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Jurors sought for assault trial

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Jury selection in the trial of a 27-year-old Big Spring man facing multiple charges — including aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon — is set to begin in 118th District Court Monday



Lewis

morning.
Brian Christopher Lewis, 27, currently being held at the Howard County Detention Center, was indicted Feb. 3 on charges of deadly conduct, unlawful possession of a firearm by a

felon and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

According to officials with the District Attorney's Office, Lewis will face a number of charges during the trial, including burglary of a habitation with intent to commit aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (enhanced first-degree felony), aggravated

assault with a deadly weapon (enhanced first-degree felony) and two separate charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon (both enhanced second-degree felonies).

Lewis was apprehended Dec. 14, 2011, at a residence in the 500 block of Young Street during a drug sweep carried out through Big Spring by local,

state and federal law enforcement officers and arrested on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the Aug. 22, 2011, altercation took place when

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Students get ready for classes

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Ready or not, here it comes.
With the start of the new school year less than two weeks away, Howard County school districts have announced times and dates for students to pick up schedules or meet their teachers.

Classes begin Aug. 27 at Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan. Big Spring High School officials announced the following schedule pick-up times:

- Seniors — from 9 a.m. until noon Wednesday.
- Juniors — from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday.
- Sophomores — from 9 a.m. until noon Thursday.
- Freshmen — orientation will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium. Schedules will be distributed at that time.

Orientation for Big Spring Junior High will be held Wednesday in the main gymnasium. Sixth grade orientation will be at 5 p.m., followed by seventh graders at 6 p.m. and eighth graders at 7 p.m.

Big Spring's elementary campuses will all have open house events prior to the start of the new school year. Those times and dates include:

- Moss Elementary — 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday. A hot dog supper will be served;

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HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

As part of Relay For Life fundraising, H.E.B. Department Manager Felix Hernandez had to kiss a pig Friday. For one week, jelly beans were collected in a jar and the person with the most had to kiss the pig. Hernandez won the competition with 714 jelly beans collected. More than \$400 was collected for Relay. Additional fundraisers are planned throughout the year for Team H.E.B.

Arson possible fire cause

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Staff Writer

Two abandoned structures, located about six miles north of Big Spring, burned Thursday night.

According to Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan, a house fire call — on FM 669 — was received around 11:30 p.m. Thursday.

"Upon arrival we found not one, but two structures were engulfed in flames," Sullivan said.

Due to the location of the fires and in order to protect firefighters working the scene, Sullivan said crews allowed the fires to burn out.

There were no injuries in relation to the fires, but the structures were a total loss. The investigation of the fires have been turned over to

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Roads, raises top HC budget

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

A budget that is "99 percent complete" will get another long look from Howard County commissioners when they hold a special meeting at 10 a.m. Monday on the third floor of the county courthouse.

As it stands, Howard Coun-

ty's budget for the coming fiscal year will feature two major changes from the current package — increased money for the road and bridge department and increased employee salaries.

The road and bridge department will see its budget more than doubled for the coming year. That extra money will

be earmarked for seal-coating and edge repair work for county roads that have suffered significant damage from increased traffic the past few years, officials said.

"We've got some roads, particularly in the northwest part of the county, that because of heavy oilfield traffic are just about totally broken

up," County Judge Mark Barr said recently. "So we felt we had to do something to repair them ... and, unfortunately, that takes a lot of money."

Several county employees will see permanent raises, while others will receive

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Black bear sighted near San Angelo

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

A black bear or bears has been sighted within 100 miles of Howard County. That's according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

There is little concern a

bear would show up in the Big Spring area, but TPWD is advising landowners in San Angelo, Junction and the surrounding counties to be cautious.

The first of a flurry of sightings occurred Aug. 6 about 20 miles west of Junction.

This was followed by two sightings about 20 miles west of Menard on Highway 190 on Aug. 8, and then another on U.S. Highway 67 between Mertzon and Barnhart (about 30 miles southwest of San Angelo) Aug. 12.

"The drought and wildfires

have caused bears to disperse in search of food into portions of the state where they have not been seen for some time," said TPWD wildlife diversity biologist Jonah Evans, the department's bear

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Obituaries

Watson Eutha Fay Bryce

Watson Eutha Fay Bryce was born on Sept. 12, 1928, in Ira, Texas, and died Aug. 17, 2012, in Roswell, N.M. She was the youngest of six children of Theodore Frederick and Annie Belle Moore. She married Weldon Miles Watson on Jan. 18, 1946, in Big Spring, Texas, at 14th & Main Church of Christ. She lived in Big Spring for 22 years, Odessa for 24 and Roswell for 16.

Fay was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ and was a Sunday school teacher for many years. They have a son, William Leslie Watson and daughter, Susan Arveta Watson. Fay was preceded in death by James Bryce and Lester Bryce; and sisters, Lillie Underwood, Ina Lee Thompson, and T.L. Griffin. She is survived by her husband; son and his wife Jan; and daughter; a grandson; a sister, Ann Israel; and countless nieces, nephews and friends. Graveside services are scheduled for 3 p.m., Monday, Aug. 20, 2012, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas, 6900 S. U.S. Highway 87. Friends may pay their respects online at www.lagronefuneralchapels.com Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

Dr. Wendell Phillips Stampfli Jr.

Former Big Spring resident Dr. Wendell Phillips Stampfli Jr., 97, died Sunday, July 1, 2012, in Peterborough, N.H. A graveside memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, 2012, at Fairmount Cemetery in Denver, Colo. He was born Oct. 22, 1914, in McDonald, Penn. The family moved to Big Spring, where Dr. Stampfli graduated from high school. He worked in the oilfield in this area and later attended the University of Texas and the UT Medical School, completing his MD in 1940. He retired from medicine in 1979. Wendell is survived by daughter Judy Dennis and husband Guy of Amherst, N.H.; daughter Carol Ferrin and husband Leo of Brighton, Colo.; son Wendell and wife Betsy of Estes Park, Colo.; son Steve of White Salmon, Wash.; and son Martin of Salt Lake City, Utah; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by wife Carol in 2009, mother Laura Louise Schayes Stampfli in 1981, and father Wendell Phillips Stampfli in 1974. Donations may be made to the Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation, 2055 High Street, Denver, Colo. 80205. Visit www.jellisonfuneral-home.com for updated service information.

Edward Eugene Jones

Edward Eugene Jones, 83, of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012, in a local nursing home. Private family services will be held at the Texas Veterans Cemetery in Abilene. He will lie in state at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home through Sunday, Aug. 19, 2012. He was born Oct. 10, 1928, in Hermleigh, Texas, and married Dorothy Rae Derr on Dec. 27, 1974, in Houston. He worked for T&P Railroad and for GAMCO/Math Master. He had also owned restaurants in Lawton, Okla. Edward served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He was a member of the Church of Christ and the American Legion. He attended college at Abilene Christian College and Tarleton State University. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Rae Jones of Big Spring; one son, Bart Jones of Austin; two daughters, Noma Barker of Snyder, Okla., and Amber Jones of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and one grandson. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwwelch.com

Police blotter

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

- JOSHUA SEAN RESNICK, 30, of Humble, was arrested Friday on warrants for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate (two counts), driving while license invalid (two counts) and fail to appear (four counts).
- CARLOS MUNOZ, 25, of 809 Willia St., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL BARRETT O'DONNELL, 58, of 2829 Hunters Glen, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ISAAC JAMES TARIN, 19, of 809 Father Delaney St., was arrested Friday on charges of resist arrest, search or transport and public intoxication.
- SAMANTHA WILLIAMS, 19, of 214 Johnson, was arrested Friday on warrants for failed to display driver license, fail to appear (two counts) and failed to yield right of way turning left at intersection, alley, private road or driveway.
- GABRIELA SOLTERO SALMERON, 31, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DAVID ORTIZ GONZALES JR., 33, of 4617 Ash St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3700 block of Connally Street.
- THEFT was reported: In the 500 block of Birdwell. In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 3200 block of E. 11th Place. In the 1100 block of W. Sixth Street.

Take Note

- Christmas For The Troops will be taking pre-paid orders for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts until Aug. 20. For a dozen glazed it is \$8; a dozen chocolate is \$10. Money and orders can be taken to Hardison Appliance at 1606 E. Third between 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Orders can be picked up Aug. 25 between 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Ace Hardware/Harris Lumber. Any extras will be sold Aug. 25 at 7:30 a.m. as well. For more information, call Debbie Burrow at 270-8554 or 267-7165.
- The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.
- Northside Community Center will be offering after school program starting Sept. 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 263-2673.
- The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.
- An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.
- Operation Back 2 School Drive, benefitting the children of Knollwood Heights, is in progress until Aug. 24. We are collecting backpacks and school supplies. Donations may be dropped off at Knollwood Heights office, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd.

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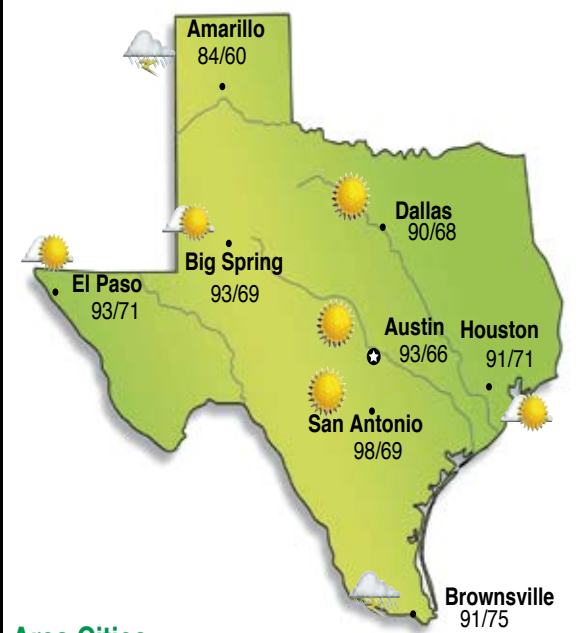
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Mon 8/20	Tue 8/21	Wed 8/22	Thu 8/23	Fri 8/24
 93/69 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	 91/68 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	 96/71 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 97/74 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	 96/72 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:21 PM	Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 8:19 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	93	70	sunny	Kingsville	96	71	mst sunny
Amarillo	84	60	t-storm	Livingston	90	66	mst sunny
Austin	93	66	sunny	Longview	86	65	sunny
Beaumont	89	69	pt sunny	Lubbock	88	64	pt sunny
Brownsville	91	75	t-storm	Lufkin	90	68	mst sunny
Brownwood	94	66	sunny	Midland	93	70	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	94	74	mst sunny	Raymondville	95	73	t-storm
Corsicana	89	66	sunny	Rosenberg	91	70	mst sunny
Dallas	90	68	sunny	San Antonio	98	69	sunny
Del Rio	101	75	sunny	San Marcos	95	66	sunny
El Paso	93	71	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	87	65	sunny
Fort Stockton	92	68	mst sunny	Sweetwater	92	68	sunny
Gainesville	89	65	sunny	Tyler	88	66	sunny
Greenville	87	64	sunny	Weatherford	91	66	sunny
Houston	91	71	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	91	66	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	77	64	t-storm	Minneapolis	75	56	sunny
Boston	78	65	cloudy	New York	77	69	t-storm
Chicago	75	57	pt sunny	Phoenix	97	83	t-storm
Dallas	90	68	sunny	San Francisco	62	54	pt sunny
Denver	82	55	pt sunny	Seattle	75	58	pt sunny
Houston	91	71	mst sunny	St. Louis	81	62	pt sunny
Los Angeles	81	65	pt sunny	Washington, DC	80	69	t-storm
Miami	89	79	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



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State briefs

Thousands expected at funeral for Texas constable
COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Thousands of people are expected to attend a funeral service for a law enforcement officer who was among three killed in a shootout near Texas A&M University.
The service for Brazos County Constable Brian Bachmann will be held Saturday afternoon at Reed Arena on the A&M campus in College Station. Bachmann was fatally shot Monday by Thomas Caffall III. The 41-year-old constable was trying to serve a court summons to Caffall for being two months behind on rent. Other officers fatally shot Caffall. His family has said he was suffering from an unspecified mental illness.
A bystander checking some property also was killed. Three police officers and a female bystander were wounded.

