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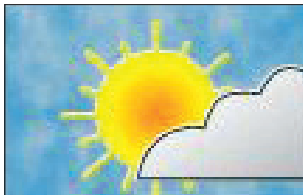
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Mayor's race grows to three

Plaintiff in lawsuit seeking to unseat Russ McEwen

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Shannon Thomason, corporate pilot and a plaintiff in a lawsuit against the city of Big Spring, has made it a three-way race for Big Spring mayor in May's municipal elections.

Thomason joins local businessman Oscar Velasco in a bid to unseat the current mayor, Russ McEwen, who is seeking a third term in the office.

Thomason said his decision to run for the seat was inspired by what he calls "a need for a more citizen-oriented city."

"The bottom line is there are several things in the city of Big Spring that need to be looked at," said Thomason. "Personally, I don't like having things forced on me, and



"Personally, I don't like having things forced on me, and that's exactly what it feels like the city is doing to us."

—Shannon Thomason

that's exactly what it feels like the city is doing to us. The \$4.2 million water park is a big part of that. Honestly, if the city had put the matter up for a (bond) election, I would have voted in favor of it. But the citizens of Big Spring need to have a voice. The city needs to be more citizen-oriented."

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Big Spring, Sands, Coahoma feature contested ISD seats

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

With the filing deadline looming, about half of the area's school board races feature contested races, officials said.

Elections at Big Spring, Coahoma and Sands school districts will have contested races, while incumbents only have filed at Forsan and Stanton school districts and at Howard College.

Persons interested in filing for races have until 5 p.m. Monday to do so, officials said.

Big Spring has three trustee seats up for election this year, but only one has attracted multiple candidates so far — District 5, where Jeremy Blount, recently retired from the U.S. Army, Chad Wash, owner of CWOC Inc., and Michelle Hamby, a registered nurse at Big Spring State Hospital, have filed, said Sandra Waggoner, chief financial officer for the district.

Incumbents Jeff Brorman (District 6) and Phil Furqueron (District 7) have filed for re-election but have not yet

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Rocky tradition

Big Spring's Lola Lamb — like her mother before her — is a longtime rockhound

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Following her mother's lead, Lola Lamb has turned a life-long interest in rocks into a 36-year membership in the Big Spring Prospector's Club.

Lamb, a long-time officer in the club, discussed her hobby during the opening day of the club's 41st annual Gem and Mineral Show Saturday. The show runs through Sunday in the Howard County Fair building.

In a way, Lamb inherited her interest in being a rockhound from her mother.

"She'd been a rockhound since she was a kid," Lamb said. "She always loved rocks. She went to all the area shows and she'd

come back and tell us how interesting they were ... and we started going with her."

Apparently, mother knew best, because Lamb has become quite an avid amateur geologist herself, finding satisfaction in turning a piece of rock into something beautiful.

"It's just the novelty of it; not knowing what's inside that rock you're working on," she said. "It might be completely ugly on the outside, but beautiful on the inside — each one is different."

Since the mid-1970s, she has been a member in good standing in the local Prospector's Club, which currently boasts about 40 members.

That membership total has been decreasing in recent years, Lamb said.

"It's just like most clubs in the county — our membership is getting older and it's hard to get younger people involved," she said. "It's a time-consuming hobby and a lot of young people just don't have the time for it these days. I wouldn't say it's a dying art, but it is kind of scary that young people aren't taking an interest in it."

The show continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the fair building. Admission is free.

Lamb said the show features between

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Annual audit report on county agenda

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Routine items make up the Monday morning agenda for the Howard County Commissioners Court, including a report on the government agency's annual financial audit.

The court expects to hear from Don Stephens, the accountant charged with conducting an audit on the county coffers for the years.

According to County Judge Mark

Barr, the audit is required and simply a part of the court's procedures.

"State law requires that we have an audit conducted each year, and that's the report we'll be getting Monday from Mr. Stephens," said Barr. "I haven't seen the final results of the audit yet, but I expect every thing is in line. Otherwise, I'm pretty sure we would have already heard about it by now."

Also part of Monday's agenda, the court is to meet with County Audi-

tor Jackie Olson to discuss invoices and purchase requests, as well as new regulations involving alternative fuels set to go into effect Sept. 30. Olson is also to present considerations for an electricity provider.

The court will also hear from Tina Boneta of Basic IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity) Inc. concerning construction contracting for future development in the

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Lady Buffs lead Crossroads tourney pool



HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

Ashley Buzbee pitches Saturday at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

BY MATT PRICE
Special to the Herald

The Forsan Lady Buffaloes won two games Friday in the Crossroads Tournament held in Big Spring and took the number one seed going into Saturday's championship round.

Forsan first beat Midland Lee High School's JV squad on a cold and windy Friday morning. The Lady Buffaloes' bats were wide awake and on fire, banging

out 18 hits that produced 13 runs. Senior Amanda Longorio went 4-for-4 and leadoff hitter Ambra Hill went 3-for-3 with a walk.

Midland JV did manage to push across three runs in the third inning, but they were held in check by sophomore pitcher Ashley Buzbee, who only allowed four hits in the game.

Forsan's second game of the day was the highlight of the tournament up to that point. The game pitted the Lady Buffs against

the host Big Spring Lady Steers.

Buzbee again toed the rubber for the Lady Buffs, pitted against Lady Steer hurler Kenzie Hunt.

The game was a defensive jewel through the first four innings, with neither team scoring a run. The Buffs did load the bases in the first inning, but Hunt induced two infield grounders that cut off runs at the plate and struck out the last batter of the inning to escape the jam.

The Lady Buffaloes finally broke through in the fifth inning, when they sent eight batters to the plate and capitalized on three hits and a couple of miscues by Big Spring to push across three runs.

In the top of the sixth and final inning, Miranda Park put icing on the cake when she drove a line drive to the left field fence and circled the bases for an inside-the-park home run.

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WILD WIN



HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

Bryley Pinkerton puts up a shot Friday during Grady's 64-57 overtime win over Ira at Moody Coliseum at Abilene Christian University. Pinkerton had nine points and made two key steals in overtime for the Wildcats.

Shane Teague's 12 as the Wildcats moved on to face Lipan at 1 p.m. today.

Grady saw a 13-point first-half advantage disappear in the game's final seconds and trailed for the first time in overtime before a 8-0 run, fueled by Pinkerton's defense, got the Wildcats back to the regional champion-

ship game for the first time since 2004.

"They're gutsy. They've got a lot of heart," Grady coach Shawn Harrison said of his team.

Ira's Juarez led the Bulldogs with 18 points, and 6-foot-5 post Kylor Fine scored 15. Ricky DeLuna scored 11.

"When you get to this point, you can

throw out the rankings," Ira coach Bubba Edwards said. "They don't mean squat, because everybody's good and you have to bring your 'A' game from the jump ball."

Ira reached the regional tournament for the fourth straight year in 2010 and has advanced to at least

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Lady Steers split 2nd day of tournament

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Lady Steers split two games in bracket play at the Crossroads tournament Friday, topping Pecos before dropping their first matchup with area rival Forsan.

Kenzie Hunt and Logan Yarbar combined for a two-hit shutout in the Lady Steers' 5-0 win over Pecos. Hunt got the win tossing the first four innings and Yarbar shut the door on the back end.

At the plate, Big Spring hitters jumped out early for three runs in the first inning as the first four Lady Steer batters banged out base hits. Big Spring would add two more runs in the fifth and last inning to assure the Lady Steers a place in the winner's gold bracket on Saturday.

Later in the day, the Lady Steers were stymied 4-1 by defending 1A champion Forsan

(see Forsan story).

"The girls were disappointed that we lost," said Big Spring head coach John Sparks. "But knowing that we still have a path to win this tournament we look forward to the games coming up on Saturday. We want another chance at Forsan and a chance to win this tournament."

Despite the loss, Big Spring still had a chance to win its inaugural tournament Saturday with three straight wins, including a likely rematch with the Lady Buffs.

Results were unavailable by presstime. Check Monday's Herald for a recap of all Crossroads Tournament action.

Big Spring 5, Pecos 0
Pecos 000 00 -- 0 2 2
Big Spring 300 02 -- 5 5 0
Hunt, Yarbar and Womack; W-Hunt

Forsan 4, Big Spring 1
Forsan 000 041 -- 4 5 0
Big Spring 000 001 -- 1 5 2
W- Buzbee; L- Hunt

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Steers take 11-6 win in Snyder tournament

Herald Staff Report

SNYDER — The Big Spring Steers picked up their third win of the season on the diamond Friday with an 11-6 win over Perryton in the Snyder Tournament.

The Steers scored seven runs in the sec-

ond and third innings to build an early lead.

Jacob Acosta and Steven Islas began the second with back-to-back singles, and Michael Felton was hit by a pitch to load the bases for an Anthony

See **STEERS**, Page 4B

Forsan tennis wins Sterling City tourney; Baseball to face Ralls

Herald Staff Report

STERLING CITY — The Forsan boys and girls tennis teams put on a solid showing at the Sterling City tournament Thursday, winning the girls division and the overall boys and girls championship.

Kyle Stevenson and Sydney Holdampf took

first in boys and girls singles, respectively. Kie Jones finished second in the boys singles.

Bree Clark and Jansen McDonald took third in mixed doubles, and Kayla Schlipf and Miranda Jennings captures fourth place in girls doubles.

The Buffs and Lady Buffs will be in action

again next Thursday in the Wink Tournament.

Buffs win two

RALLS — The Forsan Buffs will get a rematch with Ralls tonight in the Ralls Tournament after sweeping two games Friday.

The Buffs topped Lubbock Coronado's junior varsity 10-3 and

Tahoka 21-0 to earn a rematch of last year's championship and last year's area playoff, games which Ralls won by one run.

Evan Burton got the win over Coronado, allowing two runs, one of which was earned, three hits and striking out two over four innings. Trevor

Burchett tossed the last two innings, giving up one run on one hit.

Foster Burchett and Ryan Flores had two RBI apiece.

The Buffs scored 18 runs in two innings to beat Tahoka in their Friday nightcap. Dylan Lowrey struck out eight in three innings and allowed three hits

with one walk. Foster Burchett pitched the last inning walking two but striking out the side.

Forsan 10, Coronado 3
FHS 430 400 -- 10 8 3
CHS 200 010 -- 3 4 4

Burton, F. Burchett and Herrin; W- Burton
RBI- F. Burchett, Flores 2
2B- Flores, Bryson Phillips

Forsan 21, Tahoka 0
FHS 039 9 -- 21 12 2
THS 000 0 -- 0 3 4

Sports in brief

Golf Association to host membership drive

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association is hosting a four-man scramble tournament Sunday in the group's membership drive.

The event will be in ABCD format at Comanche Trail Golf Course, located at Comanche Trail State Park.

Registration will take place from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., with teams teeing off at 10 a.m.

Softball signups under way

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is holding signups for the upcoming 2010 season for girls ages 4-14 as of Jan. 1.

Signups will be held each Saturday through March 13 at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration fee is \$75, including a full uniform. Late registration after March 13 will cost \$10 extra. For more info, contact Lucy Ramirez at 466-3670.

Howard Hawks on quest for nationals

The Howard Hawks hope to continue their run to nationals as the Region V men's tournament continues today at the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University.

The Hawks downed Southwestern Christian Thursday 82-71 and played Collin County today. The Hawks would play Sunday at 3 p.m. with a win today. Check the *Herald* for game recaps.



GET ENERGIZED!

Great tasting ways to fuel your day

FAMILY FEATURES

It can be tough to maintain healthy eating habits and a hectic schedule. But one little ingredient can add great flavor and keep you energized for the busy day ahead. With seven grams per serving, peanuts have more protein than any other nut. Protein provides long-lasting energy — just what you need to keep going throughout the day. Peanuts and peanut butter contribute more than 30 nutrients and phytonutrients and can be part of a balanced diet that promotes good health. In addition, foods low on the glycemic index (GI), such as peanuts, are good choices for people trying to watch their blood sugar. Eating foods with a low GI score (peanuts score a 14) may lead to a slow increase in blood sugar levels, causing less insulin to be released all at once, and thus avoiding the sugar “crash.”

The National Peanut Board has some tips to show you how to add energy-boosting USA-grown peanuts to your daily diet.

At home

- Involve your children in meal planning and preparation so they can learn about healthy eating habits and good nutrition. Experiment with kid-friendly recipes, such as Flag-Waving Peanut Butter Cookies and PB&J French “Toastwich,” which can be found at nationalpeanutboard.org.
- Keep a can of peanuts handy to munch on while working around the house, reading with your children or watching television.
- Make a batch of Munch ‘N’ Go Mix — a quick trail mix with dried fruit, peanuts and chocolate — to keep on hand. Put single servings into resealable plastic bags and you have a great, on-the-go snack ready all the time.

At work

- Ask your place of employment to provide peanuts as a snack option — they’ll keep your energy up to get more accomplished.
- Keep a jar of peanut butter and a spoon in your desk drawer for midday cravings. For something new and different, try one of the many flavored peanut butters on the market.

