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Herald to file on candidates

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Information pertaining to alleged illegal campaign contributions accepted by a pair of candidates vying for seats on the Big Spring City Council this weekend was turned over Friday to local law enforcement on the advice of legal officials with the Texas Press Association.

According to campaign finance reports filed with City Hall, Marcus Fernandez, candidate for District 1 in Saturday's city elections, and James

Glen Carrigan, who is running for the District 3 seat, both accepted contributions from two corporations, Quad A Inc. and Hydro Dynamics.

Under the Texas Ethics Commission Title 15 Election Code, candidates seeking to hold office are not allowed to accept campaign contributions from corporations. The alleged violations are considered third-degree felonies and could be punishable by 2 to 10 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000, according to the Texas Election Code.

Big Spring Herald Publisher Ron

Midkiff said the information was turned over to law enforcement on the advice of officials with the Texas Press Association.

"Although the timing seems as if the *Herald* is being partisan, this is not the case," Midkiff said. "We report our findings after determining it is newsworthy and accurate. Initially, we reported these findings earlier in the week to authorities. Due to the timing and the busy week involved, the *Herald* was told Friday the findings would take until Monday to go through the proper channels and the

investigation process would begin at that time.

"Our position is to be the outlet for news and information in our community. That is our responsibility, regardless of who it is or what the information is about. It is also common for newspapers to request information through the Open Records Act and report any findings, especially if there is wrongdoing and especially if it is illegal. We will continue to do this in the future."

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BSHS Senior wins national award for 'Dreams' painting

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

It's all about never forgetting our dreams, at least that's what Sara Goza portrays in her award winning painting, "Dreams."

"Our dreams are something that everyone needs to keep in mind," Goza said. "Even though we may look back on them and think they are silly, at one time they were important."

Goza, a senior at Big Spring High School, entered her piece, along with three other Big Spring students to the 2011 Congressional Art Competition for Texas District 19.

"'Dreams' fit the standard and I thought that if it was good enough to go to (University of Interscholastic League) contest then why wouldn't it be good enough for this contest," Goza said.

Goza described her painting of the dragonfly, large red flower and reflection on a pond as a representation of how close our dreams really are.

"It represents that if we get close enough we can grasp our dreams," Goza said. "At the same time, it shows us how that as we get older we realize how small our dreams really were. It's a reminder of our childhood, something that nobody needs to forget."

On May 10 she received a call from Congressman Randy Neugebauer informing her that she had won and will be receiving two round-trip tickets to Washington DC to attend the official ceremony and reception at the U.S. Capitol on June 22.

"I am happy to announce that Miss Sara Goza, a senior at Big Spring High School, has won this year's Congressional Art Competition for her painting entitled 'Dreams,'" Neugebauer said. "We received

more submissions this year than any other year since I have been in Congress, and it was certainly a difficult decision. I've always known our district to be full of talented young men and women, and it is enjoyable to see it first-hand.

According to Neugebauer's office, there were 17 total entries and Goza won in a close vote.

"Sara is one of my greatest artists," Big Spring High School Art Teacher Judy Tereletsky said. "She accepts any challenge I give her and usually makes her own."

Sara said that when she submitted the art piece, she had no idea what the potential award could be. She heard the words art competition and she was willing to give it a try.

"I had never heard of this contest before, but I had

HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Sara Goza, senior at Big Spring High School, won the 2011 Congressional Art Competition for Texas District 19 with her painting, "Dreams." Goza was one of five entries submitted from BSHS.

Local scouts to recruit, fight hunger

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

It's time for the 2011 Boy Scouts of America Spring Information Night.

Representatives from the Boy Scouts will be on hand from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at 610 Scurry Street to provide information about the different programs the Boy Scouts of America offer.

Throughout the evening information will be provided from volunteers of the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, aviation exploring, fire service exploring and venturing.

On top of the information from the volunteers, there will be interactive learning activities for those attending. If you would like more information about the event contact Brian Sweeney at 432-213-3577.

Tuesday night the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will join together to host the Home Runs for Hunger Food Drive, at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. All the donations from the food drive will benefit the Iglesias Bautista Central Food Pantry. The scouts are asking all those attending the games to bring non-expired, non-perishable food items.

"All they have to do is bring their donations to the field and we will have a drop-off site set up next to the concession stands," Shannon Duncan, district commissioner, said.

The scouts are asking for the community

residents to help them knock hunger in Big Spring out of the park.

Another upcoming event, for the Girl Scouts of Big Spring ages kindergarten through 12th grade is Splash Down Day Camp.

During the day camp participants will have the opportunity to learn about water uses, water management and water control. They can also join ceremonies, cooking, water activities and more.

For those wanting to attend the camp registration needs to be done by June 15. The camp will run Monday through Thursday, from June 27 to June 30 and will cost \$15. This registration fee includes water park admission. There is a minimum capacity of 15 people and a maximum capacity of 100 people for the day camp, according to information provided about the day camp.

To find out more information about the Splash Down Day Camp contact Janice Hogan at 432-570-9188 ext. 502, Amy Parker at 432-570-9133 ext. 507 or Shannon Duncan at 432-517-4354. Also more information can be found at www.gsdsd.org.

For those wanting to join the Girl Scouts call 432-570-9188 ext. 502 or visit the website at www.gsdsd.org. Registration is \$12 per year.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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Obituaries

Ira Elmo 'Ike' Wasson



Ira Elmo "Ike" Wasson went to be with Yahweh on May 12, 2011, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Joe Hernandez officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was a Messianic Christian and attended Beth Midrash Torah. Ike was born in Big Spring to Ruby Lee and Paul Love Wasson on Dec.

29, 1943.

He attended Sands High School in Ackerly. Ike married the love of his life, Wanda Armstrong, on May 10, 1970. She preceded him in death in 2007. Ike was retired from the Big Spring Fire Department. He enjoyed coin collecting, fishing and walking.

Survivors include a son, Caleb Wasson of San Angelo; a sister, Lynda Dunsmuir and husband Peter of Napa, Calif.; two sons and two daughters by marriage, Wendell Armstrong and fiancé Marisa Adams, David and wife Sheila Armstrong, Debbie and husband Terry Chamness and Millie Armstrong and fiancé Victor Hutchinson, all of Big Spring. Ike had 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Ronald Wasson and Paul Wasson; and one son, John B. Armstrong.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons.

The family will be at 1900 Main St.

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

Paid obituary

Syble Patterson Kinder

Syble (Tenie) Patterson Kinder, 84, died Friday, May 13, 2011, in Midland. She was born April 30, 1927, to Eddie and Anna Sheppard.

She was preceded in death by her husband, N.L. (Pat) Patterson; and four children, Larry, Vicki, Shelly and Kevin Patterson. She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers; and her second husband, Benjamin Kinder.

Syble is survived by three children, Kenneth (Sylvia), Norman (Mireille) and Tracy Patterson; and daughter-in-law, Cindy Patterson; two brothers, Nelson and Glenn Sheppard; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 16, 2011, at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, 4629 Andrews Hwy., Midland 79703 or www.hospiceofmidland.org.

Paula Hughes

Paula Hughes, 47, of Big Spring died Friday, May 13, 2011, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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Police blotter

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

- TAVIAN S. ATKINS, 23, of 709 E. 15th St., was picked up Friday on a warrant for safety belt child under 17.
- HOLLEY DENISE JENNINGS, 26, of 1405 Tucson St., was picked up Friday on a warrant for theft more than or equal to \$50 and less than \$500.
- RAYMOND MONTEZ HILARIO, 30, of 3912 Parkway, was picked up Friday on a warrant for no drivers license – when unlicensed, failed to maintain financial responsibility, fail to appear (two counts).
- EDGAR CALVIN SMOKE, 50, transient, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHANCE ALLAN PERRYMAN, 26, of 223 Brooks, was arrested Friday on a charge of theft less than \$50/shoplifting.
- BONNIE MAYE GRETT, 39, of 3304 W. Hwy 80 21, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault: family violence threat or offensive touch.
- THEFT was reported in the 600 block of NW Ninth Street.
In the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1100 block of W. Third Street.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Parents Empowering Parents, first and third Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Northside Community Center. Support group for parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive-foster parents or stepparents. Professional facilitator, parent-led discussions on variety of topics.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com

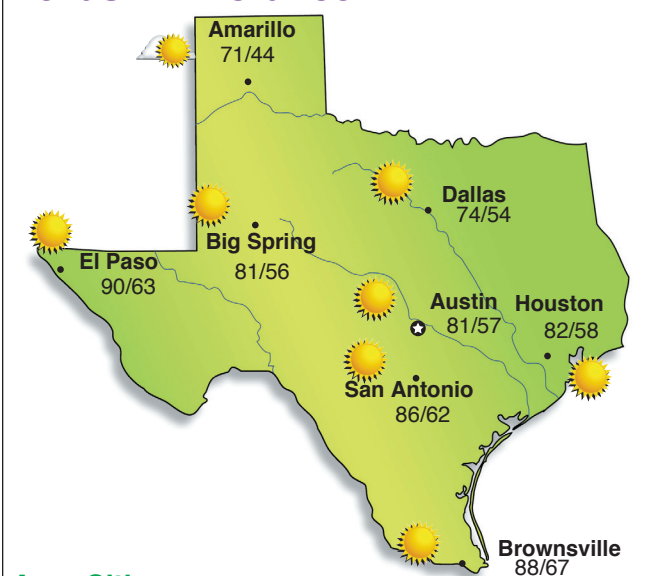
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 5/15	Mon 5/16	Tue 5/17	Wed 5/18	Thu 5/19
				
81/56 A mainly sunny sky. High 81F. Winds ESE at 15 to 25 mph.	86/59 Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	90/64 Windy with a few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	93/66 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	92/60 Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:37 PM	Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:37 PM	Sunrise: 6:47 AM Sunset: 8:38 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM	Sunrise: 6:46 AM Sunset: 8:39 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	78	53	sunny	Kingsville	86	63	sunny
Amarillo	71	44	mst sunny	Livingston	81	52	sunny
Austin	81	57	sunny	Longview	74	51	sunny
Beaumont	81	57	sunny	Lubbock	74	48	sunny
Brownsville	88	67	sunny	Lufkin	81	53	sunny
Brownwood	81	54	sunny	Midland	82	59	sunny
Corpus Christi	82	64	sunny	Raymondville	88	65	sunny
Corsicana	75	53	sunny	Rosenberg	83	57	sunny
Dallas	74	54	sunny	San Antonio	86	62	sunny
Del Rio	87	64	pt sunny	San Marcos	83	57	sunny
El Paso	90	63	sunny	Sulphur Springs	72	51	sunny
Fort Stockton	85	61	sunny	Sweetwater	79	53	sunny
Gainesville	71	48	sunny	Tyler	75	51	sunny
Greenville	72	50	sunny	Weatherford	74	51	sunny
Houston	82	58	sunny	Wichita Falls	77	50	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	71	50	pt sunny	Minneapolis	62	39	pt sunny
Boston	65	56	rain	New York	70	63	rain
Chicago	47	41	rain	Phoenix	88	63	windy
Dallas	74	54	sunny	San Francisco	55	48	rain
Denver	57	41	pt sunny	Seattle	52	46	rain
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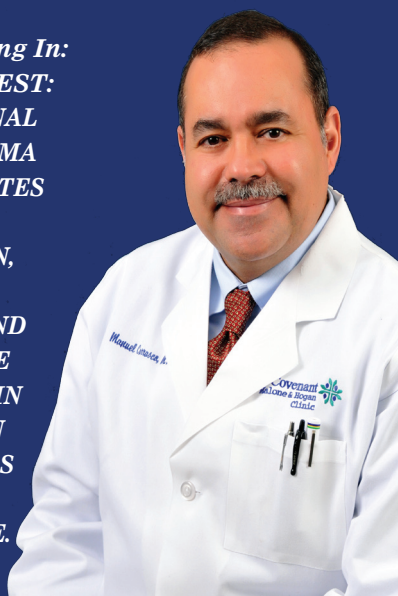
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According to a campaign finance report filed with the city’s secretary, Fernandez accepted a donation of \$1,000 from Quad A Inc. and a \$200 donation from Hydro Dynamics. Carrigan reported he had received \$1,000 from Quad A Inc. and \$400 from Hydro Dymanics. Both candidates have main-

tained they were not aware it was illegal to take the campaign contributions at the times they were accepted and say they have refunded or are in the process of refunding the contributions. The *Herald* first reported on possible illegal campaign contributions in Big Spring in its May 6 edition, outlining similar campaign contributions allegedly accepted by Mayor Tommy Duncan during his 2010 bid for the mayoral office. According to the campaign

report submitted by Duncan, he accepted a \$300 political contribution from Hydro Dynamics Inc. and a \$500 political contribution from Quad A Inc. Duncan also maintains he was not aware it was illegal to accept the contributions.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

GOZA

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this painting and I had tried to go past regional with it before and I decided to give it another shot in competition,” Goza said. “I thought it was a community contest, not a congressional contest.”

Goza said even though she is already excited about winning, she is still letting it sink in because she doesn’t think she has quite grasped how big this is.

“She is excited, but I think once she gets up there she will be even more excited,” Tereletsy said. “Her eyes lit up when we mentioned the tour of the museums.”

When it comes to meeting the congressman it’s pretty high on her list of rewards, but Goza said she is more interested and excited about going

to see the artwork in the Smithsonian. Afterall, art is one of the driving forces of Goza’s life.

“I consider myself pretty smart and my vocabulary is extensive, but I’m not always good with words. Art, however, is universal,” Goza said. “It can be anything and everything and nothing, all at the same time.”

For Goza when she picks up a brush or whatever material she will be using that day and starts creating she said she feels like she is preserving a piece of herself in time.

“Whatever it is that is being created has meaning behind it and whenever I paint or make my sculputures that feeling that I had is showing in the particular piece,” Goza said. “That meaning will be there forever along with that piece of artwork.”

Three years ago BSHS had another congressio-

nal art winner, Allision Ward, who won with a cowboy picture.

The excitement for Goza and her achievement can surely be seen in the art department at BSHS. Two classmates and contest entrants expressed their excitement about Goza’s win.

“She has been a really good tutor for me,” sophomore Sydney Hernandez said.

Opal Gonzales, senior at BSHS said Goza will be good representation not only of our area, but of the school as well.

“It’s great that she won,” Gonzales said. “Her being a senior only makes her senior year that much better.”

Even though this may be an achievement that Goza never expected and may not fully grasp just yet, there is more surprises in her future according to Tereletsy.

To find out more information on those surprises and how you can

help contact Tereletsy by email at jtereletsy@bsisd.esc18.net or by phone at 432-264-3641 ext. 1464.

“Sara’s painting will hang in the Cannon Tunnel for visitors, from around the United States and the world, to view as they walk toward the Capitol. The painting’s bright colors will stand out among the other artwork from all over the country,” Neugebauer said. “The runners up will hang in my district offices in Abilene, Big Spring and Lubbock. I want to thank everyone who submitted artwork, and look forward to watching them continue to showcase their artistic talents in the future.”

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

GOP agenda rolling through Texas Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — Republicans in the Texas Legislature haven’t let rules, traditions or complaints from Democrats get in their way.

From the cut-and-slash state budget to abortion rules requiring some women to have an invasive sonogram, Republicans have pushed through conservative priorities using any means necessary, steamrolling the minority party in the process. As the legislative session goes into its final two weeks, the political drama will only intensify.

House and Senate negotiators still must come up with a compromise version of the budget. If major sticking points over spending aren’t smoothed over soon, it could force a special session during the summer. School-funding legislation, including a measure to give schools relief from some state mandates, also has stalled.

A Senate showdown over immigration legislation cracking down on so-called sanctuary cities will likely come up before the May 30 session close.

