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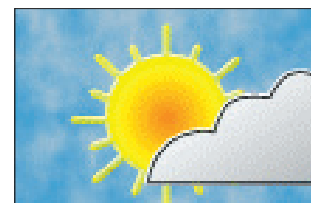
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RALLYING FOR PEOPLE’S RIGHTS



State Rep. Jim Landtroop, R-Plainview, speaks to attendants of a Tea Party rally Saturday at Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring. Most of those attending say they want less government intrusion into their lives and for government to be fiscally responsible. The event was sponsored by the Howard County Conservatives.

HERALD photos/
Amanda Moreno



‘Hands on’ art project

Public invited to celebrate Earth Day at Howard College

Herald Staff Report

Howard College Art Department wants citizens of Big Spring and the surrounding area to get their hands dirty.

The art department is sponsoring the Clay Hands Workshop in celebration of Earth Day. It’s an opportunity to become involved in “green” activities and learn more about the college art department. Plus, it’s free.

The workshop will be from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, following Earth Day, which is April 22.

“It’s great for kids and families. The workshop will take impressions of people’s hands as an indication that all individuals have an environmental impact, usually called an ecological ‘footprint,” said Stacy J. Slaten, Howard College assistant professor of art. “We all use resources and increasing awareness of our impact and memorializing our personal signatures is the purpose of the workshop. Participants will first fill out an ecological imprint worksheet to assess their environmental impact and then create in clay their own impressions. The workshop is great for

educating and informing children and anyone interested in learning about our environment.”

Picking up your art after firing will be necessary for participants who desire to keep their hand memorials. Each person will be asked to leave contact information for that purpose. The ceramics can then be watercolored or painted in acrylics for decorative use at home.

People who are interested in the workshop need to contact Slaten through e-mail at sslaten@howard-college.edu or call 432-264-5115 to reserve their seats in Hall Center for the Arts, Room 111.

Bill would eliminate slower night speed

APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas drivers would no longer have to slow down for nighttime road trips and some highway speed limits would be increased to 75 mph under legislation approved Friday in the House.

The bill, which was approved without opposition, would eliminate the current requirement that drivers slow down to 65 mph when the sun goes down on most Texas highways.



be safe and reasonable for each portion of highway.

Houston Republican Rep. Gary El-

It would also allow the Texas Transportation Commission to set highway speeds at 75 mph, up from the current 70 mph limit on most non-urban state highways. Counties would be eligible for the higher limit only if a safety study deemed it to

kins, the bill’s sponsor, said the changes would increase efficiency and would give Texas speed standards similar to nearby states.

Some rural counties already are allowed to post 75 mph limits, but the proposal would make all counties eligible for the upper limit.

While lawmakers said the effort would make Texas roadways more efficient, a report by the Texas Transportation

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Valve installation set Wednesday

The city of Big Spring Water Utilities Department will be installing three valves on Auburn Street beginning at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Work will continue until water has been restored. Customers living in the following areas will experience low or no water pressure during valve installation:

- Auburn from Baylor to Columbia
- Columbia from Cornell to 11th Place
- 11th Place from Baylor to Columbia
- FM 700 from Columbia to Interstate 20
- Sands Springs and Coahoma area.

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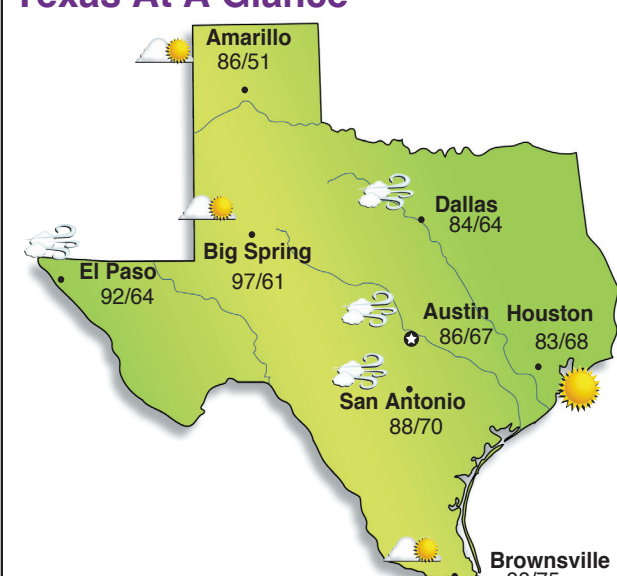
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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 4/17	Mon 4/18	Tue 4/19	Wed 4/20	Thu 4/21
97/61 Partly cloudy skies. Near record high temperatures. High 97F.	100/65 Times of sun and clouds. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 60s.	94/62 Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.	95/62 More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.	95/63 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 8:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 8:20 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	91	66	windy	Kingsville	88	72	pt sunny
Amarillo	86	51	pt sunny	Livingston	84	62	sunny
Austin	86	67	windy	Longview	83	62	mst sunny
Beaumont	81	67	sunny	Lubbock	92	54	pt sunny
Brownsville	88	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	86	62	mst sunny
Brownwood	91	66	windy	Midland	96	65	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	83	73	pt sunny	Raymondville	90	72	pt sunny
Corsicana	82	63	windy	Rosenberg	84	68	sunny
Dallas	84	64	windy	San Antonio	88	70	windy
Del Rio	91	68	mst sunny	San Marcos	86	67	windy
El Paso	92	64	windy	Sulphur Springs	82	63	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	96	64	sunny	Sweetwater	93	64	windy
Gainesville	81	62	windy	Tyler	84	63	mst sunny
Greenville	81	61	windy	Weatherford	84	63	windy
Houston	83	68	sunny	Wichita Falls	89	62	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	74	48	sunny	Minneapolis	51	33	pt sunny
Boston	61	42	rain	New York	60	49	windy
Chicago	55	37	mst sunny	Phoenix	92	64	pt sunny
Dallas	84	64	windy	San Francisco	63	56	cloudy
Denver	69	46	cloudy	Seattle	50	36	pt sunny
Houston	83	68	sunny	St. Louis	71	54	pt sunny
Los Angeles	76	57	pt sunny	Washington, DC	67	52	sunny
Miami	88	72	t-storm				

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Shirley Darlene Fields



Shirley Darlene Fields, 73, died April 13, 2011, at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles.

She was born to James and LeeOla Crabb on Jan. 7, 1938, in Ranger.

She graduated from Ranger High School in 1955 and attended Ranger Junior College in 1956. Shirley worked for Chevron for 30 years; she served as the church

pianist for First Baptist Church in Sand Springs near Big Spring, First Westside Baptist Church in Odessa and Cotton Flat Baptist Church in Midland; and she cared for her great granddaughter in Las Vegas from 2003 to 2008.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 55 years, James Wayne Fields of Odessa; a daughter Rhonda Sikes and son-in-law Palmer Sikes of Las Vegas; grandson, Jakob Sikes of Las Vegas; granddaughter, Jennifer Pendleton and great-granddaughter, Kylee Edwards of San Diego; sister, Barbara Delany of San Antonio; and numerous cousins and family in Texas and California.

Please send donations to your local hospice in her memory.

Paid obituary

Barbara Gene Merworth

Barbara Gene Merworth, 72, of Big Spring, died Friday, April 15, 2011, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Sarah M. Boyd

Sarah M. Boyd, 88, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, April 15, 2011, in a Dallas hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• A fund has been established at T&P Federal Credit Union for the Gary Nelson family, who lost their home to a fire Wednesday. Funds raised will go toward rebuilding the home. Anyone who would like to help can do so by contacting the credit union at 101 Main or by calling 263-1631.

• First Church of the Nazarene will host a Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park on April 23. The event will begin at 10 a.m. Free hot dogs and drinks will be served following the hunt.

• Friday is live band dance night 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.

• May 5 is the National Day of Prayer. Locally, a non-denominational prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. that day in the Howard College Cactus Room. Everyone is invited.

Police blotter

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

• ELEUTERIO TORRES PADRON, 62, of 509 N. Goliad, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ANTHONY JOSEPH YANEZ, 19, of 1610 Cardinal, was arrested Friday on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• BRANDON JOSEPH SCHEIRBECK, 37, of 501 E. 15th, was arrested Friday on charges of disregard red light, no drivers license – when unlicensed, operate motor vehicle without license plates (or with one plate), wrong license plate, failed to maintain financial responsibility.

• WAYNE WARD VANHOESEN, 49, of 1305 Oilmill Rd., was arrested Friday on a warrant for open container in a motor vehicle-driver.

• JO ANN LEDESMA, 29, of 407 Johnson, was ar-

rested Friday on a warrant for driving while license invalid (two counts/MC), fail to appear, speeding.

• PHILLIP CHESTER ALDERS, 20, of 4402 Elder, was arrested Friday on a warrant of evading arrest/detention.

• ROBERT OLIVER PULLIN, 65, of 109.5 E. 16th, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY, 49, of 1800 Lancaster, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication, soliciting/peddling without permit.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of W. Third Street.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

In the 1000 N. Main Street.

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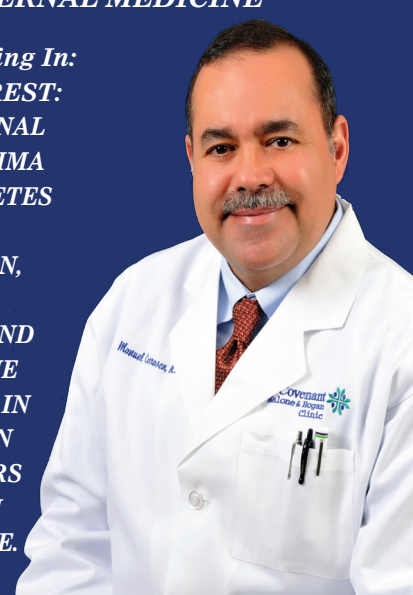
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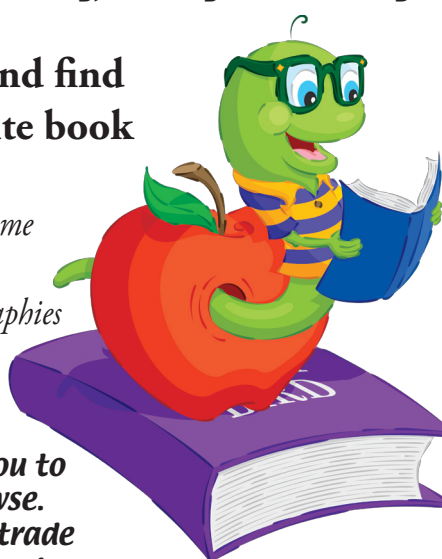
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►Support Groups

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 kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding

and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. and noon, each lasting an hour. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Odd News

Man bites dog ... sues police

PHOENIX (AP) — A 33-year-old man who bit back after he was caught by a Phoenix police dog is suing police.

Erin Sullivan alleges the dog violated his civil rights and used excessive force to capture him after he ran from officers in Glendale during a burglary investigation last year.

Police say Sullivan bit the dog back, injuring it.

The lawsuit names the cities of Phoenix and Glendale and four officers.

Precursor filings to the lawsuit sought \$200,000 from Glendale and \$250,000 from Phoenix.

Officials in Glendale and Phoenix have declined comment.

Sullivan also alleges Glendale police refused to give him insulin to treat his diabetes. Sullivan's attorney, Keith Knowlton, has said his client suffered a diabetic seizure in a Glendale cell.

Sullivan is serving eight years for convictions in the Glendale burglary.

Macy's 'burglar' was asleep

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh police say a man who triggered a burglar alarm at a downtown department store didn't break into the store — he merely fell asleep in a restroom and didn't leave before the store closed.

Officers were responding to the alarm Thursday night when police got another call from the man who told them of his plight.

Police verified his story.

SUMMER

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Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Children must be between the ages of 6 and 18 to participate.

"For a lot of parents, day-care just isn't an option," said Hildebrand. "The charge will be \$70 for the entire summer program, which is within the reach of most parents."

And while the program is certainly a godsend for many of the area's working parents, Hildebrand said it's also a

chance for the children to learn and grow.

"For a lot of these children, the alternative is pretty bleak," she said. "Boys & Girls Club gives them a chance to participate in arts and crafts, sports and other activities that will help them grow as people. If they weren't participating in the program, however, many of them might be getting into trouble or causing problems in the community. So it not only provides a much-needed service to the parents and the children, it also helps keep these kids off the streets and out of

trouble. We feel like that's very important."

Hildebrand said lunches will be provided during the first month, and after that, the children will be expected to bring a sack lunch.

"The first month we'll be bus-ing the kids to the (Big Spring) High School for lunch," she said. "After that, the children will be responsible for bringing their own lunch, while we'll provide a snack for them."

The program only has a limited number of spaces, she added

"Sign-ups for the summer

program are going on now," said Hildebrand. "There are no financial restrictions to be met or anything like that. Once the program is full, there will be a waiting list in case any of the children drop out. We'll also be hiring summer staff to work with the kids. Anyone who is interested can contact me for more information."

To contact Hildebrand, call 264-0455.

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

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SPEED

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Institute at Texas A&M University said that higher speeds have been found to sharply increase crash and injury severity.

"Anytime you increase the speed limits, you do increase the risk because ... those accidents are going to be more severe in nature," said Quinn Brackett, senior research scientist for the Texas Transportation Institute.

While the likelihood of crashes to occur because of higher speeds was less clear, the institute found "evidence that increases in posted speed limit may result in increases in the number of crashes."

"I think that we have to rely on the transportation engineers that are going to examine the

roadways to do a credible job and make sure not to raise the speed limits on roadways that increase risk of injury to motorists," Brackett said.

Legislation also is pending that would allow the state to raise the speed limit to 85 mph on certain future highways. The increase would not apply to highways that already exist.

Supporters said the slower nighttime speed is an outdated function put in place when headlights were not suited to higher speeds. A bill analysis drafted by the House Research Organization said Texas is the only state that has retained the day-to-night differential.

But the Texas A&M report said slower nighttime speed limits help compensate for reduced driver vision in the dark. Detection of possi-

ble hazards in the roadway, for instance, may take longer than during the daylight hours and lower speeds allow drivers to come to sudden stops more quickly.

Even though headlights and vehicle safety have improved over the years, "you can't really make the lights as bright as or equivalent to daylight," Brackett said. "You still have some limitations as far as visibility that are created at nighttime.

"Eliminating the differential we have for nighttime speeds may

be a little problematic, particularly for people that have reached the elderly driver age."

The bill must clear a procedural vote in the House before it can be eligible for consideration in the Senate.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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YOUR VIEWS

Effects of balloons

To the Editor:

The Wednesday April 13, 2011, edition of the *Big Spring Herald* had a front page article showing a balloon release celebrating the opening of a new office.

Unfortunately, people who organize and enter into such releases do not seem to consider the aftereffects. These balloons will often rise to fairly high altitudes, be carried by the winds, quite often for very long distances. Of course, the balloons ultimately return to the earth on someone's property as undesirable trash. The material from which most balloons are made deteriorates slowly. These items are a source of danger for wildlife as well. Cows and other ruminants have been known to ingest such foreign material while foraging. Plastics have long been known to be a danger to residents of the seas and some lakes.