Eating out

- Be on the lookout for the many delicious peanut/peanut butter menu items now available at some of your favorite restaurants in appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts.
- More than 1,000 new products with peanuts or peanut butter have been created during the past five years. Have you found a favorite yet?

On the road

- Store a pack of peanuts and a jar of peanut butter in the glove box for a crunchy and satisfying treat.
- Stop by a roadside stand or produce market and buy some homemade roasted or boiled peanuts — you can even make them at home.
- Two-ounce peanut butter travel packs from companies such as Sunland and Jif are easy-to-pack, portion-controlled snacks for travel. Try pairing them with freshly sliced fruit and vegetables.

For more delicious ways to get energized, visit nationalpeanutboard.org.

Dazzling Chocolate Peanut Butter Dip

Makes 4 servings (each serving = 3 tablespoons dip and 1 cup fruit/veggies)

- 1/3 cup low-fat plain yogurt
- 2 tablespoons chocolate syrup
- 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon chocolate or colored sprinkles
- 4 cups fresh fruit and vegetables cut in “dip-able” shapes (carrots sticks, sliced cucumbers, celery sticks, sliced apples and pears.)

In a standing mixing bowl, mix yogurt and chocolate syrup on medium speed until well blended.

In a microwave-safe bowl, microwave the peanut butter at 70% power for about 1 minute or until melted; stir half-way through. Pour peanut butter into chocolate yogurt mixture and mix until smooth.

For each serving, spoon 3 tablespoons dip into a small serving cup and sprinkle with sprinkles. Serve with one cup of fresh fruit and/or vegetables.

Note: This dip may also be served with pretzels or spread on graham crackers.

Nutrients per serving: Calories, 194 (38% from fat); Fat, 9g (saturated 2g, monounsaturated 4g, polyunsaturated 2g); Protein, 6g; Carbohydrates, 26g; Fiber, 4g; Cholesterol, 2mg; Calcium, 64mg

Munch ‘N’ Go Mix

Makes: 14 servings (1/2 cup per serving)

- 2 cups roasted peanuts
- 2 cups banana chips
- 1 cup chopped mixed dried fruit (apricots, apples, pineapple, papaya)
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup candy-coated chocolate pieces

Toss all ingredients together. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 months.

Nutrients per serving: Calories, 383 (55% from fat); Carbohydrates, 39g; Protein, 7g; Fat, 25g; Cholesterol, 2mg; Fiber, 5g; Sodium, 24mg

Peanut Berry Smoothie

Yield: 2 (8-ounce) servings

- 2 cups low fat vanilla ice cream
- 1 cup frozen blueberries
- 2 tablespoons 2% milk
- 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons whipped cream (optional)

Combine all ingredients in blender; puree until very smooth. Transfer to two glasses and serve.

Nutrients per serving: Calories, 431 (47% from fat); Fat, 24g (saturated 8g, monounsaturated 8g, polyunsaturated 5g); Protein, 15g; Carbohydrates, 45g; Fiber, 4g; Cholesterol, 61mg; Calcium, 152mg



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Take Note

- The city of Big Spring will close the northbound lane just north of 319 Runnels and its associated parking area to Third Street Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Assistant City Manager Todd Darden at 264-2501.

- An account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Faye McGee of Big Spring to help defray the cost of medical bills and treatment. She is in ICU at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Contact CFCU at 400 E. Marcy in Big Spring, account 762989 or call Cosden at 264-2600 or toll free 800 725-2673.

- Home Hospice is looking for adult volunteers and junior volunteers. New training time will be at 9 a.m. April 17 at the Hospice office, 111 E. Seventh St. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• A Dinner Theatre is slated for March 27 at KoKopelli's to benefit the Big Spring Educational Science Trip, aka the Big Spring UFO'S. The meal will consist of brisket, pinto beans, potato salad, Texas toast, lemonade, water or tea. Price is \$10 a person or \$18 per couple, Purchase tickets from Medicine Center Pharmacy; ask for Monika. A silent auction will be held as well.

• A fund has been established at Wood Forest National Bank for Jeffery Cate (Bubba). He is a lifetime resident of Big Spring and is employed at B&E Roustabout. He was in a car accident New Year's Eve and is still in a hospital in Lubbock. He had surgery to remove his spleen and has several broken bones, including one in his neck. He has also suffered some memory loss due to a bruise on one side of his brain. He has three small boys. The medical bills and family travel expenses are adding up. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

- **Attention military personnel and dependents:** The Salvation Army currently has funding for Texas military personnel now serving or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Members or dependents may apply at the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., or call (432) 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

- The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lyken at 267-2915.

Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- JESSICA NICOLE DUCKWORTH, 30, Odessa, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JERROD LEE LANGSTON, 23, Odessa, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARK ANTHONY GONZALES, 27, 1807 Young, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARINA CRESCENCIA FAIR, 26, 1109 Runnels, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct/ fighting, public intoxication and a Howard County warrant.
- TERRY SAVOY MOSLEY, 56, no address given, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- JESUS ACOSTA TARIN, 49, 811 Lorilla, was arrested on a local warrant.
- RAYMOND LYNN KEMPER, 44, 3701 Caroline, was arrested on four local warrants.
- NICHOLAS COY HERNANDEZ, 29, 2705 Hernandez Rd., was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block N. Highway 87 (three instances).
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1400 block of Sixth.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 700 block of Interstate 20.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

Lottery

These Texas lotteries were drawn Friday evening:

Cash 5: 01-02-16-24-29.
Daily 4 Night: 2-9-0-7.
Pick 3 Night: 2-4-5
Mega Millions: 11-31-34-44-52, Mega Ball: 32, Mega-
plier: 4.

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.

- Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. Medical lectures and information for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetics and caregivers. Call 267-3806 for information.

- **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

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and 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.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 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.

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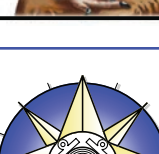
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Local 5-Day Forecast

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60/51 Showers early becoming less numerous later in the day. Thunder possible.	68/45 Windy, a few thunderstorms possible.	70/41 Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	64/42 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	62/39 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 6:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 6:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 6:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 6:51 PM

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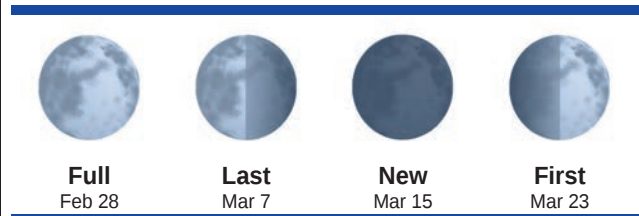
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	57	51	rain	Kingsville	70	61	rain
Amarillo	59	44	rain	Livingston	65	49	cloudy
Austin	60	55	rain	Longview	64	49	cloudy
Beaumont	66	52	cloudy	Lubbock	59	49	rain
Brownsville	72	63	rain	Lufkin	66	50	cloudy
Brownwood	58	54	rain	Midland	63	55	rain
Corpus Christi	66	62	rain	Raymondville	72	62	rain
Corsicana	60	51	rain	Rosenberg	67	55	rain
Dallas	61	52	rain	San Antonio	64	59	rain
Del Rio	65	59	rain	San Marcos	61	56	rain
El Paso	70	46	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	63	51	rain
Fort Stockton	71	51	windy	Sweetwater	58	52	rain
Gainesville	58	49	rain	Tyler	63	49	cloudy
Greenville	62	48	rain	Weatherford	58	50	rain
Houston	67	55	cloudy	Wichita Falls	56	49	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	61	36	mst sunny	Minneapolis	46	29	cloudy
Boston	50	33	sunny	New York	52	36	sunny
Chicago	46	35	rain	Phoenix	53	46	rain
Dallas	61	52	rain	San Francisco	61	46	pt sunny
Denver	56	37	pt sunny	Seattle	53	38	rain
Houston	67	55	cloudy	St. Louis	62	39	rain
Los Angeles	66	47	rain	Washington, DC	57	39	mst sunny
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Minnesota 5, Boston 0
FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Justin Morneau marked his return for Minnesota with a two-run double and Tim Wakefield tossed two scoreless innings for Boston in his first post-surgery appearance in a 5-0 victory by the Twins over the Red Sox on Friday.

Morneau doubled to right in the first inning against Jon Lester, his first on-field action since a stress fracture in his lower back shut him down in mid-September.

Wakefield had surgery to repair a herniated disk in his back last October. The 43-year-old knuckleballer threw 16 of his 21 pitches for strikes, giving up one hit without a walk.

Lester gave up four runs on three hits and two walks in an inning.

Rays 12, Yankees 7
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Yankees right-hander Joba Chamberlain struggled in his first spring training start, allowing five runs, three hits and three walks in 1 1-3 innings. Phil Hughes, Chamberlain's main rival for the Yankees' No. 5 starter role, allowed one run and one hit, a solo shot in the first by Sean Rodriguez, in two innings.

Tampa Bay left-hander David Price allowed two hits over 1 2-3 scoreless innings. He struck

out two and walked one.
Blue Jays 14, Phillies 9
DUNEDIN, Fla. (AP) — Lyle Overbay hit a three-run double and Jose Bautista a two-run double during an eight-run fourth inning for the Blue Jays.

Right-hander Brandon Morrow, acquired by the Blue Jays in a trade with Seattle, pitched two hitless innings in his first bid to become part of their starting rotation.

Marlins 4, Mets (ss) 3, 10 innings
PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) — The Marlins' Chris Volstad and Mets' Jon Niese each looked sharp in their spring mound debuts.

Niese gave up a run in 2 2-3 innings and struck out five. He walked two and gave up three singles. Niese was sidelined by a hamstringing tear after making five starts last season.

Volstad struck out two in two scoreless innings. He gave up two singles and did not walk a batter.

Mets (ss) 7, St. Louis 3
JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Brad Penny pitched two innings in his St. Louis debut, allowing three runs and six hits. Three of those hits were soft flyballs that landed just beyond the infield.

Designated hitter Shawn Riggins drove in the go ahead run with a single and Frank Catalanotto's pinch-

hit triple in the ninth scored two runs.
Tigers 17, Astros 7
LAKE LAND, Fla. (AP) — Joel Zumaya allowed three runs in two innings.

Astros starter Wandy Rodriguez allowed three runs in two innings. He walked three.

Houston reliever Polin Trinidad walked all four batters he faced to lead off the eighth inning before being lifted.

Giants 7, Rockies (ss) 4
SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Juan Uribe hit a three-run homer to spoil Jeff Francis' return to the mound for Colorado after missing the entire 2009 season.

Francis, who had shoulder surgery in February 2009 and had not pitched since Sept. 12, 2008, gave up four runs on four hits and walked two while throwing 33 pitches in two innings.

Giants right-hander Matt Cain looked solid in his first spring outing, giving up a run on five hits while striking out two in three innings.

Rockies (ss) 7, Angels 5
TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Held up by a traffic jam, Ubaldo Jimenez arrived too late to start and instead made his spring training debut out of the bullpen for the Colorado Rockies.

A bus crash that killed six people and left more than 15 others injured just south of Tempe

caused major traffic in the area. Jimenez was delayed nearly two hours by the accident and worked the fourth and fifth innings, allowing three hits and four runs (three earned) in two innings. He walked two and struck out three.

Colorado's team bus arrived to the game on time.

Colorado roughed up Angels starter Sean O'Sullivan, scoring four runs in the first. Clint Barmes hit a solo homer and Ian Stewart had a two-run double, his first of three hits.

Indians 9, Reds 2
GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Asdrubal Cabrera opened Cleveland's spring training season with a homer and Grady Sizemore had a two-run double in his return from a pair of operations.

Padres 9, Mariners 3
PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Garrett Olson gave up six runs while getting only two outs for Seattle.

Sean Gallagher, picked up in a trade with the Oakland A's last summer, pitched two scoreless innings. Mat Latos gave up a run in two innings and Wade LeBlanc allowed two runs — one earned — in two innings.

Chase Headley, who moved from left field to third base when the Padres traded Kevin Kouzmanoff to Oakland

in January, had a two-run single in four at-bats.

Dodgers 8, White Sox 3
GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Manny Ramirez had two singles as the designated hitter and Vincent Padilla threw two hitless innings for Los Angeles Dodgers.

Chicago's Mark Buehrle allowed an unearned run and three hits in two innings.

Cubs 8, D-Backs 7
MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Justin Upton hit a sixth-inning grand slam, his first hit since signing a \$51.25 million, six-year contract with Arizona.

Brad Snyder hit a two-run, ninth-inning double off Esmerling Vasquez to rally Chicago in a game that began with the Cubs' Carlos Zambrano and Diamondbacks' Dan Haren each pitching two hitless innings.

Tyler Colvin had a two-run single and a double, giving the Cubs' No. 1 2006 amateur pick three doubles, a homer, a single and three RBIs in six at-bats.

Athletics 8, Brewers 7
PHOENIX (AP) — Ben Sheets acknowledged being a little nervous but insisted it had nothing to do with facing his former team. It was more about facing hitters for the first time in 17 months.

Sheets threw 1 2-3 healthy innings for Oakland.