American seeks again to cancel pilots' contract
DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines is going back to court to throw out its contract with union pilots after making changes to satisfy the bankruptcy judge.
If it wins in court, American could cut annual spending on pilots by more than \$300 million and do more revenue-sharing deals with other airlines. American parent AMR Corp. filed a motion in U.S. bankruptcy court in New York on Friday, two days after a judge denied American's first attempt to cancel the pilots' contract. The judge rejected the company's demand for unlimited power to furlough pilots and make so-called code-sharing deals. AMR now proposes to limit possible furloughs to about 1,750 or less than one-fourth of its pilots, a ceiling set in the pilots' current contract. It seeks to greatly expand code-sharing but not on all routes. Pilots view code-sharing as potential outsourcing of their jobs.

SCHOOL

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cost is \$3 per plate.
• Washington Elementary — 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 24.
• Marcy Elementary — 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday.
• Goliad Elementary — 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 24.
Officials stressed that parents of elementary and secondary students need to bring proof of residency (a utility bill, for example) to their re-

spective campuses before the start of the school year.
Parents of students new to Big Spring ISD may register their children at the Student Records and Registration office at the old Goliad Intermediate campus, 2000 S. Goliad, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays.
Parents of these students will need to provide the child's Social Security number, immunization record, proof of residency and a copy of the parent's driver's license.

COUNTY

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a one-time "salary supplement," County Auditor Jackie Olson said.
Employees staffing entry-level clerk positions with the county will receive an annual raise of \$1,019 in their salaries, while all other employees — with the exception of county commissioners and three other

employees who were already informed their salaries would be adjusted for the coming year — will receive a one-time supplement of \$1,019, Olson said.
Other than those two areas, plus an additional \$58,000 to pay for increased employee health insurance costs, the new budget will be basically unchanged from the current fiscal package, Olson said.
To pay for those additional expenses, com-

missioners are eyeing a tax rate of 33 cents per \$100 property valuation, which is a decrease of 10 cents from the current budget, but a little more than 2 cents above the "effective" rate, which would raise the same amount of money as the previous year.
Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed new rate during Monday's meeting.
Olson doesn't expect commissioners to make

Coahoma ISD

At Coahoma High School, schedules for sophomores, juniors and seniors have already been distributed. Freshman orientation and schedule pickup with be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the high school in the high school auditorium.
Coahoma junior high students can receive their schedules Monday. Sixth grade orientation will held at 5:30 p.m., followed by seventh and eighth grade orientation at 7 p.m.
Coahoma Elementary will hold a "meet the teacher" event from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. next Friday, officials

said.
Parents of students new to Coahoma ISD may register their children prior to the start of the school year through next Friday at their respective campuses.
Forsan ISD
Most Forsan Junior High/High School students have already received their schedules for the coming year. Orientation and schedule pick-up for incoming sixth graders will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday.
Elbow Elementary will hold a "new year" party for parents and students at 6 p.m. Thursday.

any major changes to the proposed budget.
"We're in the process of entering it into the computer now," she said. "(Commissioners) might make some changes to it here or there, but ... I'd say it's 99 percent complete."
Formal adoption of the new budget will occur Sept. 10, while the new tax rate will be approved Sept. 24, she added.
In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

- An order calling for November's general election.
- Discussion and approval of civil fees.
- Purchase requests.

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BEAR

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coordinator.
"Although all of the sightings have been of a relatively small bear, we cannot be certain that they are all of the same individual," Evans said. "From the reports, it appears that the bear or bears exhibited a healthy fear of humans and is of very little danger to people."
Black bears are the smallest North American bear, usually weighing between 100 and 300 pounds.
Evans said the risk of being attacked by a bear is relatively low.
In the last 100 years, there have been only 14 fatal black bear attacks on humans in the lower

48 states.
In comparison, there are an average of 86 deaths each year from lightning strikes, 12 from rattlesnakes, 20 from domestic dogs, and 40 from bees.
TPWD is asking for people in this part of the state to report any observations of a bear in the area.
"The best thing people can do for this bear is secure their trash, bird feeders, and pet food, so the bear doesn't become habituated to human foods," Evans said. "The saying 'A fed bear is a dead bear' is very true. If it becomes habit-

uated, it may have to be relocated or destroyed." Just last week, TPWD relocated a bear from Starr County to state lands along the Devils River. That bear had become very habituated to humans and was causing concern in the area.
Since black bears are a threatened species in Texas, they cannot be legally hunted or harmed.
While bears were once native to most of

the state, breeding populations are now only found in the Trans-Pecos, primarily in Big Bend.
If you see a bear, report it to Texas Parks and Wildlife at 432- 837-2051.

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Forsan ISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and CTE programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Randy Johnson, 411 W. 6th, Forsan, TX. 79733, phone #(432)457-2223 and/or Keith Bagnall, Section 504 Coordinator, 411 W. 6th, Forsan, TX 79733, (432)457-2223.

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Forsan ISD tomar3 las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del ingl3s no sea un obst3culo para la admisi3n y participaci3n en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para informaci3n sobre sus derechos o procedimientos de quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del T3tulo IX, Randy Johnson, en 411 Calle 6, Forsan, TX, tel3fono (432)-457-2223, o el Coordinador el la Secci3n 504, Keith Bagnall, en 411 Calle 6, Forsan, TX, tel3fono (432)-457-2223.

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YOUR VIEWS

New schools

TO THE EDITOR:

The new schools are looking great. My only gripe here is the walk through was set up so that us working class folks who are paying for them were not able to see them. I would like to see a Saturday walk through also that the supporting folks in the city could see the finished product also.

DAVID SCOTT
BIG SPRING

Great job, SMMC!

TO THE EDITOR:

Another pat on the back for Scenic Mountain Medical Center. I was in the hospital three weeks and I couldn't have had better attention.

My doctors were Dr. Lang, Dr. Carrasco and Dr. Shroff. They were excellent doctors.

All the personnel I came in contact with were very caring. We should all be very wise in choosing this hospital. There is no reason to go out of town for medical care when we have such excellent personnel at this hospital.

SINCERELY,
VIRGINIA LANGSTON
BIG SPRING

Young entrepreneur

TO THE EDITOR:

While we are constantly bombarded by negative half-truths, insinuations and, quite often, down right lies, occasionally a shaft of hope appears. Such a ray of sunshine appeared in the Aug. 14 edition of USA Today. Written by William Mattox, a resident fellow at the James Madison Institute, an article titled "Forgetting our frugal roots" tells the story of Willow Tufano of North Port, Fla.

Instead of returning to her classroom, 14-year-old Willow is busy "collecting rent from the tenants who live in a house she bought recently with earnings from her small business." Mr. Mattox suggests that we re-read that last sentence.

When Willow was only 12, she heard of a man whose house was being foreclosed and that he planned to dispose of the left behind housing belongings. Willow contacted the gentleman and asked if she could have those belongings. Guess what? He agreed! She posted notices on Craigslist and was surprised at the response. So, she started buying items at yard sales and surprisingly, items discarded in dumpsters. She soon learned that old TVs, dishwashers and other appliances did not sell, but baby items, bunk beds, video games, etc., did.

Saving her earnings for 18 months, Willow accumulated \$6,000. She learned that a home once valued at \$100,000 was being "short sold" for only \$16,000. With money borrowed from her mother and half of her accumulated earnings, Willow bought the house. She plans to repay her mother \$700 each month, the rent money she receives from the house. When her mother is repaid, Willow plans to invest in other real estate purchases. She is quoted as saying, "I calculated that I can make more money doing this than I can in a typical teenage job."

She is not letting her business deprive her of a formal education. She is now enrolled in the Florida Virtual School, taking a full load of advanced courses. She hopes to go to college someday, but for now the on-line classes give her the flexibility of scheduling so she can still attend yard sales and go "dumpster diving."

Benjamin Franklin encouraged Americans to be industrious, frugal and to practice thrift, because he knew that economic dependency and chronic debt hinders one's liberties. Social historian Barbara Whitehouse reports the term "thrift" is not associated with industriousness anymore. She also says that frugality remains a foreign word to many in our day, especially among government officials in Washington.

Mr. Mattox closes his article by saying, "I think it's safe to say Willow already knows something about the value of hard work and saving for the future. The rest of us should let this little entrepreneur lead us."

As for myself, I believe that the siren call of socialism, "the world owes me a living" and social and political apathy have destroyed the "work ethic" as well as many other benefits of industrious people. Those of us who survived the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl of the 1930s and World War II admire Willow, the possible last of her kind. Don't worry, Big Brother will take care of us — but in what way, I will not venture a guess!

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Remembering typewriters

As the final days of my 40-year career in higher education wore down to a nub, a freshman came alongside with a question he'd pondered for a while. Had I ever seen a "real typewriter up close?"

I framed my thoughts carefully, but before they were verbalized, he added, "I wouldn't know how to plug one in."

Squaring my shoulders and locking in a penetrating stare, I answered—with volume and clarity: "I learned to type on a wood-burning typewriter."

This vignette came to mind upon reading Bob Ryan's final column as a full-timer at the Boston Globe. The veteran sportswriter never worked for any other newspaper—and never wanted to—during his 44-year career.

His farewell piece on Aug. 12 ran almost 1,500 words, more than twice the usual length. He recalled much, tracing his pilgrimage that began with stories filed at Western Union through today's electronic transmissions triggered by "send" buttons. Avoiding references to "retirement," he's entering "Transition to Phase II." Ryan will still churn out columns most Sundays.

Aiming to gain personal life flexibility and elimination of obligations, he "wants to do what he wants to do and not do what he doesn't want to do." Elaine, his wife of 43 years, is "the perfect companion with whom to do or not do whatever it is we're



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going to do or not do." I'm guessing he's seen a real typewriter up close.

Baylor faithfuls are looking forward to their new football palace on the banks of the Brazos in 2014. Robert Griffin III, star quarterback and now a rookie starter for the Washington Redskins, is singularly most responsible for the Bears' "football revival."

No doubt, he'll complete a pledge card to help with the project. BU has the school colors right—it's going to take a lot of green and a lot of gold to cover the anticipated \$250-million cost. (Waco is kicking in \$35 million; Baptist bastions sniff that there's nothing in the rules about separation of church and city.)

TCU, sporting its remodeled stadium with costs ballooning far above the projected \$105 million figure, whacked off the west side upper deck. The deck was added in the 1950s, when All-American running back Jim Swink stirred Horned Frog football enthusiasm. Alas, attendance cooled after he graduated, and for the next five decades, the upper deck was rarely needed.

Dallas Cowboys' stadium continues to pique interest far and wide. Otherwise, Michigan and Alabama wouldn't wander this far off course to play at the \$1.2 billion Arlington ball yard.

Groupon offered a \$79 "package" to the event. It includes a hot dog, chips, soft drink and a "standing room only" spot.

Concession prices being what they are, I guess game admission actually is free.

One fast-food place in California "takes 'em any way it can gets 'em."

That's the message on the door, anyway. It's a "come one, come

all" kind of place.

The sign reads, "No Shirt, No Shoes, No Problem."

What will sports enthusiasts do now that almost three weeks of Olympic competition is over? There is whimpering and hand-wringing at the thought of TV devoid of Olympic coverage for four years.