Big Spring and many other communities and states have advocated keeping the environment clean, but this practice is in direct opposition.

This letter is not a condemnation of the groups organizing these activities. Most of them are very worthwhile. It is hoped that, in the future, another means of celebration or recognition could be used so that the environment would not be further despoiled.

ARDIS McCASLAND JR.
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Planned Parenthood

To the Editor:

Planned Parenthood is a billion dollar enterprise that receives 34 percent of its funding from U.S. taxpayers. Spending and debt are soaring. This is the last place Congress should be spending our hard earned money now or ever.

I am especially concerned about the possibility that even more federal funds will be flowing to Planned Parenthood as a result of the new health care bill. Planned Parenthood's primary business is abortion which is abhorrent to a majority of Americans. Funding Planned Parenthood with tax dollars is an arrogant slap in the face to those of us who pay taxes and honor the sacredness of every human life.

Planned Parenthood puts profits and political ideology above women's health and safety. It vehemently opposed common sense restrictions on abortions — such as parental notification laws and mandatory counseling. Planned Parenthood even defends their right to perform late term abortions which a vast majority of Americans oppose.

We demand that tax dollars immediately stop supporting Planned Parenthood.

SANTOS MIHILIS
SWEETWATER

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

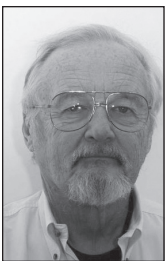
Much happens quickly, Lord, with You.

Amen

Letting Detroit fade away

Poor Detroit. The bad news never stops. The once-proud miracle of capitalism is the urban equivalent of a homeless family living under a bridge, digging in dumpsters for scraps.

Having already gone through its "Crime Capital" phase, it has become the nation's "See Ya Later" capital.



DONALD KAUL

The census recently found that in the past 10 years, the Motor City has lost 25 percent of its population. When I was growing up there in the 1940s and 1950s, 1.85 million people lived there. Now only 714,000 do.

Driving though Detroit, one often wonders where even those people are hiding.

Detroit is a very big city, 138 square miles. You could put San Francisco, Boston, and Washington inside its boundaries and have space to spare.

You can literally drive miles through Detroit and see nothing but open fields, abandoned factories, and falling-down empty houses. And when I say abandoned, I mean just that.

You look in the windows of these derelict buildings and see chairs and tables knocked over, file cases standing open, papers strewn on the floors. It's as though someone said, "Here comes the tsunami, run!" And everyone did.

This is capitalism?

Well, actually, it is. One of the underappreciated aspects of the capitalistic system is the ruthlessness with which it discards things it no longer finds useful. Human misery that can't be quantified on a balance sheet has no weight in capitalism. The social costs of profits are borne by the victims—or society as a whole—rather than the corporations who made the loot.

This is pretty much the story of Detroit.

Back in the day, it was a working-class promised land. People came to find a better life from the slums and villages of Europe and the hardscrabble hamlets of the South. And, by God, they found it in Detroit.

Detroit was the place where Henry Ford instituted the \$5 day at his Highland Park plant. It was a revolutionary and galvanizing concept. His fellow industrialists hated him for it. The Wall Street Journal denounced him and predicted it would lead to the ruination of American industry.

His workers took the money and bought cars with it, and Ford became the richest man in the world. So much for the collective wisdom of industrialists and the Wall Street Journal.

During World War II, Detroit's "Arsenal of Democracy" period, it gave itself over to churning out planes and tanks and Jeeps instead of cars. Working-class Detroit became unbelievably prosperous.

That was my Detroit.

A man without a college educa-

tion could earn enough to feed his family, have a nice home, and maybe even send his kids to college—even own a boat.

Perhaps a flicker remains of the city's allure. Like Rome in the 18th century, Detroit's ruins are starting to attract visitors in their own right. The central city is still functional, with a growing population of Yuppies. There's more cultural activity in that central area than in all but a few American cities. Its suburbs remain prosperous.

But the real city—where hundreds of thousands of gainfully employed people once lived and worked—rots, despite the brave work of hardy urban pioneers.

I don't understand why the United States hates cities so. But it does. Detroit isn't unique in its decline, only the worst example of its kind.

It's not only cruel—but stupid—to let a noble city like Detroit simply fade away. For 100 years it was one of the great industrial centers of the world. What's that worth now? Nothing?

Detroit has two great advantages. One is water, which will come in handy someday when desert towns like Las Vegas and Phoenix have gone dry.

The other is land. Detroit, more than any other city in the country, is a blank sheet of paper.

It's waiting for visionaries who will draw the future on it.

Seen any visionaries lately?

OtherWords columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. www.otherwords.org

A debate of a different kind

Oh, sweet irony, it seems the world just can't get enough of you.

Sitting through Thursday night's debate for political hopefuls running for the District 1 and District 3 seats on the Big Spring City Council, it was hard not to see the glaring contradictions and mostly uninformed opinions of some of the candidates who took to the podium.

In their defense, however, I have to admit they were no worse than most other small-scene politicians I've seen in similar situations, trying their best to answer complicated — and horribly biased — questions off the top of their heads. How much can these three guys really be expected to know about the municipal budget when they have never been through the lengthy, painful process themselves?



THOMAS JENKINS

And, with that in mind, let's talk about the three candidates who took part in the debate — there was a fourth, but he only showed up about 10 minutes before the event was over — and how their answers stack up beside one another and, oh yes, some basic common sense.

First of all, all three candidates would discuss what city programs and projects they felt were drawing too much and too little funding from the municipal coffers.

First up is Glen Carrigan, who is running for the District 3 seat on the council. According to Carrigan, the city's water line replacement program has been under-funded, as the political hopeful said the "city's water delivery system is crumbling." In the over-funded category, Carrigan listed several recent projects, including massive renovations of the sports center located north of town, the municipal golf course and the water park currently under construction.

Unfortunately, Carrigan — who would later say he felt the citizens should be able to vote for such large expenditures — may have wanted to rethink one of his examples, namely the renova-

tions to the sports fields, which was approved by voters as part of a bond election.

District 3 candidate Shannon Thomason, whose uneasy smiles and bit of swagger will do little to comfort the voters he's courting, would echo Carrigan's concerns, using the recent expenditure of \$50,000 for a retail study of the city as an example of over-spending.

No big surprise, District 1 candidate Marcus Fernandez's answer mirrored his two fellow candidates, calling budget items such as the new water park a luxury and encouraging more spending on infrastructure items, such as water lines and streets.

The rest of the debate would follow this same pattern, with all three men echoing each other's concerns and political platforms. The trio supported proposed term limits for council members, as well as ongoing efforts to merge a number of services between the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office.

The only real tension during the evening came when Carrigan addressed what he called a "rumor" floating around that he was part of or involved with the local Concerned Citizens Council, probably a smart political move since the group has managed to polarize residents on several key issues in the last several years.

On the other hand, Carrigan never said who he believed had started the "rumor" — bear in mind, Thomason, who was sitting next to Carrigan during the debate, is the Concerned Citizens Council's chairman — so no finger-pointing ensued.

Thomason would later try to add some levity to Carrigan's remarks by saying he had never seen him at a Concerned Citizens Council meeting. However, the remark came across catty and ill-timed, as several members of the audience quietly looked around the room for the would-be rumor starter.

The debate was a good idea, and Dana Baker and the other volunteers who put it on should be thanked for their work.

Unfortunately, it did little to shed light on the political race's candidates and their platforms since both incumbents — District

1 Councilwoman Stephanie Horton and District 3 Councilwoman Joann Staulcup — were absent.

And this leads me to yet another uncomfortable, seat-squirming moment during the debate. However, it wasn't the candidates or debate organizers who left feeling uneasy. It was yours truly.

During introductions, Baker said she was unable to reach Horton and had no idea why she didn't attend the debate. I found this sort of odd, since the following Tuesday I had talked to Horton and she had informed me she would be unable to attend because she was having surgery that day.

We both laughed at what kind of responses she might give under sedation, and, in all honesty, I'm silently chuckling right now just thinking about the hypothetical situation.

The reason I found it strange is because several city council members — including Mayor Tommy Duncan and District 5 Councilman Craig Olson — were present, and I was pretty sure they were aware of Horton's surgery. However, neither said anything. So, I decided to speak up, telling Baker and the audience what I was told by Horton herself.

As soon as I got the last word out of my mouth, Duncan and several other members of the audience sprang on me like a fat kid on cake. They informed me, and everyone else present, that Horton's surgery wasn't scheduled until Monday, four days after the debate.

Needless to say, I felt like something of a bonehead, and since Horton has yet to return my phone call from Thursday night, I'm not quite sure how I should be feeling.

In the end, I suppose, it all comes down to each individual voters' perception of the issues and the candidates, a category as wide as the Grand Canyon.

Either way, don't forget, good citizens, early voting begins May 2, with election day slated for May 14.

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

Letters

Thanks for your help

TO THE EDITOR:

The 2010 tax year started a bit rocky, with Congress delaying until the last minute certain tax changes, thus causing IRS to delay printing of their form and also having to delay receiving e-file returns. But once all was in place, it turned out to be a very productive year for the AARP Tax-Aide Program. This year, we had 282 people take advantage of our services and we saw a huge increase in the number of taxpayers wanting to have their returns e-filed.

On behalf of all of the tax-aide volunteers, I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who helped us out. I would like to thank KBST & KBYG radio stations, Suddenlink of West Texas, The city of Big Spring and channel 17 and a very special thanks to the Herald and especially Thomas Jenkins for the publicity and your continuous support of our program.

I would also like to thank Nancy Jones and the staff of the Big Spring Senior Center and RSVP, not only for their hospitality, but all of their help during the tax season. As in previous years, their help started way before the tax season began and continued each week after we left with phone calls or people showing up on the wrong day or at the wrong time. I would also like to thank Betty Honea for providing us with donuts and other goodies almost on a weekly basis.

It's difficult to find the right words to express my appreciation for the tax-aide volunteers. As I've said before — they are the heart and soul of this program. With their smiling faces and winning personalities, JO, Donna and Pete were always there to welcome taxpayers and start the process for us. Mary, Roger, Ruth Ann, Robert and Ray gave us so much of their personal time to make sure they were knowledgeable about the 2010 tax law and worked hard to make the taxpayers feel comfortable and to make sure that the tax return was done in a prompt and accurate manner. It has been a joy and privilege to work with all of you.

This was my last year to serve as the local coordinator for the AARP Tax-Aide program. It has been a wonderful experience for me and I am confident that the program will thrive as I'm leaving the program in excellent hands.

Sincerely,

GLORIA HOPKINS
LOCAL COORDINATOR
AARP TAX-AIDE
BIG SPRING

Moms killing kids not nearly as rare as we think

JOCELYN NOVECK

AP National Writer

NEW YORK — “How could she?”

It's the headline du jour whenever a horrific case emerges of a mother killing her kids, as Lashanda Armstrong did when she piled her children into her minivan and drove straight into the frigid Hudson River.

Our shock at such stories is, of course, understandable: They seem to go against everything we intuitively feel about the mother-child bond.

But mothers kill their children in this country much more often than most people would realize by simply reading the headlines; by conservative estimates it happens every few days, at least 100 times a year. Experts say more mothers than fathers kill their children under 5 years of age. And some say our reluctance as a society to believe mothers would be capable of killing their offspring is hindering our ability to recognize warning signs, intervene and prevent more tragedies.

And so the problem remains.

“We've learned how to reduce auto fatalities among kids, through seatbelt use. We've learned how to stop kids from strangling on the strings of their hoodies. But with this phenomenon, we struggle,” says Jill Korbin, an anthropologist at Case Western Reserve University who has studied mothers who kill children. “The solution is not so readily apparent.”

How common is filicide, or killing one's child, among mothers? Finding accurate records is nearly impossible, experts say. One

problem is classification: The legal disposition of these cases varies enormously. Also, many cases doubtless go unreported or undetected, such as very young mothers who kill their newborns by smothering them or drowning them in a toilet after hiding the entire pregnancy.

“I'd say a mother kills a child in this country once every three days, and that's a low estimate,”

“We see cases where the mother thinks the child would be better off in heaven than on this miserable earth. They think it's a good deed, a blessing.”

says Cheryl Meyer, co-author of “Mothers Who Kill Their Children.”

Several databases track such killings but do not separate mothers from fathers or stepfathers. At the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System reported an estimated 1,740 child fatalities — meaning when a child dies from an injury caused by abuse or neglect — in 2008.

And according to numbers compiled from 16 states by the National Violent Death Reporting System at the CDC Injury Center, 130 children were killed in those states by a parent in 2008, the last year for which numbers were available.

“The horrific stories make the headlines, so we believe it hardly ever happens,” says Meyer, a pro-

fessor of psychology at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. “But it's not a rare thing.”

Meyer and co-author Michelle Oberman interviewed women at the Ohio Reformatory for Women. They found that of 1,800 women at the prison, 80 were there for killing their children.

It's also a phenomenon that defies neat patterns: It cuts across boundaries of class, race and socio-economic status. Oberman and Meyer came up with five categories: filicide related to an ignored pregnancy; abuse-related; neglect-related; assisted or coerced filicide (such as when a partner forces the killing); and purposeful filicide with the mother acting alone.

Different as these cases are, though, there are some factors that link the poor teen mother who kills her baby in a bathroom with an older, wealthier mother, and one of them, experts say, is isolation.

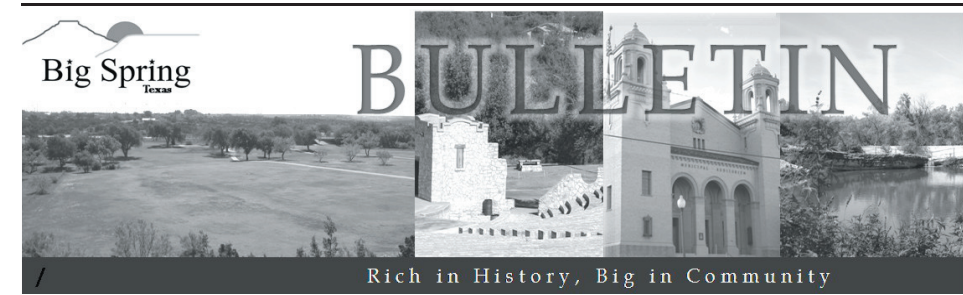
“These women almost always feel alone, with a total lack of emotional support,” says Lita Linzer Schwartz, a professor emeritus of psychology and women's studies at Penn State, and co-author of “Endangered Children.”

Schwartz says women are often not checked for mental illness after their crimes, and that is unfortunate.

“Women need better treatment not only before, but after,” she says. “They get tormented in prison, when often what they need is psychological care.”