“What you’re going to see in the Senate, with Hispanics, is that it’s personal,” said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio, leader of the Senate Democrats. “My prayer for the next two weeks is that I continue to have restraint and do not lose it because of immigration stuff.”

Capping a tense week filled with late nights, the House GOP met a major deadline late Thursday, and by Friday had sent most of the priority legislation on the path to becoming law. Some major pieces of legislation have yet to be completed, including a House-Senate compromise on the budget and a school finance measure, but they haven’t given up.

For Democrats, the only recourse has been parliamentary objections, to stop or stall major legislation.

Democrats are so outnumbered in the chamber, Republicans could conduct business without a

single Democrat even showing up. The GOP has 101 members in the 150-chamber after sweeping victories last year. It’s a far cry from 2003, when Democrats lost control of the chamber but could still stop House business by leaving the state.

This year, the best they can do is run out the clock to minimize the number of bills that pass in the 140-day session.

Republican Speaker Joe Straus used a rules smack-down last week to allow the majority to force a vote on a tort reform bill, and again two days later, to pass a tough-on-immigrants law enforcement measure.

“For the big ticket items, we’re getting those done,” said Rep. Larry Taylor, leader of the House Republicans. “We have the numbers to get things done when we have to pull the trigger. It’s unfortunate that (Democrats) make us get in that position, when we have to do things that they consider drastic.”

For other legislation, the GOP has relied on its raw voting strength to pass stricter voter identification requirements, abortion restrictions and Republican-friendly redistricting maps.

In the Senate, partisan tensions simmer as well.

CORRECTION!

The Ad that ran Friday, May 13, 2011 in the Big Spring Herald on Page 2A for Marcus M. Fernandez listed the Political Ad disclosure incorrectly. The correct disclosure should have read **“Pol. Adv. paid for by Marcus M. Fernandez, Mary (Eva) Garcia, Treasurer.”**

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Take Note

- A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help pay funeral expenses in the death of Petra (Patsy) Torres. The funeral home is located at 301 E. 24th in Big Spring. For more information, call 432-267-8288.
- West Texas Opportunities will be having its community meeting at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the Howard County Library. Guest speaker will be Tony Marquez of Crossroads Consulting Services. For more information, call Connie Baca, center director, at 267-9536.
- Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.
- The HCV Section 8 waiting list for the Big Spring Housing Authority is open. The authority is accepting new applications. The office is located at 201 NE Seventh in Big Spring.
- 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 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.
- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children’s Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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Petra “Patsy” Torres, 52, died Wednesday. Funeral services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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YOUR VIEWS

Trash Drugs

TO THE EDITOR:

A little more than one month ago during spring break, I spent three days picking up trash around town in hopes of inspiring folks to make donations to a community fund for drug education programs at Goliad Intermediate school. I am genuinely grateful for the coverage given to the effort by the Big Spring Herald, KBST, KBYG and KWES.

I picked up 84 bags of trash; 58 bags came from around the hospital grounds. However, my effort did not generate nearly the response that it did in 2010. So far individuals and businesses have donated about \$1,000 to the fund.

I believe drug education is a community responsibility. It happens best through our schools. I would like to see the fund grow large enough to cover programs at all our schools, but for now it is being applied to Goliad because that seems to be the best age to start equipping our young people with the confidence and skills to say no when pressured by peers and others to use illegal drugs.

A regional newspaper recently reported a study that revealed illegal drug use among teens has increased by 20 percent in the Permian Basin area. In this time of significant budget cuts in education lets at least make sure our teachers have some resources to teach and guide our young people to say no to drugs. I know their efforts are only part of the equation, but it is an important part.

It is still possible to make a contribution to the fund. Gifts can be sent to the Big Spring Community Foundation, 203 W. Third St.. Be sure to designate your donation for drug education.

THE REV. KEN MCINTOSH,
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BIG SPRING

Plant sale

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Howard County Master Gardeners, I wish to thank the community of Big Spring for the outstanding turnout at our Sixth annual plant sale held this past Saturday. I especially wish to thank Johansen's Nursery and St. Paul Lutheran Church for their support.

Thanks are also in order for the many community businesses that helped with advertising the event. The proceeds from the sale will help defray the cost of the many community projects undertaken by our group.

Congratulations are in store for the winners from the drawing; Gary Bianco won the garden bucket and tools, while Debi Morton won the chair planter.

THANK YOU ALL,
WALTER WARD
PRESIDENT,
HOWARD COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

It's not me!

TO THE EDITOR:

There seems to be some confusion as to the Steve Campbell who is manager of Elrod's Furniture and the Steve Campbell who is a former member of the Concerned Citizens Council. To the person who wrote the letter to Elrod's voicing concern about the letters to the editor from Steve Campbell, this person and the Steve Campbell who manages Elrod's are not the same person.

STEVE CAMPBELL,
MANAGER
ELROD'S FURNITURE
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Acceptable behavior?

TO THE EDITOR:

Please, can someone help in dealing with handling this matter?

To all the concerned citizens.

I was born and raised in Big Spring. I have a lot of pride and respect for Big Spring. Respect has always been a very big part of my life next to God, family and country. No matter where you go, what we are doing or who you're dealing with, whether it be children, family, friends, employees, supervisors or the public, respect is number one.

I worked at a local business which recently had a management change. The new management is, in my opinion, rude and disrespectful. As I went to pick up my paycheck that I have always been able to get before 1 p.m., I was informed that if I was not scheduled to work, my check could not be picked up until 5 p.m.

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She was a princess for a day; some say a queen for a lifetime

Grady Nutt, the late Christian comedian, knew better than to trifle with his daddy when high noon came on the farm.

The hour marked a sharp departure from chores looming from pre-day-break to post-sundown. Filling the 60 minutes, in order of importance, were Dallas radio station KRLD's gospel music program and the hearty victuals Mrs. Nutt offered for lunch.

The man selling radios knew a gospel music man when he saw one, and Mr. Nutt shelled out the money for the battery-powered model. His heart danced at the prospect of hearing the Stamps-Baxter quartet every day.

"We kids knew to steer clear of Dad's radio," Grady recalled, "We didn't want him to blame us for running the battery down."

It was 1936; the Great Depression had a strong hold on the country, and the old farmer took no chances.

To avoid tuning in the wrong station, he sawed off the dialing knob so his radio would always be set on KRLD.

Just as Mr. Nutt was partial to gospel music, women across the land were locked in daily to hear a radio network personality, Jack Bailey. He'd call out to a Hollywood studio audience and listeners across the land, "Would you like to be queen for a day?"

Yelling ensued, because they all dreamed of such a day. Millions reached for their hankies, ready to hear woeful appeals by four contestants on each 30-minute show. (It ruled radio airwaves from 1945-1956 before

becoming a TV show from 1957-1964.)

My mom wouldn't miss it. Embellishment and reaching "way back" are important when one speaks to the same audience four times in a 36-hour period. That was my challenge during a recent conference for senior adults inDenton.

I reached back to a "Queen for a Day" yarn, describing "blubberings" my mom thrived on. We had just one radio, and she was the tuner.

I was eight years old, so I could listen to the wind blow, door hinges squeak, cows moo, birds chirp or Bailey and his parade of pleading prize plunderers.

"I'm unemployed," one of the contestants muttered between sobs. Bailey asked her about earlier work experience. Previously, she had been a cotton picker, and before that, a chicken plucker.

"What happened?" Bailey questioned.

"I lost my cotton-picking, chicken-plucking jobs," she moaned.

Between conference sessions, 88-year-old Ellen Cupp of Denison told me I "got it right" about the contestants' moans and groans.

"Did you listen to it, too?" I asked.

"Listen to it? I was a contestant out in Hollywood back in 1957," she replied.

"I guess my story wasn't sad enough," she lamented. Attending the show with her three sisters-in-law, she was "floored" to be selected as one of the four contestants.

"I didn't have a big, needy family, I didn't have any medical horror stories and I didn't cry," Mrs. Cupp explained.

"The lights were hot, and I was scared, so I hurriedly requested a deep freeze for our garden produce."

The winner that day, like those on most days, cried. She had a big family with runny noses instead of running water. It was her chore--among many others--to get water fetched the best way she could.

Oh, how she'd like to have her own backyard water well, so she could draw up a bucket whenever needed.

Yep, she pegged the audience applause meter, earning the crown and ermine robe, relegating Mrs. Cupp to the runner-up slot.

Back in Denison, Ellen's late husband, Gene Wakefield, had started the rumor that his bride was going to be on the show, urging everyone to "tune in."

Truth to tell, all he knew was that she and his sisters had admission tickets to the show.

Ellen's mom took off from work to join her son-in-law in front of the TV. Sure enough, Ellen was a contestant. "When they saw me, Mom thought my husband was going to have a heart flare-up," Ellen remembers.

I was taken aback that a member of my audience had actually been a contestant, and asked her why she didn't wave her hand when I did the spiel.

"I figured you'd tease me," she responded.

Ellen, a warm and engaging woman, is sprightly, energetic, courageous, optimistic, hard-working and beloved in her community. Nearly 60 years ago, she was "princess for a day." She won several minor prizes, including a pressure cooker helpful in "canning the same old way." But, those who know her best say she's a "queen for life!"

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Allies are hardly our friends

When your allies actually hate you and wish to see your way

of life end, it's hard to really call them allies. In general, when the only reason someone befriends you is that you may stop someone they hate even more from beating them up (or in this case nuking them) you're at best united by a common enemy; you're not actually allies.

That said, the United States has long called countries that are pretty much our enemies "allies." Apparently, if you're not pointing your guns at us at this exact moment, or if you are at least hiding the gun well, then you count as our friend. It also helps if -- while you actively, but quietly, work against us -- you let us keep some stuff in your country.

Canada, England, Australia, those are actual allies -- countries which embrace our culture that actually might come to our defense if someone attacked us.

I'm sure there are a handful of others, but most of our so-called friends around the world support us in the way that a dorky kid would "support" the bully in order to not get beaten up.

If we're invading Iraq or Afghanistan then we're not looking at whatever atrocities might be being committed by our pals who pretend to support us while mostly hoping someone else takes us out. It's hard to see much difference between the countries we invade and the ones we call friends (I'm looking at you Libya until a few months ago).

This has never been more evident than when you consider our most recent ally to betray us, Pakistan. The people of Pakistan have no more affection for Americans than we do for Al Qaeda members or that dance show Paula Abdul hosted. Instead, they pretend to be our friends because we're also sort of allies with India and Pakistan can't let India have us all to itself.

Pakistan had Osama bin Laden living in pretty much the largest house in Pakistan living basically freely and absolutely nobody thought to give us a call. If you house our greatest enemy and neglect to tell us, that makes you

a pretty lousy friend.

Sadly, most of our allies will gladly take our money but they actually abhor us. As a basic test you can more or less decide who our real friends are by how they treat their women. If the women of a country have less rights than we give a pet fish, then that country may actually just be pretending to be our pal.

Similarly, you can judge a country by its willingness to allow outside cultures in. If the country has Seinfeld reruns than we might actually be pals. If a particular nation only has shows focused on how decadent we are and cartoons that teach kids how to kill Jews, then, well, I wouldn't be inviting that country out for dinner.

The only thing shocking about Pakistan's betrayal is that it's not shocking in the least. Perhaps our next bullet should be for their leader who lied to us and protected Osama bin Laden.

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LETTERS

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I requested the employees be informed in writing of all the new changes that were being implemented. At the time I had my 3-year-old son with me and was told that he was not allowed in there because it was a place of business and not for kids.

Those working that day would have their check as soon as they got off, but my new employer was rude and yelled at me, saying it was not his problem if I had to pay bills or go to the bank before 5 p.m. He refused to even hear me out and was yelling for me to leave. I told him he needed to talk to me with respect and he needed to respect me and my children. I informed him that he scared my son.

What is is with these people?
Please, is this acceptable behavior?

ERMELINDA CANO
BIG SPRING

Losing a dear friend

TO THE EDITOR:

Cry... that's what I did when I heard that God had taken one of my dearest friends home to heaven, Bobby Sumner.

A man who stood as tall as a giant, but had the heart of an angel. I knew Bobby and his dear wife for years. We watched our sons grow up together and life was good, but the day God called their son Brandon home the light just seemed to go out of Bobby. He didn't smile much anymore and something ugly was growing inside him. Something that would make him fight for every day he was on Earth. That something was cancer.

He didn't mind dyeing for it meant that he would be in heaven with Brandon, but Bobby kept on fighting because he didn't want to leave his much loved wife alone.

God above saw how very tired he was and with arms opened wide, he called to Bobby to come home to that beautiful place called heaven.

Bobby, I don't know why you had to suffer so much on Earth because you were a good person a friend to those that need a friend the most. You will

be missed greatly by all who knew you.

LANA ANGUIANO
BIG SPRING

Pointing fingers

TO THE EDITOR:

Take long, hard look in mirror before pointing an accusatory finger at others.

As a society, we've been doing a whole lot of finger pointing these days. When it comes to current events—and whom to blame as of late, our city governments are pointing fingers at the state; our state officials are pointing fingers at the federal government.

Democrats are pointing fingers at the Republicans; and the Republicans are pointing right back at the Democrats.

And it's not just at the political levels we're pointing fingers. We point fingers at our bosses, our employees, our neighbors and our peers. Heck, we even do a lot of finger pointing at our spouses, our family and our friends. When it comes to difficult times, too many of us want to blame someone else for the problem.

I, for one, am tired of the finger-pointing. I think it's time we start pointing our finger inward—at ourselves. We've become lazy as a society. We want to be treated equally, but we don't want to do the work. We want to sit back and wait for our leaders to take care of us, and we want to point the finger at them after the fact and let them know how they did it wrong.

Our forefathers are turning over in their graves. So is every soldier who has fought for the freedom of this country in every war since the very first one fought on American soil more than 200 years ago. Every time we not only expect—but also demand—that our government be the responsible party for our every want and need—we basically ask that our freedom be taken away.

No matter your political affiliation, gender, profession, age, ethnicity or your religion...as a whole, we've got to stop the finger pointing. Nothing will ever be improved upon in our society as long as we're blaming each

other.

I'll take some of the blame—I am regularly a finger pointer myself, and I realize that. Like the old cliché says, I have to remind myself that every time I point my finger at someone else, there are three pointing right back at me. Maybe the best way to start is for us all to realize while there's a lot to be upset about in our news of late... there's still an awful lot to be proud of as well. Maybe, it's not that we need to stop finger-pointing altogether. Maybe, we just need to do it a little differently.

For instance, I know that I, for one, am proud to be an American—and I've even found a way to be proud of finger-pointing. I know I'm proud to point my finger every day at the American flag and say we are one nation under God.

I also know I'm proud to point my finger at the church of my choosing and worship under the faith of my choosing, thanks to my freedom.

I know I'm proud to point my finger every day at my wife of 24 years, Kay, and say "I love you."

I know I'm proud to point my finger at my home each day and say, "I worked for that and I did it honestly."

I'm proud to point my fingers at the thousands of volunteers who have come together during this time of wild fires and are becoming faster than the next one starting up. And to all of those volunteer fireman who give unselfishly to save a strangers home, I/We can say thank you and the same for those who chosen firefighting for a career.

I'm proud to point my finger at the West Texas sky each morning and every evening and be thankful I live in Big Spring.

I'm proud to point my finger at our military whom I believe recognize better than any of us just how much we take our freedom for granted each and every day—and say "thank you."

In a free society, we're never going to agree on everything. That's the beauty of freedom.

So instead of trying to always figure out who's right and who's wrong, and even more, who's to blame, let's first take a good, long look at ourselves and decide how much work we each are doing individually to appreciate this gift...and it truly is a gift—of freedom we wake up to each and every day. I, for one, am starting right now.