Yovani Gallardo pitched two scoreless innings, and Gregg Zaun and Alcides Escobar each drove in two runs for Milwaukee.

Braves 11, Nationals 8
KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Yunel Escobar went 3 for 3 with two RBIs and two runs scored and Melky Cabrera had two hits and an RBI for the Braves. Rookie outfielder Jason Heyward had a hit and stole his second base of the spring.

Atlanta's new closer, Billy Wagner, gave up three hits and two runs in an inning. He followed Derek Lowe, who pitched two scoreless innings.

Ian Desmond homered and drove in six runs for the Nationals.

Pirates 5, Orioles 3
SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Zach Duke made his spring debut, pitching two innings to help Pittsburgh earn its first victory.

An All-Star last season, Duke is likely to start for the Pirates on opening day. He gave up one run and two hits before the Pirates rallied. Tony Sanchez, the fourth overall pick in the 2009 amateur draft, hit a tying homer in the eighth.

Adam Jones homered for Baltimore and Chris Tillman worked two perfect innings in his first start.

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Births



Violanda Michelle Mendoza

Violanda Michelle Mendoza, a girl, was born at 4:49 p.m. Feb. 2, 2010, weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Matthew Mendoza and Atchley Massingill, both of Big Spring.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Lori Massingill of Big Spring. Paternal grandparents are Violanda Mendoza and Gary Harris, as well as Robert Mendoza, all of Big Spring. Great-grandparents are Dan Whitaker, Louise Whitaker and Juana Mendoza, all of Big Spring and Grandma Cruz Subia of Lubbock. Great-great-grandparent is Lela Geer of Big Spring.



Marley Elizabeth Padron

Marley Elizabeth Padron, a girl, was born at 8:08 p.m. Feb. 19, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 18 inches long.

She is the daughter of Philip Padron and Malorie Paredez of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Rhonda and Ismael Paredez and Irma Padron.

She was welcomed home by sibling Gavin Padron.



Nicholas David Belew

Nicholas David Belew, a boy, was born Dec. 16, 2009, at Trinity Hospital in Charleston, S.C.

He is the son of Allan and Jessica Belew of Charleston, S.C.

Grandparents are Richard and Virginia Belew of Big Spring and Dominick Jr. and Debbie Ferraro of Lantana. Great-grandparents are Mary Hentze of Lewisville and Dominick Sr. and Josephine Ferraro of White Plains, N.Y.

Engagement

Burks and Ragsdale

Randy and Laurie Burks of Big Spring have announced the engagement of their daughter, Haley Elaine Burks, to Chase Ragsdale, the son of Randy and Diane Ragsdale of Lake Jackson.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, April 10, at the Cliffs Resort on Possum Kingdom Lake.

The prospective bride is the granddaughter of Leonard and Jimmie Burks of Big Spring and the late Don and Mary Ellen Proctor.

The future groom is the grandson of Ruth Ragsdale and the late C.R. Ragsdale of Henderson.

The bride-to-be graduated from Forsan High School in 2002 and received her bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from Texas Tech University. She is currently employed by NewsWest 9, as the morning anchor in Midland.

The groom-elect graduated from Brazoswood High School in 2001 and earned his bachelor's degree in personal financial planning from Texas Tech. He is currently employed by Moya Financial Services in Odessa.



Haley Elaine Burks and Chase Ragsdale

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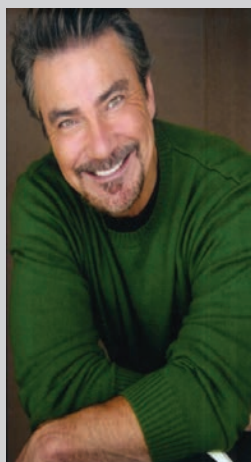
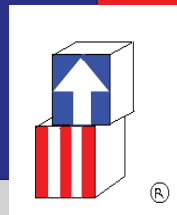
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He is a child advocate, author, and actor. Mr. Rivers became involved in preventing violence against women and children in 1999 and became the leading activist for this cause.

Focus: Father Power Graduation

Topic: Domestic Violence: "It's Everyone's Issue"

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Tickets: Individual Tickets—\$50 each person
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Event Sponsor Tables for 8 people—Red—\$1,000
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Please be seated ten minutes before 7 p.m.

17th Annual Staff Recognition/Training Conference March 9-12, 2010

On Friday, March 12, 2010, at 1 p.m. we have the distinguished privilege of having Judge Glenda Hatchett to speak at our Community Partners Luncheon and Staff Service Awards.

Judge Glenda Hatchett, is a Reality TV star, author and 2 time Emmy nominee. She wrote the national bestseller, Say What You Mean and Mean What You Say, which is about her professional experiences as a jurist and her experiences as a mother of two boys.

Topic: "A Promise To Keep"

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ented than it is right now.”

Thomason is part of a group of local citizens that recently filed a lawsuit against the city of Big Spring, claiming the government agency failed to meet the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act when it called an emergency meeting in January. Also named as plaintiffs in the suit are Steve Campbell, Thomas Tafuro, John Huckabee, Joe Hernandez and Mary Musik, all members of the Concerned Citizens Council.

The city has responded only briefly to the suit, with City Attorney Linda Sjogren saying, “We at the city were, and still are confident the circumstances present on Jan. 6 of this year met the legal requirements for an emergency meeting.”

Should Thomason win his bid for mayor before the lawsuit is settled, the local man could find himself in a rather interesting position.

“If I’m elected, I could end up suing myself,” said Thomason with a laugh. “In that case, I’ll have to remove myself from the lawsuit. As mayor, I would be expected to represent the city and the citizens, so it would be the only re-

sponsible thing to do.”

Troy Tompkins, financial services professional and incumbent to District 5 on the council, has also filed for another term. District 5 is the only council seat up for election and Tompkins is unopposed at this point.

In Coahoma, three seats will be up for voters to decide in May. At-large seats held by Linda Luce, R.L. Coates and Brandon Atkins will be on the ballot.

Luce and Zach Johnson, a firefighter with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, have filed. Coates has not filed to this point, while Atkins has indicated he will not seek another term in the office.

In the city of Forsan three seats will be on the ballot this year, as Mayor Roger Hudgens and council members Allie Lansford and Dianna Walker have all filed to run for re-election. According to Hudgens, no challengers have filed to run at this time.

Forsan isn’t the only Crossroads city that could possibly skip the May election, as races in Stanton haven’t yet drawn any challengers.

Mayor Lester Baker’s seat on the council will be on the ballot, along with council members Ronnie Christian (District 1), Michelle Kidd (District 2) and James Jenkins (District 3). Baker recently announced he will not be seeking re-election, with at-large

councilman Tommy Haislip, an AT&T employee, currently the only candidate who has filed to run for mayor.

According to Stanton officials, if Haislip is elected mayor, his councilman’s seat will be vacated and will need to be filled, either with a special election or by appointment. Christian, Kidd and Jenkins have all filed to seek another term and have yet to draw challengers.

According to officials with the city of Ackerly, no municipal seats are up for election this year.

Early voting in both municipal and educational board elections is slated for April 26 through May 4. All Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan early voting will take place at the county courthouse in the elections office, located on the third floor.

The deadline for political hopefuls to file their candidacy is Monday, according to Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom.

Election day is May 8. For more information on the election or voter registration, contact the Howard County Elections Office at 264-2273.

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ISDS

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drawn any challengers, Waggoner said.

Coahoma ISD has attracted four challengers for the two available at-large seats up for election this year: Brandon Atkins, a supervisor at Plains Pipeline, Ashley Niblett, manager of op-

erations at Wilson Systems, Michael Brooks, a farmer, and Mike Blizard, owner of Cat Construction and a former board member, Administration Secretary Judy Dobbs said. Neither incumbent, Sissy Franklin or James White, has filed to date.

The most crowded race has developed in Ackerly, where seven

candidates are vying for two at-large seats on the Sands CISD board. Incumbent Michelle Zant has been joined by challengers Nate Avey, Jody Farmer, Blayne Archuleta, Nelda Saldivar-Franco, Matt Snell and Michael Wigington on the ballot, Superintendent Wayne Blount said.

In other area races:

- Forsan ISD — Incumbents Tom Bill Kuykendall and Chris Evans have filed for re-election. No challengers have filed for the at-large posts.

- Stanton ISD — Incumbents Daniel Ramos (District 1) and Darren Patrick (District 5) have filed election papers, said Superintendent David Carr.

- Howard College — Incumbent trustees Murray Murphy (District 2), Larry McLellan (District 3 unexpired term) and Maxwell Barr (District 4 unexpired term) and Michael Flores (District 1) have filed election papers, Executive Assistant Julie Bailey said.

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SHOW

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30 and 40 displays from club members and others that spotlight different aspects of amateur geology.

“Those displays are both educational and fun to look at,” Lamb said, “because they show just what an individual can collect.”

Also at the show are several demonstrations. Club members are educating visitors about fa-

ceting stones, working with cabochons (stones that have been shaped and polished as opposed to faceted) and bead making.

Special demonstrations are being held for wire wrapping and silver smithing, Lamb added.

Another annual feature of the show are displays highlighting several rock and gem-related items for sale. Lamb said 13 dealers from across Texas and New Mexico — and one

from Michigan — are manning booths this weekend.

“Most of the items for sale are jewelry, rough stones you can shape or polish on your own or finished stones you can buy and have mounted,” Lamb said. “They’ll also have mineral specimens ... and gems ranging in price from fairly cheap to quite expensive.”

A spinning wheel for children — Lamb guarantees a prize every spin — is available, as is a snack bar.

Lamb encourages persons interested in becoming a rockhound to simply show up at one of the club’s meetings, which are held at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at 606 E. Third.

Yearly dues are \$8 for individuals and \$15 for families.

“But (the show) is our only fund-raiser of the year,” Lamb said. “The dues barely cover the cost of our monthly bulletin, but what we make off the show helps us

operate the club during the year.”

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COUNTY

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county.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas will discuss personnel considerations and a payroll report, while County Clerk Donna Wright will present commissioners with a plat proposal.

County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson is also listed on the agenda to

report on pipeline crossings and road maintenance.

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact Barr’s office at 264-2202.

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NFL free agency: Peppers moves to Chicago

NEW YORK (AP) — Julius Peppers found a new home and a big payday as the NFL's free agency period opened with a few teams doling out some serious dough.

The Chicago Bears were the biggest spenders Friday, agreeing with Peppers on a six-year deal worth potentially \$91.5 million. Agent Carl Carey said a record \$42 million is guaranteed, with Peppers earning \$20 million in the first year.

"It's one thing to play football in this league and make a living," Pepper said, "but it's a totally different thing to come to a place with a rich tradition like the Bears."

The five-time Pro Bowl defensive end joined Chicago in the biggest move by a team that showed it's fixated on contending again after missing the playoffs the past three seasons.

The Bears also added running back Chester Taylor from Minnesota and blocking tight end Brandon Manumaleuna from San Diego.

"You always shoot for the stars, and hopefully if you don't get there you're going to wind up high anyhow," general manager Jerry Angelo said.

The New York Giants also got in on the action, making Pro Bowler Antrel Rolle the richest safety in the league in the waning hours of the opening day of the first offseason without a salary cap since 1993.

Rolle signed a five-year, \$37 million contract that has \$15 million in guaranteed money.

Agent Drew Rosenhaus tweeted the announcement late Friday, offering his personal congratulations to Rolle on becoming "the highest paid safety in NFL history!" The Giants formally announced the deal around 11:30 p.m.

"I'm ecstatic," the 27-year-old Rolle said. "Words can't really express how I feel now. I had five great years with the Cardinals organization. But I felt it was time for a change."

Miami and Atlanta were also active, with the Dolphins agreeing to terms with Rolle's former Arizona teammate, linebacker Karlos Dansby, and the Falcons and cornerback Dunta Robinson also coming to terms.

Dansby agreed to a \$43 million, five-year deal, a person familiar with the negotiations said. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the Dolphins didn't announce an agreement. The contract includes \$22 million guaranteed and will pay Dansby \$27 million over the next three years.

The deal was part of a big one-day shake-up in the Dolphins' defense. Miami terminated the contracts of disgruntled outside linebacker Joey Porter, inside linebacker Akin Ayodele and free safety Gibril Wilson.

Robinson and the Falcons agreed to terms

on a six-year deal, a person familiar with the negotiations said. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no contract had been signed. Financial terms of the agreement were not immediately available.

Cornerback Antonio Cromartie, a former All-Pro who struggled in coverage last season for San Diego, was traded to the New York Jets. Receiver Anquan Boldin was traded from the Arizona Cardinals to the Baltimore Ravens.

The Cleveland Browns restructured the final three years of the six-year deal Pro Bowl return specialist Josh Cribbs signed in 2006.

In other moves Friday, linebacker Gary Brackett, the leader of the Indianapolis defense, re-signed with the Colts; All-Pro fullback Leonard Weaver re-signed with Philadelphia for three years; Oakland re-signed free agent offensive lineman Khalif Barnes to a one-year contract; and Detroit, coming off two wins in the past two seasons, upgraded its defense by trading with Cleveland for tackle Corey Williams and agreeing to a four-year deal with end Kyle Vanden Bosch.