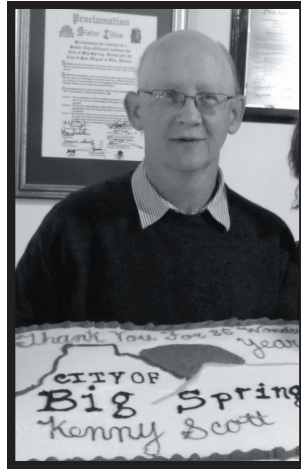
The issue of mental illness is a tricky one. Some women are obviously seriously ill — for example, Andrea Yates, who drowned her

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kenny Scott on his retirement. Kenny has given the City of Big Spring 35 years of dedication and hard work. Thanks for your commitment to the City and best wishes on your retirement!



Water Conservation Tips

With rain being scarce in the West Texas area, water conservation is of the utmost importance. Here are some tips to save water:

- Check your toilets for leaks. Put a few drops of food coloring in the tank. If the coloring begins to appear in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak.
- Take shorter showers. You can save 2 to 10 gallons for every minute you cut back.
- Reuse the water left over from cooking foods like pasta and vegetables to water house plants.
- Run only full loads of clothes in your washing machine. (Save up to 23 gallons of water for every load you don't run).
- Don't use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food in the fridge or use the defrost setting on your microwave.

Just a few changes can save many gallons of water every month, which can be exponential over the course of a year.

The next meeting of the Big Spring City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

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

City of Big Spring offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday on April 22, 2011. Offices will open and trash pick-up will resume on Monday, April 25th.

Pay your water bill or traffic ticket online at www.mybigspring.com

ELECT

Marcus M. Fernandez

As your representative for the

Big Spring City Council DISTRICT 1

I am running for Big Spring City Council, District 1, in order to give a voice back to the people I will represent.

In 1991, my wife Linda and our five children moved to Big Spring as I accepted a job position with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. In 2005, I retired from the prison system and my wife and I opened Serendipity Ice Cream and Coffee Shop in our local mall. With the help of my wife, children, and grandchildren we proudly served the community of Big Spring. We made many friends and enjoyed meeting the community and brightening people's day with a smile and a delicious ice cream sundae! After three years of hard work and camaraderie within the community, I was called back to work for my first love, law enforcement. I am currently a Chief Correctional Supervisor at the GEO Big Spring Correctional Center. My wife has been a real estate agent in our community for nearly 20 years. We are both active members of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church having participated in the Youth group as well as the Church Council. We have been blessed with five children, six grandchildren and two on the way!

Like many of you, I feel that I have no voice or say in the decisions our City Council has made throughout the years.

Our City Council members should be speaking for us, not for their own self promotion. I have great concern for the decisions in which the current City Council is making on our behalf. We have witnessed a reduction in the tax base but an increase in tax rates for projects that do not address the city's long overdue needs. We have watched helplessly as they decided to spend 6.1 million dollars of our tax money on a water park that will benefit a select few and did not allow the community the opportunity to vote. They have continually overlooked other vital areas that are in great need for improvement and are essential for the future success of Big Spring.

For years, the City Council has been a very select group of people who do not realistically represent our community. Because there are no term limits, there is no chance for different views and perspectives and no opportunity for new ideas. I believe that no person should control the destiny of their citizens without consent and approval; and then refuse to listen to them after elected to office. As citizens of this community, it is our right to vote for the issues that directly affect us. **I will speak for the people, not for myself.** I believe in democracy and giving a voice back to the citizens of Big Spring. I look to the future with a conservative budgetary control mind set and the abolishment of irresponsible expenditures and wasteful spending. It is time to be open to the voters and be held accountable for our actions. As your District 1 City Council member I will ensure you I am for small government, less taxes and better service to the citizens of Big Spring.

► News briefs

Official: Tornado kills 3 family members in central Alabama; 3-state death toll now 17

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Vicious storms smacked the Deep South and toppled trees like dominoes as tornadoes howled through towns. Four deaths were reported Friday in Alabama, including a man killed when the storm tossed a mobile home nearly a quarter of a mile across a state highway.

Combined with earlier reported fatalities in Arkansas and Oklahoma, the confirmed death toll had risen to 17 by early Saturday — the deadliest storm of the season so far.

Autauga County Chief Deputy Sheriff Joe Sedinger said three adult family members were killed around 11 p.m. Friday when a tornado ripped through homes in the Boone's Chapel community 24 miles north of the state capital of Montgomery.

Don Faulkner, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Mobile, said heavy damage was also being reported in rural Washington County. He estimated around 40 percent of the houses in the area are mobile homes.

The system showed no mercy on Mississippi either as it rolled eastward, damaging or destroying dozens of homes, businesses and churches. Crews worked to clear roads, find shelter for displaced

families and restore power to thousands.

Ohioan tells 911 dispatcher he killed wife, 3 kids

OAK HARBOR, Ohio (AP) — A man who recently told a relative he was having marital problems called 911 and informed a dispatcher that he had fatally shot his wife and three young children and was getting ready to kill himself, too, authorities and his grandmother said Saturday.

The 911 call came in just after midnight, the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department said, and deputies arrived within minutes at the white-sided, two-story farmhouse in Oak Harbor, about 25 miles southeast of Toledo.

They didn't enter the home until two hours later, after they'd tried to contact the people inside by phone and through a loudspeaker.

In an upstairs bedroom, they found Alan Atwater, 31; his wife, Dawn, 30; and their three children — 4-year-old Ashley, 2-year-old Isaac and 1-year-old Brady. The parents and two older children were on the floor, while the youngest was in a bed. All had gunshot wounds, authorities said.

"There has been a terrible accident at my house. My wife and three children are dead," Alan Atwater said in the 911 call, according to the sheriff's office. He told the dispatcher he had shot them.

Obama launches deficit-reduction campaign, calls GOP plan 'wrong for America'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Launching a week devoted to selling his deficit-reduction plan, President Barack Obama on Saturday drew sharp contrasts with a House Republican budget that he says offers a vision that "is wrong for America."

In his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama charged Republicans with seeking to dismantle venerable safety net programs and choosing tax cuts for the wealthy at the expense of students paying for college or older adults on Medicare.

"To restore fiscal responsibility, we all need to share in the sacrifice — but we don't have to sacrifice the America we believe in," Obama said.

The criticism echoed his speech Wednesday in which he unveiled a \$4 trillion deficit-reduction plan over 12 years, a goal he says he can achieve with a blend of spending cuts, changes in major government health care programs and tax increases.

Obama's message represents his clearest attempt to place ideological distance with Republicans after months spent negotiating a compromise six-month spending bill that trimmed more than \$38 billion from the government. Obama signed that legislation Friday.

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five children, one by one, in the bath in 2001, believing she was saving them from the devil. After first being convicted of capital murder, she was found innocent by reason of insanity and remains in a mental institution.

But Oberman, a law professor at Santa Clara University, says cases are not always so obvious — sometimes depression is enough to send a woman over the edge. "Almost all these women are not in

their right minds (when they commit these acts)," she says. "The debate is whether they're sick enough to be called insane."

Besides isolation, another frequent similarity in the cases is a split with the father of the children. "So often there is an impending death or divorce or breakup," Meyer says.

In the case of Armstrong, the 25-year-old mother had apparently argued with the father of three of her young children — about his cheating, according to the woman's surviving son — just before driving into the river on Tuesday in Newburgh, N.Y. (Her 10-year-old son climbed out a window and survived. Three children, ages 11 months to 5

years, died.)

This was one of those cases where the mother was committing suicide and decided to take the kids with her. To rational observers, there is nothing more perverse. But in the logic of many these mothers, experts say, they are protecting their children by taking them along. Armstrong's surviving son told a woman who helped him that his mother had told the kids: "If I'm going to die, you're all going to die with me."

Experts have heard that many times before.

"We see cases where the mother thinks the child would be better off in heaven than on this miserable earth," for example with an abusive father, says Schwartz. "They think it's a good deed, a blessing."

A good deed — performed by a good mother. "It's how the sick mother sees herself being a good mother," says Oberman. "Once she decides she can't bear the pain anymore, she thinks, 'what would a good mother do?'"

Korbin, the anthropologist, says in prison interviews she conducted, some women who had killed their children were still certain they were good mothers. And it's that very ideal of being a "good mother" that is holding our society back from taking preventive action or intervening in a potentially abusive situation before it's too late, Korbin says.

"Often the people around these women will minimize a troubling instance that they see, saying, 'Well, she's a good mother.' We err on the side of being supportive of women as being good mothers, where we should be taking seriously any instance where a mother or father seems to be having trouble parenting. *any* instance of child maltreatment is serious."

In fact, Armstrong's aunt told reporters that her niece "was a good mother. She was going through some stuff."

Meyer, for one, is angry that the people around Armstrong didn't take heed of the warning signs earlier.

"To me this is a textbook case," she says. "This woman was completely overwhelmed. Almost always, you can find people who say, 'I knew something was wrong.' This did not come out of the blue. I say shame on the people who saw signs and didn't do anything. This is your responsibility, too."

Not that it is easy to know when and how to raise an alarm bell. "I think often people just don't know what to do," says Korbin.

But, she adds, it doesn't help to gape at a few of the more shocking cases and then move on, without recognizing the scope of the problem and the factors that link many of these cases.

"People focus on the spectacular cases — and they are spectacular," she says. "But that means another few kids will die over the next few days without much notice, and that is very sad."

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Holy Thursday Mass/Adoration - April 21, 2011 - 7:00 pm Foot washing and with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with lighting of the candles and adoration after mass until 12 midnight in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Hall.

Good Friday Service - April 22, 2011 - 3:00 pm Station of the Cross, 6:00 pm Procession of the Cross in the neighborhood. 7:00 pm - **Celebration of the Lord's Passion.**

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Keeping up with the drug smugglers

SAMANTHA HENRY

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The package surprised even veteran law enforcement officials used to seeing all kinds of contraband smuggled into prisons: It was a child’s coloring book, dedicated “to daddy” and mailed to a New Jersey inmate, with crayon-colored scribbling made from a paste containing drugs.

The discovery of the book last month prompted the Cape May County sheriff to warn others in law enforcement that smuggling techniques were reaching new levels.

In Pennsylvania last month, prosecutors disrupted a prescription drug smuggling ring that was mailing narcotics into prisons concealed under postage stamps.

Earlier this week, 18 people were arrested in a smuggling ring that prosecutors say transported millions of dollars of cocaine between Peru and New Jersey by converting it into liquid and gel form and disguising it as shampoos and creams.

And in Clifton, N.J., police once uncovered a drug-smuggling operation under the guise of an importer bringing fresh flowers from South America in cardboard boxes that, when shredded and mixed with a solution, dissolved into liquid heroin.

Experts say even as surveillance equipment, airport scanning technology and cargo X-rays modernize, drug-smuggling techniques are keeping pace.

“It’s a question of building a better mouse-trap,” said Deirdre Fedkenheuer, a spokeswoman for the New Jersey Corrections Department. “Somebody’s going to always try and think of a new way.”

It’s been more than a decade since sending food to prisoners was prohibited, but today, drugs, weapons and cell-phones still find their way behind bars, according to Fedkenheuer. New Jersey’s prison system has added dogs trained not only to sniff drugs, but to detect the odor of cellphones as well, which are banned.

It’s not only prison smuggling that gets creative, according to U.S. Customs officials. Smugglers try all sorts of techniques to bring contraband into the country by air, sea and land.

Smuggling drugs into the U.S. has been going on as long as there’s been a market for illegal substances, according to John Saleh, a Customs and Border Protection officer based in New York.

“The drug industry, drug trafficking, is a billion-dollar or trillion-dollar business,” Saleh said. “It’s a business that makes money, so they’re very cunning in their ways of masking something, or smuggling something in so they can make a profit.”

In the past two months alone, inventory confiscated at New York-area airports and ports included opium concealed in porcelain cat figurines, cocaine in bags of freeze-dried coffee,

In Dallas, a man pulled over for a traffic violation was found to be transporting a casket carrying 100 pounds of marijuana instead of a body.

drugs built into the railings of a suitcase, sewn into pants, molded into sneakers, concealed in clothing hangers or packed into the console of a Nintendo Wii video game system.

“You name it, we’ve probably seen it,” Saleh said. Drugs have been hidden in electrical cords, in a computer mouse, a child’s Mr. Potato Head doll, baby diapers, drug-soaked clothing, toothpaste, cosmetics, fruit that is expertly sliced, gutted, filled with drugs and resealed to look untouched, or in live animals — such as puppies — and of course, in people.

Even for customs officials like Saleh, who think they’ve seen it all, every once in a while, a smuggler surfaces whose level of craftsmanship has to be admired. Saleh said one of the most shocking finds was a cache of cocaine that had been sculpted into the size and shape of individual black-eyed peas, each one pains-

takingly hand-painting with tiny black markings to blend in with a bag of real beans.

Customs enforcement agents use a multi-layered approach, according to Saleh, to detect smugglers or illicit goods; a mix of technology, intelligence techniques and officers on the ground.

Kevin Donohue, a deputy chief officer with U.S. Customs at Newark Liberty Airport, says that in addition to drug and agricultural product-sniffing dogs, scanning technology and luggage searches, the most effective way to catch smugglers is by being able to read people and detect scenarios that may seem slightly off. A young woman with small feet, carrying size 14 sneakers in her luggage. A beat-up, older-model suitcase with shiny new screws in its base. Travelers who watch the carousel a bit too anxiously for their bag. A person carrying a huge tub of peanut butter from a coun-

try that doesn’t produce it. A hard-shell suitcase coming from a country where nearly everyone carries soft-sided luggage. They are all real scenarios in which drugs or illegal contraband have been found at the airport, Donohue said.

“You pretty much become an expert in the suitcase,” Donohue said. “Rivets, bolts, the way it’s made, the weight of every kind of suitcase.”

Airports tend to have smaller-scale drug smuggling, although Donohue said there are agents on his force who are also trained airplane mechanics and search aircraft for hollow contraband cavities.

That leaves traffickers hoping to move larger quantities to find other methods.

In 2010, a truckload of white sea bass headed into San Diego from Tijuana, Mexico, was found to contain 708 pounds of marijuana wrapped in 29 packages and stowed beneath the fish and a layer of ice.

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be transporting a casket carrying 100 pounds of marijuana instead of a body.

A corrections officer in Arkansas was arrested in 2008 for making frequent takeout food deliveries to the county jail and was caught sneaking syringes inside tacos and marijuana under chili.

Smugglers also use a wide variety of methods to get drugs across borders.

Soldiers in Colombia seized a fully submersible drug-smuggling submarine in February, capable of reaching the coast of Mexico. And this past January, U.S. and Mexican law enforcement officials discovered drug traffickers in Mexico using an ancient technology — a giant catapult — to hurl marijuana across the U.S. border into Arizona.

Those on the front lines of stopping contraband, like Customs officials, are rarely ever surprised.

“There really are no new ways,” Saleh said. “If you can imagine it, they’ve probably done it.”