DALE PITTMAN
BIG SPRING

Trying to correct

TO THE EDITOR:

With the roof problems we experienced, we are taking this time to replace ceiling, roof, floor and repaint the showroom. When the process is finished we will have a new look and new roof. During this time we are very appreciative of the understanding of the community. No one wants the store open more than Lynda and I do, but hopefully this will be worth the wait. This week we received a letter from a customer who was upset over a letter he saw in the *Herald*, he attributed to Steve Campbell who manages the store.

In trying to correct this mistaken identity, I asked the radio stations to put a tag on our ads explaining that there are two Steve Campbells. I did not intend to demean Mr. Campbell who wrote the letter or any other group. In busines in a small town we stay out of politics and try to avoid controversy. We do our best to be a good neighbor and support the positive direction of our city.

We will open in the next few weeks and will have a lot of damaged, slightly damaged and new items that have been arriving during this time. Look for our advertising as we prepare to open. Thanks again for your support

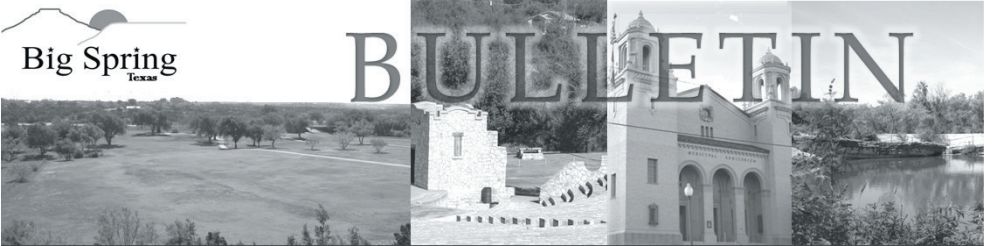
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Items to be picked up must be placed on the curb, as close to the street as possible. Residents are encouraged to assist Code Enforcement by notifying elderly neighbors who might benefit from large item pickup, but are unaware that the service is available.

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Margarita machine, a notable Dallas invention

MATTHEW HUISMAN
The Dallas Morning News
WASHINGTON, Texas — He may not have created the first margarita, but Mariano Martinez transformed the drink from a border cantina concoction to the nation's most popular alcoholic beverage with his invention in Dallas of the frozen margarita machine.

Forty years later, Mar-

tinez's invention has increased the U.S. demand for tequila and contributed to the widespread popularity of Tex-Mex cuisine.

It was 1971, and he was a 26-year-old Dallas restaurateur whose dream of operating his own Mexican restaurant was melting before his eyes. Martinez couldn't master the icy consistency of frozen margaritas, much to the dismay of

his customers.

With his business on the rocks and facing a coup from his bartenders, who complained the slushy concoctions were too time-consuming and complicated to make, Martinez was desperately searching for a remedy.

"I had a sleepless night and the next day, I stopped to get a cup of coffee at a 7-Eleven and I saw that Slurpee ma-

chine," Martinez said. "The entire concept hit me at one time."

An inspired Martinez retrofitted an old soft-serve machine and, using his father's margarita recipe, streamlined the production of what has become America's most ordered alcoholic beverage.

Happy hour would never be the same.

The National Museum of American History, having recognized the invention's cultural significance to Mexican-American food and drink, acquired the machine in 2005.

"It represents a whole movement of American life where all these things came together," said Rayna Green, a curator for the museum. "The margarita machine

that machine, I wouldn't be here today," he said. "That machine allowed me to stay in business for the last 40 years."

The invention saved Martinez's restaurant and also jump-started the U.S. demand for tequila as knock-off machines spread to mom-and-pop and chain restaurants.

As early as the 19th century, tequila manufacturers in Mexico had been trying to sell their blue agave spirit to an American market that knew neither what it was nor how to drink it. That changed when the margarita started appearing in bars and restaurants along the U.S.-Mexico border in the late 1930s.

"It's really important because for Mexican

perfect pair for the margaritas they were pouring was Mexican-inspired foods such as nachos and tacos. So as the frozen margarita spread across the U.S., it brought Tex-Mex cuisine with it.

Tex-Mex "basically floated out of the Southwest on a sea of margaritas and Coronas," said Jeffrey Pilcher, a history professor at the University of Minnesota.

Over time, America's taste for tequila has become more refined; demand for top-shelf tequila has reached an all-time high. The biggest boom is in the super-premium category, which has seen imports increase 336 percent since 2002, according to the Distilled Spirits Council of the United



Mariano Martinez, inventor of the frozen margarita machine.



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is also about American innovation and entrepreneurship."

The drink was an instant success and attracted people from across the state who wanted to sample Martinez's slushy creation.

"If it hadn't been for

manufacturers, the margarita becomes the drink that introduces Americans to tequila in a way they weren't able to before," said José Orozco, a Whittier College history professor.

The popularity of the drink only increased with the introduction of the frozen margarita machine, which produced a consistent beverage. It became so popular that in 2006, the margarita surpassed the martini as the most ordered alcoholic beverage, representing 17 percent of all mixed-drink sales, says Brown-Forman, one of the largest American-owned spirits and wine companies.

Americans drink an average of 185,000 margaritas every hour, Brown-Forman says.

Restaurant owners soon realized that the

States.

"We are past the days of slamming down tequila," Martinez said. "We are in an era of 100 percent agave tequila."

Tequila has transformed from the liquor of peasants to a present fit for the Duke of Cambridge. Recently, a guest who attended the royal wedding of William and Catherine brought bottles of Tequila Avión, top-shelf tequila not sold in England.

And as the tastes of consumers change, so does the margarita menu at Mariano's Hacienda. Names like Fire and Ice, the Texas Tornado and Burnt Orange now grace the menu.

But don't worry: Martinez's original frozen margarita inspired by his father's secret recipe is still on tap behind the bar.

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Obama announces steps to speed US oil production

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing continued public unhappiness over gas prices, President Barack Obama is directing his administration to ramp up U.S. oil production by extending existing leases in the Gulf of Mexico and off Alaska’s coast and holding more frequent lease sales in a federal petroleum reserve in Alaska.

Obama said Saturday that the measures “make good sense” and will help reduce U.S. consumption of imported oil in the long term. But he acknowledged anew that they won’t help to immediately bring down gasoline prices topping \$4 a gallon in many parts of the country.

His announcement followed passage in the Republican-controlled House of three bills — including two this week — that would expand and speed up offshore oil and gas drilling. Republicans say the bills are aimed at easing gasoline costs, but they also acknowledge that won’t be immediate.

The White House had announced its opposition to all three bills, which are unlikely to pass the Democratic-controlled Senate, saying the measures would undercut safety reviews and open environmentally sensitive areas to new drilling.

But Obama is adopting some of the bills’ provisions.

Answering the call of Republicans and Democrats from Gulf Coast states, Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address that he would extend all Gulf leases that were affected by a temporary moratorium on drilling imposed after last year’s BP oil spill. That would give companies additional time to begin drilling.

The administration had been granting extensions case by case, but senior administration officials said the Interior Department would institute a blanket one-year extension.

New safety requirements put in place since the BP spill also have delayed drilling in Alaska, so Obama said he would extend lease terms there for a year as well. An oil lease typically runs 10 years.

Lease sales in the western and central Gulf of Mexico that were postponed last year will be held by the middle of next year, the same time period required by the House. A sale off the Virginia coast still would not happen until 2017 at the earliest. But

Obama said he would speed up environmental reviews so that seismic studies to determine how much oil and gas lies off the Atlantic Coast can begin.

To further expedite drilling off the Alaskan coast, where such plans by Shell Oil Co. have been delayed by an air pollution permit, Obama said he would create an interagency task force to coordinate the necessary approvals. He also will hold annual lease sales in the vast National Petroleum Reserve on Alaska’s North Slope. Officials said the most recent sale was last year, but that they had not been held on any set schedule.

Republicans dismayed by the lack of progress in Shell’s drilling have drafted legislation to exempt drilling off Alaska from air pollution laws.

House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings of Washington, sponsor of the legislation, said it was “ironic” that Obama “is now taking baby steps in our direction” after the White House and congressional Democrats criticized the bills.

“The president is finally admitting what Republicans have known all along, that increasing the supply of American energy will help lower prices and create jobs,” Hastings said.

Obama also called on Democrats and Republicans to vote to eliminate billions in taxpayer subsidies to oil and gas companies.

In the weekly Republican message, Alabama Rep. Martha Roby said it’s time for Washington to get serious about the challenges facing the country, including straightening out its finances and tackling the gas price issue. She praised the House for passing measures to expand domestic energy production “because when we’re talking about energy, we’re talking about jobs.”

“The greatest threat to our economy, job creation, and the future of our children is to do nothing,” Roby said. “We have to act. It is what we were sent to Washington to do.”

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Pentagon: No reason for quick review of bin Laden photos’

RICHARD LARDNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department is refusing to do a speedy review of a Freedom of Information Act request for graphic photos of Osama bin Laden’s corpse, setting the stage for a protracted battle over access to the images.

In a letter to The Associated Press, the department said the AP did not demonstrate an urgent or compelling need for the photos or show that the information has a particular value that would be lost if not provided in an expedited manner. As a result, it is not clear when or if the photos will be provided.

The AP received the letter Friday, 11 days after it requested the photos and other material stemming from the May 2 raid by a team of Navy SEALs on bin Laden’s compound in Pakistan.

The AP often asks for accelerated review of FOIA requests related to unfolding stories of high interest and said there is a compelling need for prompt release of the bin Laden photos because they could add to the public’s understanding about what took place during the raid.

President Barack Obama has promised to make his administration the most transparent in American history. The push by the AP and other news organizations to make the bin Laden photos public could put that commitment to a key test.

In 2010, the Defense Department granted expedited processing of FOIA requests nearly 40 percent of time, a far better rate than agencies such as the departments of State and Homeland Security.

Whether the photos should be made public has been a constant source of debate since the stunning announcement of bin Laden’s death. Obama decided last week not to release the death photos of bin Laden so as not to “spike the football” and possibly inflame anti-American sentiment overseas.

U.S. government officials have described the photos as gruesome.

Bin Laden was killed by two bullets, with the fatal shot going through his head.

Dan Metcalfe, executive director of the Collaboration on Government Secrecy at American University’s Washington College of Law, said it would be difficult for the government to label death photos of bin Laden as classified unless there were a person or a piece of equipment in the photo that needed to be kept secret.

“It’s hard to see how such a photo in and of itself could properly be classified, and with that decision ultimately sustained in court, on the basis of national security harm,” said Metcalfe, former head of the Justice Department’s Office of Information and Privacy.

Members of the House and Senate Intelligence and Armed Services committees have been allowed to see the death photos in a secure room at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va. Lawmakers are not permitted to take copies of the photos with them.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, viewed the photos Wednesday and said one of them showed brain matter coming out of bin Laden’s eye socket. Others, however, were taken as the body was being prepared for burial at sea and are less jarring, said Inhofe, who favors releasing at least a few photos to dispel any claims bin Laden wasn’t killed.

The disclosure that the photos were at CIA headquarters could mean the spy agency and not the Pentagon controls the records. The AP has also filed a Freedom of Information request with the CIA that seeks expedited processing. The CIA has not said how it will handle that request.

The Defense Department’s decision not to expedite the AP’s request for the photos isn’t a rejection but puts the request on a much slower track. Under the open records law, federal agencies have 20 days to respond to FOIA requests, a deadline that is rarely met.

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La. readies to open spillway, flood Cajun country

LAKE PROVIDENCE, La. (AP) — Army engineers prepared Saturday to slowly open the gates of an emergency spillway along the rising Mississippi River, diverting floodwaters from Baton Rouge and New Orleans, yet inundating homes and farms in parts of Louisiana’s populated Cajun country.

About 25,000 people and 11,000 structures could be in harm’s way when the Morganza spillway is unlocked for the first time in 38 years. Sheriffs and National Guardsmen were warning people in a door-to-door sweep through the area, and shelters were ready to accept up to 4,800 evacuees, Gov. Bobby Jindal said.

Some people living in the threatened stretch of countryside — an area known for small farms, fish camps and a drawling French dialect — have already started fleeing for higher ground.

In Krotz Springs, La., one of the towns in the Atchafalaya River basin bracing for floodwaters, Monita Reed, 56, recalled the last time the Morganza was opened in 1973.

“We could sit in our yard and hear the water,” she said as workers constructed a makeshift levee of sandbags and soil-filled mesh boxes in hopes of protecting the 240 homes in her subdivision.

Elsewhere, workers were trying to shore up other levees, and engineers were tediously inspecting other floodwalls to make sure they would hold.

Reed’s family packed her furniture, clothing and pictures in a rental truck and a relative’s trailer.

“I’m just going to move and store my stuff. I’m going to stay here until they tell us to leave,” Reed said. “Hopefully, we won’t see much water and then I can move back in. “

Opening the spillway will release a torrent that could submerge about 3,000 square miles under as much as 25 feet of water in some areas but take the pressure off the downstream levees protecting New Orleans, Baton Rouge and the numerous oil refineries and chemical plants along the lower reaches of the Mississippi.

“Protecting lives is the No. 1 priority,” Army Corps of Engineers Maj. Gen. Michael Walsh said at a news conference aboard a vessel on the river

at Vicksburg. A few hours later, the corps made the decision to open the key spillway and inundate thousands of homes and farms in Louisiana’s Cajun country to avert a potentially bigger disaster in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Engineers feared that weeks of pressure on the levees could cause them to fail, swamping New Orleans under as much as 20 feet of water in a disaster that would have been much worse than Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Instead, the water will flow 20 miles south into the Atchafalaya Basin. From there it will roll on to Morgan City, an oil-and-seafood hub and a community of 12,000, and eventually into the Gulf of Mexico.

The Krotz Springs area was in a sliver of land north of Morgan City, about 70 miles long and 20 miles wide. The finger-shaped strip of land was expected to be inundated with 10- to 20-feet of water, according to Army Corps of Engineers estimates. It will take hours and days for the water to run south, and wasn’t expected to reach Morgan City until around Tuesday.

The corps employed a similar cities-first strategy earlier this month when it blew up a levee in Missouri — inundating an estimated 200 square miles of farmland and damaging or destroying about 100 homes — to take the pressure off the levees protecting the town of Cairo, Ill., population 2,800.

The disaster was averted in Cairo, a bottleneck where the Ohio and Mississippi rivers meet.

This intentional flood is more controlled, however, and residents are warned by the corps each year in written letters, reminding them of the possibility of opening the spillway, which is 4,000 feet long and has 125 gate bays.

The spillway, built in 1954, is part of a flood plan largely put into motion in the 1930s in the aftermath of the devastating 1927 flood that killed hundreds.

It is set to be opened when a flow rate of 1.5 million cubic feet per second is reached and projected to rise.

Just north of the spillway at Red River Landing, the river had reached that flow rate, according to

the National Weather Service.

To put things in perspective, corps engineer Jerry Smith crunched some numbers and found that the amount of water flowing past Vicksburg, Miss., would fill the Superdome, where the NFL’s New Orleans Saints play, in 50 seconds.

This is the second spillway to be opened in Louisiana. About a week ago, the corps used cranes to remove some of the Bonnet Carre’s wooden barriers, sending water into the massive Lake Ponchartrain and eventually the Gulf of Mexico.

That spillway, which the corps built about 30 miles upriver from New Orleans in response to the flood of 1927, was last opened in 2008. May 9 marked the 10th time it has been opened since the structure was completed in 1931. The spillways could be opened for weeks, or perhaps less, if the river flow starts to subside.

In Vicksburg, Miss., where nearly a half dozen neighborhoods were underwater, a steady stream of onlookers posed for pictures on a river bluff overlooking a bridge that connects Louisiana and Mississippi. Some people posed for pictures next to a Civil War cannon while others carried Confederate battle flags being given away by a war re-enactor.