Maybe "competitive presidenting" is an acceptable substitute.

Like the Olympics, the presidential race will be covered from every angle. Many of the reports will be filed by media people who've never seen real typewriters up close.

There's bound to be an upswing in DVD movie rentals by folks choosing to escape real world issues. One that's bound to be hot is Bernie, based on the story of a Carthage, Texas, undertaker who murders the town's despised rich widow.

It wasn't around too long in theaters, but with Shirley MacLaine, Matt McConaughey and Jack Black as stars, it is an absolute winner. Yep, it's about as hilarious as a "tragicomedy" can be and it's due out this month. (I hesitate to say "drop dead funny.")

In one memorable scene, an East Texan claims that his fellow citizens don't fret about which wines go with which meats. "We don't care if you drink hot beer with fried mud cat," a local wheezed, reaching for his Royal portable typewriter. Hey, this quote is worth typin' down, or, uh, typin' up?

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A cybersecurity solution

As Congress adjourned for the summer recess, some issues were left unresolved, most notably the question of a cybersecurity bill. Many have asked why. The answer is that I, and several of my colleagues, had deep concerns about the proposed bill. But I believe we can find common ground and a way forward.

There is no partisan dissent over whether cybersecurity - protecting computers, networks, programs and electronic information from being attacked and destroyed - is a critical issue. Experts have long cited cyberterrorism as one of the potentially most dangerous threats to national security. Consider what might happen if a hostile government or terrorist organization launched an attack on our nation's power grids, hospitals, nuclear facilities or major financial institutions - just to name a few possible targets. The effects would be devastating. The question is not whether we act to prevent such attacks, the question is how we act.

Two cybersecurity measures are now under consideration in the U.S. Senate. A bill authored by Senators Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and Susan Collins (R-ME), the Cybersecurity Act, would authorize the government to set standards for cybersecurity technology and determine which companies should comply with



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the government's standards. I and seven of my colleagues, each of us the most senior Republican members of our committees and subcommittees that have jurisdiction over cybersecurity - Senators McCain, Chambliss, Grassley, Murkowski, Coats, Burr and Johnson - have co-sponsored an alternative, the SECURE IT Act. Our bill emphasizes information-sharing about cyber threats among and between private and public organizations, securing federal agencies against threat, ensuring that federal contractors report significant events, facilitating prosecution of cyber crime and focusing on research and technology to improve cybersecurity.

Cybersecurity experts agree that maintaining effective defenses requires cooperation and information-sharing both within critical industries and between the private sector and government. However, anti-trust and liability laws discourage or even prohibit cooperation among businesses, and our government's standard operating procedure has been to warn about the risks of cyber attacks without always sharing specific information with the entities at greatest risk.

The Lieberman-Collins bill doesn't fix these problems. Legal liability protections are weak for companies that want to cooperate with one another, and predetermined government mandates would decide what cyber information should be shared by government. In contrast, the McCain-Hutchison bill authorizes essential legal liability and anti-trust protections for compa-

nies that want to work together to combat cyber threats. It also requires government agencies to share relevant information and assist companies and communities at cybersecurity risk.

The SECURE IT sponsors are concerned that the Lieberman-Collins bill would deter cooperation rather than encourage it. And we worry that it ignores cybersecurity's biggest challenge: constantly and rapidly-evolving technological threats.

We need a nimble, flexible approach that can evolve at the same pace as emerging cyber threats. It must be driven by industries that know their systems best, and be a true collaboration between government and the private sector, where information-sharing is a two-way street.

McCain-Hutchison is the right foundation for a national cybersecurity policy. It is supported by the industries and organizations it impacts, and it can pass the House of Representatives. It recognizes the unique challenges presented by evolving technology and makes prosecuting cyber-crime a priority.

We all agree that cybersecurity is an issue of vital national importance. My bill co-sponsors and I are in continuing discussions with our colleagues in the Senate during the recess, with the goal of reaching consensus by Labor Day.

I call on my friends on both sides of the aisle to come together to get it done.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the Texas Representative on the Senate.

Big Spring Chamber holds monthly meeting

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Staff Writer

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is moving and shaking its way through the community with several events on the calendar for the next few months.

“Looking around this room, it’s obvious to see each and every one of these members is invested in the community,” Board President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. “There are lots of movers and shakers here and I truly appreciate what they do.”

Several ribbon cuttings were planned this week and more are yet to come. The new Sonic floor — made possible by a generous donation from the Abusaabs and other local donors — was the focus of a ribbon cutting held Thursday morning.

“We are very excited about the ribbon cutting, but it was also about the Abusaabs and how they have been so generous with the college, school district and all the schools in the county with scholarships and support of athletic programs. Although we actually cut the ribbon on the coliseum it was really a time to honor the Abusaabs and their company for what they’ve done,” said Sparks.

“They represent small business of Howard County and are a true testament to putting their efforts into the community and giving back.”

Following the Sonic floor ribbon cutting, Howard College hosted Dr. Mark Taylor, who spoke on inner generational differences. He discussed how each generation approaches work and relation-

ships differently, among other things.

A renaming ceremony took place at city-county law enforcement center Thursday, which officially became the Troy Hogue Law Enforcement center. U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer and State Rep. Drew Darby were among those attending the event.

Vice President Terri Blackshear commented on the Christmas toy drive to benefit area organizations. She said plans are still in the works but no final decision on whether to hold the drive has been made.

“We are trying to determine if it will be beneficial to hold the toy drive. A meeting has been set up to meet with different representatives to help further determine if we will have it or not,” Blackshear said. “More details will come after that.”

Hosts are being sought for Business Before Hours, according to Blackshear. Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said there were a couple businesses which had expressed an interest.

The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club will be celebrating a ribbon cutting Thursday at noon.

Regarding community development, Sherry Hodnett reminded board members of the upcoming State of the Community Series to be held Tuesday morning at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Food will be provided by Great Western Dining with serving starting at 7:30 a.m.

The date for the Silver Wings Ball was rescheduled for January instead of October. ValVerde informed board members the annual banquet will be

held Jan. 31 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The next semester of Leadership Big Spring is approaching. At this point, six applications have been received. There are a total of 25 spots for the semester.

“We are still looking for more applications to come in. We are expecting to have 20 to 25 applicants for the upcoming session,” ValVerde said.

Other business included the report of finances for June and July, which reflected a small loss.

During June, rodeo banners brought income of about \$800 and a carnival brought in \$8,551. Both were a positive setting to the month, but a loss of \$8,000 was still reported.

“Every little bit helps; the rodeo banners and carnival helped. We ended up spending a little more than we brought in,” Mark Morgan, treasurer, said.

One new chamber member — Petticoats on the Praire — was also voted on by the board and accepted. The total of members to date sits at 340.

Other important dates include the upcoming triathlon set for Sept. 8, Girls Night Out on Aug. 30 and Sept. 21 the VA Medical Center will host POW/MIA day. There is also a Veterans Day program in the works for Nov. 10.

The next chamber meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19 at noon.

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Hospice Tidbits

** Editors Note: All information in Hospice Tidbits is provided by pamphlets available through Home Hospice.*

Special to the Herald

As has been noted in previous weeks, the body tends to go through several changes as it nears the end of life. Some of those changes include breathing, appetite and the tendency to withdraw from those around them.

Other noticeable changes include body temperature and an increase in restlessness and agitation.

The changes in temperatures often results in a spike causing a fever. The body weakening tends to throw the temperature control out of wack making a person become extremely hot or suddenly cold. Patients tend to become clammy and sweaty as well, without showing signs of a fever.

As with any fever, the best way to bring the temperature down is to place a cool rag on the patient’s forehead and/or remove blankets to allow their body to start cooling itself. The use of Tylenol can also be helpful in this situation.

While the temperature is dropping the patient’s body may tend to perspire causing their clothes to become soaked, which would require a change of clothing and sheets to ensure their comfort level doesn’t get tampered with.

Open windows and the use of fans is also helpful in ensure a good air flow is available.

In addition to their temperature being out of sorts, their restlessness and agitation



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may also see a spike.

It can be caused from the slowing down of circulation and less oxygen to the brain. Either way, there are things to be done to help ease the patient.

Make sure the medication regimen is continued as prescribed by the doctor and notify the hospice nurse to ensure she monitors for underlying pain or discomfort.

Provide a reassurance by speaking slowly and calmly. The use of soft music or inspirational readings can also be helpful.

Some safety features to be added can include bed rails and the use of a baby monitor while out of the room.

Sherry Hodnett is the bereavement and volunteer coordinator for Home Hospice. To find out more on how to volunteer or just receive more information, call Hodnett at 264-7599.

NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

The Howard County Junior College District conducted public hearings on August 13, 2012 and August 17, 2012 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Howard County Junior College District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 4.82 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year’s tax rate of \$0.238507 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$6,006,885.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.176616 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$6,291,806.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.176616 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$6,302,240.

The Howard County Junior College District is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 27, 2012 at Tumbleweed Rm., Howard County Junior College District, 1001 Birdwell Ln., Big Spring, TX 79720 at 12:30 PM.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I am a single parent. My youngest left for college last fall, and I did OK handling the changes in my home and heart. I took on a few redeco-rating projects, attended numerous local events and accepted another job to help with tuitions and to get out of the house. But I still find myself lonely.

I have few friends. When I go out, it's usually by myself. I'm fine with that, but having another person to talk to does make the time go by in a more pleasant way. I've called former mom friends for lunch or conversation, but no one returns my calls, everyone is busy or our calendars just don't mesh.

Solitude is nice every once in a while, but it's emotionally draining day in and day out. The new school year is fast approaching, and my kids will be leaving again. How does someone my age make friends and get past this hurdle in life? -- *Young Empty Nester*

Dear Empty Nester: Attending an occasional local event is fine, but it doesn't allow enough time to build friendships. You need to find group activities that you enjoy on a regular basis. Do you like to sing? Join a choir. Do you like to exercise? Take a gym class, or join a bike-riding group. Work for a political candidate. Do some charity work, volunteer at a hospital, get involved in community theater. Decide what interests you, and then look for organizations that allow you to be part of an ongoing activity. Try meetup.com to find groups in your area.

Dear Annie: This may not be your department, but I don't know who else to ask. When I call to make a doctor's appointment, the person on the other end asks why I want to see the doctor. I am not comfortable telling this person.

When I get there, the nurse asks why I wish to see the doctor, as if I never called. Then, the doctor comes in saying, "So, what's going on?" and we start all over.

This brings me back to the appointment maker. Why are these people expecting the most personal information in my life just because they answer the phone saying, "Hi, I'm Kelly"? Is this information actually the least bit helpful to the doctor? — S.

Dear S.: The person who answers the phone and makes the appointment needs to know what the problem is in order to allot sufficient time on the doctor's schedule. A routine checkup, for example, takes more time than a blood test. Once you get into the doctor's office, the nurse may want to be sure you have the same complaint and there are no additional problems. The doctor, however, should have your information at hand. We suspect asking again is simply the doctor's way of opening the conversa-

tion.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Feeling Inconvenienced," who didn't want her daughter's young stepson to stay with her during his visitation month.

When my daughter married a man with three little girls, I thought, "She's getting in too deep. Will he ever want children with her?" Let me tell you, these three girls have brought such joy to my life. My daughter is a wonderful stepmom to them. She is patient, helps with homework, nurses them when needed, teaches them how to cook and drive, and is every bit a mother to these fine girls.

I can't imagine feeling any closer to a biological grandchild.

Treasure the moment to be an influence in a child's life. Yes, a 5-year-old has lots of energy. Aren't you fortunate to have a healthy little one to take to the park, and laugh, snuggle and watch movies with? What a gift! — D.

