 4-H; 10. Tatum Miller, Howard County 4-H.

Rabbits

Class 1: 1. Brant Gartman, Howard Co. 4-H; 2. Zack King, Coahoma FFA; 3. Nolan Beal, Howard Co. 4-H; 4. Braxton Barnes, Sands FFA; 5. Zack King, Coahoma FFA; 6. Kayla Aaron, Howard Co. 4-H; 7. Ashley Caseres, Sands FFA; 8. Colten Hughes, Sands FFA; 9. Jessica Privett, Coahoma FFA; 10. Conley Niblett, Coahoma FFA.

Class 2: 1. Christian Gamble, Howard Co. 4-H; 2. Aubrey Parum, Howard Co. 4-H; 3. Jordan Cuellar, Sands FFA; 4. Jamison Cogburn, Howard Co. 4-H; 5. Austin Blount, Sands FFA; 6. Kaylee Hill, Coahoma FFA; 7. Faith Parum, Howard Co. 4-H; 8. Savannah Neff, Coahoma FFA; 9. Lindsey Boeker, Howard Co. 4-H; 10. Sydnie Gilbert, Coahoma FFA.

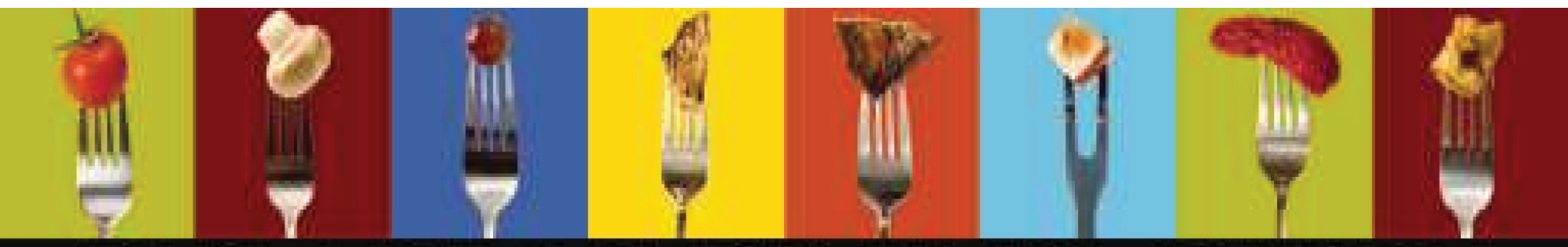
Class 3: 1. Katie Averette, Howard Co. 4-H; 2. Aumry Villalobos, Howard Co. 4-H; 3. Sarah Macik, Coahoma FFA; 4. Gaige Hill, Coahoma FFA; 5. Sarah Macik, Coahoma FFA; 6. Will McMorris, Sands FFA; 7. Gaige Hill, Coahoma FFA; 8. Hayden Tubb, Howard Co. 4-H; 9. Gage Berta, Sands FFA; 10. A.J. Martinez, Howard Co. 4-H.

Class 4: 1. Jacki Torbik, Howard Co. 4-H; 2. Hayden Adamson, Coahoma FFA; 3. Bryce Hamlin, Howard Co. 4-H; 4. Cassidy Gamble, Howard Co. 4-H; 5. Bryce Hamlin, Howard Co. 4-H; 6. Justin Stenman, Coahoma FFA; 7. Michael Knosky, Howard Co. 4-H; 8. Aaron Thomas, Sands FFA; 9. Sydnie Gilbert, Coahoma FFA; 10. Jessi Morgan, Coahoma FFA.

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