Vicksburg was the site of a pivotal Civil War battle and is home to thousands of soldier graves.

James Mims, 50, drove about an hour from Calhoun, La., with his wife, son and three grandchildren to snap a photo.

“It’s history in the making and we’re seeing it happen,” Mims said.

The river’s rise may also force the closing of the river to shipping, from Baton Rouge to the mouth of the Mississippi, as early as next week.

That would cause grain barges from the heartland to stack up along with other commodities.

If the portion is closed, the U.S. economy could lose hundreds of millions of dollars a day. In 2008, a 100-mile stretch of the river was closed for six days after a tugboat collided with a tanker, spilling about 500,000 gallons of fuel.

The Port of New Orleans estimated the shutdown cost the economy up to \$275 million a day.

Police: Homeless Ohio man crushed to death in recycling truck

MORaine, Ohio (AP) —

Police in southwest Ohio say a homeless man was apparently crushed to death in a recycling truck that had picked up material from a shopping center’s recycling bin where he had crawled inside and fallen asleep.

Moraine police Sgt. Chris Selby told The Dayton Daily News that pending the results from toxicology tests, their investigation shows Paul Wilder died Wednesday morning from injuries he suffered

after he was picked up in the recycling truck.

The 44-year-old Wilder was found hours later in a pile of cardboard and other materials deposited at a Moraine recycling facility.

The Montgomery County coroner’s office says Wilder died from multiple blunt force injuries consistent with being crushed in the truck.

Selby says the toxicology test results will be available in four to eight weeks.

Bill expanding Internet sales tax goes to governor

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Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas lawmakers gave final approval Friday to legislation clarifying state sales tax requirements for Internet businesses and closing what critics call a loophole that’s allowed online retailers to not collect the tax.

The measure now awaits Gov. Rick Perry’s signature before it can become law.

The bill changes the definition of “physical presence” in the state, appeasing local retailers who complain that Internet retailers have an unfair price advantage. They blame their drop in revenues on the sales tax issue. Under the law, companies such as Ama-

zon.com will be forced to collect sales taxes if they pay marketers in Texas to advertise or if they have a warehouse or distribution center in Texas.

The legislation comes on the heels of State Comptroller Susan Combs’ push to get online retailers to collect sales tax. Combs recently billed Amazon.com \$269 million for uncollected sales tax because one of its subsidiaries operates a warehouse in Irving.

Combs maintained that the Irving location meant the online retail giant had a physical presence in the state, but Amazon argued that the center is owned by a subsidiary that is a separate legal entity.

The Alliance for Main Street Fairness has supported lawmakers’ efforts to change the law for Internet businesses. Spokesman Eric Bearse said it’s important for everyone to collect sales tax since Texas relies heavily on it for revenue.

“We consider this to be the retail job creation act of the 2011 session,” Bearse said. “A level playing field, with no advantages for out-of-state companies, means more jobs for Texans.”

The bill’s fiscal note states that the legislation would save the state \$16 million over the next two years.

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Other services and resources are also available. Contact the “Hat Lady,” Marci Lykken at 267-2915 or the local ACS office at 432-683-6375.

Hints from Helosie: Adoption aid

Dear Heloise: In The Charlotte (Florida) Sun, an older lady was wondering about available financial help if she ADOPTED A PET. She was concerned that should the pet need medical care, she wouldn't be able to afford it. She is 70, lonely and yearning for a pet.

Here in Charlotte County, Fla., the local pet shelter is asking for foster homes for puppies and kittens, and also for older pets that have had a surgery or are in ill health and need a quiet place to recuperate. They say that kittens and puppies that have been socialized in private homes are much more adoptable.

So maybe Annette in Oregon could check with her local pet shelter to see if it has a program like this. The shelter provides all necessary equipment to care for the pet. She could shower all sorts of love on these animals at no cost. — *Jane in Port Charlotte, Fla.*

Good advice, and I should have thought of it! Thank you for writing this heart hint. Does anyone have other hints for someone who might not be able to have a pet full time? — *Heloise*

PET PAL



Dear Readers: Judith W. of Flemington, N.J., sent a picture of her gorgeous German shepherd, Annie, cozied up to Judith's half-Siamese cat, Punim. Both are snuggled on a warm mat on the

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Dear Readers: If your dog bowl is encrusted with lime-scale buildup, here is an easy fix: Heat some white vinegar and carefully pour it into the bowl. Allow the vinegar to bubble up and eat the lime scale away.

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SMELL THE WORLD

Dear Heloise: I'd like to add to the dog-walking hints a reader offered. Because dogs "see" the world primarily with their noses, allow them the pleasure of snoop-time. They will enjoy the walk that much more if it's a stop-and-smell activity.

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do, and they get to check the latest "news" from different neighborhoods. — *Rich F. in Youngstown, Ohio*

BIRD-DROP STOP

Dear Heloise: I would like to share a timesaver. I have a carport, and the birds love to roost over my car, which causes the bird droppings to drop on my car. What I do is hang up neckties and any kind of belts (to scare away the birds. — Heloise. Really helps, and saves a lot of spot washing. — L.F.C. in Indiana

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Big Spring doing well in early going of state meet

Big Spring High School's Bridgette Tuitt and Desiree Anderson placed 1-2 in the Class 3A long jump Friday at the University Interscholastic League State Track Meet.

Classmate Mike Menefield took second in the long jump and third in the triple jump.

A more detailed report will be upcoming in the Herald. The state meet was to conclude Saturday.

A list of results involving local and area athletes follows.

BOYS

3A LONG JUMP:

1, Jarrion Lawson, Liberty-Eylau, 24-05 3/4 inches. **2, Mike Menefield, Big Spring, 24-01 1/4.** 3, Demaree Kerley, Taylor, 23-06 1/4. 4, Jurase Brown, Commerce, 23-04. 5, Darnell Quentin Butler, Corpus Christi West Oso, 22-05 1/2. 6, Brandon Ashcraft, Robinson, 21-10. 7, Joel Wither, Huffman Hargrave, 21-05 1/2. 8, Everette Miller, Lake Worth, 21-05 1/4. 9, Jon Horton, Sweeny, 21-01.

3A TRIPLE JUMP:

1, Jarrion Lawson, Liberty-Eylau, 49-01 1/2 inches. 2, Gabriel Hammer, Sealy, 47-07 1/2. **3, Mike Menefield, Big Spring, 47-05.** 4, Trevor Bell, Hamshire-Fannett, 46-05 1/2. 5, Gage Bowles, Geronimo Navarro, 45-08. 6, Dillon Wilkins, Mineral Wells, 45-03. 7, David Jimenez, Ingleside, 45-02. 8, Buck Wilson, Commerce, 44-07. 9, Kristopher Brown, Sealy, 44-02 1/2.

GIRLS

3A LONG JUMP:

1, Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 18-06 3/4 inches. **2, Desiree Anderson, Big Spring, 18-03 1/2.** 3, Charla Craddock, Farmersville, 17-02 3/4. 4, Paula Smith, Waco Connally, 17-10. 5, Jackie Heath, Fredericksburg, 17-02 3/4. 6, Shelbee Pier, Huffman Hargrave, 17-02 1/2. 7, Kensey Berry, Lucas Lovejoy, 16-09 3/4. 8, Shanice Balwin, Wharton, 16-09 1/4. 9, Imani Wright, Liberty-Eylau, 16-07.

3A TRIPLE JUMP:

1, Imani Wright, Liberty-Eylau, 40-05 inches. 2, Michelle Lytle, Abilene Wylie, 38-09. 3, Deja Snell, Frisco Lone Star, 37-09 3/4. 4, Marlena Hunt, Gonzales, 37-00 3/4. 5, Michaela Williams, Carrollton Ranchview, 37-00 1/2. 6, Kayla Winkfield, Giddings, 36-11 1/2. 7, Tashonna Williams, Sam Houston, 35-03 1/2. 8, **Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 35-02.** 9, Maeghan Booth, Huffman Hargrave, FOUL.

3A 400-METER RELAY:

1, Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (Imani Wright, Nikah Hatcher, Jana Williams, Shanetria Thomas), 47.11 seconds. **2, Big Spring, 47.56.** 3, Longview Spring Hill, 47.84. 4, Waco Connally, 48.10. 5, Kennedale, 48.39. 6, Corpus Christi West Oso, 48.74. 7, Silsbee, 49.20. 8, Atlanta, 49.23. 9, La Vernia, DNF.

3A 100-METER DASH:

1, Chianne Lowe, Kennedale, 11.90 seconds. 2, Shalaya Simmons, Bellville, 12.09. 3, Kayla Winkfield, Giddings, 12.11. 4, Charla Craddock, Farmersville, 12.15. 5, Myavia Armstrong, Wharton, 12.18. 6, Johnesha Sims, West Orange-Stark, 12.27. 7, Jade Lewis, Prosper, 12.33. 8, Jackie Heath, Fredericksburg, 12.33. **9, Desiree An-**

derson, Big Spring, 12.38.

3A 800-METER RELAY:

1, Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (Imani Wright, Nikah Hatcher, Jana Williams, Shanetria Thomas), 1:39.00 seconds. **2, Big Spring, 1:39.35.** 3, Waco La Vega, 1:41.49. 4, Mexia, 1:41.97. 5, Kennedale, 1:42.09. 6, Dallas Madison, 1:42.56. 7, Goliad, 1:43.36. 8, Corpus Christi West Oso, 1:43.89. 9, Silsbee, 1:44.76.

3A 200-METER DASH:

1, Akeyla Mitchell, Corpus Christi West Oso, 23.81 seconds. 2, Alayah Davis, Longview Spring Hill, 24.03. 3, Shanetria Thomas, Liberty-Eylau, 24.42. **4, Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 24.84.** 5, Jade Lewis, Prosper, 25.14. 6, Shalaya Simmons, Bellville, 25.53. 7, Ashley Johnson, Silsbee, 25.80. 8, Tashonna Williams, Sam Houston, 25.82. 9, Micah Wesley, Snyder, 25.83.

3A TEAM STANDINGS:

1, Texarkana Liberty-Eylau, 56 points. 2, Big Spring, 54. 3, Liberty Hill, 33. 4, Lucas Lovejoy, 30. 5, Abilene Wylie, 29. 6, Mexia, 24. 7, Waco Connally, 23. 8, Longview Spring Hill, 20.

1A 3,200-METER RUN:

1, Kelsey Bruce, Brackettville Brackett, 11:20.13 seconds. 2, Macy Davis, Wellington, 11:39.70. 3, Shelly Gibson, Gruver, 11:44.06. 4, Jacqueline Villarreal, Hamlin, 11:50.04. 5, Amanda McCoy, Comstock, 11:58.51. 6, Lauren Gibbs, Lindsay, 11:58.79. 7, Emily Hellman, Muenster, 12:27.81. 8, Brit-tany Cox, Hawkins, 12:28.05. **9, Kamie Halfmann, Garden City, 12:36.11.**

Forsan boys exit playoffs

Coach lauds effort

Herald Staff Report

LUBBOCK — Coach Jason Phillips was disappointed his Buffaloes weren't moving on the playoffs after Friday's 6-2 loss to Bushland but he certainly wasn't disappointed in his players.

"We played two solid games against last year's state finalist. Bushland is a great 2A baseball team and our guys went out and proved that we could play with them," Coach Phillips said. "It's disappointing to lose, but we had a great year. I'm proud of our guys."

Bushland had defeated Forsan 5-2 in Game 1 of the best-of-three series Thursday at Lubbock Cooper's Pirate Field. Friday's loss put the Buffs out of the playoffs while Bushland, 22-7, will advance to play either Lubbock Roosevelt or Idalou in the quarterfinal round of the Class 2A playoffs.

Bushland jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning, added two runs in the third and three more in the fourth to lead 5-0. Forsan had a run in the bottom of the fifth and got its final run in the seventh.

Dylan Lowery and Foster Burchett had two hits each. Zane Herrin scored both runs for the Buffaloes, who finished the season at 20-8. Payton Paker pitched the entire game for Forsan, striking out four batters and giving up just three earned runs.

"We have great expectations for next season," Phillips said. "We lose two seniors in Dylan Lowery and Zane Herrin. Those two guys will be missed."

Bushland	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	—	6	10	2
Forsan	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	—	2	7	2

Lady Buffs defeated by Alpine's Bucks, 14-1

ODESSA — Forsan's Lady Buffs ran into a buzzsaw here Friday and fell to Alpine 14-1 in Game 1 of its quarterfinal playoff series.

Game 2 of the best-of-three series was scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at the same location. Game 3, if necessary, was to follow 30 minutes after the completion of Game 2.

The series was being played at Odessa High School Field near Ratliff Stadium.

Alexi Ogando pitches Rangers past Angels, 4-1

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alexi Ogando's conversion from setup reliever to starter has been one of the Texas Rangers' early-season highlights. Ogando pitched effectively into the seventh inning, Elvis Andrus and Adrian Beltre homered, and the Rangers beat Jered Weaver and the Los Angeles Angels 4-1 on Friday night.

Ogando (4-0) missed his scheduled start last Sunday against the New York Yankees because of a blister on his right index finger. But he was in command against the Angels in his eighth career start, all this season after moving from the bullpen.

The lanky right-hander allowed one run and five hits in 6 1-3 innings, pitching for the first time since May 3. Ogando struck out five and walked one for the Rangers, who had lost 11 of 16.

"I felt great because all my pitches were working and I was able to place them wherever I wanted," he said

through a translator. "Physically, I felt strong, so it was fine."

Ogando combined a mid-90s (mph) fastball with an improving changeup, keeping the Angels off balance.

"I feel confident in my fastball and now I can say I feel confident in my changeup," he said.

Ogando said in the seventh, the blister "bothered me a little bit, but nothing too bad. It was just sore a little bit. Not pain, really."

Neftali Feliz worked the ninth for his seventh save in seven chances, but the night belonged to Ogando.

"Impressive," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "He was able to use all his pitches. He was able to establish his fastball, mainly. Then, a couple of innings into the game, he started establishing his off-speed stuff, elevated the ball when he had to, kept the ball in on them, tried to hit down and away. He really pitched well

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Challengers lining up to take on Animal Kingdom

BETH HARRIS

AP Racing Writer

Graham Motion is one confident trainer, a cautious one, too.

After long-shot Animal Kingdom's surprising win in the Kentucky Derby, the Englishman knows his colt will be running in the Preakness with a bull's-eye on his back as perhaps racing's next superstar.

"I don't want to get into that," he said. "I've tried to make up in my mind I won't get too caught up in the Preakness because you've got two weeks to enjoy winning the Derby."

Animal Kingdom did it by 2 3/4 lengths and Motion's fervent hope is for the horse to replicate the trip straight into the winner's circle at Pimlico Race Course next weekend with a chance to capture the Triple Crown three weeks later in the Belmont Stakes.

He is set to arrive in Baltimore on Friday, the day before the 1 3/16-mile race, which is limited to 14 starters. It last drew a full field in 2005.

"It's going to be about staying out of trouble, very much like it was in the Derby," Motion said. "Fourteen horses is a lot of horses to navigate, especially when you're the one they're gunning for. The track is possibly a little tighter, the surface is probably a little different than at Churchill Downs. My horse has shown he can handle the dirt."

Animal Kingdom became the first horse in the Derby's 137-year history to win his debut on dirt, having run three times on synthetic surfaces and once on the turf in four previous races.

"He seemed to get over it easily. He accelerated really well," Motion said. "I guess, ultimately, you still don't know until they win a race, when they have to accelerate on a dime, and he han-



dled that really well."

Animal Kingdom had a light schedule before the Derby, with just two races in which he finished first and second. His freshness could work in his favor during the grueling five-week Triple Crown campaign.