Dear D.: Well said. We hope she heeds your advice.

Dear Annie: What do you do with a sibling who has been enabled all of his life when Mom is no longer around to provide for him?

My brother has had a house to live in, a car to drive, insurance, etc., for the past 25 years. He is an alcoholic and a drug user. He doesn't work because he doesn't want to. He has an all-expenses-paid life.

When my mother dies, how do we settle the estate? If the house is given to my brother, he would lose it because he has no concept of paying bills. My sister thinks we should sell the place, give my brother his share and move on.

My mother is 82 years old and in poor health. She will be leaving us a huge mess when she passes, but she refuses to discuss it now. — *Help Me Plan*

Dear Help: Your mother doesn't want to deal with this, so she's hiding her head in the sand. And it's difficult to make plans in advance if you don't know whether your mother has a will that leaves the house to your brother, in which case, he is free to let it collapse into ruin.

You should consider all the possibilities, including how much responsibility you will take for your brother when the gravy train stops. Unless he gets help for his addictions, his behavior is unlikely to change. Are you comfortable throwing him out of the house? You can't force your mother to settle these questions, although please urge her to see a lawyer. Your best bet right now is to contact Al-Anon (al-anon.alateen.org) in order to deal with

your brother.

Dear Annie: My wedding is only four months away. The place where we are holding the reception is not very large. I'm not a big fan of people bringing their kids to wedding receptions, especially little ones who run around tripping up the waitstaff and getting under the guests' feet while they are trying to dance. This happened at a wedding I attended last month. Kids also were running around blowing out the candles on the tables, screaming, crying and causing a fuss. Ugh!

Annie, is there any way to invite the parents and hint to leave the little ones at home? I mean wouldn't they rather have a good time than chase their kids all night? — *Patti in Oregon*

Dear Patti: Invitations are intended only for the addressees, which means if the kids' names (or "and family") aren't included on the envelope, the kids are not invited. You also can pass the word to friends and relatives that this is an adults-only event.

However, some people may not be able to attend if they can't find a sitter. There will also be those who bring the kids regardless. If you anticipate that happening, we suggest hiring a babysitter or two to keep an eye on their behavior. Also, have things to occupy the younger set (paper and crayons, puzzles, games, art projects, etc.) and kid-friendly food for them to eat. If your reception hall has another room, you could set up the children's area there and perhaps include videos to keep them occupied.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "New Jersey," whose son's girlfriend didn't offer to help clean up after meals or show any indication that she had manners.

My son's college-age girlfriend also had me worried. At first, I wondered how that girl had been raised and was concerned about our future relationship with her. However, we discovered that her manners are exceptional. It simply took some transition time while she changed from a guest in our home to a member of our family. We did put expectations on our son, however, to help out, as well. After all, he was already part of the family, and I'm sure that helped bring his girlfriend into the action and let her know how family members contribute.

— *Less Worried Future Mother-in-Law*

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News in brief

Pointing to his elderly mother on Medicare, Ryan insists GOP ticket won't hurt seniors

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Vice presidential hopeful Paul Ryan is telling seniors they have nothing to worry about when it comes to Medicare and Social Security if his Republican Party wins the White House. Don't believe him? Just ask his 78-year-old mother.

Betty Ryan Douglas was set to campaign Saturday with her son at the world's largest retirement community as the presumptive GOP presidential ticket seeks to blunt withering criticism from President Barack Obama and his allies. The Democratic team charges that Mitt Romney and Ryan would gut programs for older Americans.

Obama planned to dig in on that point in New Hampshire on Saturday with stops in Windham and Rochester. Aides say he will cast the voters' choice as one between two fundamentally different approaches to government's responsibility to its citizens and who pays the bill.

Romney, meanwhile, was set to raise money in Massachusetts while his freshly minted running mate was charging into a potentially dicey audience. Older Americans have often resisted changes in Medicare, the federal health care insurance program for people 65 and older, and for the disabled.

The Romney-Ryan ticket is betting big that voters' worries about federal deficits and the Democrats' health care overhaul have opened the door for a robust debate on the solvency of Medicare, one of the government's most popular and costliest programs. Obama has welcomed the conversation, which has temporarily taken attention from the weak economic recovery.

Having made a risky pick, Romney wants running mate Paul Ryan to play it safe

GLEN ALLEN, Va. (AP) — Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney wants running mate Paul Ryan to play it safe.

The nation's most controversial budget architect, Ryan is often described as the intellectual leader of the House Republican caucus. But Romney's Boston headquarters — so far, at least — seems to prefer that the 42-year-old father of three talks about camping and milking cows instead of the transformational budget proposals that made him a conservative hero.

Ryan, who wrote a plan to overhaul Medicare as chairman of the House Budget Committee, did not use the word "Medicare" with voters over the first four days on the campaign trail. When he finally touched on the health care insurance program for seniors, he did so only in broad strokes after Romney himself first outlined the campaign's talking points.

"We will not duck the tough issues," Ryan declared in Virginia on Friday. "We will lead."

But Ryan has been directed to avoid taking questions from reporters who travel with his campaign and to agree only to a handful of carefully selected interviews. He is known for sketching budget graphs on napkins to explain his ideas, but this week it was Romney who used a white board during a news conference to help detail his own plan — and he says it's virtually identical to Ryan's.

Last UN observers still in Syria start leaving ahead of their mission's official ending Sunday

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — A United Nations spokeswoman says the last U.N. observers still in Syria have started to leave the country as their mission officially ends at midnight Sunday.

Juliette Touma tells The Associated Press that the rest of the observers will leave within hours. There are about 100 observers left in Syria — a third of the number at the peak of the mission earlier this year.

Their departure comes after the Security Council agreed to end the U.N. mission and back a small new liaison office that will support any future peace efforts.

The U.N.'s top body has acknowledged that international efforts to significantly reduce the violence and end the Syrian government's use of heavy weapons — conditions set for the mission's possible extension — have failed.

Activist punk rockers get 2 years for anti-Putin church stunt; protests decry grip on dissent

MOSCOW (AP) — Three punk rock-style activists who briefly took over a cathedral in a raucous prayer for deliverance from Vladimir Putin were sentenced to two years in prison for hooliganism on Friday, a decision that drew protests around the world as it highlighted the Russian president's intensifying crackdown on dissent.

Protesters from Moscow to New York and musicians including Madonna and Paul McCartney condemned the prosecution of the three women, members of a band called Pussy Riot. Several countries, including the U.S., and even some Kremlin loyalists decried the verdict.

Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, 22, Maria Alekhina, 24, and Yekaterina Samutsevich, 30, were arrested in March after performing a "punk prayer" in Christ the Savior Cathedral, dancing and high-kicking as they called on the Virgin Mary to save Russia from Putin, who was elected to a third term as Russia's president two weeks later.

Judge Marina Syrova ruled Friday that the band members had "committed hooliganism driven by religious hatred." She rejected the women's arguments that they were protesting the Russian Orthodox Church's support for Putin and didn't intend to offend religious believers.

Putin himself had said the band members shouldn't be judged too harshly, creating expectations that they could be sentenced to time served and freed in the courtroom. This, however, would have left the impression that Putin had bowed to public pressure, something he has resisted throughout his 12 years in power.

Experts say British threat against Ecuadorean Embassy over Assange was a diplomatic blunder

LONDON (AP) — It was a warning meant to remind Ecuador that Britain's patience has limits. But as the stalemate over Julian Assange settled, it appeared London's veiled threat that it could storm Ecuador's embassy and drag Assange out has backfired — drawing supporters to the mission where the WikiLeaks founder is holed up and prompting angry denunciations from Ecuador and elsewhere.

Experts and ex-diplomats say Britain's Foreign Office, which warned Ecuador of a little known law that would allow it to side-step usual diplomatic protocols, messed up by issuing a threat it couldn't back up.

"It was a big mistake," said former British ambassador Oliver Miles. "It puts the British government in the position of asking for something illegitimate."

Britain's warning was carried in a set of notes delivered to Ecuadorean diplomats Wednesday as they tried to negotiate an agreement over Assange, who has spent nearly two months holed up at the Latin American nation's London mission in a bid to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he's wanted over allegations of sexual assault.

The notes, published by Britain on Thursday, said ominously that keeping Assange at the embassy was incompatible with international law. They added: "You should be aware that there is a legal basis in the U.K. — the Diplomatic and Consular Premises Act — which would allow us to take ac-

tion to arrest Mr. Assange in the current premises of the embassy."

Hall of Fame baseball player Eddie Murray paying \$358,000 to settle civil insider-trade case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eddie Murray made big money in baseball with his powerful swing from both sides of the plate.

According to the Securities and Exchange Commission, he had some illicit help after leaving the game.

The Hall of Fame slugger has agreed to pay \$358,151 to settle federal civil charges of profiting in stock trades by using confidential information passed to him by a former teammate.

The SEC on Friday also announced related charges against James Mazzo, former CEO of Advanced Medical Optics, and businessman David Parker. The SEC said Mazzo provided illegal tips about a planned acquisition of Advanced Medical Optics by Abbott Laboratories in January 2009.

Mazzo passed the information to Murray's former teammate, Doug DeCinces, who tipped off Murray and Parker, the SEC alleges in a civil lawsuit. DeCinces settled the SEC's charges a year ago by agreeing to pay \$2.5 million.

Former Texas high school teacher sentenced to 5 years in prison for sleeping with 5 students

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A former North Texas high school teacher was convicted Friday and sentenced to five years in prison for having sex with five 18-year-old students at her home.

The Tarrant County jury decided on the sentence for Brittini Nicole Colleps, 28, of Arlington after nearly three hours of deliberation. It took jurors less than an hour to find her guilty earlier in the day of 16 counts of having an inappropriate relationship between a student and teacher. The second-degree felony is punishable by two to 20 years in prison per count.

The former Kennedale High School English teacher had sex with the students at her home.



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Entertainment Briefs

Ex-star Jenna Jameson
pleads guilty to DUI

WESTMINSTER, Calif. (AP) — Former adult film star Jenna Jameson has pleaded guilty to driving under the influence when she struck a light pole in Southern California.

Jameson was sentenced Thursday to three years of informal probation and ordered to pay \$340 in fines and participate in a Mothers Against Drunk Driving "victims' impact panel."

A misdemeanor charge of driving without a valid license was dismissed.

Jameson was arrested May 25 after her Range Rover struck the pole in Westminster, resulting in minor injuries. Prosecutors in Orange County say tests showed her blood-alcohol

level was 0.13 percent. That's above the state's legal limit of 0.08 percent.

Jameson's attorney, John Kremer, tells City News Service that Jameson is apologetic and thankful nobody was seriously hurt.

Jameson crossed into the mainstream after publishing a popular autobiography in 2004.

Real-life Walter White
sought on meth charge

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — A man who shares the same name with television's most noted meth dealer is wanted by authorities in Alabama for allegedly violating his probation for a past meth conviction.

The Tuscaloosa News reported Thursday that 55-year-old Walter

White was placed on probation after a 2008 conviction for making methamphetamine. The Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office recently placed White on its most-wanted list after his arrest on similar charges in Bibb County this year.

On TV, Walter White has so far evaded capture. The character played by Bryan Cranston in AMC's "Breaking Bad" is a high school chemistry teacher who turns to cooking meth to help support his family after he's diagnosed with terminal lung cancer.

The show is in its fifth and final season. Cranston has won three consecutive Emmys.

CBS drops suit
against ABC over
'Glass House' show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — CBS dropped its lawsuit Friday against ABC over its reality series "The Glass House," citing the show's low viewership numbers as a reason it is no longer interested in the case.

The CBS network said it will continue to pursue its claims that top producers on the new series violated confidentiality agreements from when they worked on CBS' hit series "Big Brother." Those efforts will continue in private arbitration, not a federal courtroom where the rival networks have handled the case since it was filed in May.