Carolina waived longtime starting quarterback Jake Delhomme — in teary fashion.

A year after the Panthers gave Delhomme a lucrative contract extension, the only quar-

terback to lead them to the Super Bowl was released to make way for new starter Matt Moore. A career-high 18 interceptions in 2009 and 23 in his final 12 games did in Delhomme.

Cromartie should become a starter opposite All-Pro Darrelle Revis in the Jets' secondary. New York gave up a conditional draft pick for a former All-Pro who has had off-field issues.

"I think this is going to work out for me and the Jets organization," Cromartie said. "I'm not going to let them down in any way."

The Cardinals received a third- and fourth-round pick in the 2010 draft for the 29-year-old Boldin. He caught 84 passes for 1,024 yards and two touchdowns last season and gives quarterback Joe Flacco a much-needed deep threat.

Boldin received a new four-year, \$28 million deal with Baltimore in which \$10 million is guaranteed.

Cribbs has a new three-year contract after two seasons of threats, broken promises and back-and-forth negotiations. The agreement includes \$7.5 million in guaranteed money. Cribbs is the NFL's career leader with eight kickoff returns for touchdowns.

"It's been a long road," Cribbs said. "It worked out. We reached a good compromise. I'm happy to wear this uniform proudly, as I've been saying the whole time."

Roethlisberger under investigation after sexual assault claim

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's night of bar-hopping in a central Georgia college town ended with a new allegation against him after a 20-year-old college student told police he sexually assaulted her in a nightclub.

The two-time Super Bowl winner already faces a lawsuit from a woman who claims he raped her in 2008 at a Lake Tahoe hotel and casino, an allegation he strongly denies. Roethlisberger has not been charged in either case.

The latest accusation came early Friday in downtown Milledgeville, about 85 miles southeast of Atlanta and about 30 miles south of the lake home the player owns.

Roethlisberger, who turned 28 on Tuesday, and two or three friends went to Buffington's bar earlier Thursday night to watch the University of Pittsburgh men's college basketball game, said Paul Kurcikevics, a 24-year-old college student.

He said the group was friendly, at first joking that Roethlisberger was not the NFL player. Kurcikevics said Roethlisberger bought shots for him and some other people in the bar: "O-Bombs," a mixture

of energy drink and flavored rum.

The student said Roethlisberger got excited at the end of the game, when a Pitt player hit a 3-point shot at the buzzer to win 73-71 and avoid an upset by Providence.

The group later went to The Brick restaurant nearby, owner Frank Pendergrast said.

"He was very polite with everybody," Pendergrast said. "He was down here from about 11:30 until about 1:30 having a good time, talking to a lot of people. Looked like he was signing autographs and letting people take pictures. Other than that, it was really uneventful."

Roethlisberger was later seen at Capital City, a popular nightclub for students at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville. The club was bustling Friday night, with a country band playing and a \$20 cover charge.

One patron, 21-year-old college student Brandon Harris, said he saw Roethlisberger come in the night before with two or three big men, who were keeping other club goers away from the player. Harris said the group went into a curtained VIP area in the back of the club, and some women were let inside.

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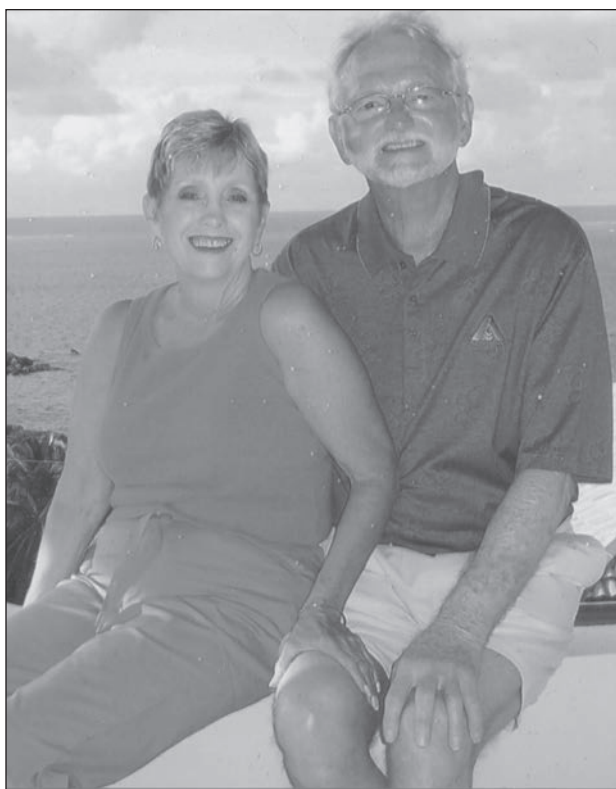
Wooten 50th anniversary

Gerald and Bobbie Wooten celebrate their 50th anniversary April 2. They were married in 1960 in Big Spring. They have three children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

They are members of the 14th and Main Church of Christ.

They will celebrate with family at the Gaylord Texan Hotel overlooking Lake Grapevine, then will be on a Western Caribbean cruise with family.

Wishing you a happy anniversary!



Bobbie and Gerald Wooten

► Military

Army Pvt. Ivory F. Sheffield has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, Sheffield received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, as well as experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

He is the son of Shirley Shef-

field of San Antonio and Ivory Sheffield Sr. of Big Spring and is a 2008 graduate of Taft High School in San Antonio.

Navy Seaman Johnathan D. Loper, son of Susan and Jeral D. Loper of Big Spring, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. with honors.

During the eight-week program, Loper completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

An emphasis was also placed

on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet.

"Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Loper is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School.

► Who's Who

Erin Neill Partee of Orlando, Fla., graduated Dec. 12, 2009, from the

College of Engineering at the University of Texas, Arlington. He earned a bachelor of science in industrial engineering. Erin is a 2004 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Throughout his coursework at UTA, Erin fulfilled positions within companies as well as campus organizations. Notable positions included quality engineer intern with the Stanley Works Industrial Tools Division and research assistant working under Dr. John Priest in the Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering Department. Erin also held a seat as engineering senator within the UTA Student Congress and executive positions with Sigma Chi Fraternity.

He is the son of Alan and Della Partee.

Lubbock Christian University held commencement exercises in December and among those who graduated were Donald M. Ewing and Elizabeth Stovall.

Ewing graduated with a master of science in organizational leadership. He is the son of Alice Ewing and the late Richard L. Ewing of Big Spring and is married to Diane Ewing.

Stovall graduated with a master of business leadership.

She is the daughter of Martin and Sandra Norwood of Colorado City and is married to Adam

Stovall.

PORTALES — Drew Lynn Wells, a graduate of Coahoma High

School, made the Dean's List for the fall semester at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

She is an art major. To

► Menus

Coahoma ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Pancake, sausage on a stick, juice, milk; Lunch: Homemade burritos, chips, baby carrots, fruit, milk. Corn dogs.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Meatloaf, creamed potatoes, corn, bread, milk. Barbecue beef on bun.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Pop Tarts, ham, applesauce, milk; Lunch: Shake and Bake chicken, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, bread, milk. Burritos.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Green enchiladas, salad, apples, milk. Hot Pockets.

Friday — Breakfast: Donuts, sausage, apple-

sauce cups, milk; Lunch: Chicken patty on bun, salad trays, chips, oranges, milk.

Stanton ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Pancakes; Lunch: Barbecue on a bun or grilled ham and cheese sandwich, french fries, vegetable sticks, rosie applesauce, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Oatmeal; Lunch: Pizza or pizza cheese sticks, green beans, garden salad, pears, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage, gravy; Lunch: Baked turkey or country steak, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, peaches, rolls, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: French toast sticks; Lunch: Beef tacos, flour or corn tortilla, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Burrito; Lunch: Hamburger or cheeseburger,

baked chips, vegetarian beans, hamburger salad, orange slices, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Hot dog, tater tots, ranch style beans, baby carrots, fruit, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, Orange Smiles, brownie, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage on a stick, juice, milk; Lunch: Ravioli, green beans, garlic toast, sliced peaches, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fruit mix, juice, milk;

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Every 2 minutes, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted.
Here's the math. According to the U.S. Department of Justice's National Crime Victimization Survey — the country's largest and most reliable crime study — there were 248,300 sexual assaults in 2007 (the most recent date available.) Help is available through the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800.656.HOPE, and online at www.rainn.org, or locally at Victim Services 432-263-3312 24/7 www.vsofbigspring.com

"It was our last hurrah before graduation, the last time we would be together as a group. Good Times! How did I end up alone? How can I explain to my parents I will not be going to college but facing up to 20 years for Sexual Assault? This was not suppose to happen I had a scholarship."

RAINN's Top 10 Spring Break Tips Include

1. **Get to know your surroundings** before you go out and learn a well-lit route back to your hotel or rental property.
2. **Always carry emergency cash** and keep phone numbers for local cab companies handy.
3. **Form a buddy system** with close friends and agree on a secret "butt in" signal for uncomfortable situations.
4. **Trust your instincts.** If you feel unsafe in any situation, go with your gut.
5. **Avoid being alone** or isolated with someone you don't know and trust.
6. **Don't accept drinks** from people you don't know or trust.
7. **Never leave your drink unattended**, and if you do lose sight of it, get a new one.
8. **Always watch your drink** being prepared.
9. **Try to buy drinks in bottles**, which are harder to tamper with than cups or glasses.
10. **Avoid putting music headphones in both ears** so that you can be more aware of your surroundings, especially if you are walking alone

Sexual assault is a crime of motive and opportunity. Unfortunately, there is no surefire way to prevent an attack. If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, please know that the assault is not your fault and that you are not alone. Help is available through the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800.656.HOPE, and online at www.rainn.org, or locally at Victim Services 432-263-3312 24/7 www.vsofbigspring.com

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EDITORIAL

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Filing deadline
nears for city,
school races

The filing deadline for those interested in serving as a public school trustee, council member or mayor is fast approaching. That doesn't mean there isn't still time to think it over, but very little, because anyone considering a candidacy in the May 8 elections needs to do so no later than 5 p.m. Monday.

There are plenty of positions up for election, including seats on the Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma city councils and the Big Spring mayor's post; all of the area's school boards, save for Grady and Garden City which elect trustees in November; and the Howard College Board of Trustees.

However, as we have noted in this space before, our purpose is not to encourage involvement simply for the sake of having contested races.

No, the decision to seek one of these positions is one that should only be made after considerable thought.

It was somewhat troubling though to learn last week that at this late date, only half of the school board elections feature contested races.

The men and women who serve on these boards help shape the future of our schools and our communities. Their decisions affect each one of us in some way, whether it is the amount of taxes we pay, the services we receive or the quality of education that our children and grandchildren get in the classroom.

They don't teach, coach or put in water lines or fill potholes, but their decisions determine priorities and how funds should be allocated to accomplish those tasks.

We've also mentioned before — and won't hesitate to add again — that these individuals serve as role models for our communities and schools, representing us not only on the boards they serve, but many times on a broader scale, such as regional service centers and councils of governments.

And finally, before deciding to seek office, a potential representative of the school district or city must decide to work for the good of the entire community. They must be willing to study all sides of an issue and not rush to judgment.

Because of these weighty responsibilities, the decision to seek office as a school board trustee, councilperson or mayor is one that should be made carefully.

OK, so it's no secret I'm a Facebook junky. I'm also a text messaging addict, and I'm sure there are plenty of other diversions I spend way too much time on centered around technology, electronics and the Internet.

However, every once in a while that bland world of digital mayhem drops a little jewel in my lap and I'm reminded just how powerful the worlds created by technology are and how they can arouse emotions that have laid dormant for far too long.

I recently copied and pasted a status update — yes, I hate it when those tidbits, reminiscent of chain letters from the 1970s, just as much as the next guy — from my friend Aimee Walker, a former Big Spring resident now living on the outskirts of Austin. It read:

“A veteran is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to, and including their life. That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country today who no longer understand this fact.”

How very true.

Thanks to the ongoing controversy of an unpopular war, and what is turning out to be, at least here in the Lone Star State, an unpopular federal administration, so many Americans seem to have lost touch with the massive sacrifices made by the fighting men and women of our armed forces.

This morsel of wisdom immediately made me think of my father, who served in Vietnam

Hey, maybe it's going to catch on

THOMAS JENKINS



in the U.S. Air Force. It made me think of some of the veterans I've made friends with since moving to West Texas, like U.S. Marine Don Boiling — call him an ex-Marine at your own peril, because as most military-wise people have been educated, there's no such thing — and Jerry Groves, who both served in or during the Vietnam era.

It made me think of Richard Hunsucker, the Green Bay, Wis., man who is walking across the nation to raise awareness for the Disabled American Veterans. It made me think of my uncles, Carl and Billy, who, along with my father, served in Vietnam despite the rule that brothers didn't have to serve together during wartime.

That blank check is the reason we get to say the Pledge of Allegiance instead of salute a red flag marred by a swastika.

That check, written time and time again, is the reason we get to choose where we'll live, what church we'll attend or not attend and where we'll go to school.

It's been said millions of times, but I think it merits a million-and-one: Freedom isn't free. It's paid for in blood, sweat and tears.