"He's just run the biggest race of his life in the Kentucky Derby," Motion said. "I'm impressed with how he's handled everything."

The 46-year-old Motion is known primarily for developing turf runners, and he didn't earn his first Grade 1 stakes victory on the dirt until 2009 — 16 years into his training career.

He began his career in Maryland and saddled his first winner at Laurel in 1993. Until the Derby, his biggest career victories were Breeders' Cup wins last year and in 2004.

Asked how he's handling his newfound fame, Motion replied, "Probably not as good as him. It's

been an extraordinary week."

Animal Kingdom is training for the Preakness at bucolic Fair Hill in Elkton, Md., about an hour's drive out in the countryside from hard-scrabble Pimlico. It was home to 2006 Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro, whose breakdown in the Preakness and subsequent death from his injuries rocked the sports world.

"It's just a relaxing atmosphere for him and kind of keeps him out of the craziness a bit," said Motion, whose dogs Bentley and Ginger sometimes accompany him on the walk to the track.

The complex includes a mile dirt track and a seven-eighths mile track with an artificial surface, along with 3,000 acres of grasslands and woods for use by trainers who want to take their horses out on trails.

"It's where we're comfortable," said Motion, who has no plans to change Animal Kingdom's training leading up to the Preakness. "If he's good enough, he's going to handle it. He just seems to be so push-button. He's such a cool horse."

John Velazquez, who got the ride on the colt the day before the Derby, will stay aboard for the Preakness. That's a switch since the colt had five different riders in each of his first five races.

"He now knows him and he told me he's never been this relaxed in a race of this magnitude," Motion said, referring to Velazquez.

Dale Romans, who trains fourth-place Derby finisher

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Houston lets big lead slip away in loss to Mets

HOUSTON (AP) — In a matchup of two of the worst teams in the National League, the Houston Astros managed to give one away Friday night.

Bud Norris had an impressive start fall apart late, and his replacement, Jeff Fulchino, gave up the go-ahead home run as the Astros’ bullpen blew another save in a 6-4 loss to the New York Mets.

Leading 4-0 to start the seventh inning, the Astros saw their lead begin to slip away when Jason Bay took Norris, who had retired the previous nine batters, five via strikeout, deep for a solo shot.

One inning later, it was pinch-hitter Fernando Martinez’s turn to ring up Norris, this time for a two-run shot to put the Mets within one.

An oft-injured outfield prospect, Martinez hit his other big league long ball in 2009.

“He’s got all the skills it takes to be a star, but you’ve got to keep him in the lineup,” Mets manager Terry Collins said. “He knows and will be the first to tell you that you’ve got to stay healthy.”

And New York wasn’t done with the homers. After Norris walked Jose Reyes with one out in the eighth, Fulchino came in, got Josh Thole to

fly out then served up a slider on a 2-1 count that David Wright crushed into the Crawford Boxes in left field for a two-run homer that gave the Mets their first lead of the game.

They didn’t trail after that, adding to it in the top of the ninth on an RBI double by Jason Pridie that secured New York’s third straight win and sixth in eight games.

“I should’ve gotten out of that inning,” Norris said. “I should have made some better pitches. The guy came off the bench and hit a home run. I have to tip my cap to him. A (heck) of a swing. Not the best pitch but not the worst pitch. I had him where I wanted him. I’m (upset) that I let this one get away.”

Norris (2-2) gave up five hits and four runs with eight strikeouts in 7 1-3 innings but did not figure in the decision.

“It was too bad to see a good pitching performance like that (Norris) wasn’t able to get anything from,” Astros manager Brad Mills said.

Fulchino dropped to 0-1 while also being tagged for the blown save.

The Astros could look back at all the scoring chances they wasted that came back to haunt them.

A three-run sixth inning that could

have yielded more had Michael Bourn not grounded into a double play that had Bill Hall out at home plate to end the inning.

An eighth inning that saw pinch-hitter Jason Michaels strike out to end the inning with the tying run at third.

Or better yet, that second inning that had Carlos Lee thrown out at home plate with no outs and runners safe at first and second. A groundout and a popout later, the Mets had escaped unscathed.

As if to illustrate the point, Lee, who went 2 for 4 with an RBI and a run scored, was left one hit shy of 2,000 after grounding out to end the game with the tying run at third.

“(Norris) definitely deserved a little better fate with the way things (happened),” Mills said. “We left a lot of guys on.”

Nine to be exact.

“It was just one of those games, one of those tailspins that happens at the end,” Bourn said.

Facing the Astros for the first time and with his parents in attendance, Dillon Gee, a native of Cleburne, Texas near Fort Worth, gave up five hits and four earned runs — three in the sixth inning — in the no-decision.

Gee struck out a career-high six through five-plus innings but also tied his career high for walks with four. He was done after allowing Chris Johnson an RBI double that gave the Astros a 2-0 lead.

Pat Misch (1-0) got the win for the Mets by throwing 1 2-3 hitless innings.

In the sixth, Hall followed Johnson’s double with a run-scoring single off Ryota Igarashi, and Humberto Quintero reached on an error by first baseman Daniel Murphy that allowed Johnson to score and make it 4-0.

Lee put the Astros ahead with a sacrifice fly that scored Norris to make it 1-0 in the third.

“I’m not going to lie and say it’s not frustrating because it is frustrating to not win a game,” said Johnson, who went 2 for 4 with an RBI. “But that’s baseball, and we have another one tomorrow.”

NOTES: Michaels (left shoulder) was activated from the DL before the game. ... A fan ran across the field and away from security guards and police officers and climbed the wall in center field to leave the field in the ninth inning.

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tonight.”

Weaver (6-3) has lost his last three starts after winning his first six. He allowed four runs

and seven hits in six innings. He struck out six and walked one, but allowed two homers after giving up only two in his first eight starts.

On April 20, Weaver pitched a complete game in a 4-1 victory at Texas.

Weaver hasn’t been awful in his last three starts, allowing a total of 11 runs. But he set the bar high in the first month of the season.

“Outside of a couple of pitches, he didn’t pitch that badly,” Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. “When he made mistakes tonight, they didn’t miss ‘em. Tonight if we were swinging the

bats the way we could, he gave us a chance to win. I don’t think he was that far off.”

Erick Aybar homered for the Angels, who had won five of eight.

Andrus’ solo homer in the first gave Texas the lead. In the third, Aybar connected with two outs, his first of the season, to tie it at 1.

Texas went in front 2-1 in the fourth on consecutive doubles by Ian Kinsler and Michael Young.

Andrus’ RBI single in the fifth gave Ogando a two-run margin.

Beltre’s solo shot in the sixth was his team-high ninth, extending Texas’ advantage to 4-1 — and

that was good enough to beat Weaver.

“He threw a great game against us the last time he was here, but we were able to capitalize on some mistakes that he made and especially when we had our pitcher throwing the way he did today,” Beltre said.

“Ogando was terrific, so it gave the offense a little more breathing room.”

Texas’ Julio Borbon left in the seventh inning with a strained left hamstring. He ran to the warning track in right-center to grab Hank Conger’s flyball, and Borbon grabbed the back of his left leg after

the catch.

Borbon will have an MRI on Saturday. He becomes the latest Rangers outfielder to get hurt, joining injured teammates Josh Hamilton and Nelson Cruz.

NOTES: Hamilton took batting practice for the first time since sustaining a broken bone in his right shoulder in April. The 2010 AL MVP said he faced between 40 and 50 pitches and felt good. Hamilton will continue hitting in the cage for the next few days, then have a CT scan early next week to check on how well the shoulder is healing. ...

Cruz also continues to progress from a strained right quadriceps that landed him on the 15-day DL on May 7. Cruz took early BP with Hamilton and will test his leg in running sessions over the weekend. Cruz could begin a five-game rehab assignment with Double-A Frisco next week. ... RHP Scott Feldman will start for Frisco in a rehab assignment Saturday and throw about 80 pitches. Feldman hasn’t pitched this season due to right knee surgery. ... The Rangers hired former third base coach Dave Oliver as a special assistant for baseball operations.

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Shackleford, doesn’t think Animal Kingdom’s surprise win was a fluke.

“He may be the one at the end of the year we’re talking about as the super horse,” he said.

There are plenty of challengers trying to play spoiler, including Nehro and Mucho Macho Man, the second- and third-place finishers in the Derby, along with Shackleford, Santiva (sixth), and beaten Derby favorite Dialed In (eighth).

“Mucho Macho Man and Shackleford are going to be very tough,” Motion said. “A couple of the new shooters look very imposing, but I don’t think I’d want to

trade with any of them right now.”

Trainer Bob Baffert was expected to decide this weekend whether to enter Midnight Interlude, 16th in the Derby. He won last year’s Preakness with Lookin At Lucky, the beaten Derby favorite.

Robb Albarado, set to ride Animal Kingdom in the Derby before breaking his nose in a spill days before the race, will be aboard new shooter King Congie. Others in that group include Astrology, Dance City (third in Arkansas Derby), Flashpoint (fourth in Florida Derby), and Gotham runner-up Norman Asbjornson. Also possible are Mr. Commons (third in Santa Anita Derby) and gelding Ruler On Ice, the beaten favorite

in last weekend’s Federico Tesio at Pimlico.

Horses that didn’t run in the Kentucky Derby have had a history of hitting the board in the Preakness, including winning filly Rachel Alexandra in 2009 and winner Bernardini in 2006. Macho Again and Ica-bad Crane (trained by Motion) finished second and third, respectively, in 2008.

The Preakness field will be set at Wednesday’s draw.

Only 11 horses have swept the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont, with Affirmed the last to do so in 1978. There have been 11 Triple tries since, most recently by Big Brown in 2008. He won the first two legs, then finished last in the Belmont.



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Grizzlies push Thunder back to OKC for Game 7

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Memphis Grizzlies may have finally figured out how to keep the Oklahoma City Thunder from smothering Zach Randolph.

O.J. Mayo moved back into the starting lineup, and his scoring threat from the outside gave Randolph enough room to score 30 points and grab 13 rebounds Friday night as the Grizzlies avoided elimination by beating the Thunder 95-83 to push their Western Conference semifinal to a deciding Game 7.

“It definitely made a difference,” Randolph said. “O.J. can knock down some shots from the outside. It opened up a little bit tonight in the paint. We had great spacing. They’ve got to guard our perimeters, Mike (Conley) and O.J., so it definitely did make a difference tonight.”

Mayo moved from the starting lineup to the bench at the start of January, though he did start the final two games of the regular season with the Grizzlies resting for the postseason. But the Thunder had held Randolph to 31.9 percent shooting since he scored 34 points in Game 1 of this series, so Memphis coach Lionel Hollins started Mayo in place of Sam Young.

“They were just clamping down on Zach with two or three guys,” Hollins said. “We felt like if we put a shooter out there they would have to honor him, and they did. Juice got some shots early on. He got some drives. You have to have some balance outside as well as inside. I just felt like in my gut that was the move to make.”

Now the Grizzlies and Thunder will play the first Game 7 in these NBA playoffs on Sunday with the winner advancing to face the well-rested Dallas Mavericks in the West finals.

“This is where we want to be playing, Game 7, that one game to get to the Western Conference finals,” Randolph said. “It’s important. I feel good, but the job ain’t done yet. We know it’s going to be tough going to Oklahoma trying to win that game. We believe we can do it, and we’re committed.”

The Grizzlies had never won a game before when facing elimination, but that was back in 2004, 2005 and 2006, when they were swept out of the postseason each of those years. These Grizzlies are having not only the best playoff run in franchise history, but they now have won more games this postseason than any other No. 8 seed from the West.

Mayo scored 16 points for Memphis. Conley had 11 points and a franchise playoff-record 12 assists, and Tony Allen added 10 points. Now the Grizzlies are 5-1 on their home court this postseason, this win celebrated by sellout crowd that stood the entire second half cheering to keep this stunning run going at least one more game.

“We like people betting against us,” Conley said. “It motivates us. We know a lot of people don’t believe other than in the city of Memphis that we can get this done. We believe we can. That’s all that matters.”

Memphis outscored the Thunder 51-29 in the second half and 46-38 in the paint overall.

Russell Westbrook led the Thunder with 27 points, and James Harden had 14. Kevin Durant, the NBA’s leading scorer in the regular season, was held to a season-worst 11 points on 3-of-14 shooting. It was his lowest scoring game since he had six points in eight minutes Feb. 27, 2009, at Dallas.

“He saved himself for Sunday,” Hollins quipped.

Durant called his performance frustrating but immediately looked to Game 7.

“It’s going to be a tough Game 7 at our place,” Durant said. “I’m looking forward to it.”

Westbrook refused to call this a blown opportunity. “We got one more game, and we’ve got to be able to close it out,” he said.

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	1						9	
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		9		1			4	
	4			7				
			4		2			9

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Sports briefs

Nadal, Sharapova advance to Italian Open finals

ROME (AP) — Rafael Nadal overcame a tough first set against Richard Gasquet before rolling to a 7-5, 6-1 victory Saturday in the semifinals of the Italian Open, a tournament he has won five of the last six years.

The top-ranked Spaniard will play No. 2 Novak Djokovic or No. 4 Andy Murray in Sunday’s title match on the clay at Foro Italico. Djokovic was looking to extend his 37-match winning streak in his semifinal with Murray.

In women’s play, Maria Sharapova outslugged top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki 7-5, 6-3 to advance to the final against Sam Stosur, last year’s French Open runner-up. The Australian beat fourth-seeded Li Na of China 7-6 (6), 6-0.

Nadal faced break points in three different games during the opening set, but won all of them in improving to 9-0 against Gasquet.

“It was a complicated situation on my serve in the (first set), but I managed to pull through,” Nadal said. “I’m happy to make the final after a difficult week.”

Johnson wins Dover pole because of rain

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson has won the pole at Dover International Speedway after rain wiped out qualifying.

Johnson will start first in Sunday’s Sprint Cup race because he posted the fast average practice speeds. This is the first time this season NASCAR had to use the new system that starts drivers based on practice speed, not the points standings.

AJ Allmendinger will start second after rain hit hard at Dover on Saturday. Dale Earnhardt Jr. is third, Kasey Kahne fourth and Joey Logano fifth.

Rain could threaten Saturday afternoon’s Nationwide Series race. Qualifying for that series also was canceled, giving Carl Edwards the pole.

Dixon posts fast lap early on Indy 500 opening day

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Scott Dixon has Chip Ganassi’s team right back where it ended last May — atop the Indianapolis 500 speed charts.

Dixon is one of three drivers who topped 224 mph in the first hour of Saturday’s opening practice session, going 224.491. Rookie JR Hildebrand is second at 224.433. Defending 500 champ Dario Franchitti is third at 224.107.

Dixon and Franchitti are teammates with Target Chip Ganassi and have combined to win three of the last four 500s. Hildebrand, of Panther Racing, passed his rookie test Thursday.

Rain is forecast for later Saturday, threatening to end practice before the scheduled 6 p.m. conclusion.

Practice is scheduled to continue all week with qualifying set for May 21-22. The race is May 29.

Bettman says Boogaard’s death stuns NHL

NEW YORK (AP) — NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman says the league is reeling over the death of New York Rangers forward Derek Boogaard.

Bettman says in a statement that to lose someone so young and so strong leaves everyone in the National Hockey League stunned and saddened.

The commissioner says the NHL family sends its deepest condolences to all who knew and loved Boogaard, and those who played and worked with him.

Boogaard was a fan favorite in five seasons in

Minnesota.

He signed a four-year, \$6.5 million deal in July with the New York Rangers, but missed the last 52 games of the regular season with a concussion and shoulder injury.

Boogaard was found dead in his apartment on Friday. Police continue to investigate, but foul play is not immediately suspected.

Bush says he still prefers to be a Saint

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Reggie Bush says “first and foremost,” he would prefer to remain with the New Orleans Saints until he retires.