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

8	7			2		3		1
		1						5
5					8		4	
		8	3		7			
7				9				8
			8		6	9		
	9		5					3
4						1		
3		2		4			8	6

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Long Live the King

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North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 7 4
♥ 4
♦ A 7 6 5 2
♣ J 9 6 3 2

WEST
♠ 3
♥ 10 7 6 2
♦ Q J 9 8
♣ K 10 7 4

EAST
♠ A Q J 10 8 6
♥ 8 5
♦ 10 3
♣ Q 8 5

SOUTH
♠ K 9 5 2
♥ A K Q J 9 3
♦ K 4
♣ A

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 3 ♠ 4 ♥
Opening lead — three of spades.

Self-preservation is a fundamental law of life, and this instinct to survive extends to the bridge table as well. Once a player recognizes that there is a possibility of defeat, he should naturally do everything he possibly can to avoid it.

Consider this deal where South reaches four hearts on the bidding shown and West leads his singleton spade. East takes the ace and returns the queen. If South impulsively plays

the king, he suffers a one-trick defeat. He loses two spade tricks right away and two more spades later on.

But if declarer recognizes the danger facing him at trick two and obeys the normal instinct to survive, he makes the contract very easily. Given the bidding, it is not difficult to diagnose West’s lead as a singleton, so South should anticipate the consequences that are likely to ensue if he covers the queen with the king. He knows the king will be ruffed and that he will almost certainly lose two more spades later on.

To safeguard the king, South should duck the queen at trick two and allow East to win the trick. He should then also duck when East continues with the jack. West ruffs the third spade with the six in front of dummy’s four, but that is the end of the line for the defense.

Declarer can arrive at the correct play by viewing the problem from an entirely different perspective. He has 10 winners — six hearts, two diamonds, a club and the king of spades — once the ace of spades is played at trick one, and all he has to do to preserve those 10 tricks is to make sure that the king of spades does not get ruffed.

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Calmer winds could help Texas firefighters

GRAHAM (AP) — Calmer winds should offer some respite Saturday in the effort to control wildfires that have killed one firefighter, destroyed dozens of homes and forced evacuations across parched Texas ranchlands, an official said.

Several fires fueled by strong winds and drought-stricken grasses and shrubs raged out of control about 150 miles west of Dallas on Friday, and Steve Deffibaugh of the Texas Forest Service said firefighters hoped to use the calmer conditions a day later to gain footing.

"They can go out and probably do yeoman's work this morning and try to get some containment to it," Deffibaugh said.

The evacuations included the entire 1,200-resident town of Gorman in West Texas, but the city manager in nearby Eastland said Saturday the evacuation order had been lifted.

Fires destroyed at least 60 homes Friday, burning across about 655 square miles around the state, the Texas Forest Service said. Some of the

fires have been burning for a week or more, including three in West Texas that have charred a combined 400,000 acres, the equivalent of more than half of the state of Rhode Island.

Volunteer firefighter Gregory M. Simmons, 51, died while battling a 3,000-acre blaze Friday afternoon near Eastland, Mayor Mark Pipkin said. Simmons had been a firefighter for two decades, including 11 years in Eastland, the mayor said.

Simmons and other firefighters fled their truck as it was being overrun by flames, and Simmons fell in a ditch, where the fire caught him, said Justice of the Peace James King, who pronounced Simmons dead at the scene along a rural road.

The combination of powerful winds and low humidity Friday was rare for north central Texas, said Dennis Cavanaugh of the National Weather Service. Winds were expected to be around 10 mph Saturday after whipping in the 50 mph range a day earlier. Humidity readings were expected to remain low, possibly in the single

digits, Cavanaugh said.

Roads reopened Saturday around Possum Kingdom Lake, allowing residents to assess damage in a popular recreation area where at least 30 homes burned, Deffibaugh said.

The blaze left a thick gray haze across the sky Friday as it burned about 20,000 acres around the lake. By nightfall, a deep red glow hovered on the horizon as thick billows of smoke were illuminated by the flames.

Officials closed the surrounding state park and evacuated campsites earlier Friday, fearing the fire would block off the only access roads to the wooded area.

"The fire, it's a bad one," Texas Parks and Wildlife Department spokesman Rob McCorkle said. "This is pretty unusual to have this many fires going across the state at the time."

Three large fires burning in Wichita County, about 150 miles northwest of Dallas near the Oklahoma border, had destroyed about 20 homes in the Iowa Park area. Eight more were lost in Wichita Falls, where folks in sur-

rounding communities were being told to stay alert to the fast-changing situation.

"There's just a lot of hoping that nothing else happens," said Barry Levy, a Wichita Falls spokesman.

A military housing complex near Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls was evacuated for about two hours as the fire threatened to move in, but no buildings were damaged, base spokesman George Woodward said.

"It got close enough to scare a lot of people," Woodward said.

Evacuations also were ordered in small communities north of San Angelo and Andrews, along the Texas-New Mexico state line. Shelters were set up for people who had to leave their homes.

Strong winds are typical for spring, but this March was among the driest on record, Texas Forest Service spokeswoman Holly Huffman said.

"There's an overabundance of very dry vegetation and it serves as kindling," she said.

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Former hospital employee sentenced for child porn

EL PASO (AP) — Authorities say a former El Paso hospital employee has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for having more than 100 videos and 1,800 images of child pornography.

Thirty-nine-year old Omar Jose Magana, former director of case management at Las Palmas Medical Center, was arrested in October when authorities seized computers containing the pornographic material. He pleaded guilty in February to receiving child pornography and was sentenced Friday.

Federal Judge Philip Martinez ordered that he spend 20 years under supervision after being released.

Officials said Magana had no direct contact with patients at the medical center.

Police: Constable shot after sex with prostitute

HOUSTON (AP) — An off-duty Harris County deputy constable was fatally shot earlier this week following an argument with a pimp over money after having had sex with a prostitute, according to court documents made public Friday.

Capital murder charges have been filed against

Lee Eldridge Sonier, 31, the alleged pimp, and Judy Lucille Hambrick, 40, the alleged prostitute.

Sonier, who had been previously questioned but released, turned himself in to police on Friday. Hambrick, who had previously been arrested, does not have an attorney, according to online court records.

According to a probable cause affidavit released Friday, Hambrick performed a sex act on 47-year-old Deputy Constable Ronnie Earl Brewer in his car around 1 a.m. Tuesday in northeast Houston.

"After the sex act, (Sonier) entered (Brewer's) vehicle and they got into an argument over money," according to the affidavit.

A witness, Virgie Cervantes, "observed (Sonier) take out a handgun and shoot (Brewer) in the left shoulder. She stated that as she fled the scene, she heard two more gunshots."

Brewer's car drifted into a ditch about 40 yards away and his body was found later by police slumped over to the right in the driver's seat.

Houston-area students walk to protest teacher cuts

KATY (AP) — Hundreds of students in the Houston suburb of Katy walked out of class on Thursday

and Friday to protest the layoffs of about 350 teachers due to budget cuts.

About 400 students left class Thursday, and about the same number walked out Friday, Katy school district spokesman Steve Stanford told The Associated Press on Friday. He said that the walkouts "came in waves," with some groups returning to school as others walked out.

"It was a groundswell of emotion and concern. Kids were seeing that their teachers were losing their jobs," said Stanford, who added that the walkouts Thursday were at two high schools and on Friday were at some junior highs in addition to high schools.

He said that students who walked out didn't face any disciplinary action, but were counted absent for whatever they missed. He said that by mid-morning Friday the administration let students know that anyone walking out in the future would face a ticket from police for disruption of school, a Class C misdemeanor. He did not know of any students getting tickets.

Morton Ranch High School was locked down for a time Friday to prevent more disruptions from walkouts, he said.

"There comes a point where we have to restore order," said Stanford.



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Hints From Heloise

Location key for detection devices

Dear Heloise: My sister lives in a house that is 100 years old with high ceilings. She had two new CARBON-MONOXIDE DETECTORS installed.

She started smelling gas and called the gas company, which discovered that she had a very bad gas leak under her kitchen floor. If she had turned on a light switch, the whole house could have blown up.

The reason the detectors did not go off was because they had been installed too high up on the wall. Please read the labels! — *K.S., Canyon Lake, Texas*

Glad your sister and her home are safe. However, the carbon-monoxide detectors (even though installed too high up) would NOT have alerted her to a natural-gas leak. Carbon-monoxide detectors ONLY alert for carbon monoxide (which is odorless — one reason it can be so deadly), NOT for natural gas.

Natural gas in its “natural” state has no smell. That is why gas companies put a stinky (like rotten eggs) additive in it — so you will smell the gas!

You are right that carbon-monoxide detectors must be installed at the correct height and in the correct location to be effective and save lives. Thank you for sharing this so my readers will be more diligent when installing safety devices themselves. — *Heloise*



HELOISE

PAINTING HINT

Dear Heloise: To reduce the fuss associated with painting cleanup, wrap the painting tray with a plastic bag (from any retailer) over the entire surface and base of the tray, followed by taping it down so no paint escapes the wrapping. When done, just cut or tear away the plastic, and voila! The tray is as good as new. One also can purchase disposable brushes from a dollar store. — *B.A. Berube, Augusta, Maine*

WARDROBE MANAGEMENT

Dear Heloise: I try to get the most (best appearance) out of my clothing collection by varying the combinations of skirts, blouses, jackets, slacks, suits, etc. I also try to avoid wearing the same clothing combination to the same place repeatedly. Remembering what and when I had worn a particular combination of clothing to an appointment was a problem.

Using a lined 4-by-6-inch index card, I marked off a 1/2-inch left margin and then divided the remainder of the card into four columns with a heading “date/place.” I punched a hole in the margin column and recorded garment identification in the margin. I bent the card so it hangs vertically and mounted it on the hanger. The next time I choose to wear that garment, I’ll note the date and place visited on the card (e.g., “1/12/11, Dentist”). Result: No more “ditto” appearances. — *Pat Witta, via fax*

DRY COATS

Dear Heloise: The family was coming over for dinner. It was raining, so I put coat hangers on the shower-curtain rod in the bathroom near the front door. No mess, and their coats were dry when they all left! — *Carolyn, Sacramento, Calif.*

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Annie’s Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My good friend “Lara” is three months pregnant with her third child. She recently confided in me that she purposely didn’t use birth control. She told her husband, “Joe,” that the pregnancy was “an accident.”

The problem is, my husband played golf with Joe and told me how upset Joe is. He and Lara wanted another child, but both agreed that financially, it would be too difficult. He then told my husband that he couldn’t blame Lara since it wasn’t her fault the birth control failed.

Unfortunately, I told my husband what Lara did, and now he wants to inform Joe. I said we should stay out of their business, but he is insistent. He wants me to tell Lara that either she tells Joe or he will.

I think Lara was wrong to deceive Joe and told her so, but I don’t want to cause her any anxiety during her pregnancy. What should I do? — *Desperate for Advice*

Dear Desperate: This is SO not your business. Ask your husband what he hopes to accomplish by telling Joe. That he will leave Lara? Be so upset that he cannot accept the child? Make her give up the baby for adoption? There are times when honesty is not the best policy, because it will only cause hurt and pain. This is one of those times. If you cannot convince your husband to

stay out of this, you will have to inform Lara that you spilled the beans to him and then let her deal with the situation as she chooses.

Dear Annie: I am getting married in seven months. My maid of honor is “Kelly,” a life-long friend. She lives across the country and is planning to stay at our house the weekend of the event.

For the past year, Kelly has had an on-and-off relationship with her current boyfriend. He has been in and out of jail and has fathered two children by another woman. He neither supports nor helps raise them. Even though he has cheated on her numerous times, Kelly thinks he’s the best thing since sliced bread.

She knows we don’t approve of the way he treats her, but she is confident that once we meet him, everything will be OK. She keeps insisting that she is bringing him along for the weekend. Frankly, I don’t want him near my house or at my wedding. How do I inform Kelly without being rude? — *She’s Still My Best Friend*

Dear Best Friend: Did you tell Kelly she could bring a date to the wedding? If not, make it clear that your guest list is set and you are so sorry, but you cannot accommodate any more people, including her boyfriend. Under no cir-

cumstances are you obligated to put him up at your home. While you don’t have to meet this man, Kelly may defend him more vociferously if she feels it’s the two of them against the world. You will be in a position to be more supportive of her if you meet the guy, and it sounds like she will need a shoulder to lean on.

Dear Annie: I have the answer for “Waiting to be Kissed,” the 24-year-old woman who has never been on a date. Go to the gym. There a lot of young guys, and most are in great health or moving in that direction. They also tend to be non-smokers and careful with what they put in their bodies.

They make some really hot gym outfits that show off your assets. This also works for guys looking for nice girls. Age is no barrier. I joined at 62 and am still going several days a week, and it’s the best life-changing thing I’ve ever done. I’ve lost 150 pounds and gained more muscle than I had when I was a high school wrestler.

I thank my wife for getting me started, and we go together so we can enjoy our early retirement. We’ve met new friends of all ages and look forward to our time working out. Just do it. — *Working Hard in Louisville*

Annie’s Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.
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8:45 to 9:30 AM		ZUMBA Jamie W.		ZUMBA Jennifer		
9:30 to 10:30 AM	Step-N-Tone Lisa	POWER PUMP Jennifer	Step-N-Tone Lisa	POWER PUMP Jennifer	ZUMBA Jamie	
10:00 to 11:00 AM	Aqua Exercise Suzanne		Aqua Exercise Suzanne		Aqua Exercise Suzanne	ZUMBA Elvira
11:00 to 11:45 AM		Rockin' Aerobics Sheryl Cox		Rockin' Aerobics Sheryl Cox		
4:30 to 4:55 PM	ZUMBA Jennifer		ZUMBA Jennifer			
4:30 to 5:30 PM		POWER PUMP Marlena		POWER PUMP Marlena		
5:00 to 5:30 PM	Absolutely Abs Dianna		Absolutely Abs Dianna		ZUMBA Toning Elvira	
5:30 to 6:30 PM	Pump Step Dianna	KICK BOXING Jenni	Cardio Jamie W.	ZUMBA Elvira		
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Stargazing with Paul Derrick

MAY 2011

- Early evenings of May: The Milky Way lies flat around the horizon, making it seem to disappear.
- May 1: May Day and Beltane, a cross-quarter day celebrating the middle of spring.
- May 1 morning 30 minutes before sunrise: The crescent Moon, Venus, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter are all within a 10° circle very low in the east, but keep watching each morning the next couple of weeks.
- May 6 morning: The Eta Aquarid meteor shower peaks during a very favorable waxing crescent Moon.
- May 8 morning: Mercury is three moonwidths to lower right of Venus low in the east.
- May 10 morning: Mercury three moonwidths to lower right of Jupiter low in the east.
- May 11 morning: Jupiter is one moonwidth to the upper left of Venus with Mercury three moonwidths to lower left of the brilliant “morning star.”
- May 13: Friday the 13th is an unlucky day for the superstitious; in some years this occurs two and even three

times, but this year it happens but once — so is that bad luck or good luck?