CBS claimed the show copied "Big Brother" too closely.

A judge refused to grant CBS' request to block the show's broadcast, saying the unpredictable nature of reality television meant that the two shows were likely to be very different, despite some similarities in their format.

The season finale of "Glass House" is scheduled to air on Monday. Only 1.6 million viewers tuned in to the Aug. 6 episode.

"The viewers have spoken and delivered the ultimate form of justice

against "The Glass House," CBS wrote in a statement released Friday.

Douglas, Wieber enjoy
celebrity sparkle after gold

NEW YORK (AP) — They've been on a whirlwind tour since the Olympics — from "Late Night With David Letterman" to the Empire State Building and the New York Stock Exchange — but gold-medal gymnasts Gabby Douglas and Jordyn Wieber have one more stop to make before they can truly take a breath: the White House.

President Barack Obama made the invitation in a phone call. "We'll definitely take him up on it," Douglas said.

The girls say they are trying to get the most out of this post-London euphoria. Long days of interviews, autographs and photo ops haven't left them jaded. "Were enjoying every step of the way," said Wieber, who with Douglas, McKayla Maroney, Kyla Ross and Aly Raisman gave the United States its first Olympic team title in women's gymnastics since 1996.

Douglas also won the women's all-around individual gymnastics competition.

They insist they're not tired or homesick, despite going weeks before making their way home late this week. Wieber says she has jammed pretty much everything she owns into four suitcases, including her own pillow, and hasn't looked back.

"We've been having so much fun the past few days," agreed Douglas, who has Tweeted photos of herself meeting Nicki Minaj, Karmin and Nick Cannon, and also has savored online congratulations from Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift. She shared a couch with first lady Michelle Obama on "Tonight" with Jay Leno.

She is still waiting for her invitation to appear on "The Vampire Diaries," hands-down her favorite TV show. Wieber? She'd like a little gig on "Teen Wolf."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The **Glasscock County ISD** will hold a public meeting at **9:00 A.M., AUGUST 30, 2012** in Glasscock Co. ISD Administration Office, 308 W. Chambers, Garden City, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.0171/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$.0749/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

<u>Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget</u>			
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:			
Maintenance and operations	51%increase	or	_____% (decrease)
Debt service	50% increase	or	_____% (decrease)
Total expenditures	51%increase	or	_____% (decrease)

<u>Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)</u>		
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$1,676,713,860.00	\$3,273,103,716.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$1,843,636.00	\$16,196,817.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$1,543,485,181.00	\$3,139,253,212.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,723,934.00	\$16,056,344.00
* "Appraised value" is the amounts shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.		
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.		
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.		

<u>Bonded Indebtedness</u>	
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$7,211,550.00	
*Outstanding principal.	

<u>Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rate</u>					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.04010	\$0.07480*	\$1.11490	\$12,593.00	\$1,783.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$.97710	\$.07998*	\$1.05708	\$28,941.00	\$374.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.0170	\$.0749*	\$1.09200	\$33,304.00	\$462.00

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded Indebtedness on construction, equipment or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of the district.

<u>Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence</u>		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$66,727.00	\$72,547.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$53,382.00	\$58,038.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.114900	\$1.09200
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$595.15	\$633.77
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$38.62

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.01710. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.01710.

<u>Fund Balances</u>	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$5,175,809.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$85,597.00

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Glasscock County will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 58.31 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on Aug. 27 @ 8:00 a.m. at Glasscock County Courthouse.

The second public hearing will be held on Sept. 4 @ 5:30 p.m. at Glasscock County Courthouse.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Jimmy Strube, Mark Halfmann, Michael Hoch, Kim Halfmann
AGAINST: None
PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: None
ABSENT: Gary Jones

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Glasscock County last year was \$53,382.00. Based on last year's tax rate of \$.300000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$160.14.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Glasscock County this year is \$58,038. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.138966 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$80.65.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.220000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$127.68.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

Steers score, hold shut out Lubbock in first scrimmage

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — In the words of Big Spring Head Football Coach Phillip Ritchey, scrimmages are “glorified practices” — that doesn’t mean they aren’t valuable, though.

The Steers traveled to Lubbock High on Friday for their first taste of gridiron action, kicking off a season Ritchey hopes will get his team back on track after posting a 0-10 record last year.

Both the No. 1 and No. 2 teams’ defenses held Lubbock scoreless.

Scoring for the No. 1 team was Devin Roberson on a 30-yard pass from Tobyn Tannehill.

Tate Kennedy scored twice for the No. 2 squad on two long passes — one for about 80 yards to Ty’Ral Menefield and one for about 50 yards to Matthew Yanez.

Ritchey thought it was a good effort.

“The kids played well,” Ritchey said. “They got after it and played real aggressively. The defense did well and the offense got better as the scrimmage went on.”

As far as weaknesses, Ritchey couldn’t cite any, but did say the focus will be on making routine plays.

“We have several sophomores on offense,” Ritchey said. “We have to execute on offense

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HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

The Steers traveled to Lubbock High on Friday for the first scrimmage of the season. Both BSHS squads held Lubbock scoreless. The Steers No. 1 team scored once, the No. 2 team scored twice.



HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

Forsan’s scrimmage against Grape Creek on Friday went well. The Buffs scored once as the Eagles were stopped by Forsan’s defense.

Buff on target in first test against Grape Creek Eagles

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

GRAPE CREEK — With a trio of talented quarterbacks, a solid defense and a hungry offense, Forsan looks to be a contender in its new 1A district this football season.

Buffaloes Head Coach Jason Phillips wanted to “keep it simple” in the first scrimmage on the road against the Eagles on Friday.

Forsan did just that.

The Buffs held Grape Creek scoreless after about 25 offensive and defensive snaps, as well as scored once on a two-yard run by quarterback Marcus Cervantes.

“Offensively, we were, for the most part very efficient,” Phillips said. “There was a three-play stretch where we kind of lost our focus, but we got it back and put in a good effort. Defensively, we played great. We are farther along than I thought we’d be. The defense played hard and really got after it.”

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Bulldogs bulldoze Jim Ned in scrimmage

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

TUSCOLA — Coahoma Head Coach Trey Gardner was pleased with his team’s effort in a scrimmage against Jim Ned on Friday, but there are some things he and they need to iron out before the regular season starts.

The Bulldogs held the Indians scoreless throughout the affair in a solid defensive performance. Offensively, Coahoma reached the end zone four times.

“We moved the ball well,” Gardner said. “There were some good things. We had several guys who carried the ball. With as many guys as we have running the ball, the (offensive line) is doing something right. Defensively, we still have some guys who need to be more aggressive.”

Like most coaches, Gardner is trying to determine his final roster and scrimmages are a valuable tool in helping to determine what roles players can effectively fill.

Senior quarterback Tanner Ruiz and sophomore Braxton Iden took a nearly equal amount of snaps.

“We may end up using that package,” Gardner said of the Ruiz/Iden tandem at the QB position. “We still have some holes open, we want to see who can fill those holes.”

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HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

The Coahoma Bulldogs battled the Jim Ned Indians in a scrimmage Friday. The Indians failed to score on the Bulldogs, who breached Jim Ned’s end zone four times during the outing.

Lady Steers take one out of three at Bev Ball Classic tourney

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

ABILENE — Big Spring’s young volleyball squad has a difficult non-district schedulen to contend with. The Lady Steers’ record reflects that, as they have fallen to 1-4 after two

losses and one win in the Bev Ball Classic Tournament in Abilene on Friday, but the precursor to district action is all about preparation, according to BSHS Head Volleyball Coach Lynn Osborne.

“We have a pretty tough schedule,” Osborne said. “We may rack up quite

a few losses, but it’s what we have to do to prepare for district.

With only three seniors, Osborne must rely on a handful of juniors and three sophomores to get the job done. So far, despite the losses, she believes her team has the potential to make their presence known in district

play.

“I have seen a lot of positive things,” Osborne said. “We’re a young group. For a young group, we are looking pretty good. I think it will all come together. This team has much better

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Tannehill shaky in start against Panthers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Make no doubt about it: Cam Newton is expecting some special things from the Carolina Panthers' offense this season.

So he was encouraged to see his first-team offense bounce back from a lackluster performance last week with an impressive showing Friday night in a 23-17 win over the Miami Dolphins, an effort which could prove to be a springboard for the rest of the season.

Carolina's first team offense was near perfect in scoring two touch-

downs and a field goal in three possessions before getting the rest of the night off. That's the type of efficiency the Panthers had come to expect last year after finishing the season seventh in the league in total offense and fifth in points scored.

"It was a big difference between this week and last week," Newton said.

Newton led Carolina's high-powered offense to 17 first-quarter points and outplayed rookie Ryan Tannehill, who was making his first preseason start for the

Dolphins.

Newton looked extremely sharp, completing 8 of 11 passes for 119 yards and a touchdown as the Panthers (No. 20 in the AP Pro32) jumped all over the injury-depleted Dolphins' defense early.

Last year's AP Offensive Rookie of the Year threw a touchdown pass to DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stewart scored on a 2-yard

plunge before he and the rest of the Carolina starting offense exited with 1:12 left in the first quarter.

"Last week I felt kind of rushed," Newton said. "Coach (Ron Rivera) told me I wasn't going to be in that long and I kind of panicked to a degree. I didn't let the game come to me. Today I knew I had a lot more time to work and when you know that you're in

there for longer than a couple of series you try to let the game come to you.”

Tannehill had an inconsistent night for the Dolphins (No. 27).

He played the entire first half and led six possessions — four of which ended in three-and-out. He found himself under heavy duress most of the game as the Panthers sacked him three times and batted

down three balls at the line of scrimmage.

He finished 11 of 23 for 100 yards.

The one promising highlight for Dolphins fans came on Miami's third possession when Tannehill completed three third-and-long passes to keep the drive alive. Running back Daniel Thomas culminated the 15-play, 71-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run.

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and be more consistent. The aggression and physicality was there on both sides of the ball.”

The next scrimmage will also be in Lubbock as the Steers travel to Estacado on Friday.

"Overall, I was pleased," Ritchey added. "The score doesn't really matter, we saw a lot of good things. It was a good scrimmage."

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The overall performance was on par with what

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With the roster still in a state of limbo, Phillips was impressed by how his team held up.

"They played better than we expected," Phillips said. "We were pleased. We have moved a lot of guys to new spots, but it was a good team effort. Every play, we had four or five guys on the ball."

Gardner expected.

"We were pleased with our kids," Gardner added. "We got tired fast, we got to work on that end of it. They played very well, but there are still a lot of things that need to be fixed."

Executing routine plays was Phillips' focus against Jim Ned.

“We wanted to keep it basic,” Phillips added. “We will slowly add more on both sides of the ball this week,” Phillips said of the next scrimmage, which will be played in Forsan against Reagan County on Friday at 7 p.m.