Bush is back in the Big Easy for his annual youth football camp at Tulane, on the same fields where he’s been absent while teammates have been joining workouts organized by Saints quarterback Drew Brees during the NFL lockout.

Bush says he expects to take part in some of those workouts, albeit “sparingly.” He also says that he regrets several recent Twitter posts that may have left the impression he no longer sees himself as part of the Saints’ future.

Bush says he is willing to take a pay cut to stay in New Orleans, but says that will require negotiations between the club and his agent when the lockout ends.

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By Steve Becker

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♥ A J 6 3 2
♦ J 9 4 3
♣ K 6

WEST
♠ J 10 8
♥ 5 4
♦ 10 7 5
♣ 9 8 5 4 2

EAST
♠ A Q 9 7 3
♥ 9
♦ K Q 6
♣ J 10 7 3

SOUTH
♠ 6 4 2
♥ K Q 10 8 7
♦ A 8 2
♣ A Q

The bidding:
1 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥

Opening lead — jack of spades.

The opposing bidding often guides declarer to the best method of play. In this deal, for example, East's opening spade bid drew an accurate blueprint that declarer could easily follow to reach his goal.

West led the jack of spades, and East cashed two spade tricks before shifting to a club. South's problem was to avoid two diamond losers. He could not expect to do this against most possible divisions of the East-West cards, but South solved his problem by relying heavily on the vital clue furnished by East's opening bid.

As play began, South could see 12 points in dummy and 15 in his own hand, leaving only 13 points for East's opening bid. Even that number had been reduced to 12 by West's jack-of-spades lead, marking East with the K-Q of diamonds.

South's best chance by far was to attempt an endplay against East. Accordingly, he won the club return with the queen, ruffed a spade in dummy, cashed the A-K of trumps and ace of clubs and led a low diamond toward dummy.

When West played low, South played dummy's nine, losing to the king. East was now in bad shape, whether he returned a spade, a diamond or a club. Regardless of which he chose, declarer was sure to score the rest of the tricks.

It is true that if East had held the K-Q-10 of diamonds, the endplay would not have succeeded — but in that case, any other approach would also have failed.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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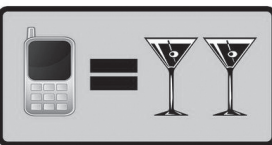
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A day 'field' with fun

Washington Elementary students enjoyed a little friendly competition and a lot of fun at their annual field day outing



Washington Elementary students kindergarten through fourth grade enjoyed a few hours of friendly competition Wednesday morning.

"This is a great way for the kids to get out after working hard all school year," principal Dalia Benavides, said.

The students were able to compete in softball throw, races, long jump, triple jump and hurdles.

Another big supporter, besides the faculty and parents, was Suddenlink.

"Suddenlink provided us with all the drinks and the tents," Benavides said.



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Weddings



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Raney and Pace

Vanessa Jean Raney of Roscoe, and Anthony Allen Pace of Big Spring, united in marriage April 23, 2011, at 5 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Roscoe.

The flower girls were Alexis and Desirae Pace, nieces of the groom and Danielle Raney, daughter of the couple. Best Man was Ace Raney, son of the couple. Ring bearer was Tyler Anderson, nephew of the groom.

The bride's grandmother made the three-tiered wedding cake decorated with white and pink icing and scattered with live gerbera daisies.

The bride is the daughter of James Raney Jr. of Roscoe and the granddaughter of Joan Kendrick of Roscoe. She is employed by the Sweetwater Reporter.

The groom is the son of David and Donna Pace of Big Spring. He is employed by L & R Paint Co.

After the ceremony and a short reception with close friends and family, the couple honeymooned in South Padre Island.

They will make their home in Sweetwater.

Births

Shawn and Lacey Cox of Garden City announce the birth of their son, Ethan Tyler Cox.

Ethan was born May 4, 2011, at 12:49 p.m. and weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces. He was 19 ½ inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Dan and Margaret Newsom and Clay and Linda Thompson. His paternal grandparents are Donna and David Stevenson and Terry and Vicki Cox.

Ethan was welcomed home by his siblings, Kayla and Hayden.

College News



Orlando and Patsy Tercero are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Andrea Jane Tercero, who completed her Master of Science degree in Kinesiology at the University of the Incarnate Word on May 6, 2011. She is a BSHS '84 graduate.

Roscoe Collegiate High School graduates 13 students with associates degrees

ROSCOE—Roscoe Collegiate High School is in the second year of their program allowing students to not only earn college credit hours, but to graduate high school with their associates degree.

"The goal of this program is to make all students college ready, career ready and life ready," Jacob Tiemann, director of Roscoe Collegiate High School, said.

Last year, one senior took advantage of the program and received her associates degree three weeks before her high school graduation. This year 13 of the 24 graduating students received their associates degree at Western Texas College on May 6.

"This year we had more than half of the students take advantage of the program and receive their associate's degree," Tiemann said.

Collin Smith, grandson of Perry and Wanda Gamble and John and Sue Keller of Big Spring, was one of those students.



Collin Smith

Odessa College announces 2011 graduates

ODESSA — The following students are candidates for graduation in May of the spring 2011 semester from Odessa College:

From Big Spring – Wendi Lee Fason, occupational safety and health technology; Jamie Van Curen, legal assistant; and Stephanie Danielle Hernandez, physical therapist assistant.

From Stanton – Gentry Pylant, electronics technology.

Menus

BIG SPRING ISD

Monday: Breakfast: sunrise bites, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: corndogs, potato rounds, orange smiles, broccoli, ranch dressing, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: breakfast pocket, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: nacho grande, ranch beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple chunks, salsa, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: baked cheese sticks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, carrots, pears, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: pizza bagel, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: charbroiled meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, strawberries and bananas, roll, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: pancake on a stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken patty on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, orange-pineapple jello-o, fresh fruit, milk.

COAHOMA ISD

Monday: Breakfast: waffles, sausage, syrup, variety juice, milk. Lunch: hamburgers, chips, salad trays, apples, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: pop tarts, ham, apple juice, milk. Lunch: chicken patty on bun, baked beans, pineapples, pickle spears, milk, corn dogs.

Wednesday: Breakfast: donuts, grape juice, milk. Lunch: meat loaf, creamed potato, green beans, bread, milk, sloppy joe.

Thursday: Breakfast: biscuits, gravy, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk. Lunch: baked ham, mac/cheese, corn, oranges, burritos.

Friday: Breakfast: pancake sausage on stick, syrup, fruit, milk. Lunch: taco beef pie, ranch beans, pickle spears, fruit, milk, hot pockets.

FORSAN ISD

Monday: Breakfast: poptart, juice, milk. Lunch: beef fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, rosie applesauce, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: sloppy joe, corn on the cob, pickle spears, sparkly apple, chocolate cake, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: french toast, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: chicken sandwich, veggies, tater tots, baby carrots, peaches and cream, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice, milk. Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, seasoned corn, garlic toast, frozen fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cereal variety, cinnamon toast, juice, milk. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, pineapple orange salad, milk.

STANTON ISD

Monday: Breakfast: waffles. Lunch: chicken patty, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, pears, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: oatmeal. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, pineapple, bread sticks, milk, cream gravy.

Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuit bacon and eggs. Lunch: pepperoni pizza, green beans, garden salad, apple, milk, Ranch dressing.

Thursday: Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: baked chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, peaches, wheat roll, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: burrito. Lunch: grill beef burger, potato puffs, hamburger salad, orange smiles, milk, catsup, ranch dressing.

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Forsan ISD recognizes Teachers of the Month

Forsan Teachers



Steve Park
February



Consuelo Morales
March



Jim Rhodes
April

Forsan I.S.D. would like to recognize the Spring semester’s “Teachers of the Month.” These outstanding teachers have exhibited commendable attributes towards our school, students and community. Each teacher will receive a gift certificate graciously provided by Cowboys Steakhouse and Restaurant.

Forsan Junior/Senior High School’s “Teacher of the Month” for February is Steve Park, for March it is Consuelo Morales and for April it is Jim Rhodes.

Mr. Steve Park graduated from Forsan High School and later returned as a teacher and coach. He has been inspiring students for the last 21 years in various roles: math teacher, coach, athletic director and assistant principal. No matter what his role, he is a dedicated mentor and inexhaustible encourager of students. He is also a tremendous supporter of Buffalo athletics. Coach Park offers wisdom to both students and faculty of Forsan High School.

Mrs. Consuelo Morales brings joy and enthusiasm to her role as a Spanish teacher at Forsan High School. It is quite apparent that she thoroughly loves students and is committed to making a valuable investment in their lives. Mrs. Morales began her career at Elbow Elementary, then moved to Forsan High School and continues to teach life lessons daily. She is a difference maker.

Mr. Jim Rhodes is an icon at Forsan High School. His success speaks volumes about his commitment to excellence in every endeavor. What an example for Forsan students. He has led the Forsan Marching Band to the State Marching Contest several times and has earned first and second places. Under the leadership of Mr. Rhodes, the Buffalo Band earned the title of State Honor Band simultaneously with winning first place at State Marching Band an unbelievable accomplishment. In addition to band, Mr. Rhodes is the director of Forsan’s One-

Act Play, which has performed twice at the state level. He is also the high school UIL Academic Director and coaches several speaking events. He has had several students go to state in those events. In a nutshell, Jim Rhodes expects excellence and he gets it.

Forsan Elementary at Elbow’s “Teacher of the Month” for February is Regina Newsom, for March it is Penny Evans, and for April it is Connie Eggleston.

Mrs. Regina Newsom is in her 26th year of teaching at Forsan, and combined with two years at Winters, she has taught a total of 28 years. During these years she has taught first, second, third and fourth grades. Currently, she teaches Fourth grade Language Arts, Social Studies and Science. She really enjoys teaching science to her fourth grade students. She stated that, “God has truly blessed my life and my teaching career. I feel very honored to work at Elbow Elementary with such a wonderful, supportive, Christian staff and administration.” Mrs. Newsom has two daughters she is very proud of. Alexandria is a junior at Texas Tech and Regan is a senior at Forsan. Regan will be attending Texas Tech in the fall.

Mrs. Penny Evans will be completing her first year as pre-kindergarten teacher at Elbow this spring, but has worked for the school in various manners for several years. She was an aide for Forsan for one year and taught fourth grade in Big Spring for four years. Mrs. Evans really knows the needs of each of her children and makes learning fun for all of them. She is continually seeking different and new ideas to use in her classroom so that each child will reach their full potential. She always finds time for her students. Mrs. Evans and her husband are blessed with three Forsan Buffaloes of their own, Joshua, Jenna, and Paul.

Mrs. Connie Eggleston is in her 19th year of teaching at Forsan. She currently teaches second grade



Regina Newsom
February



Penny Evans
March



Connie Eggleston
April

at Elbow. Mrs. Eggleston’s attitude exhibits a definite spirit of kindness towards her students and teachers. She and some of her colleagues have spent extra hours organizing ways to raise money for our own Bob Fishback. She helped sell spirit sleeves and has had a hand in organizing other fundraisers as well. In the classroom she challenges her students daily and truly loves her students. Her teaching strategies and techniques are extremely effective and it is evident in the many special relationships she has developed with students throughout the years. Mrs. Eggleston and her husband Mike have two beautiful daughters Cayley and Lacey, and one son-in-law, Derek.

EFFECT OF DOMESTIC ABUSE ON CHILDREN

In homes where domestic violence occurs, children are at high risk of suffering physical abuse themselves. Regardless of whether children are physically abused or not, the emotional effects of witnessing domestic violence are very similar to the psychological trauma associated with being a victim of child abuse. Each year, an estimated minimum of 3.3 million children witness domestic violence.

There are several general reactions that children from violent homes are likely to show. The same emotional reaction can be acted out differently according to the child's age.

- **Feeling responsible for the abuse**
A child might think, "if I had been a good girl/boy daddy wouldn't have hit mommy."
- **Constant Anxiety**
Even when things are calm, one never knows when the next fight will start.
- **Guilt for not stopping the abuse**
Children can experience guilt over the good feelings they have about the abuser.
- **Grief**
Children who are separated from the abuser are in the process of grieving over the loss. Children may also grieve over losing the lifestyle and positive image of the abuser they had before the violence began.
- **Ambivalence**
Not knowing how one feels or having two opposite emotions at the same time is very difficult for children. A child who says, "I don't know how I feel about it," may not be hedging but rather is confused about feelings.
- **Fear of abandonment**
Children removed from one parent as a result of violent acts may have strong fears that the other parent could also leave them or die. Thus, a child may refuse to leave the mother, even for short time periods.
- **Need for excessive adult attention**
This need can be especially troublesome for mothers who are trying to deal with their own pain and decisions.
- **Fear of physical harm to themselves**
A significant percentage of witnessing children are also abused. They may worry that the abuser will find them and abduct or harm them or that the abuser will be angry and retaliate when they return home.
- **Embarrassment**
Especially for older children, sensitivity to the stigma of spouse abuse may result in shame.
- **Worry about the future**
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SWCID lauds relationship between businesses, grads

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf held an Employer Appreciation luncheon May 6 in the campus auditorium. The luncheon was intended to pay recognition to businesses in the community that have worked with SWCID and outstanding SWCID employees.

"We truly appreciate every individual that has given our students the chance of employment," said Steve Meyer, career placement counselor.

According to Meyer, SWCID students have obtained jobs in Big Spring, Andrews, New York state and even Africa. SWCID is the only community college in the country with an associates degree and certification program.

"There is some fear involved when it comes to the employers, but there is no need for fear of the hard of hearing," Provost Mark Myers said. "The employers need to overcome the fears and understand that the hard of hearing have learned to live in the hearing world and are just as capable."

Last year's graduating class was the largest SWCID has had with 38 students. Of those, 12 have obtained jobs in their field of study, five have obtained jobs not in their field, 10 have gone on to continue their education with three of them furthering education at four-year universities. Three have chosen to become homemakers and two have not found employment.

"The fear doesn't lie within the hard of hearing, it is usually with those who can hear," Myers said. "They (the hard of hearing) have become very skilled at making their way in the world and in the work place."

When it comes to the



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Two SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf staff members received awards during the Employer Appreciation luncheon May 6. Pictured left to right are Dr. Mark Myers; Employee Renee Porter, who was honored for working with interpreters in training; Roni McCarthy, dorm supervisor, who was honored for working with building construction technology students; and Steve Meyer.

SWCID interns attended an employee appreciation luncheon held in the auditorium on the SWCID campus. Pictured clockwise are Sam Hendley, major in paraprofessional deaf education; Nathaniel Sanderson, major in graphic arts technology; Damian Burt, major in computer information system and Korina Sirmon, major in paraprofessional deaf education.

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skill set that those with hearing abilities and those without not much is different, according to Myers. When it comes to communicating it's all about finding that bond and the relationship that allows them to communicate.

"The hard of hearing

will find ways to communicate," Myers said. "They will do whatever they need to, whether it be writing it down, motions or signing."

The working relationships with businesses in the community are continuing to grow, according to Meyer. He

said he looks forward to that growth and hopes that more job opportunities will come from those relationships.

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Energy Watch



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There was plenty of pomp and circumstance last week in England, Washington and the stock market. The royal wedding captured the imagination of millions seeking to capture a glimpse and feel a part of all the hoopla that can benefit only royalty. In Washington, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke held a much anticipated press conference, and many stock averages broke out to new multi-year highs.