- May 13 evening: Saturn is 9° to the upper left of the bright waxing gibbous Moon.
- May 17: The full Moon is called Milk Moon, Flower Moon, Corn Moon, and Planting Moon.
- May 23 morning: Mars is two moonwidths above Venus with Mercury four moonwidths below low in the east.
- May 29 morning: The crescent Moon is 5° to the upper right of Jupiter in the east.
- May 31 morning: The crescent Moon is 6° to the left of Venus with Mercury 3° below.

in the east and set in the west due to Earth’s west-to-east rotation on its axis.

Evenings: Saturn (southeast)

Mornings: Venus, Mercury, Jupiter, Mars (all very low in the east at dawn)

- Mercury spends the month low in the east at dawn and is at its best early in the month.
- Venus, the brilliant “morning star,” is edging ever nearer the rising Sun.
- Mars is barely beginning to emerge from the rising Sun, but still a challenge to see.
- Jupiter is beginning to emerge in the morning and is becoming prominent by month’s end.
- Saturn is in the southeast in the early evening, up all

night, and sets just before dawn.

— Saturn

From now until the end of August Saturn will be at its best in this year’s evening sky. In 2009 its rings were nearly edge-on from our view and appearing extremely thin. Last year they had opened (tilted) a bit and were more visible. This year the tilt has increased somewhat.

Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Paul’s website (www.stargazerpaul.com) contains an archive of past Stargazer columns, a schedule of his upcoming programs, star parties and classes, and other basic stargazing information.

The full moon in Libra inspires people to be fair with one another. Libra rules the judicial system, as well as the realm of relationships. Court is not officially in session, so some feuding parties will work out their differences in the court of their own making. Negotiations are favored, and it is a relatively painless process to strike an agreement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The style of communication you grew up with may not be right for today’s circumstances. Tune into social subtleties, especially having to do with humor. Observe and learn the “rules” before you jump in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It is not your intention to “fit in.” Perhaps that’s why you do it so easily. You’re so comfortable being you that people want to align with you and keep you on their team.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are tempted by a quick fix. It might be the right answer for you, but don’t do it unless you’re sure. Examine all of your options first. You’ll regret acting out of doubt.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your family is funny. You know this already, but the point will be proved again. Go for the maximum interaction you can have with your next of kin today. You’ll enjoy them, and they will enjoy you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Like all of the best people, you are easily amused. Curiosity is a sign of intelligence. You’ll ask questions of your loved ones,

Tomorrow’s Horoscope

colleagues and even perfect strangers. For the most part, others will be honored by your interest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The connection you feel with your loved ones will raise your mood, boost your self-esteem and maybe even heal your body. Talk with a close friend. Engage in activities that will bond you to loved ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You need both joy and challenge. The two may come from the same activity today. Seek situations and people that encourage you to work and play harder than usual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Before you become a part of a group, determine why they are a group in the first place. What are the common bonds and values? If these are qualities you can applaud, you’re on your way to belonging.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You used to have a sacred place to go where you felt connected to all things. It’s time to return there or find a new spot. Spiritual practice may be exactly what you need to get back into balance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are willing to give up certain individualistic needs for the greater good. You will be working with others to ensure the strength and dominance of your group.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People are finally starting to realize that you’re hilarious. You don’t always smile when you deliver a joke, which is one reason why your best ones sometimes sail right over their heads.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You know you are important in the lives of those you love. Your involvement ebbs and flows. Right now it is flowing, and you will continue to be in great demand for the next

three weeks.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (April 17). You have wisdom to impart to your loved ones, and they will see you as a respected leader. In the next three weeks, you’ll receive news that favorably affects your family. June is your chance to use your talent and shine. A financial bonus comes in September. December brings adventure and possibly a move. Sagittarius and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 19, 27, 20 and 10.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The full moon in Libra is the most auspicious lunar aspect for relationships that you will see this year, so it’s definitely one to take advantage of, especially if you have been experiencing disharmony in this area. The Libra moon is logical, intellectual, fair and balanced. Think about the relationship you want to attract or heal. Decide that you want to better understand the other person, and keep him or her in the back of your mind throughout the day and night. Answers will come to you — they’ll pop into your mind and possibly take over your dreams. You’ll know how to change the dynamic. You’ll figure out a compromise you can live with — or one you might even enjoy. Chances are that the best solution is both obvious and simple — you just never thought of it before. And it all begins with your fresh willingness to get along.

The sun moves from fiery Aries to grounded Taurus on Wednesday, April 20. Through this transit, we will be working on determining the value of things. This solar transit is as much about money as it is about priorities. You can tell a lot about a person (even yourself) by reviewing their bank statement. With Mercury still retrograde, you may catch a few errors, as well.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The ever-stylish Victoria Beckham is a fiery Aries mother of three who is about to bring baby number four into the world. She and her Taurus husband, David Beckham, are neighbors on the zodiac wheel and have compatible styles when it comes to childrearing and domestic life. Victoria Beckham was born when the moon, Venus and Jupiter were in Pisces, indicating a strong intuitive sense.

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Lady Steers revive playoff hopes



Valerie Ross, shown in action earlier this season, drove in the winning run to help lead the Big Spring Lady Steers to a 9-7 victory over Abilene Wylie in District 5-3A softball action Friday.

BSHS rallies in final at-bat to down Wylie

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

ABILENE — Give the Big Spring Lady Steers this: They certainly have a flair for the dramatic.

The Lady Steers rallied from two runs down in their final at-bat of their final game of the regular season to take a 9-7 victory over Abilene Wylie in District 5-3A softball action Friday. The late fireworks not only gave Big Spring a much-needed win, but resurrected its flickering playoff hopes, as well.

Big Spring currently holds the district's third and final playoff spot, but must wait and see how Wylie fares in its season finale vs. Brownwood Tuesday. If Brownwood defeats Wylie, the Lady Steers are assured a playoff spot. If Wylie downs Brownwood, however, it and Big Spring would square off in a play-in game to determine the district's fi-

nal playoff team. A loss Friday would have eliminated Big Spring from playoff contention.

But playoff scenarios can wait for another day. For now, the Lady Steers are savoring a performance that would have made Harry Houdini proud.

The Lady Steers' old bugaboo — defensive lapses — had allowed Wylie to take a 7-5 lead heading into the final inning. But at crunch time, it was Wylie that made the crucial mistakes.

First, a throwing error allowed Hayley Dimidjian to score, cutting the Lady Steers' deficit to 7-6. Then, with two outs, pitcher Valerie Ross gave herself a birthday gift and laced a two-run single to center to give Big Spring the lead. The Lady Steers tacked on another run thanks to another Wylie error.

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Sports Calendar

SATURDAY

Rodeo — 2011 Howard College Rodeo, 9 a.m. (slack) and 7 p.m. (finals), Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Baseball — Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 1 p.m.

Baseball — Howard College at NMMI (DH), noon MST, Roswell, N.M.

Softball — Howard College at Clarendon, (DH), 1 p.m.

TUESDAY

Baseball — Andrews at Big Spring, 7 p.m.

Baseball — Colorado City at Coahoma, 7 p.m.

Baseball — Slaton at Forsan, 7 p.m.

Softball — Colorado City at Coahoma, 5:30 p.m.

Softball — Slaton at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, call 263-7331, ext. 235



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College cowboy K.C. Fryar prepares to wrestle a steer to the ground during Friday night action at the 2011 Howard College Rodeo. Competition concluded Saturday night at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Admission is free.

In brief

Forsan downs Ralls in non-district action

RALLS — The brother combo of Foster and Trevor Burchett helped lead the Forsan Buffaloes to a 9-3 victory over Ralls in non-district baseball action Friday evening.

Foster Burchett pitched the first four innings to pick up the win, while his brother pitched the final three innings in relief. Foster also helped his cause at the plate, hitting a two-run home run and collecting three RBI.

Zane Herrin added a RBI triple for the Buffaloes, who improved to 17-4 overall with the victory.

"It was good for us to get a win heading into our final stretch of district games," Forsan Coach Jason Phillips said. "This gives us a little momentum heading into next week, when we face the top two teams in our district."

The Buffaloes, who are currently third in the District 3-2A standings, return to action Tuesday when they host league-leading Slaton at 7 p.m. They then host Lubbock Roosevelt, which is currently second in 3-2A, at 7 p.m. Friday.

Howard to hold cheerleader tryouts

The Howard College Cheerleading Squad will hold try-outs Saturday, April 30 at 9 a.m. in the Harold Davis Fitness Center on the Howard College campus.

A clinic will be held for applicants to learn all try-out material Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 from 4-6 p.m. in the fitness center.

All interested persons need to fill out the online application, found on the Howard College athletic website (www.hchawk.com).

For more information, please see the website, or contact Hollie Allred at 432-264-8538.

Volleyball showcase May 21 in San Angelo

Registration is now open for the West Texas Volleyball Showcase, scheduled for May 21 in San Angelo.

The tournament will be officiated by TASO-approved officials.

Registration fee is \$225 per team. Registration

deadline is May 15.

Play will be held in two divisions — big school (Class 3A and up) and small school (Class 1A and 2A, as well as junior varsity). There is a 20-team limit.

San Angelo will be the site for a volleyball summer league, which runs from June 7 until June 28, officials announced.

Registration fee is \$25 per player.

Players can sign up as individuals to be placed on a team.

For more information, contact Chris Cardenas at (325) 374-2910.

Rangers' pitcher takes paternity leave

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas Rangers pitcher Colby Lewis is the first player to go on Major League Baseball's paternity leave list.

A player can be on the new list for 24 to 72 hours. Lewis' wife, Jenny, gave birth to daughter Elizabeth Grace on Wednesday in Bakersfield, Calif.

Lewis is expected to rejoin the Rangers on Monday and take his next start Tuesday night at home against the Los Angeles Angels.

Expect plenty of chatter at Talladega

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Some compare it to trying to land a date for the prom. Really, it's just two parties haggling over a potentially lucrative business deal.

Only in this case, the negotiations are taking place at nearly 200 mph.

Drivers who usually only talk to their crew chiefs, spotters and perhaps a teammate will be chatting it up with a bunch of guys they're trying to beat during Sunday's restrictor-plate race at Talladega Superspeedway, all looking for someone to go along with a one-car-leads, one-car-pushes, then-we'll-switch arrangement.

"There will be a lot of pleading, a lot of begging," Clint Bowyer said.

At Talladega and Daytona, the two NASCAR tracks where horsepower is limited by devices that keep speeds from getting out of hand, teams have learned that two cars paired together can go much faster than drafting in a larger pack, which used to be the norm on these big triovals.

One car runs out front with another right on his bumper, shoving him along.

After a few laps, they must switch positions to keep the pusher from overheating his engine. During practice sessions on a gloomy, windy Friday, that's about all anyone worked on: running in tandem and perfecting the all-important switch.

Those tactics will be crucial in the Sprint Cup race. But the more intriguing subplots can only be heard, not seen, as drivers flip from one channel to another on their radios, looking for a partner during the ebbs and flows of a typical race.

Offers will be made.

Agreements reached.

Whoever plays "Let's Make A Deal" the best is likely to take the checkered flag in the Aaron's 499.

"It's going to be interesting at the end of this thing," Bowyer said. "It will be quite humorous."

He wasn't laughing at the Daytona 500. After working much of the race with teammate Jeff Burton, Bowyer had to make alternate arrangements when the No. 31 car blew its engine. He worked out a deal with Kyle Busch, but couldn't find him on the radio.



Courtesy photo

Members of the Big Spring High School boys' track team celebrate after winning the District 5-3A track and field championship Wednesday in Snyder.

Rangers tie DP record in win

NEW YORK (AP) — Matt Harrison and the Texas Rangers caused more trouble for the New York Yankees.

Double trouble, in fact.

Texas tied an AL record by turning six double plays and the Rangers picked up where they left off last October, beating the Yankees 5-3 Friday night.

The first six hitters in the New York lineup bounced into DPs — Alex Rodriguez, Mark Teixeira, Robinson Cano, Derek Jeter, Andruw Jones and Nick Swisher.

"We needed some good things to happen," Texas manager Ron Washington said, "and those

double plays were good."

The teams played for the first time since Texas battered the Yankees to win last year's AL championship series in six games. The Rangers won this time with pitching, thanks to Harrison (3-0) and his sure-handed fielders on a chilly, windy evening.

Harrison twice grabbed grounders and started DPs. Shortstop Elvis Andrus saved him once, jumping high to catch Harrison's throw before making the relay. Second baseman Ian Kinsler started a trio of DPs and third baseman Adrian Beltre began the other one.

"Can't say enough about the defense," Harrison said. "It's huge."

Told that Texas tied a record, Andrus smiled. "Really?" he said.

Andrus took part in five of them. That's the way he likes things — strikeouts and flyballs, he said, can be boring.

"You want some groundballs," Andrus said. "You want some action."

This was the 15th time an AL team made six DPs in a game. The major league mark for double plays in a game is seven by San Francisco in 1969.

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NFL labor talks to resume Tuesday

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Negotiators for the NFL and its locked-out players wrapped up a second day of court-ordered talks Friday with no signs of significant progress. They plan to sit down again next week.

The two sides left the federal courthouse in Minneapolis after about four hours of talks, following nine hours of meetings on Thursday. They will meet again Tuesday.

Hall of Famer Carl Eller, who is representing retired players in the antitrust lawsuit against the league, said he thinks the two sides are “moving forward” but the process “slowed a little bit” Friday.

“There is progress, but it wasn’t like we’re right around the corner,” Eller said. “We could resolve it if we had met on the weekend, but maybe not.”

U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan, who is overseeing the sessions, assigned some weekend homework, according to Michael Hausfeld, an attorney for the players. “The judge has asked us

to provide answers to over a half-dozen questions that he’s asked,” Hausfeld said, declining to provide details. “There’s a lot of work.”

With the 2011 season in jeopardy, Boylan is overseeing this round of talks after 16 days of mediated sessions in Washington failed to secure a new labor pact.

“We need to have some productivity,” Eller said. “We need to come out of here with something, and I think that there is a sense of realism on the judge’s part. It’s not just talk. Just getting together to talk is not productive.”

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson, who ordered the mediation, is still considering a request from the players to lift the lockout imposed by the owners. After an April 6 hearing, she said she planned to rule on the injunction request in a couple of weeks — which would mean next week.

Players including MVP quarterbacks Tom Brady and Peyton Manning filed the request along with a class-action antitrust suit against the

league. The lawsuit has been combined with two other similar claims from retirees, former players and rookies-to-be, with Eller the lead plaintiff in that group.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, four team owners and several league executives and lawyers left the building without speaking to reporters. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello, via e-mail, declined to comment.

DeMaurice Smith, the NFL Players Association executive director, also refused to talk. He left the courthouse with lawyers and linebackers Ben Leber and Mike Vrabel, two other plaintiffs in the antitrust suit filed March 11 when the last collective bargaining agreement expired, the union dissolved and the lockout began.