It's paid for by the men and women who stepped up to the plate and said, “Yeah, this country isn't perfect, but it's certainly worth fighting for.”

There's a bond of brotherhood between all veterans, whether they served in Vietnam, the Middle East, or mopped floors in a NCO club in Hawaii.

And while there has always been a high level of competition — OK, so maybe that's an overly-friendly word — between those serving in the different branches, make no mistake about it, each would sacrifice themselves to save their brethren without a second thought.

That bond is hard for people

who have never experienced it to understand. Those that have never sat around a table with the spouses of soldiers, tears streaming down their faces because all they want in the world is to have the man or woman they love come home safely and in one piece, might struggle with the concept, and, in a sense, that's a sad sign of the times.

However, it's hard to blame those with a lesser understanding.

Family values lie in a state of ruin for many, maybe even most. Faith and beliefs are crumbling under the weight of hatred and misplaced aggression, and, most unfortunately, it's simply easier to not care. It's easier to turn a blind eye to the sacrifices of our soldiers than to begin the monumental task of sorting out the plethora of emotions and feelings what they do on a daily basis elicits.

Granted, not everyone in this world is soldier material. Whether it be emotional or physical defects, I know plenty of gung ho Americans that were unable to serve, despite their wishes. And, while they will never wear the uniform, there's nothing in this world to stop them from showing much-needed respect and love for the men and women who do.

OK, so I'm off on a rant right now, and I know it's not a veteran-related holiday.

However, do we really need a federally-mandated holiday to say thanks to a veteran?

Let me kick off the effort by offering my thanks and gratitude to our nation's veterans, old and young, here in the pages of the *Big Spring Herald*.

Who knows, maybe it will catch on.

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



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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We live in a world where nothing is perfect except You, Lord.

Amen

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would just like to say, thank you Big Spring and especially Boyd's Auto Glass. I had a friend from when I was in the Army call me last Friday; he needed some help and tried to stop in two different cities to get it, but didn't have any success until he got here.

He'd had a back glass in his vehicle knocked out while traveling from Fort Polk, La., to Tacoma, Wash. Everywhere he stopped, nobody would help him the same day — even when he explained he was fresh back from Iraq and traveling home. He said he even pointed at the buisness sign, “We support our Troops,” at one place.

Once he got here, I went down to Boyd's Auto Glass first thing in the morning and they said, “Yes we will do everthing we can to help.” I was told they would not go home until everything was done.

When I took my friend to diner and to the store, everyone that spoke to him told him, “Thank you for all you do,” or “Thank you for serving.”

He later asked, “Why is everyone so nice?”

JEREMY BLOUNT
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Please let me take this opportunity to say thank you to the Big Spring High School Student Council for supporting Marcy Elementary by working with the students during our Jump Rope for Heart activities.

Everyone had a great time. The spirit and great attitude of the BSHS students is impressive.

My thanks also to the parents and students that supported Jump Rope for Heart. The event was a huge success.

CINDY NEW
MARCY ELEMENTARY TEACHER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I believe in saving water. I believe the world will one day run out of water. But why, in Big

Spring, do we let the fire hydrants run for up to four or five hours when “flushing” them to reduce the sediment in them, in case our dedicated fire people need to use them?

Wouldn't 10 to 30 minutes be sufficient? And once a week instead of the two or three times per week?

HILDA CRAVEN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

According to the bard of Yankee Stadium, Yogi Berry, it is “de ja vu all over again.”

Our streets and infrastructure are in shambles. When you drive the streets, you must wonder: Do I need the services of a chiropractic adjustment; check the front end of my car; have the dentist check the fillings in my teeth?

Do not despair! We shall have our seven-figure golf course renovation; a \$450,000 golf pro shop; the athletic facility northwest of town; the fiasco on Main Street downtown. The only good thing about the Main Street disaster: the city fathers finally decided,

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Grienke stymies Rangers in spring debut

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Zack Greinke spent spring training last year working on a changeup and ended up with a 9.21 ERA — then he dominated the regular season and won the Cy Young Award.

What will he do this year now that he's off to a stellar start?

Greinke allowed one hit over three scoreless innings in his first spring outing and the Royals beat the Texas Rangers 4-2 Friday.

Greinke struck out three and walked none. David Murphy's two-out first inning single was the only hit he allowed.

"There were opportunities for them to capitalize, but for the most part

it was pretty good for the first outing." Greinke said. "The first outing is usually not good. I probably never had a first good outing before, so that was a little surprising. The changeup was real good."

Greinke, who had a 2.16 ERA last year, threw mostly fastballs and changeups and needed only 27 pitches, 19 for strikes, in three innings.

"He made it look pretty easy for his first outing," Royals manager Trey Hillman said. "He was very efficient. He didn't have any trouble getting through three frames."

Hillman said there was no thought of sending Greinke out for the

fourth even though his pitch count was low.

"I hate to say this because you love that efficiency, but from a stamina and building arm strength, you might want to see a few more pitches than that," Hillman said. "I feel sure we can get him where he needs to be."

Greinke, the perfectionist, listed four mistakes he made.

"The first pitch of the game should have been hit harder," he said of the pitch Julio Borbon popped out to shortstop. "It was a pitch to hit. I threw a pitch to (Nelson) Cruz that really was not a bad pitch, but during the season he hits. But he grounded out on it.

GRADY

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the third round of the playoffs for 15 straight years.

"We know their kids, and that makes it really satisfying," Harrison said. "They're a great team, and they were experienced."

The Wildcats started off the game red-hot from the floor while taking advantage of

some early Ira jitters. Grady used a 9-0 first-quarter run to take a 15-6 lead after the first frame. Cox scored seven points in the opening stanza.

"Since the end of district, practice games and into the playoffs, we've been starting well and playing well, and that just carried over," Harrison said.

But the Bulldogs would battle back in the second, closing the

first half on a 6-0 run that got them within eight at the break.

Ira closed that lead to five at the end of the third quarter in a fast-paced game. The Bulldogs kept chipping away at the lead until the final moments, when Juarez hit two three-pointers in the last half-minute to force overtime.

"Hats off to Grady," Edwards said. "One thing they do a good

Their shortstop (Elvis Andrus), I threw a ball where he probably likes it. He missed it because it's early. I hung a change up to Murphy and he did a good job of hitting."

Scott Feldman, a 17-game winner last season with the Rangers, gave up one run and three hits in two innings to take the loss. Billy Butler's double in the first scored David DeJesus for the only run off Feldman.

Rick Ankiel tripled in the fourth and scored on Alberto Callaspo's sacrifice fly for Kansas City's second run. Scott Thorman contributed a two-run pinch single in the eighth.

STEERS

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Saracho sacrifice fly. Xavian Parnell later came up with a two-out single to score Islas and Felton.

The Steers scored four in the third as Max Papajohn drove in Martin Yanez on a single, and back-to-back Islas and Felton singles drove in three more.

Garrett Stuteville earned the win for Big Spring (4-6), allowing

two runs, one earned, on three hits while striking out one and walking four in three innings. Jacob Acosta shut the door in the sixth and seventh, allowing one hit and striking out two.

The Steers face Snyder today to finish up the pool play tournament at 4:30 p.m.

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SOFTBALL

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Big Spring banged out two hits in the bottom half of the inning, which included a triple by Hunt, but the Lady Buffaloes' defense shut down a big rally and went on to win 4-1. Forsan's defense twice turned double plays to

kill Big Spring rallies in the game.

"We had key hits at the right time," said Forsan coach Shanna Roberts. "We had good discipline at the plate and played great defense."

Lady Steers head coach John Sparks knew his club was in for a battle before the game.

"It's a Howard County thing," said Sparks.

"We struggled at the plate tonight and made a couple of errors at the wrong time."

Check Monday's results for a tournament recap.

Forsan 13, Midland Lee JV 3
Forsan 323 140 -- 13 18 1
Lee JV 003 000 -- 3 4 1
W- Buzbee

Forsan 4, Big Spring 1
Forsan 000 041 -- 4 5 0
Big Spring 000 001 -- 1 5 2
W- Buzbee; L- Hunt

SCORES

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Friday's scores:
Blue Division — Forsan 13, Midland Lee JV 3; Big Spring 5, Pecos 0; Midland Lee JV 10, Pecos 4; Forsan 4, Big Spring 1;
Silver Division — Monahans 8, Snyder 1;

Early 12, Odessa JV 2; Snyder 14, Odessa JV 4; Early 2, Monahans 1; Orange Division — Midland JV- bye; Jim Ned 5, Ft. Stockton 0; Midland JV 10, Jim Ned 2;

Red Division — Clyde 15, Sweetwater 0; Midland Christian 5, Crane 2; Sweetwater 7, Crane 3; Clyde 6,

Midland Christian 2; Purple Division — Levelland 11, Seagraves 8; Greenwood 6, Merkel 5; Merkel 18, Seagraves 0; Greenwood 4, Levelland 1;

Green Division — Loraine 8, Colorado City 3; Roosevelt 9, Monterey JV 2; Colorado City 7, Monterey JV 2; Roosevelt 6, Loraine 2;

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Alon reports quarterly results, declares dividend

Special to the Herald

DALLAS — Alon USA Energy Inc. has announced results for the quarter and year ended Dec. 31, 2009. Alon had a net loss, excluding special items, of \$65.4 million, or \$1.39 per share, for the fourth quarter of 2009, compared to net income, excluding special items, of \$65.1 million, or \$1.39 per share, for the same period last year.

On a GAAP basis, net loss for the fourth quarter of 2009 was \$90.6 million, or \$1.93 per share, compared to net in-

come of \$60.9 million, or \$1.30 per share, for the same period last year.

Alon reported a net loss, excluding special items, of \$82.7 million, or \$1.77 per share, for the year ended Dec. 31, 2009, compared to net income, excluding special items, of \$6.6 million, or 14 cents per share, for the same period last year. On a GAAP basis, net loss for the year ended Dec. 31, 2009, was \$115.2 million, or \$2.46 per share, compared to net income of \$82.9 million, or \$1.77 per share, for the year ended

Dec.31, 2008.

“At the end of 2009, we converted preferred stock of our Krotz Springs subsidiary into Alon common stock at a conversion price of over \$14 per common share,” commented Alon’s CEO Jeff Morris. “The conversion increased total stockholders’ equity by approximately \$106 million and in effect created a gain of approximately \$55 million that is not reflected in our financial statements with a non-cash expense of approximately \$21 million that is included

in our financial statements.

“Our availability under our credit facilities was approximately \$150 million at year end,” he added. “In addition, we were able to obtain, with the support of our majority shareholder, a \$60 million credit facility for three years to be used in our operations. Also, we improved our liquidity by selling two thirds of our investment in Holly Energy Partners for approximately \$23 million in January 2010. At year end our tax receivable was approximately \$65

million and, to date, we have received refunds of approximately \$31 million. Even in this challenging environment we were able to maintain our net debt to total capitalization by reducing net debt during 2009 by approximately \$189 million.

“Alon Refining Krotz Springs successfully issued \$216.5 million of senior secured notes in October 2009 and completed the exchange of substantially all these

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HERALD photo/Matt Price

From left, Dr. Jody Reid, Tessa Reid and Dr. Howard Hornsby stand over one of their therapy tables at Back in Motion Chiropractic.

Business spotlight:

Back in Motion Chiropractic a perfect blend for partners

By MATT PRICE

Special to the Herald

In life, the best of two worlds consists of having a job that you love to do and also having a job that allows you to pursue other passions. For the chiropractors at Back in Motion in Big Spring, what is only a dream for some is reality for them.

“I love my job,” said Dr. Howard Hornsby, one of the partners of the business. “I love helping people feel better and I also love going on mission for Jesus Christ and using my gifts and talents for Him.”

Indeed, Hornsby is a busy man. He sometimes works seven days a week. When he does take some time off it is usually to pursue his other passion.

“I have been all over the world — Ireland, South America, Israel, Africa — when I am giving away

my professional skills I can also be free to share the Gospel.”

Such trips are made possible by an understanding partner in Dr. Jody Reid, and both have found the perfect fit.

“We worked together for a long time here in Big Spring and decided three years ago to open a practice together,” said Hornsby. “We both understand each other’s goals and desires and we both never dread a day of coming to work.”

In those three years, the pair, along with Reid’s wife, Tessa, who is the office manager, have built a thriving, growing practice that has seen them outgrow their original building.

“We needed more space,” said Tessa Reid. “Not only for the growth that we have seen in patients but also for the goal of being able to provide more services to our community.”

One of the first steps in reaching that goal was accomplished a few months ago when a new building was built and opened that was twice as big as the old one and had better parking for the patients.

“We now have a full service spa with all of the amenities,” Tessa added. “We will soon provide services like laser removal of spider veins and chleation which is a technique of de-plaquing blood vessels. We are on the verge of a deal with a local physician who will oversee these new medical procedures that we will be offering.”

To that end of offering a more complete wellness experience for their patients, a whole other wing of the new building has been set aside for what will be coming in

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Energy Watch



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

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



Many times we have stated that in the stock market you must listen to the message of the market and not lecture it about what you believe it should be doing. This is hard to do, as it represents the suppression of one’s own opinion to a much higher source — the message the market gives by its actual performance.