The press conference was a big focus, and for good reason as it was the first ever in the Fed's 98 year existence. For all the hype, however, it was largely uneventful. In our estimation, Bernanke did a good job. ranslated — he did not slip up on any questions nor reveal anything confidential that could not be captured in the Fed's statement that preceded the press gaggle. We believe the biggest news for investors was just getting the uncertainty associated with the historic event out of the way. The statement following the Federal Open Market Committee's two-day meeting revealed there are no plans for a quantitative easing part three (QE3), not a surprise, but also it is reasonable to conclude that the Fed has no plans on removing monetary stimulus anytime soon. Policymakers intend to complete the current \$600 billion QE2 by the end of June but will keep on reinvesting proceeds from maturing securities. This is, in effect, further easing on a more modest scale, and the media have dubbed it with the name of QE2.5.

The Fed did its best to appease investors by saying it does not foresee any significant impact on the financial markets or the economy after QE2's completion. It noted in its official statement that a pickup in inflation would likely be short-lived and that long-term inflation expectations are "still subdued." Also kept in the statement's language was a sentence indicating that exceptionally low interest rates would be likely for an "extended period of time." When pressed on what "extended" meant in Bernanke's press conference, he said at least a couple of meetings, which translates roughly to four to five months.

Stocks finished off April by recording their best month of the year. First-quarter earnings reports got off to a sluggish start, but the results during the past two weeks picked up sharply and provided fuel for the bull market. On Tuesday, the S&P 500 and NASDAQ joined the DOW Industrials in breaking out above their February highs. This followed the two month plus trading ranges that we have been discussing in recent commentaries. The stock market had continued a balancing act between its resilience and close proximity to its February highs on the one hand versus a long list of international and domestic worries on the other, that have kept a lid on the market. The scales have now been tipped to the positive side. Among the averages recording multi-year highs, as the weekend edition of The Wall St. Journal pointed out, were small-cap companies and commodities, which are particularly sensitive to an accelerating economy, and transportation stocks, which reflects a pickup in the movement of goods — a positive sign for the economy.

Seasonally, April ended the historically strongest six-month period of the year, and the market now has entered the weakest six months, which end in October. Like any other cycle or indicator, this one does not have a perfect record and cannot be relied on solely for investor decisions. The past two six-month periods fit with the seasonality. The just completed six months were quite positive while the period between May-October 2010 was spent mostly in a correction in a bull market. In the May-October 2009 period, however, the market got underway in March of 2009.

We see the market moving modestly higher as ample liquidity, strong corporate earnings and in-place momentum after last week's breakouts for the averages fuel further gains.

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ALLEY KAT DESIGNS RIBBON CUTTING



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Alley Katz, owned by Randi Froman, had its official Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting Friday afternoon. Froman opened the door to Alley Katz two-and-a-half years ago. It is located at 305 S. Main and store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

2011 Leadership Big Spring completes park project just in time for 2011 annual graduation

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held their Leadership Big Spring Class Graduation for their 2010 – 2011 session, May 12 at KC Steak House.

Graduating Thursday night were:

Laurie Barraza, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, Steven Bedell – city of Big Spring Fire Department, Rebecca Bryant – West Texas VA Health Care System, Richard Cahill – FCI Big Spring, Diane Carter – Howard County, Jim Clements – Oncor, James Grant – GEO Group, Paul Haberling – GEO Group, Eric Hansen – Howard College, Joe Hays – Hangar 25 Air Museum, Silas Irvin Jr. – GEO Group, Sandy Martinez – Lamun –Lusk- Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, Susann Minyard – State National Bank, Amy Miramontes – Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Clarence Ross – city of Big Spring, Erik Selden – Alon USA, Frank Sickles – retired and Phil Whitten – city of Big Spring, Police Department.

This is a 10-month program, held every second Thursday of the month, August through May. Those persons who have demonstrated management and/or leadership ability, have shown an interest in community affairs, and have time and talent to offer the community, are invited to apply, according to Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The program takes participants on tours of the city’s industrial, government, medical, agriculture, education and other entities.

The next class will begin Aug. 11. Applications will be going out in late June. To learn more about the program, contact the Chamber Office at 263-7641 and talk to ValVerde or Nancy Davenport.



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the 2011 Leadership Big Spring class joined together to refurbish and repaint the once green playground in the center of the Comanche Trail Park, as part of their class project required for graduation.

Input sought at community NRC meeting

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Field Office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues in Howard County to participate in a Local Work Group meeting to be held in the USDA Building located

at 302 West IH 20, Suite 101 in Big Spring.

This meeting will be on Monday at 3:30 p.m.

The purpose of these meetings is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs in Howard County.

Input received will allow the Local Work Group to make recommen-

dations on resource concerns to be addressed for county-based funding. These recommendations will be used in implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs offered by NRCS.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stakeholder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conser-

vation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Big Spring at 432-267-1871, ext. 3, or in Stanton at 432-756-3421 ext. 3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Rising food, gasoline costs push up consumer prices

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Consumers paid more for gas and food in April, lifting inflation to its highest level in two and a half years. But inflationary pressures have begun to ease this month, and analysts say some prices could taper off by summer.

The Consumer Price Index increased 0.4 percent in April, the Labor Department said. In the past 12 months, prices have risen 3.2 percent. That’s the biggest year-over-year gain since November 2007 through October 2008.

Excluding volatile food and energy, which account for about 20 percent of the CPI, the index increased 0.2 per-

cent in April and has risen 1.3 percent over the past 12 months. That’s still below the level the Federal Reserve considers a healthy pace of inflation.

Economists like to study costs outside food and energy — the so-called “core” prices — to see long-term trends. Food and energy can rise or fall sharply from month to month.

The cost of new and used cars, clothing and medical care all increased, pushing up the core index. Car prices likely increased because of temporary parts shortages caused by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Most other prices were subdued.

Oil has fallen from \$114 a barrel earlier this month to about \$100 Friday. Prices of corn and other grains have also declined in recent days

Economists say gas and food prices should fall later this year. High prices are likely slowing the economy this quarter. But growth should increase in the second half of this year, they say.

“With commodity prices now dropping back, it looks like inflation is close to peaking,” said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist for Capital Economics. He says year-over-year inflation should climb to 3.5 percent before dropping in the second half of the year.

Cary Leahey, an econo-

mist at Decision Economics, said yearly inflation figures should start to decline in the next several months, although core prices should continue to rise. The Federal Reserve won’t need to start raising interest rates until next year to keep inflation in check, he said.

The price of gasoline rose 3.3 percent in April. That accounted for half of last month’s increase. Gas has risen more than 33 percent in the past year because of demand in fast-growing developing countries and political turmoil in the Middle East. Gasoline is averaging \$3.98 a gallon nationwide, up \$1.09 from last year.

Food prices increased 0.4

percent last month. That was half the previous month’s increase, which was the largest in nearly three years. The price of fresh vegetables fell. Dairy, meat, fish and eggs all rose.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke has said that the impact of higher food and gas prices should be temporary. The central bank has also said it is watching closely for any signs of inflation.

Last October, the core index had risen only 0.6 percent in a year, and the Fed was more concerned about falling prices. That increase was the smallest for 12 months since the core index was created in 1957.

The great government fire sale is on

NEW YORK (AP) — As 2010 drew to a close, the mayor of Newark, N.J., was staring into a budget abyss so deep that he sold 16 city buildings to pay the bills. They included the architecturally significant Newark Symphony Hall and the police and fire headquarters.

In New York, the transit authority may sell its Madison Avenue headquarters, complete with an underground tunnel connected to Grand Central Terminal and air rights to build a skyscraper on top.

And soon, if state legislators have their way, private investors will be able to buy plenty of other municipal treasures: power plants in Wisconsin, prisons in Louisiana and Ohio and municipal buildings in Boston.

The Great Government Tag Sale is on. As states and cities struggle with billions of dollars in shortfalls,

elected officials are increasingly selling public assets to cover their costs. Sometimes municipalities sell the buildings to pocket a one-time pile of cash and then lease them back so they can continue to use them.

To proponents, selling government property is an efficient way to plug budget holes. That’s one reason the Obama administration has looked at unloading office towers, courthouses, warehouses and shacks. Private owners who develop the properties can inject vibrancy into municipal dead zones, the thinking goes. Buildings that were once exempt from property taxes are put back on the rolls.

But to critics, these sales are as misguided as pulling money out of your house to pay your bills. They point out that the government is letting go of a long-term, valuable asset in exchange for a one-time payment. When the as-

set is a building, a municipality then has to spend more money on leasing it back or renting another facility.

“This is tantamount to selling the family china only to have to rent it back in order to eat dinner,” says economist Yves Smith, author of the top-rated business blog Naked Capitalism.

The Desperate States of America, yes. But in some cases, politics is influencing policy. Selling state assets has long been a part of the conservative playbook, which calls for moving some of the traditional functions of government to the private sector. And in other instances, the deals are shaded by accusations of corruption.

In Wisconsin, the center of the state budget battles, legislators lobbied for the budget repair bill to allow politicians to sell any state-owned heating, cooling or power plant to anyone for any price at any time — without public approval or a call for bids.

Critics of Republican Gov. Scott Walker charged that Koch Industries, an energy conglomerate that made a \$43,000 donation to his campaign, the biggest from any corporation, might stand to benefit. Koch’s head of government affairs, Philip Ellender, says the company was never interested in buying a state-owned power plant.

The provision was removed from the budget bill just before it passed.

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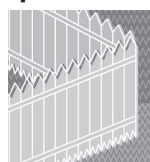
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Dear Margo: A weighty matter

Dear Margo: When my ex-boyfriend and I called it off, he was very heavyset. (He was 5'10" and 250 lbs.) He was slimmer when we met, and then his life became stressful. (His cat died, his mom got cancer, and his niece was molested by her stepfather.)

I wanted him to lose some weight for health reasons, but he wouldn't. His eating habits were grossing me out.

He went to McDonald's almost every day and ordered three Big Macs. So we broke up eight months ago because of all the arguments.

Well, here's the sad part. He's thinner now (about 175 lbs. of muscle) and has a new girlfriend, who's a total witch.

And he's hotter than he used to be. I really would like him back because he's hot and slim. How can I step on his witchy new girlfriend so I can get him back? — *Sue*

Dear Sue: Isn't it always the way? A woman dumps Tubby, and then he morphs into an Adonis. Sort of like the married man who has a girlfriend, the wife dies, and then he marries someone else.

These things are hard to figure. If you made a play for him, he might figure out it was all about the physical aspects, which is none too flattering. As for the witch, I would not move to dislodge her. My only suggestion would be to let him know that you find yourself missing him and see if he responds. Or doesn't. — *Margo, fatefully*

Wedding Bell Blues

Dear Margo: A year ago, my fiancée's brother got married. This was really hard for us since we had been together longer than they had, and we'd wanted to get engaged but were unable to due to family issues.

During the year, we listened to constant talk about their upcoming wedding at every single family event. As you might expect, we were relieved when the wedding was over. In November, my fiancée and I got engaged, basking in the idea that it would finally be our turn for wedding thunder.

But the other night, my fiancée's brother and his

wife announced they were pregnant, with the due date occurring very close to our wedding date. So, of course, that subject dominated the evening.

My fiancée and I are frustrated that they will be having the first grandchild around the time of our wedding, and we're worried that we will be forgotten in the midst of their big event. We're upset because we feel like it is finally our turn, but the focus will be on the new baby. (We're also feeling a little guilty at the same time.) Neither of us is sure how to approach this or how to handle the way we feel.

Fearing being overshadowed, we find ourselves drawing further away from his family. Are we being selfish, narcissistic or attention hogs? Any advice would help. — *Over-shadowed*

Dear Ov: I don't know the origin, but I see real competitiveness — as though there were a race and they beat you to the altar. Unless the brother is clearly the favorite child, I think the two of you are hypersensitive and are perhaps carrying around a chip on your shoulders. I feel reasonably certain the brother and s-i-l did not time their pregnancy in order to draw attention from your wedding.

It would be constructive if you could both move to the "as if" mode. That is, make a real attempt to stop weighing who's getting more attention. This would involve a concerted effort, but the result would make you and your fiancée much more emotionally comfortable. — *Margo, generously*

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901 W. 5th
CAUSE NO. 5946
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS
FRED AKIN AND LOUISA AKIN,
ET AL
EXHIBIT NO. _____
DEFENDANT NAME _____
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY
ADDRESS _____
No. 1 Fred L. & Louisa Akin
Lt 6, Bk 2, Bowser Addn
1211 W 2nd
No. 2 Anna T. Alcantar aka Anna Teresa Alcantar
Lt 8, Bk 7, Earles Addn
609 Douglas
No. 3 Angelita Alvarez aka Angelita H. Alvarez
E/40' of the W/80' of Lt 1, Bk 4, Earle's Addn
503 W. 8th
No. 4 D.M. Bales, W.E. Davis and Artie Bell Davis
Lts 7 & 8, Bk 14, Jones Valley Addn
710 San Antonio
No. 5 May Ballard, Lloyd Daniel Ballard, Jessie Gertrude Ballard Brackett, Morris Lee Ballard, Lucille Ballard Howland
Being the E/86.5' out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, T&P Ry Co. Survey
No. 6 James Barber
Lt 1, Bk 14, Jones Valley Addn
701 San Jacinto
No. 7 Mary E. Barrientos
Lt 1, Bk 112, Original Town
111 NE 3rd
No. 8 Tommie Biggs aka Tomie Biggs and Ruby Biggs
Lt 6, Bk D, Moore's Heights Addn
1011 NW 4th
No. 9 Julia Mendez Bonilla aka Julia M. Bonilla
A parcel of land 50' by 50' in the SE corner of Lt 17, Bk 99, Original Townsite of Big Spring and A 46'

square in the SW corner of BK 99, town of Big Spring
600 Sgt Paredez
No. 10 Alvin Lee Brownfield aka Alvin L. Brownfield and Nan Elizabeth Brownfield
The W/105' of the N/15' of Lt 9, and the S/35' of Lt 9, Bk 16, Boydstun Addn
507 Donley
No. 10 Alvin Lee Brownfield aka Alvin L. Brownfield and Nan Elizabeth Brownfield
The W/105' of the S/5' of Lt 10, Bk 16, Boydstun Addn
507 Donley
No. 11 Milton Emsley Burnett aka M.E. Burnett
A tract of land out of the SE/4 of Sc 31, Bk 33, T1N
2503 W. Hwy. 80
No. 12 Erminia Bustamante
Lt 28, Bk 4, Wrights Airport Addn
1202 Madison
No. 13 Paubla T. Bustamante and Rita Fierro
Lt 6, Bk A, Moore's Heights Addn
811 NW 5th
No. 14 W.D. Caldwell, Inc.
Lot 6, Bk 24, Boydstun Addn
1200 E. 5th
No. 14 W.D. Caldwell, Inc.
Lt 8, Bk 1, Rice Addn
1305 Mesa
No. 14 W.D. Caldwell, Inc.
Lt 9, Bk 1, Rice Addn
1307 Mesa
No. 14 W.D. Caldwell, Inc.
Lt 10, Bk 1, Rice Addn
1309 Mesa
No. 14 W.D. Caldwell, Inc.
Lt 3, Bk 2, Rice Addn
1204 Mesa
No. 14 W.D. Caldwell, Inc.
Lt 5, Bk 3, Rice Addn
1200 Mesa
No. 15 Coleman C. Calvert and Karen L. Calvert
N/2' of Lt 7, Bk 2, Muir Height's Addn
n/a
No. 16 Felicita G. Carrasco aka Felicitas G. Carrasco
Being a parcel of land out of Tract No. 42, of the Wm. B. Currie Subdivision, same being a part of the SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N
113 NE 8th
No. 17 L.M. Casselman aka Loren Casselman, Lori Casselman and Teresa Pierce
Lt 3, Bk 60, Original Town
704 Goliad
No. 18 Edward Chavarria and Eugene N. Hernandez
Part of the W/2 of Tract No. 24, of the Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of the SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N
504 NE 9th
No. 19 Bernice Coates, Doyale Coates, Clifford Coates, Floyd Coates, Louise Coates White, Esther Coates and David Coates
The W/80' of Lt 7 and the W/80' of the S/2 of Lt 8, Bk 8, Earles Addn
511 Douglas
No. 20 Hazel Cobb and Overseers of the Church of Christ in Big Spring
Lt 3, Bk 3, Mountain View Addn
1310 State Park
No. 21 Joe Coleman
Lt 3, Bk B, Moore's Addn
905 NW 5th
No. 23 Annie Eliza Cooper and B.S. Cooper