At least the mood appeared light.

Reporters staking out the closed-door session were greeted with smiles and good-byes from negotiators and attorneys as they departed. In a packed elevator on the way down to the lobby, Smith nee-

dled Vrabel by deadpanning to media members inside, “All right, in all seriousness, Mike is going to have a statement. You ready?”

Silence. Then laughter.

The NFL’s first work stoppage since the 1987 strike, of course, is no joke for either side — especially for the fans who pay to sit in the seats at sparkling new stadiums, buy replica jerseys to show their support and watch out-of-market games on satellite television.

“I’m a fan, too,” Eller said earlier this week. “We would like to ease their minds. We can’t tell them the outcome, but we are very interested in having a football season.”

That’s one shared goal between the two sides. With the dispute now in court, public relations is a major part of the effort for each side — through press releases, links and comments on Twitter, and communicating directly to the public in the push to get the message out.

“We’re going to make sure we have football, and more of

it,” Goodell said this week in a conference call with Cleveland Browns season-ticket holders.

Said Smith after the April 6 hearing in Nelson’s court: “Keep rooting for the players, and keep rooting for football.”

Spin and rhetoric has been intense at times from both corners, but Aiello said the league doesn’t view this as a public relations battle with the players.

“Our job always is to keep fans informed,” Aiello said. “That is what we’re doing in this situation.”

The players have a website, nfllockout.com, that highlights community outreach and charitable efforts by the players and includes talking points for their side.

The NFL website, nfllabor.com, is a similar version for the league. Lead negotiator Jeff Pash recently wrote an op-ed column in the Chicago Tribune, stressing concessions the NFL has made with a list of highlights of its latest offer before talks broke down.

Astros fall to Padres, 4-2

HOUSTON (AP) — For six innings, J.A. Happ was able to keep up with Aaron Harang.

But in the seventh the Padres pieced together three straight hits off the lefty and scored three times to take the lead and hang on for a 4-2 win over the Astros on Friday night.

Happ (1-2) went seven innings, giving up four runs on seven hits with three strikeouts.

“Happ battled and pitched really well,” Astros manager Brad Mills said. “You really can’t say enough. The seventh inning came up and bit him. They got some good swings on the ball. Once they got some guys on, we kind of positioned ourselves to try to stop them from scoring any more runs, but they were able to push three across.”

Nick Hundley started the seventh with a single, and Chris Denorfia, who had homered in the fifth, doubled. They both came home on a two-run single by Ryan Ludwick. Eric Patterson added a sacrifice fly after that to up the lead to 4-1.

“I felt good. I felt like I was throwing the ball well,” Happ said. “I threw a couple balls in there in the seventh. They weren’t necessarily bad pitches, but maybe they weren’t executed the way I would

have liked. It’s frustrating.”

Happ, who gave up a run in 7 2-3 innings in his last start, never had a 1-2-3 inning, but got good defense from Carlos Lee, who had two outfield assists, and from his infield, which turned two double plays.

Happ threw just 86 pitches.

“He was making some pitches,” Mills said. “The guys were making some plays. Carlos making the two throws were big for us. He was efficient and throwing strikes. He was keeping them off balanced. Denorfia put the good swing on the home run and double.”

Happ said he felt like he could have pitched the entire game the way he was going.

“I was feeling good, my pitch count was good,” Happ said. “I was getting ahead and getting groundballs for the most part. They got those two balls that dropped in there, and then the big hit. I was trying to get ahead with a strike, and I threw it down the middle, and he jumped on it.”

The Astros couldn’t get anything going off Harang. The Padres starter allowed just one run on three hits over six innings and struck out eight. At one point, Harang (3-0) sent down

16 of 17 batters.

“He’s a veteran, and he knows what he’s doing up there,” Astros first baseman Brett Wallace said of Harang. “He keeps you off balanced. He has four pitches that he mixes well together.”

Houston still had a chance to tie it late against Padres closer Heath Bell bringing the tying run up in the bottom of the ninth, but Jason Michaels flew out to center to end it.

Despite the chance to tie late and Happ keeping Houston in the game, the Astros never really threatened against the Padres.

“Happ threw great. He gave up four in seven innings,” Wallace said. “That’s a quality start, so hopefully, we give him more runs than that. The Padres have

a great staff, and they showed that tonight.”

NOTES: Hall of Famer Monte Irvin, who played both with and against Jackie Robinson, was in Houston to celebrate Jackie Robinson Day. He, along with several former Astros players met with current players Bourn, Bill Hall and Jason Bourgeois for a reception before the game. Irvin, who is 92, was pleased to take part in the celebration. “He was a wonderful pioneer,” Irvin said. “He did a great job of integrating baseball and not only did he make it better in baseball, but he made it better in all the sports.” ... Astros SS Clint Barmes, on the disabled list with a broken left hand, said his recovery is going well and will have X-rays on Monday.

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Ross made that lead stand up in the bottom of the inning to secure the victory. Big Spring finished the regular season with a 15-18 overall record and a 3-5 mark in district play. Wylie fell to 9-16 and 2-5 with the loss.

“It was definitely exciting,” BSHS Coach John Sparks said with a chuckle.

Turning serious, Sparks said his team will have to cut down on errors — the Lady Steers committed nine against Wylie — if it is to have any chance of success in the playoffs.

“We’re still struggling

with our defense ... If we get to the playoffs, we can’t afford to make those kinds of mistakes,” Sparks said. “But they stepped up at the end. Valerie did a great job. Now, our defense has to do a great job behind her.”

But Sparks admitted the pluses from Friday’s game far out-weighted the minuses.

“It was definitely encouraging as far as what we did at the plate,” he said. “We got some timely hits, we got people on base and were able to get them home ... It was good to see them come back and battle the way they did.”

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Spurs look to extend Memphis' futility

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Before the Memphis Grizzlies can think about winning a playoff series, they first have to take one small step. Win a postseason game. The Grizzlies enter their series against the San Antonio Spurs with the dubious record of being swept out of the first round in all three of their previous playoff appearances. At 0-12, it's some heavy baggage. Depending on which Memphis player is answering the question, it is a record that can be tough to ignore. "We're very aware of it," guard Tony Allen said after practice Friday. "They have been ranting about it all year. We've gotten our short-term goal (making the playoffs) out of the way, and now it's time to make some noise in this postseason."

To do that, Memphis will have to beat a Spurs team that

finished with the second-best record in the league. San Antonio, the top seed in the Western Conference, hosts the eighth-seeded Grizzlies for the first two games starting Sunday before the series moves back to Memphis for Games 3 and 4. The Grizzlies hope they get a second look at the city of San Antonio this series because that means they will have accomplished the goal of winning a playoff game, something this franchise has yet to do in making the postseason three straight seasons starting in 2004. The Spurs were the first team to sweep the Grizzlies out of the postseason in 2004, and the Phoenix Suns and Dallas Mavericks followed the next two postseasons in needing only four games to advance to the conference semifinals. It's not the kind of mark any NBA team wants.

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Center Tim Duncan was part of the Spurs team that swept Memphis in 2004, but was surprised when asked about the Grizzlies still looking for their first playoff win. "Wow. But I don't think that means anything," Duncan said. "This isn't a team that's played the last 20 years, or however old that franchise is.

This is a brand-new team for them, and they've been playing well. They're pretty confident in what they do. History doesn't matter right now." Memphis is 13-8 since starting March with a 109-83 win over the Spurs, a stretch that also includes a 111-104 win over San Antonio on March 27. Grizzlies coach Lionel Hollins notes these are different players than the previous teams, a group that plays harder and tougher. Point guard Mike Conley insists they aren't thinking about that 0-12 record in the postseason. "We're worrying about this team. This team hasn't been 0-12. We haven't lost 12 straight playoff games. We haven't even been in the playoffs as a team," he said. "We're just thinking of this as our first opportunity to get out here and show people

what we can do, and not just win a game. We want to win a series. We've got to keep our minds set on that and not worrying about a winless streak that's been going on for the organization." The Grizzlies have some confidence from splitting the regular-season series with the Spurs, and Manu Ginobili is doubtful for Sunday. Hollins was criticized for sitting Zach Randolph and Allen in the Grizzlies' final two games, with some complaining he passed up the chance for a higher seed while others said he was trying to avoid playing the defending champion Lakers. Hollins defended the decision, saying he wanted his players rested for the postseason. Allen said the plan is to not get hung up on winning just a game, not when there are bigger goals.

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Nowitzki, aging Mavs face rising Trailblazers

DALLAS(AP)—There was a time when Dirk Nowitzki was a young, rising star, a guy whose expanding skills were making his team more of a championship contender every spring. Now Nowitzki is at the point in his career where teammates talk about wanting to help him finally win a ring. Having been to the NBA finals and won an MVP award, it's the only thing that still drives him. His Dallas Mavericks will give it another try starting Saturday night with the opener of a first-

round series against the Portland Trail Blazers and LaMarcus Aldridge — a young, rising star whose expanding skills are making his team more of a championship contender. While skeptics say the Mavs are too old and too flawed to win it all, Nowitzki's rebuttal is simply, "I don't talk to skeptics." "We're playing for a championship," Nowitzki said Friday. "That's really the only goal. I don't know if we have something to prove. If we don't win a championship, it's another disappointing season."

Nowitzki knows all about those. Since blowing a 2-0 lead in the 2006 NBA finals, Dallas has won only a single playoff series. The Mavs have been dumped in the first round three of the last four postseasons, fueling much of that skepticism. Portland is the chic pick as the bottom seed most likely to pull off an upset this round. "We know that a lot of people doubt us, but we also know we can't just talk come out and talk about how good we are or how well we're going to play," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said. "We're going to have to do it on the floor. That's the way it should be. I don't think I've ever been with a team that didn't feel like we have something to prove every time we step on the floor. Our situation now is no different."

Although the Trail Blazers are a sixth seed, they've been on the rise the last few seasons. The addition of Gerald Wallace at the trade deadline has really sped things up. Portland is 11-5 since mid-March, with a pair of wins over both San Antonio and Dallas, plus single wins over the Lakers and Oklahoma City.

The Blazers have a nice mix of young and old. They balance 30-somethings starters Andre Miller and Marcus Camby with the 28-year-old Wallace and Aldridge leading a parade of guys in their fifth season or less. That group includes Brandon Roy and Wesley Matthews, who in his second

season is the team's second-leading scorer. They also have lots of size, from big guards who can muscle up on Dallas' backcourt to plenty of long arms to make things tough closer to the rim. "I think we do a great job with the guys we have in versatility, you know, guys being able to guard different positions," Wallace said. "So instead of up trying to match up with other teams, we put pressure on them to try to match up with us." Aldridge is the toughest matchup.

The 6-foot-11 power forward averaged 21.8 points and 8.8 rebounds per game this season, both career bests. But his improvement went beyond the numbers. He took on the challenge of fighting for more points in the paint, a great way to earn respect in the NBA. He also thrived in the role as the team's focal point, accepting and embracing that challenge. "When he gets to the middle and he gets to his sweet spot, he's almost unstoppable," said Mavs center Tyson Chandler, who will have to cover Aldridge. "We've got to make it tough for him, keep him away from easy baskets, force him to roll out, get him to some uncomfortable spots and get him missing some baskets so we can fast break."

Aldridge has been especially tough on Dallas, averaging 27.8 points and 9 rebounds over four meetings. He scored 35 points in a December game he proudly calls his breakthrough performance of the season. A native of the Dallas area, he'll be playing in front of friends and family, including his mother, who is battling cancer and has rarely been able to visit Portland to watch him play in person.

"I think it's going to be a hard fought-out series," Aldridge said. "We've got to bring our best and go play." This is the third straight trip to the playoffs for the Trail Blazers, but they're seeking their first series win since 2000.

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Clinical research shows that creative, messy activities like cooking and baking engage all of a child’s senses, helping them explore new ideas and teaching them how to solve problems. It also provides valuable time together, as well as an opportunity to teach basic math skills, cleaning habits and nutrition.

“To unlock a child’s fullest potential, cooking activities, even as simple as pouring and mixing, are recommended at least three to four times a week,” said Karen Deerwester, child development expert and founder of Family Time, Inc.

According to Deerwester, children shape their own learning by transforming unpredictable, messy experiences into creative, purposeful action. “These mess-to-morsel experiences teach children a critical life skill called executive function,” she said, “which is a child’s ability to self-manage behavior and negotiate age-appropriate challenges and obstacles. Furthermore, these types of activities teach kids to take risks, learn from mistakes and create out-of-the-box solutions.”

Children learn through play, so Deerwester encourages parents to cook up a mess with their children on a regular basis. These tips and ideas will help you create a powerful — and fun — learning experience for your child.

For more information and ideas for messy play activities, visit www.facebook.com/clorox.



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Get started on some creative kitchen play with these homemade play doughs and fun toast art.

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- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 teaspoon food coloring
- 2 cups water

Mix ingredients in saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until dough leaves sides of the pan. Remove from pan. When cool to the touch, knead for a few minutes. Play dough can be stored in the refrigerator for weeks in an airtight container.

Edible Peanut Butter Play Dough*

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup powdered milk
- 1/4 cup honey

Optional texture items: raisins, coconut, crushed graham crackers

Mix the first three ingredients in a large bowl until smooth. Add optional texture items.

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Chocolate Play Dough

- 1 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1 cup boiling water

Combine flour, cocoa powder, salt, and cream of tartar. Add cooking oil and boiling water. Stir quickly and mix well. Cook over low heat until dough forms a ball. When cool, knead with hands. Refrigerate and store in an airtight container. Smells great, but is not really sweet enough to eat.

Love Toast

Toast is for more than just eating. White bread is an excellent canvas for making meal-time extra special. Simply paint bread with milk mixed with food coloring and then toast. For some extra fun, cut toast into a special shape using a seasonal cookie cutter. For a fruity flavor twist, create paint out of water and flavored powdered gelatin mix.

How to cook up a mess with kids

- Baking and basic food assembly is the easiest way to branch into messy culinary play. Cut up fruits and vegetables to make fun faces, or simply mix together homemade dough to play with and shape. (See recipes.)
- Age is just a number! Allow even the youngest chef to help by pouring ingredients like flour, sugar and eggs into a bowl.
- Start simple. No-bake cookies, smoothies and sandwiches are a great start. If using a cookbook, start with one that has pictures for each instruction.
- Pour on the praise! No matter the outcome, always encourage their effort. Remember, practice makes perfect.
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Knox - Worstell

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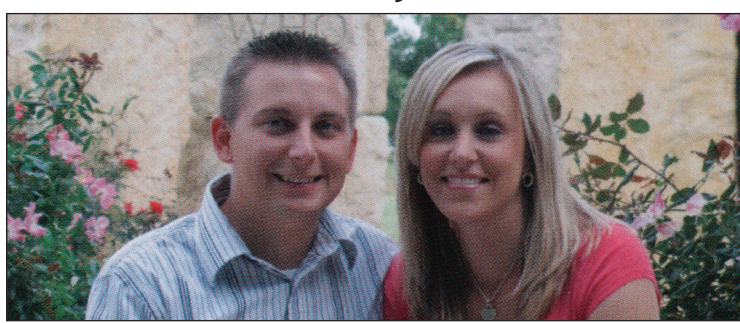
The bride-to-be is the daughter of Joann Knox of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Dorothy Sullivan of Rankin and Billy Joe and Peggy Knox of Crockett. She is the great-granddaughter of Eloise Knox, also of Crockett.