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Blue Jays down Texas

TORONTO (AP) — J.A. Happ turned things up a notch against the Texas Rangers. He won his second straight start, Edwin Encarnacion hit his 31st home run and the Toronto Blue Jays beat Yu Darvish and the Rangers 3-2 Friday night, handing Texas its fourth loss in five games. “I just wanted to throw everything with conviction, along with the cutter,” said Happ, who won his second straight start. “Sometimes I don’t quite throw that with enough conviction. Tonight I was able to.” Happ (2-1) fanned six straight Rangers in one stretch and struck out seven of the first nine batters he faced. Happ matched a Blue Jays record by striking out six straight in the second and third innings. Ted Lilly struck out six in a row against Boston in 2004, and Marc Rzepczynski did it against the New York Yankees in 2010. Blue Jays catcher Jeff Mathis had “a lot of fun” handling Happ. “He was hitting his fastball away to those righties with some good angles,” Mathis said. “When he started to put it out there, and he would elevate it some, he got some swing-throughs.” Happ gave up one run and two hits in six innings. He walked one and struck out eight. Texas outfielder David Murphy, who struck out to end the second, said what the left-handed Happ lacks in velocity, he makes up for with de-

ception. “He was about 90, 91 tonight but the ball gets on you a little quicker than that,” Murphy said. “It might say 90, 91 but really it looks like 95. “His fastball can be very effective, he showed that tonight,” Murphy added. “We weren’t getting around on it. He definitely had an impressive outing.” Steve Delabar and Brandon Lyon each got two outs, Aaron Loup struck out the only batter he faced, Brad Lincoln got the final out of the eighth and Casey Janssen finished for his 16th save in 18 chances. Darvish (12-9) lost for the second time in three starts, allowing three runs and three hits in seven innings. He walked one and struck out 10. “From the beginning, I don’t think my fastball had a lot of life to it,” Darvish said. “But more often than not I was able to keep the ball down with my cutter, slider, all my other pitches. Overall, I think I was able to stay down and be effective.” For Darvish, it was the seventh time this season he’s reached double figures in strikeouts, tying him with Jim Bibby (1973) for the Rangers rookie mark. Encarnacion, who became the first major leaguer to homer off Darvish when he took him deep in an April 30 Texas win at Rogers Centre, did it again with a second deck blast in the first, his 31st. “Only one (bad) pitch to a guy that’s having an

unbelievable season,” Rangers catcher Geovany Soto said. “It was just that one pitch, too. After that he had a really impressive outing. He was pounding the zone with his fastball and he was accurate.” Encarnacion returned to the lineup after sitting out Thursday’s loss to the White Sox with a sore shoulder and wrist, the result of a diving play in left field Wednesday. “I felt good today,” Encarnacion said. “I can do my swing 100 percent.” Held without a hit through the first four innings, Texas got on the board in the fifth. Michael Young and David Murphy led off with back-to-back singles and both runners moved up on Soto’s sacrifice before Young scored on Craig Gentry’s RBI groundout. Toronto restored its two-run lead in the fifth. Anthony Gose tripled on a broken bat hit that dropped in front of a diving Gentry in center and scored on Rajai Davis’ single. “I don’t know if I’ve ever seen a triple on a broken bat before,” Blue Jays manager John Farrell said. “Some kind of electrifying speed with Gose on the basepaths.” Texas cut the gap to 3-2 with an unearned run off Delabar in the seventh. Third baseman Omar Vizquel made a fielding error on Mike Olt’s bases loaded grounder, allowing Adrian Beltre to score. Lyon came on and ended the inning by getting Ian Kinsler to ground out.

Cowboys break camp, staying out West for a few more days

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys wrapped up a nearly three-week stay at their West Coast training camp with a walkthrough Friday. They still have a few days left in California. After their second preseason game, Saturday night at San Diego, the Cowboys (No. 15 in the AP Pro32) will get a day off before starting next week with two days of joint workouts with the Chargers (No. 16). Coach Jason Garrett said the work with the Chargers helps keep his team in training camp mode for at least another week. “It’s a really important week for us,” Garrett said. “We go down to San Diego and hopefully play well and then have two really good work days with the Chargers on Monday and Tuesday. I think it’s a great opportunity. The competition level increases when you are playing against someone else on the other side.” When the Cowboys got to Southern California three weekends ago, camp started with owner Jerry Jones talking about the glory days of wanting to win another Super Bowl. There has since been a rash of injuries, to interior linemen like center Phil Costa and expected starters like rookie cornerback and first-round draft pick Morris Claiborne, receiver Miles Austin, tight end Jason Witten and linebacker Anthony Spencer. And there was that unimpressive 3-0 victory over Oakland on Monday night. After missing that game,, Claiborne is expected to start against the Chargers. Austin and Spencer are probably still a few weeks away from getting on the field. Pro Bowl outside linebacker DeMarcus Ware said Friday that he would not play against the Chargers

after slightly tweaking his hamstring. Ware said the injury is not serious’ Tony Romo took about a dozen snaps in the preseason opener, but he had to play into the second quarter to do so. There was only one first down, on a 24-catch by Dez Bryant, and the Cowboys had minus-2 yards combined the other 10 players before Romo came out of the game. Despite all the injuries up front, Garrett said he plans to slightly increase Romo’s playing time against the Chargers. “He played 11 snaps last week so we’ll probably inch that up to give him some more opportunities,” Garrett said. “Tony has to get himself ready to play. We would not put him out there with people who were not comfortable blocking in front of him.” Witten suffered a lacerated spleen after catching a pass from a scrambling Romo and immediately getting hit. He has been told to remain as inactive as possible so that he can heal, and he is hopeful of playing in the regular-season opener Sept. 5 against the Giants. When the Cowboys wrap up their workouts with the Chargers, they will return to Texas to finish camp and play their final two preseason games. There will be a day off before a workout Thursday night at Cowboys Stadium, where two days later they will play their final preseason game against St. Louis. Garrett said he was pleased with the progress his team made during its time in Oxnard. “It’s been a great experience,” Garrett said. “We’ve worked really hard in camp. Guys have laid a good foundation for our team. We just have to keep going and carry that back to Dallas.”

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Astros outhit D’Backs, but lose 3-1

HOUSTON (AP) — The Astros made the Diamondbacks scrap for every run. They could have used some grit themselves. Houston outhit Arizona 11-6 but left 11 runners on base and lost 3-1 Friday night. “Anytime you get 11 hits and only score one run, there’s going to be some frustrations coming through,” Houston manager Brad Mills said. “Three guys got base hits in the first, and we couldn’t get anything across. That’s tough when something like that happens. That definitely adds to the frustrations.” In a perfect example of the night’s struggles, Houston loaded the bases in the bottom of the first inning with one out but failed to score any runs. “That first inning was a tough one,” Astros shortstop Tyler

Greene said. “We hit some balls hard but couldn’t get anything out of it. It would have been nice to jump on them early, but we couldn’t make anything of it.” Arizona starter Wade Miley (13-8) pitched six solid innings to lead the Diamondbacks to a seventh consecutive victory against the Astros. Miley also hit a sacrifice bunt and Chris Young doubled in a run in the fifth for Arizona. Paul Goldschmidt added another RBI double in the eighth. Houston has dropped four of five to fall to 6-28 since the All-Star break. The Astros are 39-81 overall for the worst record in the majors. The Astros dropped to 4-13 when stranding 10 or more runners. Despite the struggles at the plate, it was a promising perfor-

mance for Astros left-hander Dallas Keuchel. Keuchel (1-5) gave up two runs and four hits in 6 2-3 innings, but remained winless since June 23 at Cleveland. He is 0-5 with a 6.18 ERA in his last eight starts. “It was nice to see Keuchel throw the ball the way he did,” Mills said. “He had to work himself out of a few jams, but he made some big pitches to keep us in the game. It was nice to see him take us as far as he did.” It was a major improvement from the first time he faced Arizona, when he allowed seven runs and seven hits in 3 1-3 innings in a loss July 21. “I told myself to be more aggressive,” Keuchel said. “This was a big game for me because they put a whooping on me in Arizona. I thought I did a good job.”

LADY STEERS

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ball control than in the past. They have also really developed in their serving.” Individual efforts in the three matches included: **Setters** — Julianna Rodriguez: 19 assists, 6 kills and 9 digs; Morgan Seaton: 21 assists, 10 kills, 6 digs, 1 ace and one block; Kinsey Wash: 10 assists, 1 kill, 2 digs and 1 ace. **Offense** — Ebony Zavala: 10 kills, 9 digs and 3 aces; Erin Pollard: 8 kills, 3 blocks, 4 digs and 8 aces; Clara Benevides: 5 kills, 10 digs and 2 aces. **Defense:** Carson Reibe: 21 digs, 1 kill and 5 aces. The Lady Steers will

take on Lubbock High and Andrews next at home Tuesday beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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Rangers RHP Dempster out for personal reasons

TORONTO (AP) — Ryan Dempster is going to have to wait a little longer to make another start in his native Canada.

The right-hander will miss his scheduled start for the Texas Rangers on Saturday at Toronto due to personal reasons.

Dempster, who is from British Columbia, was slated to make his first start in Canada since opening day for the Marlins at Montreal on April 2, 2002. He went 5-0 in eight career appearances in Montreal, but has never pitched in Toronto.

Recently demoted starter Roy Oswalt will take Dempster's place against the Blue Jays.

The Rangers placed Dempster on the restricted list Friday and recalled rookie outfielder Leonys Martin from Triple-A Round Rock. The AL West leaders didn't offer any further explanation for Dempster's absence and said he was expected to rejoin the team Monday.

Dempster has struggled since he was acquired in a trade with the Chicago Cubs on July 31.

He is 1-1 with an 8.31 ERA in three starts for Texas.

He got a no-decision in his Texas debut when the Rangers beat the Los Angeles Angels 15-9, but was hit hard by the AL East-leading Yankees in an 8-2 loss on Monday.

Patriots sign Olympic medalist Dumps

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots have agreed to terms with Olympic silver medalist Jeff Dumps, who played running back at Florida but was not drafted by an NFL team because he said he wanted to focus on his track career.

Patriots player personnel director Nick Caserio said in his meeting with reporters on Friday that the team had nothing to report.

But later in the night, after reports began to surface, the Patriots issued a press release, announcing the signing of the 22-year-old sprinter.

Dumps earned the Olympic silver medal in the 4x100 relay as part of the team that finished second to Jamaica at the London Games last week. His football agent, Daniel Rose, told The Associated Press this week that several NFL teams were interested in the former running back from Florida.

Tampa Bay and the New York Jets were among the teams that confirmed an interest. Caserio confirmed that the Patriots scouted Dumps, but he went undrafted after saying he was giving up football to focus on track and the Olympics.

“Good with the ball, good speed, caught the ball OK, a little bit undersized,” Caserio said. “Florida has had a track record of some pretty good football players that have come out of there. But any time we go into a school, we’ll look at everybody regardless of whatever their circumstance is.”

Dumps had 2,470 career yards rushing and 23 touchdowns in four seasons with the Gators, but he did not attend any college football all-star games or take part in any NFL draft workouts to focus on track. He averaged 28.8 yards a return during his four-year career and also won multiple national championships in track and field.

“Obviously, he wants to get to work,” Rose said earlier this week. “He had some commitments he had to finish up with the Olympics, and we’ve been very honest and open with the teams. Now, that’s all over with and he can go to sleep and wake up Thursday morning and focus on football.”