The direction of the market is a product of the mood of investors and how they perceive the fundamentals when they look out a year or so. We have been in a bull market since March 9, 2009, when a bottom was reached and investors started to anticipate an improving economy in a year or so.

Well, here we are about a year later, and the bulls were correct. The manufacturing side of the economy has come back pretty solidly.

So far, the economic recovery is pretty classic with the labor market lagging behind. The jump in temporary hirings is a positive and we believe the labor market has probably bottomed.

However, it will be years before we see 5 percent unemployment.

The stock market has been in a fairly muted correctional phase during recent weeks. Coming after the 70 percent leap by the S&P 500 from the March 9 lows, this time-out should have been no surprise.

Is the correction over? Well, no one knows for sure. More important, however, is that the message of the market presented by its fairly benign correction is that downside risk is not great and that the bull market is in a time-out, not a top-out.

Everyone knows our nation faces many serious problems both here and abroad. Our domestic political environment is not working well, and the people feel very underserved by most politicians on both sides of the aisle. And yet the stock market continues to act well because our economy is acting well and is recovering from the financial crisis.

In recent years, commodities and alternative investments have been very popular, and that is understandable, as the S&P 500 has shown no overall progress during the past 10 years. Thus, the idea to buy and hold quality stocks paying dividends is currently not popular.

It should be. American industry is recovering. Valuation levels are attractive.

Most folks are into instant gratification from exotic asset classes. History has proven that you usually don’t make and keep money by chasing popularity. The buy-and-hold-good stocks philosophy is now unpopular, so values are there. The market has been saying this for almost a year.

Listen to the market, but don’t lecture it.

We don’t believe in setting a target for the market by year-end but a P/E of 15 times the popular estimate of \$80 a share would put the S&P 500 at the 1,200 area. Market action says that is certainly possible and the general direction of that projection fits with market action.

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Papa Chon’s Manager Anna Gomez, with scissors, is joined by employees and Chamber of Commerce representatives at ribbon-cutting ceremonies to mark the grand opening of the restaurant, located at the intersection of Fourth and Owens streets.

West Texas Energy Summit to be held in Big Spring

Special to the Herald

State Rep. Joe Heflin has announced that he and the Permian Basin Petroleum Association (PBPA) are hosting the West Texas Energy Summit on Tuesday at the Dora Roberts Center in Big Spring.

The Summit, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will provide a forum for Texas legisla-

tors from West Texas, energy industry experts, PBPA members and elected officials from Howard, Sterling, Irion, Reagan, and Borden counties to discuss the challenges and changes for the energy industry in West Texas.

“I am honored to have Big Spring host this summit,” said Heflin. “It is an excellent opportunity to discuss

Texas’s rapidly diversifying energy industry. I appreciate the members of the Texas legislature coming to join the industry experts to discuss trends and other changes taking place in the industry.

“The audience will hear the experts and the legislators discuss a major part of the economy of Texas.”

Legislators participat-

ing in the panel discussions along with Rep. Heflin include State Sen. Kel Seliger (Amarillo) and State Rep. Jim Keffer (Eastland), Tom Craddick (Midland), Tryon Lewis (Odessa), Drew Darby (San Angelo) and Warren Chisum (Pampa).

Industry representatives included in the panel discussions are from Tenaska (clean coal), Association of Electric Companies of Texas (electricity), Luminant (nuclear), Wind

Coalition (wind), and Oncor (transmission issues).

Rep. Heflin expressed his appreciation to all of the panelists for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in this important event.

“For over 100 years, the oil and gas industry was the economic engine that fueled our economy,” Heflin said. “Today, Texas must look at all sources of energy. Texas is now the nation’s No. 1 producer of wind energy.

“We must also examine the potential for clean coal and nuclear energy. This summit brings some of the best and brightest minds in the energy industry together to help ensure that, as an industry and as legislators, we know what needs to be done and that we chart a course on how to get there.”

For more information about the West Texas Energy Summit, call Rep. Heflin’s District Office at (806) 675-0017.

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LETTERS

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after fits and starts, the width of the median. The rationale behind the median was it would reduce the number of fender benders. If anything, it will only compound the problem.

I almost forgot the \$4.2 million water park project. It is amazing how a few people can appear with a pet project. Immediately the city fathers act as though they are Pavlov’s dog — always in the affirmative.

It is unconscionable to pay off a bond issue, keep the existing tax rate intact and use the funds to apply to another pet project. In other words, once a tax rate is established, it goes into perpetuity until more taxes are added as well.

I remember the late U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough, who said some 50 years ago in a radio address, “We are the richest nation in the world and can afford anything we want.” Now we are some \$12.3 trillion in national debt.

I think the Big Spring taxpayer is getting is a royal finessing.

ADRIAN RANDLE
BIG SPRING

so that the plumbing repair can be completed. Then you find that had we not supported our local economy to start with, we could have saved hundreds of dollars — not a mere \$10 or \$20, but hundreds on a project.

I believe in helping our community by supporting it. But I also think local businesses should be a bit more reasonable and help the community as well.

And I won’t even begin to tell you the complaints I’ve had with the one cable company in this city, Suddenlink. It’s almost criminal that they have been allowed to maintain a monopoly on cable TV. I have already filed a formal complaint with the FCC on their lack of customer service.

It would be nice if both the city council and county government would look into bringing a different cable company that actually cares about customer service. Maybe that would lower costs for our community, as well as provide a reason for Suddenlink to focus more on the people they serve in this area.

MARA HUSS
BIG SPRING

as a means of encouragement, especially in front of a student’s peers.

In a system in which the students are governed by teachers, which are governed by the principal, It must be paramount that the principal lead by example.

I feel some of the core values have been misplaced in regard to fostering a positive approach to special circumstances. In several recent events involving Big Spring High School students, who are struggling with science and mathematical concepts, the students have been called out in front of their peers and humiliated.

These are not trouble makers, yet the principal felt the need to stand and humiliate and step on these young people’s self esteem. Wow, what a leader! We do not need leaders of this kind in our school systems. It saddens and appalls me to think of how many of our young students may have been made to feel out of place due to the principal.

CHERI J. MURRAY
SPRING BRANCH

TO THE EDITOR:

In today’s fast paced life, there are more negative influences than can be accounted for. We need to commend and celebrate the positive attributes of each individual to help bolster the lesser qualities, in order to allow personal growth.

Positive affirmation is the only acceptable means of encouragement offered by the staff and most importantly the high school principal to help young people grow and become productive adults.

The predisposed ability based on circumstance (birth defects, health issues and mental capacities) should not factor when attempting to encourage one of our young people to achieve society’s standards.

Our students should never be made to feel ashamed or apprehensive about trying their best.

Our mentors and role models should never make or offer negative personal or achievement-based comments



TIMOTHY E. HOPKINS, MD
Board Certified in Neurological Surgery

Dr. Hopkins is available in Big Spring monthly for neurosurgery evaluations and consultations at Family Medical Center, 1501 W. 11th Place.

Next clinic date:
Monday, March 22

Dr. Hopkins is affiliated with Shannon Clinic in San Angelo. He received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in Jackson and completed his residency in neurosurgery at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He has lived in West Texas and practiced at Shannon Clinic since 2004.

Dr. Hopkins’s specialties include:

- general neurosurgery
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notes with publicly registered notes in February 2010,” Morris continued. “In connection with the issuance of the senior secured notes, we prepaid in full the outstanding obligations under the Krotz Springs term loan. As a result, we incurred a non-cash pre-tax charge of approximately \$20 million for the write-off of unamortized costs on the Krotz Springs term loan in the fourth quarter of 2009. “In January 2010, we started up the alkylation unit at our Big Spring refinery that had been inactive for almost two years, negatively impacting our 2009 margins on average, by approximately \$1.80 per barrel or pre-tax income of approximately \$40 million.” Alon is pursuing the purchase of the Bakersfield refinery from Big West of California, a subsidiary of Flying J Inc. as an alternative solution to convert its vacuum gas oil production into gasoline and distillate products. The Krotz Springs refinery was shutdown in November for turnaround and capital projects work and is expected to be back in operation in April. Morris said the company’s asphalt

business remained strong in 2009 as adjusted EBITDA, excluding inventory effects and including earnings in asphalt partnerships, was \$57.3 million and equivalent to 2008 on the same basis. As a result, Morris said he looks forward to this upcoming asphalt season. “Also, our retail and branded marketing segment continues to show increased sales volumes over prior periods,” he added. “The silver lining is that our management has been through down cycles before and we are beginning to see reasons to be optimistic about the end of this down cycle,” Morris said. “In 2009 the strategy of Alon has become even more clear to us and we have become keenly focused on the heavy duty fleet. We believed before we made the investments in Paramount and Krotz Springs that demand of fuels for the heavy duty fleet, primarily distillates, would exceed demand for the light duty fleet, primarily gasoline.” Special items for the fourth quarter of 2009 include an after-tax loss of \$11.6 million for the write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs related to the full prepayment of the Alon Refining Krotz Springs Inc. term loan and an after-tax gain of \$400,000 recognized on disposition of assets. Also, special items include divi-

dends of \$12 million associated with the conversion by Alon Israel of its preferred shares in Alon Refining Louisiana to Alon common stock and accrued dividends of \$2 million on the preferred shares in Alon Refining Louisiana prior to conversion. Special items for the fourth quarter of 2008 include after-tax losses of \$35 million associated with inventories acquired in the July 2008 Krotz Springs refinery acquisition due to the impact of lower commodity prices; \$6.1 million

incurred for costs associated with the Big Spring refinery fire and after-tax gains of \$37.8 million recognized from the involuntary conversion of assets due to the Big Spring refinery fire; and \$1 million recognized on disposition of assets. Special items also included accrued dividends of \$2 million on the preferred shares in Alon Refining Louisiana. Refinery operating margin at the Big Spring refinery was \$2.87 per barrel for the fourth quarter of 2009.

SPOTLIGHT

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the next couple of years. “I am studying to be a nurse practitioner,” said Dr. Reid. “When I complete my course of studies we will then be able to offer basic medical services along with the natural wholeness therapies of the chiropractic practice and the spa.” Of course, in order for Dr. Reid to complete his course of study, he needs some understanding in return from his partner, which is gladly given. In order to provide the extra services, Back in Motion will bring in another chiropractor. Although the business is thriving in Big Spring, the doctors and

staff at Back in Motion know that staying connected to their community is the key for continued growth. “Most of the patients come here because they

are hurting or have a chronic problem,” said Hornsby. “After a couple of months they may not come in as much — but by that time I have made a friend for life.”

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KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: I have been married for seven years and have two children from a previous relationship.

Some time ago, my husband was diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

While we were dating, he showed no sign of mood swings or disturbing behavior, but it has surfaced since we began living together with my children.

Most parents would be happy for their children to take out the trash, wash their own dishes and clean their rooms and bathrooms, which is what my children do.

My husband, however, blows his lid when the new trash bag isn't tied properly to the trashcan or, heaven forbid, someone doesn't properly close the dishwasher door or there are a few drops of water left on the sink after they wash their hands.

He doesn't like socializing and has alienated us from many friends and family members because nobody wants to be around him.

He is paranoid and always wants the blinds closed and the doors shut.

His mood goes up and down on a daily basis, and therefore, so does mine. I have told him I

don't think his behavior is healthy or normal, but he says I'm too sensitive.

I'm an emotional wreck and feel like giving up. How do I know whether this really is PTSD or something else? What should I do? — *Stressed Out*

Dear Stressed: It actually doesn't matter what the reason is. Your husband's behavior is over the top, and he needs to get it under control.

Having PTSD, bipolar disorder, anger management issues or any other problem is not carte blanche to treat others poorly.

You are suffering, and more importantly, so are your children.

Your husband could benefit from counseling, and you should urge him to get it.

You also can find excellent information through the VA National Center for PTSD (ptsd.va.gov).

Dear Annie: My mother-in-law works for the Board of Elections. She is constantly looking up personal information about people and passing it on.

I know this because she tried to hand me a local TV reporter's home address so I could drive by and see his big house.

She has looked up information on my husband's ex-girlfriend and most recently told me she looked up a candidate's voting history and gave it to another candidate's team.

Isn't it against the law to be looking up, let alone passing out, this personal information? Couldn't she get fired? — *Not a Gossip Monger*

Dear Not a Gossip: Most complaints of misconduct center on abuses that may affect the outcome of the election.

Every state is different, and what your mother-in-law did was nosy and unkind, but it may not have been against the law or a violation of the rules set down by her local Board of Elections.

Addresses and voting history are public knowledge. Had she given out a Social Security or driver's license number, that would be a different story.

Dear Annie: Like "Bad Daughter-in-Law," my husband and I were essentially the "Bank of Connecticut" for my sister and her family.

I cannot possibly tell you how much money we gave them for one emergency after another.

Because we were able to help, we did — and did and did. Never once was it appreciated or even beneficial, because it was mostly laziness and spontaneous spending that got them into financial trouble.