Hayley is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is an oral healthcare consultant for GlaxoSmithKline.

The prospective groom is the son of Earl Worstell of Sugar Land and the late Carla Worstell. He is the grandson of Dorothy Worstell of Collinsville, Okla.

Matt is a 2000 graduate of Dulles High School, Sugar Land, and a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed by Société Générale as a vice president in the energy and natural resources group. The couple will reside in Dallas.

Ferrell - Jenkins



Landon Jenkins and Amber Ferrell

Landon Paul Jenkins, son of Richard and Wendi Jenkins of Big Spring, and Amber Nicole Ferrell, daughter of Bennie and April Ferrell of San Antonio, are pleased to announce their engagement and plans to marry July 16, 2011, in San Antonio.

Landon is a 2004 graduate of Big Spring High School and received his bachelor's degree in general business from the University of Tex-

as at San Antonio in 2008. He recently received his master's degree in organizational human resource development from Abilene Christian University in February 2011.

Amber is a 2003 graduate of John Marshall High School in San Antonio. She is working on her bachelor's degree in business finance at Abilene Christian University.

Sanchez - Clarke



Jennifer Sanchez and Michael Clarke

Jennifer Sanchez of Big Spring, daughter of Mike and Josie Sanchez of Big Spring, and Michael Clarke of Baton Rouge, La., son of Steve and Betty Clarke of Baton Rouge, La. announce their engagement.

The bride elect is a 1999 Big Spring High School graduate and a 2003 How-

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The prospective groom is a graduate of Trinity High School and is employed at Brandt Engineering.

The couple plans to exchange vows June 11, 2011 in Fort Worth.

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BSHS science team dominates West Texas Regional Science Fair



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AT REGIONAL:

The Big Spring High School Science Team dominated the 21 county West Texas Regional Science Fair; winning and placing in more

categories and special awards than any other school.

The following students qualified for State Science Fair.

Seth Pearson and Opal Gonzales, placed second and third respectively, in mathematical sciences.

Jacob Wylie placed first in engineering, materials and bioengineering, winning an \$8,000 scholarship and the Innovative Engineering Award presented by National Society of Professional Engineers.

Forrest McJunkin and Daltan Smith placed second in team.

They were presented with the ASM Materials Education Foundation Award, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Award and were invited to compete at the Science Olympiad in New York.

Brady Weber placed first in plant sciences and given a scholar-

ship of \$8,000, while also awarded with the American Meteorological Society Award, Stockholm Junior Water Prize Award and National Association of Corrosion Engineers Award and a \$250 cash prize. He was also invited to the Science Olympiad.

Sabrina Gonzalez placed first in engineering, electrical and mechanical. She was awarded an \$8,000 scholarship.

She also won The Society of Petroleum Engineers Award with a \$700 cash prize, National Association of Corrosion Engineers Awards with a \$500 cash prize and was invited to the Science Olympiad.

Advisor, Gary Newton, extends his thanks to all those who helped and made this successful fair possible.

AT STATE:

Sabrina Gonzales became the first Big Spring High School Student to place at State Science Fair.

Reader's Corner

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BIG SPRING ISD

Monday: Breakfast: blueberry muffin top, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: corndog, potato rounds, orange smiles, broccoli, ranch dressing, milk.

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

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

Thursday: Breakfast: cinnamon french toast, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: charbroiled meatballs, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, strawberries and bananas, roll, milk, holiday ice cream cup.

Friday: HOLIDAY

COAHOMA ISD

Monday: Breakfast: pop tarts, sausage, variety juice, milk. Lunch: hot dogs with chili, baked beans, baby carrots, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: donuts, ham, applesauce cups, milk. Lunch: spaghetti, corn on the cob, bread sticks, fruit cup, grilled cheese sandwich.

Wednesday: Breakfast: pancake, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk. Lunch: green enchiladas, salad, apples, hot pockets.

Thursday: Breakfast: oatmeal, sausage, orange juice, milk. Lunch: chicken fajita, onion, pepper, refried

beans, salad, grapes, corn dogs.

Friday: GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

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Monday: Breakfast: cinnamon roll, juice, milk. Lunch: barbecue on a bun, cool ranch Doritos, corn on the cob, pickle spears, frozen fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: pizza, seasoned corn, strawberries and bananas, sugar cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuit, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: corndog, tater tots, pinto beans, mixed fruit cup, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: sausage on a stick, juice, milk. Lunch: cheeseburger, veggie, Funyuns, baby carrots, apple and orange smiles, milk.

Friday: GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

SENIOR CENTER

Monday: chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned greens, rolls, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: tamales with chili, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, pears, milk.

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

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

Friday: GOOD FRIDAY

April Employee Of The Month

Kendra Calderon

Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation would like to congratulate Kendra Calderon for earning Employee of the Month. Kendra has been with us since Jan. 2011 and does a wonderful job in Housekeeping.

The residents, families and employees of Parkview appreciate all that you do! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts@!

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VICTIM SERVICES OF BIG SPRING TO HOST INAUGURAL FUNDRAISER West Texas Casino Night & Concert with Cody Johnson Band

Victim Services of Big Spring announces their inaugural fundraiser "West Texas Casino Night & Concert with Cody Johnson Band" on Friday, August 5, 2011 at Hog Heaven BBQ Party Barn in Big Spring, TX. This first ever fundraiser is designed to help with the daily expenses needed to operate the non-profit independent community based program.

"West Texas Casino Night" will be hosted by Casino Parties of Lubbock and will feature blackjack, roulette, craps, and Texas hold 'em from 7p - 10p, with raffled door prizes valued at over \$5,000.00.

A concert featuring Texas country music artist Cody Johnson Band will follow from 10:30p - 12:00a. Cody Johnson is the recent winner of the "New Male Vocalist of The Year" award at the 2011 Texas Regional Radio Music Awards. When asked about performing at this inaugural fundraiser, Cody Johnson said, "I'm truly honored to be chosen to perform for this first time event, and can't wait to put on a great show for my fans in Big Spring and the surrounding area."

Tickets for this event will be \$30, and will include an all you can eat barbeque buffet, \$2,000.00 worth of casino chips to gamble with, and entry into the concert. For those wishing to attend only the concert, \$20 will be charged at the door.

KBST, Best Country 95.7 FM, will serve as the official media partner and L.T. Hinojos of LT Entertainment will serve as event producer.

Victim Services of Big Spring is a 501 c (3) non-profit independent community based program providing support and advocacy for all victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and all forms of violent crime in Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Martin, Mitchell, and Dawson counties.

Executive Director Shann Smith said, "Our staff, board of directors, and volunteers are truly excited about this upcoming fundraiser. This year we have already experienced financial cuts in our grants and this fundraiser will hopefully help with the shortfall. We are anticipating this to be an annual fundraising event, bringing community and agency together, and helping past and present victims."

For more event information and sponsorship opportunities contact L.T. Hinojos at 432-517-9536, or lt.hinojos@hotmail.com.

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SMMC to showcase digital mammography

Herald Staff Report

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will hold an open house from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to display its newest technology — digital mammography.

“We are excited to be able to offer this technology,” said Vivian Gordon, radiology director at SMMC. “It allows us to offer our patients advanced mammograms with the least possible hassle and disruption to their lives.”

While digital imaging feels almost identical to conventional screening from the patient’s perspective, digital mammography has several benefits, including



Silva



Castillo

shorter exam times and a significant reduction in call-backs to obtain more images, according to Gordon.

To supplement the technology, SMMC added a digital computer-aided detection (CAD) system, which highlights common characteristics of breast cancer, including masses, clusters of micro calcifications and changes in breast tissue, also called architectural distur-

tion. CAD flags these abnormalities to help the radiologist detect breast cancer early.

“Digital CAD is like a second set of eyes to support and enhance the radiologist’s judgment,” explained Gordon.

The purchase of digital mammography technology and CAD represents an investment of more than \$350,000.

With the recent re-accreditation by the Texas Department of State Health Services and the FDA/QMSA inspection in January, the mammography unit at SMMC is accredited through January of 2014 and staffed by Ginger Silva. Silva has seven years of mammography experience and is regis-

tered in mammography and radiography by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

Mammograms are interpreted by SMMC radiologist, Mario J. Castillo, M.D., Ph.D. Dr. Castillo is certified by the American Board of Radiology and completed his residency and initial mammography training at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Miami, Fla. He has interpreted more than 17,000 mammograms.

The Digital Mammography Center at SMMC does not have a large backlog of patients so appointments can be scheduled quickly. Call 264-0602 for an appointment.

Energy Watch



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

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Executing the basic fundamentals in sports is similar to executing the fundamentals in the stock market, yet the latter has its own vagaries. The stock market rose for the second straight week and closed with the best first quarter since 1998. Not only did the quarter finish solid, but it was a continuation of the smoother sailing for the major averages from last summer’s lows as they closed near their February highs. Other averages, notably popular measures of mid- and small-cap stocks, have surpassed or are near eclipsing their 2007 highs.

There remain several global worries for investors, but at this point, the economic fundamentals and the steady, slow recovery are trumping the many adversities. Right now, stock prices are rising because economic growth continues and corporate profits are reaching record highs. Last week, there was more encouraging economic news and evidence the U.S. economy is slowly gathering some momentum, most notably in manufacturing and on the job front.

Threats to the stock market have not vanished. In coming weeks, more issues will be surfacing on investors’ radars. Persistently high oil prices, which have now reached 2-½-year highs on little news, may at some unknowable time impact consumer’s attitudes and likely their spending. The result, in our opinion, will be less enthusiasm for stocks.

Earnings season for the first quarter will soon be in full swing, and the Advisory Services Group’s Equity Strategy team has pointed out that profit margins and bottom-line results comparisons will be increasingly difficult in 2011. Of course, guidance for the balance of the year will be very important and a potential stumbling block for equities. Short interest on stocks has now reached a five year low. Congressional bickering will continue over budgets, and there is still a threat of a government shutdown.

Failing European banks and the sovereign debt crisis, the turmoil in the Middle East/North Africa, and ongoing fall-out from the tragedy in Japan still loom over the stock market. Then there is the Federal Reserve (Fed). If anything is clear about its intentions at the end of the quantitative easing (QE2) program scheduled for June, it is that there is not a consensus among policymakers for the preferred course of action.

The big questions are when will investors react to the possible end of Fed stimulus in its current form and will they believe the economy can stand on its own two feet without this crutch. We believe the uncertainty will cause volatility for the stock market until the Fed’s intentions are made clear. In the meantime, seasonality is working in the market’s favor through the end of April, which is the end of the year’s historically strongest six months.

Last week, we commented that as the sell-off escalated in February, volume rose. Since the start of the rally in mid-March, volume has been languishing. The market does not always accommodate and thus forces one to be flexible. Can the market rise without increased volume? Sure it can, but more participation would lead to more durability. We don’t see a runaway to the upside, but the bull market is acting more like it wants to go higher.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced on April 5 by Scott Marcouiller, Wells Fargo Advisors chief market strategist. Wells Fargo Advisors did not assist in the preparation of this article, and its accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed. The opinions expressed in the report are those of the authors and are not necessarily those of Wells Fargo or its affiliates. The material has been prepared or is distributed solely for informational purposes and is not a solicitation or an offer to buy any security or instrumental to participate in any trading strategy. Additional information is available upon request at 432-684-7335.

Consulting firm ready to help start, grow local businesses

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Everyone has a dream. Turning it into reality is the difficult part.

Entrepreneur Alliance is a business consulting program aimed at helping people turn their business dreams into reality.

“Almost everyone has at least one business idea in them,” said Matty McLain, business development facilitator. “We help them get things in order to pursue those ideas.”

Entrepreneur Alliance is a two-year-old company started from a recognized need for small business growth in a small community, according to McLain. The program now serves six communities. It is based out of Amarillo, but McLain is in Big Spring four



McLain

days a month.

“We were contracted by the economic development corporation here in Big Spring to help stimulate businesses locally,” McLain said. “The hope is to create more small businesses, which in turn brings more jobs and an increased tax base.”

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation contracted with Entrepreneur Alliance for one year and will evaluate the progress at the end of the agreement and decide whether to keep the program in Big Spring.

Community members looking to start a business or a business that is needing a little bit of help are the target market of the program, according to McLain.

“We bring an outside viewpoint to our clients,” McLain said. “We have no vested interest in what they are doing so we are not going to try and steer them into a direction that will benefit us. We

are solely here for the purpose of growing businesses in Big Spring for Big Spring.”

The free program, when utilized correctly, can offer a business owner years of experience working for their business, according to McLain.

“I consider myself an entrepreneur at heart,” McLain said. “I have started two businesses of my own and hopefully will start more.”

He received his entrepreneurship degree from the University of North Texas. He said if he doesn’t know the answer, he has a support team that will help him locate the answer.

One of the added advantages to the program is that McLain is not from the Big Spring area, he said. He resides in Amarillo and says

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Monster interview: Saving and sharing with Grover

EILEEN AJ CONNELLY

AP Personal Finance Writer

NEW YORK — The Associated Press stopped by set of Sesame Street in New York to learn about “For Me, for You, for Later,” the financial literacy program for pre-school children that will be featured on the show’s 42nd season starting in September.

The program aims to teach children the foundations of personal money management by emphasizing the concepts of spending, sharing and saving.

A number of the beloved Sesame Street characters take part in the videos, games and activities included in the program, including Elmo, Cookie Monster, The Count and Grover.

Grover, the furry blue monster who is perpetually 6 years old, took some time from filming a new adventure of “Super Grover” to talk about what he’s learned.

Q: Do you remember learning about saving and spending?

A: Oh, yes! I have been learning about saving and spending recently. I have three jars at home. One is for saving, another is for



spending. And then I have one more, do you want to know what the third one is for?

Q: What is it for?

A: It is for sharing.

Q: Sharing? You mean when you give some money away to help people?

A: Yes, that is what it is for. I sometimes like to share my money with people who might need it. But I also share other things too! I share my time, and my energy, because those are very worth-

while too.

Q: Do you know how people get money?

A: The best way is to earn it by working at a job!

I have a number of jobs myself. I work at Charlie’s Restaurant. This is a little plug for Charlie’s Restaurant on Sesame Street! Come by we’ve got a great prefix! I will take care of you!

Q: And are you saving your money to buy something special?

A: Actually I am saving my money for that rainy day. Actually a very cold day. You see, I saw this great “nose cozy” in the window.