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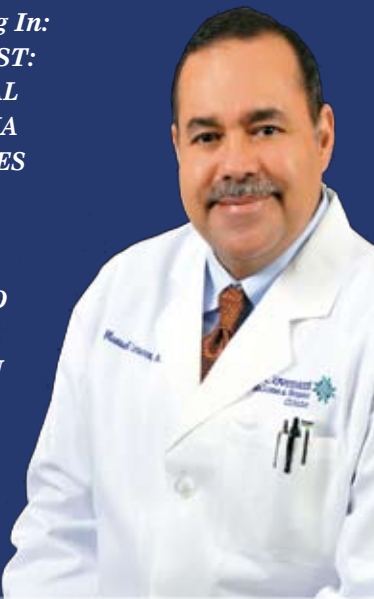
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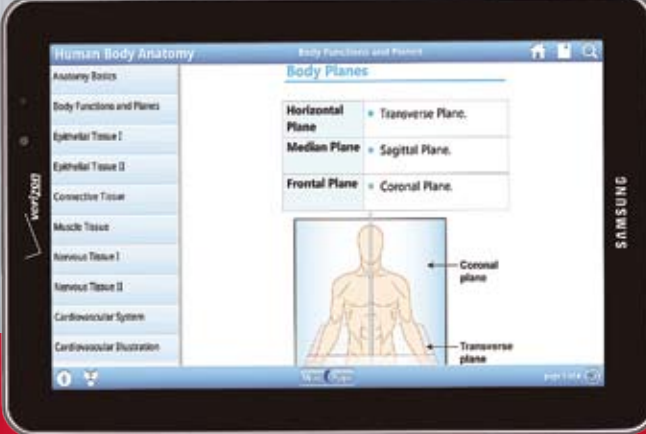
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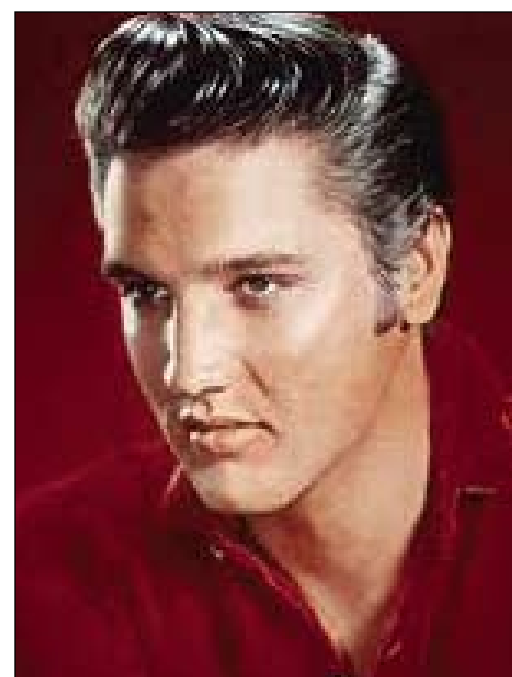
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Ashton Lauren Evans and Jordan Blake Rea were united in marriage June 30, 2012, at Travis Park United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas. The marriage was officiated by the Rev. Dr. William Smythe of Longview, formally of Big Spring.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Anna Evans of Big Spring. The bride's grandparents are C.G. and Joyce Evans of Big Spring; Patty Vaughn of Alvin and the late Bob Vick.

The groom is the son of Patti and Jim Luttrell of Longview, and Dr's. F. Dee and Karen Rea of Austin. He is the grandson of the late Ted and Martha Rea and Montel and Jerry Tessman.

Maid of honor was Jessi New of Houston. Bridesmaids were Ashley Phinney of Big Spring, Caylie Dunnam of Los Angeles, Calif., Sarah Haney Maskell of Saint Cloud, Minn., Brenn Swinney of Fort Worth, Kathleen Kinder of Fort Worth, Cameron Dunn of Lake Jackson and Danielle Jenkins of Hangzhou, China. Junior Bridesmaids were Michaela Raney of Lamesa, cousin of the bride, and Cate Blodrick of Austin, cousin of the groom. The ring bearer was Kade Stephens of Trophy Club, cousin of the bride. Flower girls were Maryella Rippey of Austin, cousin of the bride, and Lane and Isabel Blodrick of Austin, both cousins of the groom.

Honor attendants were Becky Murphy Valbuena of Big Spring, Courtney Thomas of Aledo, and Anna Neal of Midland.

The best man was Tyler Smith of Midland. Groomsmen were Hutton Evans of Lubbock, brother of the bride,

Grayson Ford of Longview, Cassidy Jones of Longview, Michael Wilcox of Tyler, Erik Powell of Houston, Noah Tramel of Houston, and Clay Hamilton of Plano. Junior groomsmen were Blake and Ryan Vick of Fredericksburg, cousins of the bride. Ushers were Ryan Walker of College Station, Garrett Martin of Midland, Austin Price of Kailua-kona, Hawaii, Chris Lile of Mansfield, and Zach Trant of Houston.

The musical offering was presented by Jay and Ashley Phinney. Scripture readings were presented by Brian and Tyler Young of Friendswood, cousins of the bride.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Fire Wheel with food provided by Boudro's of San Antonio. The bridesmaid luncheon was held at the Mokara on the Riverwalk. Special guests included the bride and groom's mothers, the bride's grandmothers, and the bride and groom's aunts, great aunts and cousins.

The wedding reception was held at the Buckhorn Museum. A dinner was hosted at the reception with dinner provided by Don Strange of Texas. Guests enjoyed dancing with music provided by Taboo of Austin.

As per tradition, when both the bride and groom are graduates from Texas A&M University, the wedding party is led in the singing of the Aggie War Hymn, while forming a ring of honor.

After a honeymoon trip to New York and Nevis Island, the bride and groom are making their home in Houston.

Wedding showers were hosted in Big Spring, Trophy Club and Longview.

Birth



Jeremiah Ayden Saucedo, son of Jeremy and Ariel Saucedo of Big Spring, was born Aug. 11, 2012, at 11:23 a.m.

Jeremiah weighed 5 pounds 10 ounces and measured 17 ½ inches.

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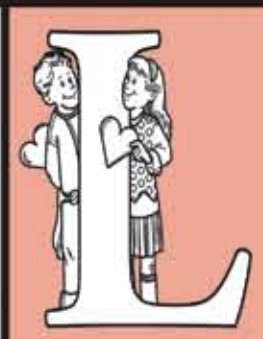
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Several community members, Howard College staff and Chamber board members were on hand to recognize Mike and Sheila Abusaab and the new floor at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Thursday morning. The new floor will be referred to as the Sonic.

'The Sonic' floor celebrated at Dorothy Garret Coliseum

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Staff Writer

The Sonic isn't just a drive in anymore, at least not in Big Spring.

Thursday morning, a ribbon cutting was held in recognition of the new floor — The Sonic — at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The new floor was made possible by a donation of \$70,000 from Mike and Sheila Abusaab, as well as the Jirous Foundation and Winters Family Foundation.

"I want to thank all the Sonic employees, Jirous Foundation, Winters Foundation and all the others who worked on this project. If it wasn't for them this wouldn't have been as simple," Mike Abusaab, owner of the local Sonic drive ins, said.

Abusaab attributed the ability to make the donation — along with all other donations for scholarships, athletic programs

and other community support — to his employees and those who spend money at the Sonics.



"All those hamburgers, cherry limes, Cokes and hot dogs, all those things got us to where we could take some of that money and give it back to you," Abusaab said.

He also said it is an honor to be a part of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and have their name associated with not only Dorothy Garrett but also Harold Davis.

"We are proud and humbled to

be able to have our name in this facility. Just to be mentioned in the same sentence with Harold Davis and Dorothy Garrett, we are grateful," he said.

The original tartan floor was constructed in 1978 and has been used for numerous different events, including circuses, motorcycle performances, Chamber events, indoor football, health fairs and of course, Hawk basketball.

"The original intent when it was constructed was not only for it be used by the college, but as a multi-purpose facility for the community," Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College, said a few months back. "As this facility is used by the entire community, I know everyone will see a benefit from these generous gifts."

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Conservation Agency seeks local input at annual meeting

Special to the Herald

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District and the Local Working Group invite the public to their annual Conservation Stakeholder's Meeting at 4 p.m., Monday at the Big Spring USDA Service Center located at 302 West IH20, Suite 101.

West Texas still facing severe drought

STANTON, Texas — The small amount of rainfall in Howard and Martin counties has not given West Texas the desperate drought relief it needs. Areas of the state are still facing extreme to severe drought as temperatures rise and predictions for little rainfall continue.

As of June, the Palmer Drought Severity Index showed Martin and Howard counties in extreme drought. With little rainfall throughout July, the drought monitor could still be high in the coming months. Keeping this in mind, the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District monitors the drought index to better communicate the importance of conserving water. In order to save water and use it wisely, the PBUWCD offers helpful indoor tips to practice

daily.

Tip 1 – Collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables and re-use it to water houseplants.

Tip 2 – Time your showers to five minutes or less to save 150 gallons of water a month.

Tip 3 – Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.

Tip 4 – When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.

Tip 5 – Turn off the water while brushing your teeth to save 25 gallons a month.

For more ways to conserve water in and around your home, visit the Permian Basin UWCD website at www.pbuwcd.com or stop by our office at 708 W. St. Peter in Stanton.

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wells Fargo Advisors Midland office.

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



The stock market has broken out of the upper end of what had been a very tight trading range over the last six or seven weeks. The reason? New-found optimism that central banks in America and Europe are ready to unleash another round of quantitative easing (QE). Despite the lack of clear indications from the Federal Reserve or the European Central Bank (ECB) after each held separate monetary policy meetings last week, traders have pushed the S&P 500 through upside technical resistance. A test of the April highs in the 1420-1425 range seems all but inevitable in the near term.

Will the market follow through? We know summer trading volumes tend to be low. But big moves have often occurred in the financial markets during the month of August when many traders are at the beach and few people are manning the trading desks in New York and London. Retail investors have largely been on the sidelines since the major indices bottomed in March of 2009. Billions of dollars continue to move out of U.S. stocks and into bonds as investors flee riskier assets for the perceived reduced risk of fixed income.

In our opinion, the stock market is ahead of itself. The strong finish last week and the follow through so far this week have pushed the S&P 500 into our year-end target range earlier than we would have expected. The economy continues to move ahead at a slow pace. We look for marginal improvement in coming months.

The federal Reserve post-meeting press release stated the monetary policy committee would "closely monitor incoming information on economic and financial developments and will provide additional accommodation as needed." Nothing new there. Then last Thursday, ECB President Mario Draghi stated the central bank "may undertake outright open market operations". Emphasis on the word "may." Nothing definite but a glimmer of hope as some German Governments officials later seemed warm to the idea of direct buying of Spanish and Italian debt by the ECB. But many details need to be worked out and that could easily take months.

Then, Boston Fed President Eric Rosengren's comment Tuesday supporting a large scale, open ended bond buying program by the U.S. central bank kept the bulls running. But, for now, he appears to be in the minority. The market is building further monetary easing into current prices.

Our work continues to suggest the S&P 500 will finish the year in the 1400-1450 range. The middle of that range represents a slightly more than 13% return for the year after a flat 2011. We have been bullish on the market since last fall but believe the volatility we anticipate in coming months will give investors opportunities to buy equities at prices below current levels. Our inclination is to not jump on this bull run but to be patient and take advantage of the pullbacks we see coming as bouts of uncertainty come back to temporarily derail the market this fall.

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Dealing with those pesky mosquitos

Insects have put the bite on North Texas, where rain has been more abundant

Rains have not been abundant this summer in North Texas, but an early jump-start from the mild winter has given mosquitoes all they need for a mid-summer resurgence, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomologist.

"Mosquitoes and mosquito-borne disease

are a major problem in the Dallas Fort Worth metroplex this summer," said Dr. Mike Merchant, AgriLife Extension urban entomologist at Dallas. "This is one of the worst years we've seen in north Texas for the mosquito-borne disease called West Nile virus, and the season is far from over. As of the first week in August, more than 160 cases of the disease have been reported from Dallas County alone."

Merchant advises Texans to be aggressive in dealing with the blood-sucking critters. As a first line of de-

fense when going outdoors, especially at dusk or early morning, everyone should use insect repellent, preferably one containing DEET, IR-3535, picaridin or lemon oil of eucalyptus, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.

But that's not all. There are some practical steps everyone can take to further reduce mosquito risk around the home, he said.

"The first step is to make sure mosquitoes aren't breeding on your own property," he said. "It only takes a little water standing for a

week or so to breed mosquitoes. And even without rain, stagnant water can come from shrinking ponds or creeks, irrigation water, or even washing the car.