Our so-called loans just ended up buying them more time.

Our marriage did not survive the disagreements over this, even though we still loved each other.

The guilt I felt because my sister and her husband were not "getting ahead" made me a very angry person — angry with myself.

No one owes relatives who refuse to work for what they need. This writer and her husband should get on the same page and shut down the candy shop. They must give their relatives the

opportunity to do for themselves. If they fall on their faces, they will learn on their own how to get back up. — *Brookfield, Conn.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Large Item Pickup

The Large Item Pick area for March is District 1. District 1 is primarily the northwest area of Big Spring extending from Business 80 to I-20 and east to North Gregg. During Large Item Pickup, the City of Big Spring will be picking up items placed on the curb on March 26, 2010. If a citizen needs items picked up, they

must call the Code/Permit Office at 264-2504 by March 25, 2010. We do anticipate a large amount of items this year. To ensure that each district gets the attention it deserves, we will not be going out of district this year. The success of this program depends on the cooperation of our citizens. We need our citizens to get the information out. If you know of someone that would benefit from this program, please make certain they are aware it. If you know someone that is unable to move large items to the curb, please take the opportunity to help them. With cleanup and Large Item Pickup being done, this is also a good time for citizens to begin preparing flower gardens and other areas for spring. The City compost facility is offering free wood chips to those in need. If an area has a large need for chips, delivery can be arranged.

In conjunction with Large Item Pickup, Code Enforcement will be concentrating our efforts in District 1. During the month of March we are extending our due dates for new complaints. In the past, a seven to ten day grace period has been given to anyone out of compliance with City Code. During the month of March, all new cases will be given until the last day of the month to comply. Citations will be issued to all non-compliant cases on April 1st. Our hopes are that with the extra time given to comply in conjunction with Large Item Pickup, we can begin to see a noticeable difference.

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‘Hurt Locker,’ ‘Avatar’ duel for top Oscar honors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — This year’s race for Sunday’s top prize at the Academy Awards is anything but predictable.

In recent years, the drama has generally been sapped by a glut of earlier award shows that spell out what films will win at the Oscars before the show starts.

But with the best-picture lineup expanded to 10 films instead of the usual five, the science-fiction spectacle and box-office behemoth “Avatar” is going head-to-head with the low-budgeted, low-grossing Iraq war story “The Hurt Locker.”

The acting prizes look as predictable as ever, with Oscars expected to go to Sandra Bullock as best actress for “The Blind Side,” Jeff Bridges as best actor for “Crazy Heart,” Mo’Nique as supporting actress for “Precious” and Austrian Christoph Waltz as supporting actor for “Inglourious Basterds.”

“Avatar” won best drama at the Golden Globes, traditionally a good gauge for how the Oscars might play out. But the Globes were nearly two months ago, the first major ceremony in the long buildup to the Oscars. A lot has happened since.

“The Hurt Locker” dominated honors from Hollywood trade groups, including guilds representing directors, writers and producers. It also won best-picture and five other prizes at the British Academy Film Awards.

The films bring some

behind-the-scenes drama. “Avatar” director James Cameron and “The Hurt Locker” director Kathryn Bigelow were married from 1989-91, making this the first time ex-spouses have competed for the directing Oscar.

Bigelow would be the first woman ever to win best director, a prize Cameron earned with 1997’s “Titanic,” whose box office records have been shattered by “Avatar.”

And one of Bigelow’s fellow producers on “The Hurt Locker,” Nicolas Chartier, has been barred from attending the Oscars after he ran afoul of the awards rules by sending e-mails to academy voters urging them to support his film over “Avatar.”

Overseers at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences took some heat after doubling the field to 10 films last summer.

Many actors, filmmakers and others in Hollywood wondered if the Oscars had lowered their standards by letting so many films into the best-picture race, sources said.

But the move has brought a different energy to the show, both for producers with films in the running and TV viewers who have gradually lost interest in the Oscars. The ceremony’s TV ratings sank to an all-time low two years ago, then bounced back a bit last year.

The top awards were utterly predictable both years, “No Country for Old Men” dominating two years ago and

“Slumdog Millionaire” winning last time.

Oscar organizers say they sense greater interest in the awards all-around, from the A-list lineup that will strut the red carpet outside Hollywood’s Kodak Theatre to the stargazers watching on TV at home.

“People seem to be talking about the movies.

The idea that we’ve gone to 10 is something that’s been a little controversial to some people, even though we’ve done it before,” said Tom Sherak, academy president. The Oscars often had 10 or more best-picture nominees until 1943.

“It’s created a conversation about the movies, and I don’t think there’s a clear-cut winner. We want it to be fun to watch, for people to have an interest in seeing what’s going to happen with these 10 movies,” Sherak said.

Also in the running for best picture: the football drama “The Blind Side,” the science-fiction thriller “District 9,” the British teen tale “An Education,” the World War II saga “Inglourious Basterds,” the Harlem story “Precious: Based on the Novel ‘Push’ by Sapphire,” the Jewish domestic chronicle “A Serious Man,” the animated adventure “Up” and the recession-era yarn “Up in the Air.”

Along with “The Hurt Locker,” which took in just \$12.6 million domestically, competitors such as “An Education” and “A Serious Man” have found relatively

small audiences.

The lineup is balanced with huge hits, led by “Avatar,” the biggest modern blockbuster with \$700 million

domestically and \$2.6 billion worldwide. “Up” and “The Blind Side” both topped \$200 million domestically, while “Inglourious Basterds”

and “District 9” were \$100 million hits.

Oscar TV ratings tend to rise in years when big hits are among the front-runners.

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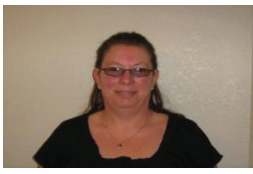
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tries his hand at laparoscopic "surgery" while fellow Explorers Kasey Fitzgibbons, Chase Pierce

and Krista Hernandez provide encouragement. Also participating were Iris Martinez, Amber Grandstaff, Misti Trevino and Leticia Bazaldua. General Surgeon Ladd Hoffman, MD, (above) was explaining laparoscopic surgical techniques to the group.



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.

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

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Return to Sender

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 9 7 4
♥ K Q 6 3
♦ 8 6 5
♣ K 9

EAST
♠ 3
♥ A 10 9 8 7 5 2
♦ Q J 4
♣ 10 4

WEST
♠ 8 6 2
♥ J
♦ A 10 9 2
♣ J 8 7 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 5
♥ 4
♦ K 7 3
♣ A Q 5 2

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 3♥ 3♠
Pass 4♠

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Certain deals present declarer with an opportunity to use his wits rather than technical prowess. However, an alert defender should almost always be able to see through such a ruse and find the necessary counter-measure.

That was the case in this deal where South wound up in four spades after a pre-emptive three-heart opening by East. West led the jack of hearts, and declarer took stock of the situation.

South realized that if he covered the jack with the queen, East would win with the ace and probably shift to a diamond. If West had the diamond ace, this would result in rapid defeat.

To defuse this threat, declarer played low from dummy at trick one! South reasoned that by allowing West to hold the lead, the king of diamonds would be protected from attack, after which making 10 tricks would pose no problem.

South's plan would have worked like a charm if East had been asleep at the switch. However, East viewed this Greek gift with grave suspicion. It was obvious that declarer had the missing four of hearts since South would automatically have covered the jack with the queen if he were void in the suit.

So East overtook the jack with the ace, even though this established dummy's K-Q as tricks, and shifted to the queen of diamonds to set the contract.

East reasoned that South had not covered the jack of hearts because it was not in his best interests to have East on lead at trick two. But, thought East, if declarer didn't want him on lead, then it must be correct to take the lead.

East was right.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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TO Unknown Heirs of Vada Doyle Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday 8th day of March, 2010, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Big Spring Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 16th day of October, A.D. 2009, in this case, numbered 46817 on the docket of said court, and styled, CitiMortgage, Inc Vs.

David Laymon Doyle, Shannon J. Creswell, Kelly Doyle Reitzer, Bradley Browning, Randall Mark Browning and The Unknown Heirs at law of Vada Doyle

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Accounts, Contracts and Notes as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring, Texas this the 19th day of January A.D. 2010.

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By Brandie Martinez, Deputy
#6428 February 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 2010

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Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, American Self Storage which is located at 3314 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at American Self Storage 3314 East F.M. 700 Big Spring, Texas. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property may be sold item by item or in batches, or by the space. All sales are subject to Texas State Sales Tax. Sale is on the contents of: Tenant: Patricia Diaz
Unit #13
Consisting of: Boxes, Christmas wrapping paper, lounge chair, plastic containers & mattress.
#6451 March 7 & 14, 2010

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LOUISE COTTER, Deceased, were issued on February 23rd, 2010, in Cause No. P-13826, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: James Carlton Fambro.

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: **James Carlton Fambro**
7807 Ave. V
Lubbock, Texas 79423

DATED the 23rd day of February, 2010.

GLYNNA MOUTON
Attorney for
James Carlton Fambro
State Bar No.: 14606500
200 West Third Street
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone: (432)263-7676
Facsimile: (432)263-8686
#6453 March 7, 2010

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No. P-13,811
ESTATE OF MICHAEL NORMAN MOORE, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of MICHAEL NORMAN MOORE, Deceased were issued on the 4th day of March, 2010, under Docket No. P-13,811, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Elaine Ocoee Moore.

Claims may be presented in care of Elaine Ocoee Moore to the estate addressed as follows:

Estate Michael Norman Moore
c/o Elaine Ocoee Moore
2610 Carol Street
Big Spring, TX 79720

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

DATED this 4th day of March, 2010.

ELAINE OCOEE MOORE, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Michael Norman Moore, Deceased
#6458 March 7, 2010

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

TO: Helen Miller, Merle J. Stewart, Lucille Collins, Lola Belle Rix, Keith M. Stewart and Laverne Yeatman, as Stockholders of Forsan Townsite Company

All unknown heir of M.J. Stewart if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lts 3 & 4, Bk 28, Original Town, City of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value-\$600.00 Amt. owed-\$40.04

Lt 8, Bk 28, Original Town, City of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value-\$93,525.00 Amt. owed-\$8,827.28

Lt 12, Bk 28, Original Town, City of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value-\$100.00 Amt. owed-\$6.71

Lts 13 & 14, Bk 28, Original Town, City of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value-\$27,525.00 Amt. owed-\$3,377.86

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$12,251.89, 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 JEFF KESTER, INDIVIDUALLY AND DBA ROYALTY SUPPLY INC., by petition filed on, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JEFF KESTER, INDIVIDUALLY AND DBA ROYALTY SUPPLY INC., 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 5742 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 5th day of April, 2010 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 26th day of February, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.

#6457 March 7 & 14, 2010

Legals

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

TO: Anselmo Hilario

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

W/2 of Lt 9 and all of Lt 10, Bk 11, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$4,302.61, 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 ANSELMO HILARIO and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 29, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ANSELMO HILARIO, 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 5744 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, se-

curing 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 5th day of April, 2010 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 26th day of February, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.

#6456 March 7 & 14, 2010

Legals

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

TO: Raymond Lopez and
Cindy Lopez

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

The South 25 feet (S/25') of Lt 9, and all of Lts 10 & 11, Bk 2, W.J. Gordon Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value- \$37,106.00 Amt. owed-\$2,131.64

Lt 12, Bk 2, W.J. Gordon Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Assessed Value- \$2,000.00 Amt. owed-\$183.90

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,315.54, 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 RAMOND LOPEZ AND CINDY LOPEZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on January 20, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. RAMOND LOPEZ AND CINDY LOPEZ, 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 5642 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 5th day of April, 2010 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 26th day of February, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.