It is bright, bright orange. As you can see, I am mostly covered by fur, except for my nose. So, I thought that I could keep my nose warm with this very pretty and ornate nose cozy.

“For me, for you, for later” videos and activity material are also available at PNC Bank branches, and online at www.sesamestreet.org/save or www.pncgrowupgreat.com.

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Ford widens recall of F-150 pickup to nearly 1.2 million

DETROIT (AP) — Ford bowed to pressure from regulators on Thursday and widened a recall of America’s top-selling vehicle, the F-150 pickup, because its air bags can deploy at the wrong time.

The recall now covers nearly 1.2 million F-150s built for the 2004 and 2005 model years and some built for 2006. An electrical short can cause the air bags to inflate without a crash and could injure drivers.

Ford Motor Co. in February said it would fix the problem in 150,000 trucks but had resisted the government’s wishes to expand the recall.

The widened recall shows how regulators have become more aggressive since being criticized last year for a slow response to unintended acceleration problems in Toyota vehicles. It’s also a sign that it will be harder for Ford and other automakers to limit the size of future recalls.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which regulates car safety, knows of 269 cases in which the air bags have deployed inadvertently, resulting in 98 injuries, some serious.

When Ford resisted NHTSA’s request to expand the recall over the winter, the safety agency said it could hold a rare public hearing. “The potential for loss of vehicular control poses an unreasonable risk to safety,” NHTSA told the company.

Before Toyota’s spate of unintended acceleration recalls last year, NHTSA probably wouldn’t have made Ford expand the recall, said Joan Claybrook, a former administrator at the agency who previously led consumer group Public Citizen.

But the agency has become more aggressive since being criticized over Toyota’s problems, she said.

She said NHTSA could end up fining Ford for not recalling all the vehicles back in February. Toyota paid the government a record \$48.8 million in fines for its handling of three recalls.

Ford, like most automakers, will delay recalls to limit their size and cost, Claybrook said.

Ford said it will tell owners next month to take their trucks to a dealer to replace an air bag wire in the steering wheel. The wire can become chafed, causing a short circuit that can lead to the air bag inflating unexpectedly. The repair takes less than a half day, the company said.

The problem was fixed at Ford’s factories in January 2006, so trucks made after that date are not susceptible to it.

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that it helps clients open up more about their ideas.

“I’m not from here, I don’t play sports here, but that’s an advantage to our clients. On top of everything being confidential, it is easier to talk about ones business ideas when you don’t know the person,” McLain said. “Business ideas are personal and for most people it is easier to open up about their ideas with someone they don’t know.

“I enjoy speaking to people about their business ideas and their businesses,” McLain said. “I like to hear about what they do, how they do it and think of ways to help them do it better.”

During the four days that McLain is in Big Spring, he is located at the BSEDC office and encourages those with an idea to contact him for an appointment.

“Our main goal is to grow the number of businesses and improve on existing businesses,” McLain said. “So far the plan is just as

responsive, if not better, as it is in any of the other communities.”

When meeting with McLain about a business idea, the individual should bring notes, research, cost estimates and other information they may have. Persons already in business needing help should bring their financials.

“There are many people who come in here with nothing more than the need for help,” McLain said. “That is perfectly fine. I don’t want to discourage anyone from coming in here just because they don’t

have the materials, but it does help us get a little bit further.”

To set up an appointment, contact McLain

at 806-316-7600 or by calling the BSEDC office at 264-6032.

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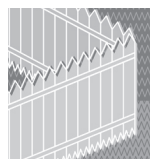
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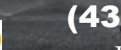
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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Angelo Denman 'D' Well Number 11. The proposed injection well is located 4 miles Southeast of Coahoma in thelatan, East Howard, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2575 to 2948 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requested for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #6959 April 17, 2011

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NOTICE OF DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: Misty Michelle Baker
Defendant, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to appear before the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said County in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas by filing a written answer to the petition of plaintiff(s) at or before 10 o'clock on the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days after the date of service hereof, a copy of which accompanies this citation, filed in said court on 12/31/2010, in cause number 46838, styled IN RE DAVID AARON MEEK, JR. Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 29th day of March, 2011.
COLLEEN BARTON
District Clerk of
Howard County, Texas
By: Brandie Martinez
#6964 April 17, 2011

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REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE
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Glasscock County ISD will receive Competitive Sealed Proposals for General Construction Work for Campus Paving including demolition of existing pavement, construction of new base course, seal coat, concrete curb, sidewalk, and handicap ramp. Sealed proposals (prepared according to the Instructions to Proposers and Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals) may be sent to Steve Long, Superintendent, Glasscock County ISD, P. O. Box 9, Garden City, Texas 79739 until 2:00 p.m., local time, May 3, 2011. Proposals received prior to this time will be securely kept, unopened. Proposals received after this time will not be considered. Proposals will be publicly opened at the Glasscock County ISD Administration Building immediately after closing of proposal time.

Proposal documents may be examined at the Engineer's office and at area plan rooms. Proposal Documents will be available beginning April 19, 2011 for a refundable deposit of \$100.00 per hard copy set or electronic documents are available for download at no charge and may be secured from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Engineers-Architects-Planners, 1700 W. Wall, Ste 100, Midland, TX 79701, Phone (432)697-1447. #6960 April 17 & 24, 2011

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To: Jason Wood
Defendant, Greeting:
The petition of Stephanie Wood, Petitioner has been filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, on the 03/29/2011 against Jason Wood, Respondent, numbered 47750 and styled IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF STEPHANIE WOOD vs. JASON WOOD. This case requests divorce.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said Court, at office this 29th day of March, 2011.

COLLEEN BARTON,
District Clerk of
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#6950 April 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2011

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR FLUID INJECTION
WELL PERMIT

ConocoPhillips Company, 3300 North A Street, Building 6, Midland, Texas 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres and Glorieta formations, Chalk, G.O. -C-, Well No. 23W & 23L. The proposed injection well is located 7.5 miles Northeast of Forsan, Texas in the Howard Glasscock Field in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the subsurface depth interval of 2208 feet to 2780 feet and 2810 feet to 3190 feet..

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. (Telephone (512)463-6792). #6961 April 17, 2011

Legals

NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS for Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) location: Abilene District Headquarters, Abilene Texas. Contract No. 6224-19-001 for Construction of Salt Bin Storage Building at Big Spring Maintenance Facility in the Abilene District.

BID DATE: **Tuesday, May 10, 2011 - 2p.m.** Bids will be received at TxDOT Abilene, Facility Coordinator's Office 4250 N. Clack Abilene Texas 79601 Attention: Richard Garza 4250 North Clack Abilene Tx 79601.

ESTIMATED COST: \$22,000.00. Plans and Specifications will be furnished without charge to the prime contractor. For mailed plans, request by FAX on your company letterhead to: TxDOT Facilities Office, Fax #325-676-6906. Plans and Specifications are available in Abilene at, 4250 North Clack St, Facilities Coordinator Office, Attention: Richard Garza, Phone 325-676-6870, or 325-439-6000

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: Not Required
Pre-Bid Conference: N/A
Detail # 08-71-1850 - Contract # 6224-19-001 Construction of Salt Bin Storage Building - Howard County Big Spring, Texas
#6962 April 17 and 18, 2011

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Howard Wayne Hornsby, Deceased, were issued on April 7, 2011, in Cause No. P-13943, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Paul Hornsby.

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

**c/o Estate of
Howard Wayne Hornsby
Paul Hornsby, Executor
1006 Terranova
Houston, Texas 77070
DATED** the 7th day of April, 2011.
R. Shane Seaton
Attorney for Paul Hornsby
State Bar No.: 24060918
P.O. Box 2211
Big Spring, TX 79721
Telephone: (432)264-1800
Facsimile: (432)264-0785.
#6958 April 17, 2011

Legals

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE OF DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: Misty Michelle Baker
Respondent Greeting:
The petition of Donald Meek, Petitioner has been filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, on the 3/8/2011 against Misty Michelle Baker, Respondent, numbered 46838 and styled IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF IN RE DAVID AARON MEEK, JR..

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment which will be binding on you.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 9th day of March, 2011.
COLLEEN BARTON
District Clerk of
Howard County, Texas
By: Brandie Martinez
#6963 April 17, 2011

Legals

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

TO: Michelle Uranga
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:

A tract of land out of Sc 22, Bk 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co., Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$404.42, 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 URANGA AND MICHELLE URANGA and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on July 31, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. TONY URANGA AND MICHELLE URANGA, 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 5571 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 16th day of May, 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 29th day of March, A.D. 2011.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6956 April 10 & 17, 2011

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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff

Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS	DOWN
1 Pin in a ring	1 "Wheel"
8 Slow walk	2 Port, for one
15 Fowl territory	3 Closes
16 Note	4 Robert Louis
17 Supplement	Stevenson,
18 Name on the cover of 30	by birth
<i>Minute Meals</i>	5 Large quantity
19 Pain in the neck	6 National flower of India
20 Still fluid	7 General Shrapnel or Burnside
22 About	
23 Torpedo stabilizer	
24 More than ready	
26 Large quantity	
27 Tony Randall TV role	
29 Loan company, in government names	
30 Faulty	
32 15 Across inhabitant	
34 French bread	
36 First in line	
38 Reductions	
39 Was sparing	
43 Japanese home's partitions	
47 Image Awards presenter	
48 Predicament	
50 Temporarily unavailable	
51 Global line segment	
52 Knight at the opera	
55 House.____	
56 Sources of wedges	
58 Comic-book employee	

8 Bad loser	39 Seafood serving
9 Let up	40 Ipanema native
10 Neil Armstrong	41 Climbs quickly
alma mater	42 Chip shape
11 Snapple sister brand	44 It may be gone for
12 Pass through	45 Cut off
13 Place in the news, June 1953	46 Cut off
14 Send off	49 SUV debut of 2000
21 Striker's bane	53 No-nonsense nature
24 Supplant	54 Scopes
25 French	57 63 Down, for instance
36 Across of yore	59 Small sheepdog
28 Values	61 Stir
31 Quark + antiquark	63 Quarterly government announcement
33 Split, in a way	
35 Joe's peers	
37 Oil companies	

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CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS 6th-Kie Jones 2nd Place Team	LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE 1st-Jessica Rubio 2nd-Shermila Kher **ALL Regional Qualifiers
CURRENT ISSUES 6th-Shiloh Cresswell	LITERARY CRITICISM 2nd-Lacy McMurtrey **Regional Qualifier
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS 2nd-Charles Anderson (**Regional Qualifier) 5th-Danielle Strickland 6th-Jacob Rangel	PERSUASIVE SPEAKING 1st-Jessica Rubio (**Regional Qualifier) 4th-Seth Trevino
CROSS EXAMINATION DEBATE 1st-Big Spring Team 1 2nd-Big Spring Team 2 3rd- Big Spring Team 4 4th-Big Spring Team 3	POETRY INTERPRETATION 1st-David Rios (**Regional Qualifier) 5th-Megan Islas
NUMBER SENSE 2nd Place Team	PROSE INTERPRETATION 3rd-Kym Gonzales **Regional Qualifier
ONE ACT PLAY 1st Place Team	READY WRITING 1st-Lacy McMurtrey 2nd-Connor Furqueron 3rd-Mindy Ralston **ALL Regional Qualifiers
FEATURE WRITING 5th-Ricky Shubert	SCIENCE 6th- Charles Anderson
HEADLINE WRITING 1st-Mindy Ralston **Regional Qualifier	Social Studies 6th-Charles Anderson
NEWS WRITING 1st-Ricky Shubert	Speech 1st Place Team



Courtesy photo
Pictured left are: Back row: Connor Furqueron, Shiloh Cresswell, Michael Knosky, Amanda Grisham, Bianca Ryle, Marcus Watson, Shermila Kher, Lacy McMurtrey, Kyle Adams, Chris Hughes Middle Row: Mindy Ralston, Garrett Miller, Caleb Gonzales, Kie Jones, David Rios, Danielle Strickland, Forrest McJunkin, Charles Anderson Bottom Row: Ricky Shubert, Maranda Scott, Victoria Gonzales, Anna Scott, Kym Gonzales, Chelsey Parker, Jessica Rubio

Not Pictured: Kayla Aaron, Chad Bowles, Saije Clare, Taylor Digby, Megan Islas, Nathan Jimenez, Kenan Lewis, Sterling Phernetton, Julian Ramirez, Jacob Rangal, Stormie Smith, Seth Trevino, Jessica Womack, Brianna Knight

Club News

• Big Spring Retired Teachers will meet Monday at the Cactus Room on the Howard College campus. All retired school personnel are encouraged to attend and join the association. Dues are \$25 for state and \$7 for local. Any other interested persons are also welcome. The program will be a report on Relay For Life by Vicki Stewart.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for fall 2011. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is Friday. More information and the application may be found on the club website: www.westexags.com

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Howard College partnering with KBSB



Courtesy photo
Keep Big Spring Beautiful is still at work. Janice Bishop, KBSB president, and students from Howard College joined together to clean up the streets of Big Spring. April 9 the two groups picked up trash along FM 700.

Captain Elisha Mack Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution

The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met April 9 at the Big Spring Country Club for their regular meeting starting at 11:30 a.m.

The program was presented by Joe McCright, who had served as a radio man for the Navy during his tour in Spain and Morocco. He later become involved in ham radio while serving in the Naval reserve. He reported that amateur radio started in 1880s mainly as a hobby by experimenters. He became a licensed ham operator and was an instructor in the Naval reserve. Every licensed ham operator is issued a call sign that is like a signature. Nobody knows where the name ham comes from, but there are many theories.

The chapter agreed to donate \$100 to the "wounded warrior" program as requested by the State President during State conference.

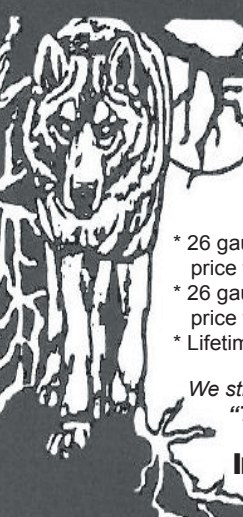
Tickets were available for purchase for a "yellow rose" quilt made by our chapter member Hollis McCright. The give-away will be held in March at the State conference.

A DAR inscribed coin purse was given as a door prize to Carole Lawson.

There were nine members and one guest present.

The next meeting will be held May 14. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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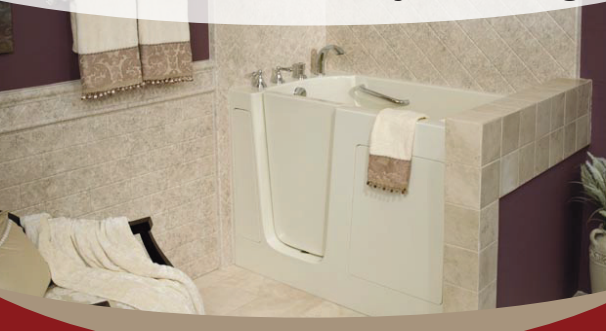
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