Lt 7, Bk 5, Tennyson Addn
202 N. Johnson
No. 24 C.C. Copeland
Lt 3, Bk 4, Jones Valley Addn
n/a
No. 25 M.J. Copeland
Lts 10 & 11, Bk 4, Jones Valley Addn
n/a
No. 25 M.J. Copeland
Lt 2, Bk 4, Jones Valley Addn
n/a
No. 26 Lee M. Cotton
A tract of land out of Sc 26, Bk 33, T1N
n/a
No. 27 Opal Covington
The S/50' of the property being part of E/2 of Sc 2, Bk 33, T1S
1315 Harding
No. 28 Old Stone Consumer Finance Corporation fka Dixie Acceptance Corporation
A tract of land out of Sc 26, Bk 33, T1N
711 Pine
No. 29 L.W. and Alma Elliott
A tract of land in Section 32, Bk 33, T1N
1601 W 5th
No. 30 Roxie Fanner, Sylvester McKnight and R.L. Jackson, and Their Successors in Office, as Trustees of the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church of Big Spring
Lt 1, Bk F, Amended Moore's Heights Addn, SAVE AND EXCEPT the N/75' of said Lot
307 Trades
No. 31 Salidona Fierro
Lt 12, Bk 6, Government Heights to Bauer Addn
507 N. Aylesford
No. 32 Gloria C. Flores
S/60' of Lt 1, Bk 20, Jones Valley Addn
203 Presidio
No. 33 Nestora G. Flores, Reynaldo G. Flores and Andres Ortega
Being a tract of land 75' wide running East and West and 140' deep running North and South, out of Tract 29, taken out of Subdivision of SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N
508 NE 8th
No. 34 Manuela N. Garcia and Juanita Garcia Martinez
E/44' of Lt 10 and all of Lts 11 & 12, Bk 101, Original Town
505 Sgt. Paredez
No. 35 Earnest Gipson and Luella Gipson aka Luella Gipson Bledsoe
Lt 9, Bk 2, Banks Addn
705 Cherry
No. 36 V.A. Gomez and Belle A Gomez
Lt 5, Bk 3, Government Heights to Bauer Addn
308 NW 5th
No. 37 Cleveland Gossett, Juanitta Gossett aka Juanita Gossett
Lt 3, Bk 1, Banks Addn
1107 NW 8th
No. 37 Cleveland Gossett, Juanitta Gossett aka Juanita Gossett
Lt 6, Bk 8, Banks Addn
1108 NW 8th
No. 38 David Grijalva aka David Grijalba
Lot 8, Bk I, Moore's Heights Addn
1008 NW 1st
No. 39 Bob Hughes and Joe Bennett
A tract of land out of Sc 31, Bk 33, T1N
2600 Old Hwy 80
No. 40 T. Jabor and F C. Fierro
Lts 3, 4 & 5, Bk A, Moore's Heights Addn
409 N Trades

No. 41 Mike Marquez
Lt 11, Bk 21, Government Heights to Bauer Addn
702 NW 7th
No. 42 Thomas Mitchell, Terry Turner and Jackie Denise Brown
E/2 of Lt 7, Bk 2, Banks Addn
1200 NW 7th
No. 43 Ella Moore
Lt 3, Bk 4, Bowser Addn
1304 W. 2nd
No. 44 Fernanda S. Morales aka Fernando Morales, Margret G. Jimenez, George R. Morales and David G. Morales
Lt 7, Bk 8, Government Heights to Bauer Addn
600 N. San Antonio
No. 45 Jaime Morales, Paula M. Ramirez and Paula Ramirez Perez
SW/4 of Lt 22, Bk 99, Original Town
622 Sgt. Paredez
No. 46 Leonel Morales, Margaret G. Jimenez, George R. Morales and David G. Morales
Lt 1, Bk 8, Government Heights to Bauer Addn
611 N. Douglas
No. 47 Jose Moreno, Subject to the Life Estate of Gregorio A. Moreno
W/2 of Lt 7, Bk 99, Original Town
626 NW 3rd
No. 48 Charles Morrow aka Charles W. Morrow and Angela Morrow
Lt 7, Bk 16, Jones Valley Addn
1100 W. 7th
No. 50 Jose B. Ortega and Estella Ortega
Lt 8, Bk 23, Government Heights to Bauer Addn
608 NW 8th
No. 51 Tom L. Owens, Hattie Pauline Griffith, Burl Griffith, and Mrs. Bettie Anderson, Estate of Carol Owens and Gary Little
Lot 8, Bk 36, Original Town of Forsan
102 Rex South
No. 52 Lillian Pajanoski aka Lillian Pijanowski and Gene Merrill
Lt 5, Bk 5, Jones Valley Addn
n/a
No. 52 Lillian Pajanoski aka Lillian Pijanowski and Gene Merrill
Lt 6, Bk 5, Jones Valley Addn
n/a
No. 52 Lillian Pajanoski aka Lillian Pijanowski and Gene Merrill
Lt 7, Bk 8, Lakeview Addn
101 Algerita
No. 52 Lillian Pajanoski aka Lillian Pijanowski and Gene Merrill
Lt 8, Bk 8, Lakeview Addn
103 Algerita
No. 53 Ismeal Paredez aka Esmill Paredez
Lt 10, Bk 21, Government Heights to Bauer Addn
704 NW 7th
No. 54 Jeff Parker
A tract of land out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N
W 5th
No. 55 Mrs. Paten Parker
Lt 3, Bk 12, Cedar Crest Addn
500 W. 9th
No. 56 Ismel Patino and Katherine Patino
A parcel of land out of Tract No. 21 of the Wm. B. Currie Subdivision, SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N
304 NE 10th
No. 57 Louise Patrick
The SW corner of Lt 23, Bk 99, Original Town
626 Sgt. Paredez
No. 58 J.W. Payne and Willie Jean Payne
Lt 12, Bk 1, Stripling Addn
n/a
No. 59 Eddie Mae Penn

Lt 5, Bk L, Moore's Heights Addn
1009 NW 1st
No. 60 Juanita F. Peredia
Lt 7, Bk I, Moore's Heights Addn
1010 NW 1st
No. 61 Nellie M. and George Relyea
A tract of land out of Sc 32, Bk 33, TIN
700 Precidio
No. 62 Dorothy Elizabeth Rice
Lt 1, Bk 4, Jones Valley Addn
n/a
No. 63 Earl J. Richhart, Clyde Eugene Auwarter and Katherine Auwarter
Lt 3, Bk 2, Mountain View Addn
1406 State Park
No. 64 A.L. and Dora Lee Sipes
Lt 1, Bk 4, Porter Addn
500 Benton
No. 65 George Thaddeus Thomas and Jason Seay
The N/50' of the N/100' of the S/400' of a certain 2 acre parcel, out of the SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N
1012 N Main
No. 67 Wells Fargo Bank Texas, NA fka State National Bank of El Paso, as Trustee of the Marital Trust and The Residuary Trust under the Will of Lucille S. Rogers, deceased
The S/100' of Tract 12, Wm. B. Currie Subdivision, out of the SE/4 Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N
115 NE 10th
No. 68 Talmer Lee and Iva Mae White
A tract of land out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N
902 San Antonio
No. 69 William L. Woods aka William L. Wood
A tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N
103 NW 12th
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 2nd day of May, 2011.

SHERIFF OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: D. Restelli
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PROSPECTIVE BUYERS SHOULD CHECK TITLE RECORDS FOR METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTIONS OF PROPERTY AND TO DETERMINE STATUS OF TITLE
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ACROSS	DOWN
1 Break down	1 Tightened
11 Promote	2 Word from the Greek for "purple"
15 Renewed, in a way	3 <i>Waltons</i> matriarch
16 Advisor to Augustus	4 PO cul de sac
17 "See ya!"	5 Some MIT grads
18 Frenemy, maybe	6 Darwin greeting
19 Multiple of XIII	7 Apple varieties
20 Senior —	8 Goes up
21 More	
22 Penn's "Giant Brain"	
25 Place	
27 Parisian's compass point	
28 Hon	
30 Takes away from	
32 Thuringian thoroughfare	
34 "___ the rose without the thorn": Herrick	
35 <i>The Time of Your Life</i> playwright	
38 Steep slopes	
40 Mediterranean port	
41 Bison, at times	
43 Old movie feature	
45 Noisy nosher's sounds	
49 Rap	
50 Househusband	
52 Render inflexible	
53 Tubs	
55 Protection	
57 ___ set	
58 Name on the cover of <i>Beloved</i>	
	9 Engine treatment
	10 ___ e <i>Leandro</i> (Handel cantata)
	11 Constant change
	12 NPR fan
	13 Exceed
	14 Figure skaters, at times
	21 Mag. wheels
	23 Some police investigations
	24 Certain council's concern
	26 Blasts from the past
	29 Gum product
	31 Needing change
	33 1993 Tony nominee for <i>Anna Christie</i>
	35 Numbers specialist
	36 Prefix for calling
	37 Scraggy
	39 Disney collectibles
	42 Sciences
	44 Classified ad abbr.
	46 Flip over
	47 Little
	48 Distorts
	51 Of dairy cows
	54 Takes it
	56 <i>Murder, She Wrote</i> doc
	59 OT book
	60 Scat-singing syllable
	61 Cliff's love in <i>Red River</i>

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Donna S. Brown and George I. Kunkle if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit: Lt 7, Bk 21, College Park Estates Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,952.18, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against DONNA S. BROWN AND GEORGE I. KUNKLE and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on May 28, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DONNA S. BROWN AND GEORGE I. KUNKLE, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5676 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 13th day of June, 2011 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 27th day of April, A.D. 2011.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6993 May 8 & 15, 2011

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6224-44-001 for TREE TRIMMING AND BRUSH REMOVAL in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on June 21, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$295,560.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Maria Garcia if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit: Lt 32, Bk 6, Douglass Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,983.30, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against TONY GARCIA AND MARIA GARCIA and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on August 31, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. TONY GARCIA AND MARIA GARCIA, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5726 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 13th day of June, 2011 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 28th day of April, A.D. 2011.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6994 May 8 & 15, 2011

project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
#7001 May 15 & 16, 2011

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Vernell McKinney if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit: Lot 2, Blk 1, Muir Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,443.20, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against CARLETTA M. MCKINNEY fka CARLETTA M. LEWIS AND VERNELL MCKINNEY and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on November 29, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CARLETTA M. MCKINNEY fka CARLETTA M. LEWIS AND VERNELL MCKINNEY, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5274 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 13th day of June, 2011 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 28th day of April, A.D. 2011.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6995 May 8 & 15, 2011

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No. P-13,971
ESTATE OF LUCILLE ADELL BLEDSOE, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of LUCILLE ADELL BLEDSOE, Deceased were issued on the 9th day of May, 2011, under Docket No. P-13,971 pending in the County Court of Ector County, Texas, to WADE BLEDSOE.

Claims may be presented in care of WADE BLEDSOE to the estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Lucille Adell Bledsoe
c/o Wade Bledsoe
1108 Wood Street
Big Spring, TX 79720

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

DATED this 9th day of May, 2011.
WADE BLEDSOE, Independent Executor of the Estate of Lucille Adell Bledsoe, Deceased
#6999 May 15, 2011

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Indulge in simple luxuries. Mercury and Venus join the sun and Mars in the sign of the bull, heightening our appetite for beauty and helping us to communicate in a manner conducive to attaining the lovely circumstances we seek. Now that there are four luminaries in Taurus, the sensual qualities of the bull are at their strongest.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's a day for living as quietly as your environment will allow. Build barriers to ward off intrusions. Preserve the sanctity of your own private headspace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are magnificently beautiful precisely because of the ways in which you are different from others. You will act and present yourself appropriately without conforming to

what everyone else is doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone admires you. Perhaps you have known this subconsciously for a while, but you will now feel it and know it for certain. Don't think too much about it. Enjoy the attention.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Stay as objective as you can now. Strong waves of feeling could cause an impulsive and unwise reaction. The emotional distance of objectivity will allow you a wider array of choices.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be more likely to get what you want if you don't demand it. It may be too early to even ask for it. For now, think about your desired outcome, write about it and envision it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You feel it's important to make meaningful and regular connections with your friends. You also understand that loved ones need to do the same thing, and it won't always involve you. You'll extend your trust and be adored all the more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You prefer to be agreeable and would like to provide exactly what others need within the time frame they request. This is not always possible. It's better to be realistic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll notice when mistakes are being made, and even though they are not your fault, you will do all you can to right the wrong. You will be rewarded for your bravery.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll return a kindness paid to you long ago. Your actions will remind you of the way you felt back then, when the good deed was freshly bestowed on you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There will be a change for the better on the domestic front. Physical improvements are preceded by an attitudinal shift. Happiness and fiscal responsibility go hand in hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your powers of

observation are keen. You will unravel a mystery that has been building for years. But don't tell the others. They need to figure this one out for themselves.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A new relationship is developing. This is the time to establish some boundaries. Give some thought to the direction you would like things to go. Envision the way you would like to interact with this person in the future.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 15). You've had some glory days, but the best is yet to come. You'll be newly inspired to take on a professional challenge in June. By September, you'll be inspiring others to do the same. Family will encourage you and give you financial gifts, too. A sweet bond forms in July. November is your lucky month for travel or moving. Leo and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 1, 22, 49 and 19.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This is the last week of the 2011 solar journey through Taurus. The Taurus sun has a visceral energy. It puts us in touch with our physical and primal proclivities. It awakens our senses and tunes us in to our subtler preferences. Venus and Mercury follow the sun into the sign of the bull this week. Venus is at home in Taurus, and the love goddess feels most beautiful there. People will be inclined to work on their attraction quotient during this transit, and many will pay more than they usually would for luxurious clothes, treatments and services. Greater attention is paid to diet and exercise, too. Some will get caught up in the moment and spend too much money on impractical solutions to beauty quandaries. To prevent buyer's remorse, be suspicious of such wording as "limited supply," as well as deals that include bulk buys for a discount. Keep your head about you. Also, be mindful of the fact that many of the most luxurious experiences of all can be had for a few cents — a long hot shower, for instance. And beauty rest can be had for free! On Saturday, the sun shifts from Taurus to Gemini, sparking mental energy.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Free-spirited Megan Fox is a Venus-ruled Taurus who was first bit by the acting bug after seeing "The Wizard of Oz" at the age of 3. Born under a Leo moon, her creativity is ever expanding, and the spotlight has a magnetic pull that is irresistible to her. Her Mars and Neptune in Capricorn suggests that Fox has a terrific business sense and is extremely competitive, as well as ambitious.

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There were three divisions, Webelos, Bears/Wolfs and Tigers. Each division awarded the three top racers.

Results are as follows:

Webelos: First place: Daniel Sneed from Pack 29, Second place: Nick Duncan from Pack 305, Third place: Braidon Walker from Pack 501.

Bears/Wolf: First place: Sam Howell from Pack 305. Second place: Derian McCrary from Pack 29. Third place: Carter Scott from Pack 305.

Tigers: First place: Kaden Burnett from Pack 177, Second place: Jeremy Perez from Pack 305, Third place: Jesse Smith from Pack 29.

Three additional awards

were handed out, one for best car and first and second place in the Open Class Race.

Braiden Walker received best car award for his car based on General Lee from Dukes of Hazzard.

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