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TO: B.F. Carr and wife, Lillian Carr, R. P. Porter and wife, Lillian Porter, C.D. Buck and wife, Gilda Buck if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A tract of land out of Sc 31, Bk 33, T1N, Howard County, Texas described by meets and bounds on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,045.82, 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 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LOCKHART FOUNDATION, B.F. CARR AND WIFE, LILLIAN CARR, R.P. PORTER AND WIFE, LILLIAN PORTER, C.D. BUCK AND WIFE, GILDA BUCK and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 6, 2004, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LOCKHART FOUNDATION, B.F. CARR AND WIFE, LILLIAN CARR, R.P. PORTER AND WIFE, LILLIAN PORTER, C.D. BUCK AND WIFE, GILDA BUCK, 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 4682 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(s), 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 5th day of April, 2010 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 26th day of February, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
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Venus slips into the realm of Aries, a strong position for the planet of love and beauty. While she explores this fire-sign warrior whose motto is "I am," we get in touch with who we really are. What's attractive about you? Give yourself a challenge and you'll find out. Push yourself for the sake of learning your boundaries, as well as your strengths.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today brings a bouquet of pleasurable moments, though they will all come disguised as everyday events. As you slow down to watch pretty clouds in the sky or children playing, you'll get back in touch with your joy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't need a beauty overhaul. And yet, spending more time and money on your physical self will bring you the wonderful sense of luxury that you've been missing lately. Tip: Fellow Taurus will make an ideal companion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Focus on your own achievements (instead of wasting time analyzing the so-called "competition") and you'll begin to see yourself differently. As your idea about who you are expands, so will your reality.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is no such thing as an attention thief in your realm, since you give your love freely to anyone who needs it and otherwise mind your own business. Your remarkable powers of focus will serve you well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A sense of meaning is not something you strive for to get bonus points



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

in life. It's actually a necessity, as important to your survival as food and water. You'll search your heart to become clearer about your purpose.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When was the last time you went to the library? As you peruse reading material you wouldn't normally look into, you'll find gems of knowledge that are both personally significant and enjoyable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take initiative. Be the one to decide and make something happen. The sense of control that comes with this act will empower you. It could even produce a profound turnaround in one area of your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Look on your past with compassion and optimism. Even if you weren't thinking very positively back then, you can retroactively change your experience by looking at the best parts now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Spending money on others usually makes you much happier than does spending money on yourself. However, today is an exception. There are a few choice items you need, and you'll enjoy picking them out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Listening to someone is a gift you can give that doesn't cost you any money. But it does take a good chunk of your time. You'll have an hour to spare, and a loved one could really use your ear.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Charity doesn't feel like an effort for you. Altruism and giving are a part of your everyday life -- it's just who you are. This is why you'll be among the

happiest people in your crowd.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Why is it that you're able to find the gems in a situation that has others griping endlessly? It's because happy people like you see opportunities that disgruntled people miss.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 7). Helping others is the key to helping yourself. You make the world a better place this year, dedicating yourself to improving the experience of your loved ones, as well as your community members. You'll win office or be promoted in May. You'll gain a mentor in April and be one to someone else in November. Virgo and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 31, 20, 44 and 18.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: What's life without risk? Even the lowliest one-celled amoeba at one point in time risked everything to crawl to land. And with all the changes being thrown our way this week, we all benefit from an attitude of flexibility. The swirl of astrological developments starts now. The moon careens through adventurous Sagittarius, increasing our need for excitement. Then Venus enters a fire sign, as well -- Aries. Doing the minimum to get by will seem like the dumb idea it is. Venus in Aries is all about proving yourself, even when others don't care. It's about finding out who you are by posing challenges, pushing past limits and exceeding your own expectations. Mars is in a fire sign, too-- proud Leo. Men and women will do their best while trying to impress one another. Mercury and Jupiter come

together in Pisces to add a spiritual dimension to this spirit of competition. The games we play have a meaning that goes beyond the moment in which we are playing them. And at some point, they cease being games at all. Our endeavors, even the playful ones, become our lives.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Academy Award-winner Rachel Weisz is another example of a Pisces who had a strong idea about her career path early in life. She was a model at 14 years old and was winning acting awards for her work on stage in her early 20s. Pisces is the sign of old souls and also of great intuitive powers. Many Pisces rely heavily on intuitive guidance to navigate their careers, and it works brilliantly.

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Get to the heart of the matter

Many of us begin the New Year with a bang: health resolutions, new habits and good intentions – and after a few weeks, it's not unusual to lose momentum and slack off on your newly adopted exercise regime or diet. Then, there's that pesky chocolate holiday in February to contend with.



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Each year, the American Heart Association designates February as Heart Health Month. What better time to brush up on your knowledge about being kind to your heart? Certain routine tests provide valuable information about your health outlook and help you know how to best care for your heart: blood pressure, cholesterol level, and waist circumference.

Blood pressure

Your blood pressure measures the force of blood pressing against the arteries as your heart pumps blood. It is represented by two numbers, the systolic and diastolic. Your systolic pressure is the measurement of pressure while your heart is pumping blood, and diastolic pressure refers to your heart's pressure at rest.

A normal blood pressure reading is a systolic (top) number under 120 mmHg and a diastolic (bottom) number under 80 mmHg. Prehypertension – a condition of elevated risk for high blood pressure – refers to blood pressure readings between 120-139 (systolic) and 80-89 (diastolic). Prehypertension can be managed with diet, exercise and medi-

cation, but can also advance to full-blown hypertension: 140-59 over 90-99 mmHg.

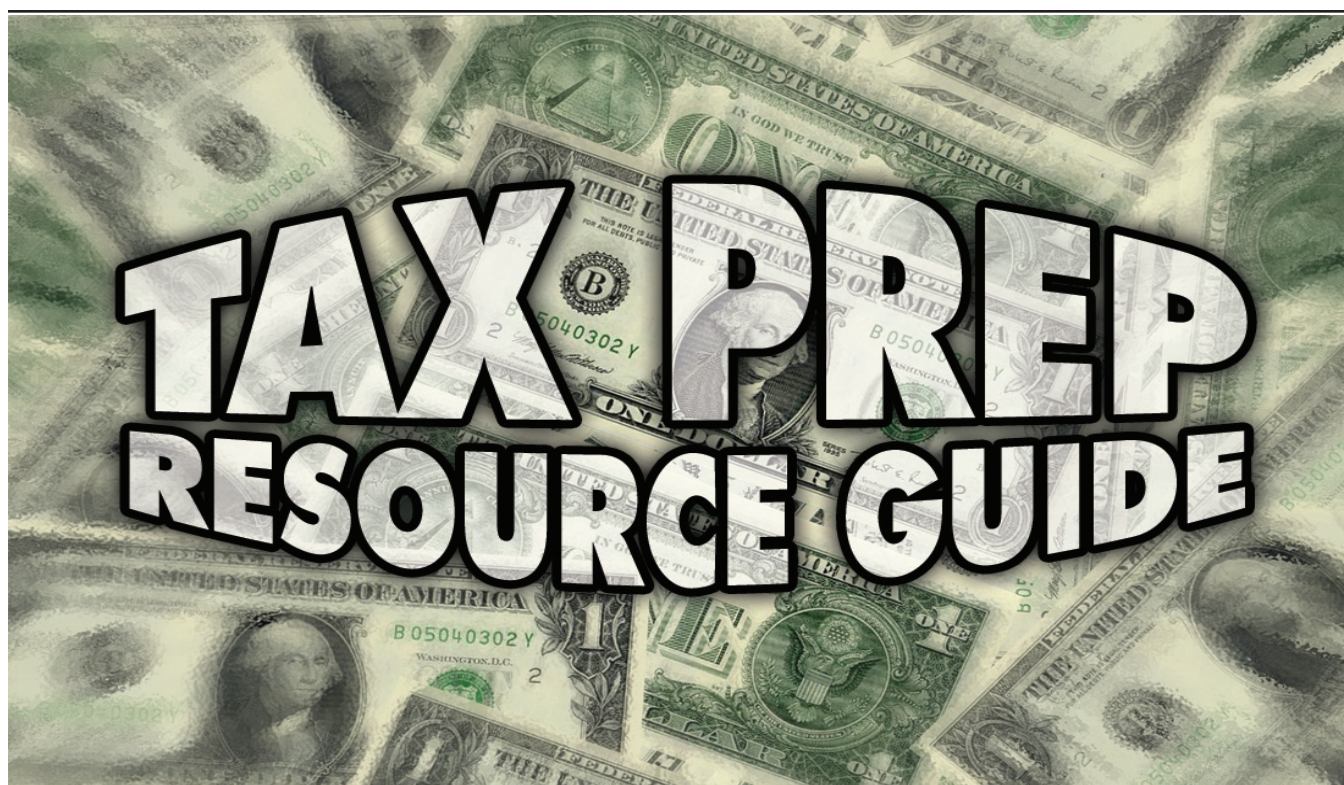
According to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, about one in three U.S. adults have high blood pressure. And, because high blood pressure has no symptoms, many people have the condition for years without knowing it. High blood pressure is also called "The Silent Killer" for that reason: it is usually asymptomatic. That's why it's important to know your blood pressure so that you can make appropriate lifestyle choices and, if necessary, begin treating the condition with medication. Left untreated, high blood pressure can damage your heart, blood vessels, kidneys and other organs. It can lead to coronary artery disease, heart failure, stroke, kidney failure, and other serious health conditions.

Blood pressure also rises with age. Men over age 45 and women over age 55 have an increased risk of hypertension. Other factors, such as your ethnic background, a family history of high blood pressure, or being overweight or obese, can elevate your risk. There are other risks for high blood pressure that you can control, such as avoiding high-sodium foods, smoking, excessive use of alcohol, and getting regular exercise. The biggest single risk for hypertension is your family history. If a parent or sibling has been diagnosed with it, it's a good idea to start checking your blood pressures at least 1-2x per year.

Cholesterol level

Keeping the heart and blood healthy go hand-in-hand — the level of cholesterol in the blood is a major factor in your

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Friday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, fruited gelatin, milk.

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Monday — Breakfast: Cereal, sausage patty, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken patty, corn, fruit cocktail, milk.
Tuesday — Breakfast: Biscuits, chicken patty, juice, milk; Lunch: Cheeseburger Mac, broccoli, cheese sauce, Orange Smiles, rolls, milk.
Wednesday — Breakfast: Baked cheese sticks, fruit cup, milk; Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sliced apples, rolls, milk.
Thursday — Breakfast: Pancake sausage on a stick, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fajitas, tortilla, ranch beans, Spanish rice, apricot cobbler, milk.
Friday — Breakfast: UBR cookie, juice, milk; Lunch: Cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, rosy applesauce, fruit, milk.

Senior Center

Monday — Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, biscuit, pear halves, milk.
Tuesday — Baked pork tenderloin, broccoli and rice casserole, tossed salad, rolls, banana pudding, milk.
Wednesday — Beef tips with peppers and onions, parslied buttered noodles, seasoned beets, rolls, mixed fruit, milk.
Thursday — Barbecue beef, pinto beans, relish plate, cornbread, blackberry cobbler, milk.
Friday — Fried catfish, french fries, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit, milk.

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heart health. Cholesterol is a naturally occurring substance in the blood that is necessary for producing cell membranes and certain hormones, and supporting other body functions. Its bad reputation comes from the health problems that occur when there is too much cholesterol in the blood. High blood cholesterol is a primary risk factor in heart disease and stroke.

Approximately 75 percent of the cholesterol in our blood is produced in our bodies, and 25 percent from the food we eat.

The amount of cholesterol your body produces is determined by your genetic background. A blood test ordered by your doctor will measure the total blood cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein (LDL, also known as “bad” cholesterol), high-density lipoprotein (HDL, also known as “good” cholesterol), and triglycerides.

A total cholesterol level of less than 200 mg/dL is desirable; 200 to 239 mg/dL is considered borderline high; and

240 mg/dL or above is considered high blood cholesterol. According to the AHA, a total cholesterol of 240 mg/dL and up more than doubles the risk of heart disease.

In addition to your total cholesterol score, it’s important to know how your numbers add up. A high HDL number — above 60 mg/dL — is considered ideal, as this protects against heart disease.

An LDL cholesterol level of less than 100 mg/dL is optimal, but levels of 100-129 mg/dL are also acceptable.

The ideal LDL score varies from person to person, depending on your genetic background and other risk factors for heart disease or diabetes. In recent years, physicians have discovered that in patients with existing coronary artery disease, an LDL number below 70 will reduce the risk of progression of disease. Also, aggressive reductions of LDL to less than 70 is a good idea if you are diabetic.

The American Heart Association recommends that all adults age 20 and over have a cholesterol test at least every five years. Your physician may test your cholesterol more frequently if you have high cholesterol or risk fac-

tors.

Waist size Are you an ‘apple’ or a ‘pear?’

A slender waist is not just a matter of looking good, but also maintaining good health.

Numerous studies have linked waist size with heart health. People who carry fat around the waist — an “apple” shape as opposed to a “pear” shape — are more likely to develop health problems than those with extra weight in the hips and thighs, even if their body mass index falls in the “normal” range.

Guidelines published by National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, in cooperation with the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease set a healthy waist limit of 35 inches for women and 40 inches for men.

Extra weight around the middle raises your risk of a variety of other conditions, in addition to heart disease: diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke, cancer, sleep apnea, liver disease, gallbladder disease and osteoarthritis.

Test your heart health knowledge

Are you heart smart? Find out with our interactive quizzes and health assessments found on www.smmccares.com.

Simply click on the “Health Resources” tab and then “Interactive Tools.” There you will find interactive quizzes and health assessments on: Heart Health, Blood Pressure, Heart Disease, Stroke, Cholesterol, Pre-Diabetes, Type 2 Diabetes and more.

To measure your waist circumference, place a tape measure around your bare abdomen just above your hip bone.

The tape should be snug (without pressing inward on the skin) and your stomach should be relaxed.

Remember that this information is not intended to replace the advice of your doctor, but rather to increase awareness and help equip patients with information and facilitate conversations with your physician that will benefit your health.

You can learn more about blood pressure, cholesterol and other heart healthy advice by visiting www.smmccares.com and clicking on the Health Resources link or

contact Dr. Scott Barclay at Cornerstone Family & Sports Medicine.

Dr. Barclay is a board-certified family practitioner, with more than 13 years experience in caring for a broad range of health concerns. His office is located on the second floor of the Malone & Hogan Clinic. To schedule an appointment, please call 264-6361. Check out his web site at www.BigSpringDoc.com

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