"Some of the most common places to find standing water this time of year are in water catch basins, storm drains, flower pot dishes, untended water features and neglected swimming pools. After a summer shower, make sure you don't have small containers, wheelbarrows or even children's toys holding water."

Merchant said standing

water in catchment basins, ditches and other hard-to-drain sites can be treated with an insect growth regulator containing methoprene or the bacterial insecticide Bti. These insecticides are safe for the environment and come in dissolvable doughnut, briquettes or granular form.

"We usually don't worry much about fish ponds, streams or creeks, because fish usually take care of the problem there," he said.

Once possible breeding

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Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Daniel O. Arellano, 4101 Muir, Big Spring
Amanda Nicole Bair, 1103 E. 15th St., Big Spring
Jessica Lynn Banks, CR 1200, Lubbock
Nancy Ramirez Banuelos, 1515 A Sycamore, Big Spring
Johnny Barraza, 429 Westover, Big Spring
Tiffany Burke-Mendoza, 1503 Robin, Big Spring
Vanessa Calderon, 1504 Kentucky, Big Spring
Charles Campanella, 2511 Fisher St., Big Spring
Charles Elvis Carroll, 529 Westover Apt. 11, Big Spring
Donald Cervantes, 1211 Lloyd, Big Spring
Trystan Taelor Cevallos, 3912 E. Hwy. 350, Big Spring
Crisleda Chavera, 1601 Grand Ave., Sweetwater
Kimberly Gayle Conaway, 1800 N. Birdwell, Big Spring
Melissa Crawford, 1207 Mulberry, Big Spring
Jennifer R. Crow, 1714 Fort Worth, Brownwood
Stephen Cruz, 12222 Blanco No. 1605, San Antonio
Julie E. Davis, 5202 Bangor Ave. Apt. K301, Lubbock
Stefan Deal, 102 Casie Ln. Apt. 1, Fort Worth
Manuel Delosrios, 707 Lorilla, Big Spring
Teana Demeny-roberts, 5601 N. Service Rd., Big Spring
Delores Dohnalik, 1500 Stones Throw, Horseshoe Bay
Josepy James Eckert, 1123 Newhaven Trail, Pearland
Maria Luisa Elizondo, 603 S. Second, Meadow
Kristi L. Elliot, 603 E. 12th St., Big Spring
John Randall Evatt, 4301 W. 49th St. Apt. 329, Amarillo
Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild, Big Spring
Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa
Joey Lee Garcia, 3102 Ave. C, Snyder
Joe Nick Garfias Jr., of 1309 Runnels, Big Spring
Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second, Stanton
Allen David Gilbert, 1507 Johnson, Big Spring
Joseph Blake Gist, 3500 Cedar Run, Abilene
Becky Lynn gonzales, 2201 Runnels, Big Spring
Roxanne Deanda Gonzales, 539 Westover Apt. 211, Big Spring
Eunice Torres Gonzalez, 7311 Westmoor, Odessa
Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd., Abilene
Robert Earl Green II, 2512 Fairchild, Big Spring
Kimberly Hargrove, PO Box

1985, Big Spring
Tracy Lenn Haynie, 503 Kylie Lane, Wyllie
Gloria Annette Henry, 100 Ash, Coahoma
Ruby G. Hernandez, 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 48, Big Spring
Ashley Rae Hodge, 3214 Drexel, Big Spring
Danny Holt, of 125 Farney Rd., Lorena
April M. Horton, 1705 Charles, Portsmouth, Ohio
Bradley Ryan Horton, of Linda Lane, Big Spring
Dana Michelle Hudgins, P.O. Box 837, Coahoma
Regina Hunt, 804 Longhorn, Welch
Ashley Nicole Islas, 1104 Wood, Big Spring
Brian Ivanchan, 1208 Mulberry, Big Spring
Justin Lee Jernigan, 2302 Lynn, Big Spring
Irene Castillo Johnson, 2502 Cheyenne, Big Spring
Lonnie Malcolm Johnson, 1211 Ridgeroad, Big Spring
Donald Jones, 3718 Ave. V, Snyder
Nickolas Vance Jones, 304 Circle, Big Spring
Jason Earnest Key, 900 Abrams, Big Spring
Jesse Campbell Lockett, 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 141, Big Spring
Robert Lee Lopez, 503 E. 18th, Big Spring
Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham, Odessa
James Elijah Marlow, 2001 Runnels, Big Spring
Todd Vincent Martin, 409 Woodcrest, Midland
Joe Martinez, 2525 Fairchild, Big Spring
Manuel Martinez Jr., 702 NE Iowa, Lamesa
Ronnie Trevino Martinez, 1109 E. 11th place, Big Spring
Norman James McNeese, 1098 LCR 317, Colorado City
Cory James Michalewicz, 1106 Briscoe Cove, Hutto
Chelsea Kristyne Millspaugh, 7403 N. Service Road, Big Spring
Robert Paul Newton, 715 Dealy, Big Spring
Melissa Nieto, 615 tulane, Big Spring
John Randall O'Harrow, 107 S. Main, Big Spring
Abigail Lynn Ortega, 700 E. 17th St., Big Spring
Nancy Ortega, 1111 E. 14th, Big Spring
James Michael Perez, 626 Tulane, Big Spring
Fred Allen Perry, 1425 E. Sixth, Apt. 107, Big Spring
Joshua Plaia, 1401 E. 18th, Big Spring
Jarum Renee Pryor, 802 N. Plaza, Big Lake
Bobbie Ann Ritchie, 803 St. Francis, Stanton

Michael Neal Roberts, 538 Westover, Apt. 103, Big Spring
Esmeralda Cevallos Rodriguez, 406 N. Scurry, Big Spring
Oliva Rosa Rodriguez, 1201 Settles, Big Spring
Roberta Garza Rodriguez, 1103 Stanford, Big Spring
Lisa J. Rubio, 1303 Sycamore, Big Spring
Melissa Joann Ruiz, P.O. Box 82, Coahoma
Anastasia Clarice Sanders, 1401 Culpepper Ave., Wilson
Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 E. Davis Rd., Big Spring
Kennedra Wynell Shelton, 400 N. Fourth, Corsicana
Amy Leigh Shifflett, 209 N. Main, Coahoma
Charles Ray Smith, 2911 W. Highway 80, Apt. 155, Big Spring
Tiffany Katherine Stokes, 1407 E. 19th St., Big Spring
Timothy Donald Taylor, 4000 W. Highway 80 No. 18, Big Spring
Trinity Renee Terrazas, 2202 Morrison, Big Spring
Glenn Joe Thompson, 1111 Jeffery, Big Spring
Jennifer Sims Turner, 506 N. Second, Coahoma
David Wayne Turner, 3204 Irving, Snyder
Abram Unger, 503 NE Fourth, Seminole
Brittania Kay Upchurch, 4303 Princeton, Midland
Alonzo Vasquez, 306 W. Seventh St., Iraan
Anthony A. Vasquez, 710 Wil- lia, Big Spring
Timothy Shea Wargo, 624 State, Big Spring
Charles Watson, 804 W. I-20 Apt. 127, Big Spring
Thomas Weeks, P.O. Box 110891, Anchorage, Alaska
Linda Cortez White, 400 Col- lege, Coahoma
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 28, Big Spring
Mary Lou Wilson, 610 N.E. Ninth, Big Spring
Frances Elena Yanez, 1610 Cardinal, Big Spring
James Edward Young, 3313 Auburn, Big Spring
Dennis Anthony Zaragoza, 4534 Sinclair, Big Spring
Mary Esther Zubiate, 1103 S. 11th Place, Big Spring

County Court Decisions:
Judgment and Sentence: Lucas Hodge, theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 75 days in jail.
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Probated Judgment: Johnny Isaias Gonzales, driving while

intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Tim Beck, theft by check - more than \$20 and less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Richard Adam Bailey, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Johnny Isaias Gonzales Jr., graffiti - pecuniary loss less than \$1,500, \$250 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Michael Anthony Smith II, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$1,053 fine, \$232 court cost.
Judgment and Sentence: Angela Reed, tattoo/body piercing regulation requirements, \$116 fine, \$282 court costs.
Judgment and Sentence: Sally Leanne Hair, possession of a controlled substance, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Jeffery Scott Walling, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Salena Marie Taylor, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$282 court costs, 10 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Mario Ireno Yanez, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Christopher Ryan Colegrove, criminal mischief - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 75 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Frazier Cody Adamson, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Zyon Gonzales, assault causing bodily injury - family violence, \$1,498 fine, \$282 court costs.
Probated Judgment: William Lane Rothell, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Sonia Gonzales, harboring a runaway child, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence:

Samantha Yvonne Brehm, theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Samantha Yvonne Brehm, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$342 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Jeremy John Miller, theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Julian Michael Chavez, criminal trespass, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Jonathan Lance Anthony, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Pete Manuel Yanez, purchasing or furnishing alcohol to a minor, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Seth Ernest Williamson, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Jose Antonio Moran Jr., possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Antonio Limon Ibarra, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$498 fine, \$232 court costs.
Judgment and Sentence: Matthew Mendoza, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$498 fine, \$232 court costs.
Judgment and Sentence: Richard Adam Bailey, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Jordan Allen McLeod, purchasing or furnishing alcohol to a minor, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Jackie Doyle Richey, theft of property - more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 75 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Dannie Jolene Stansberry, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$250 fine, \$342 court costs, 20 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Mitchell Lon James, violation of bond or protective order, \$100 fine, \$282 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: David Russell Bartley, obstructing highway passageway, \$100 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Charlie Jake Turner, criminal trespass, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.
District Court Filings:
Michelle Mcelroy vs. State of Texas, expunction.
Equable Ascent Financial LLC vs. Jerry Grace, accounts, notes and contracts.
Kent Distributors Inc. vs. BNB Ventures LLC, civil.
Katrina Jordan vs. Darin K. Johns, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
Blissard Enterprise Inc. vs. Milton Sonny Anderson, accounts, notes and contracts.
Linda Kay Huckabee vs. Richard Keith Huckabee, divorce.
Sherri Lynn Schlosser vs. George John Schlosser, divorce.
In Re Carson Blaine Paul, family.
In Re Aiden Christophe Ybarr, family.
In Re Anay Faye Piper, family.
In Re Seriann Araceli Yanez, family.
In Re Delilah Elizabeth Ramirez, family.
In Re Elaina Diana Freitag, family.
In Re Mark Lee Castleberry, family.
In Re Nyjah Alexander Franco, family.
In Re Harley Grace Hays, family.
In Re Diego Alonzo Burciaga, family.
Midland Funding LLC vs. Ismael Lujan, accounts, notes and contracts.
Antonio Garcia Jr. vs. Erica Viera Olivarez, family.
Ron Martinez vs. State of Texas, expunction.

Marriage Licenses:
Don A. Holmes, 63, and Linda Marino, 58, both of Big Spring.
Charles M. Davis Jr., 49, and Gina M. Taylor, 36, both of Big Spring.
Brian Christopher Lewis, 27, and Donnetta Charmaine Scott, 26, both of Big Spring.
Jim Bob Nichols, 38, and Jaime Rhnea Weaver, 36, both of Big Spring.
Ricardo O. Villarreal, 26, and Tanna J. Lindey, 26, both of Big Spring.

SKEETERS

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sites are eliminated, Merchant said there are several options for eliminating mosquitoes that still find their way into the yard. “Knowing how mosquitoes behave and using the right products can make your home safer, inside and out,” he said. He said mosquitoes spend most of their time during the day in shady resting sites around the backyard. So treating sites like tall grass,

shrubs and trees, as well as shaded eaves, walls and especially doorways of the house can provide significant mosquito suppression. “When you treat shaded doorways you can eliminate those mosquitoes that often get swept into the house when people come and go. These are some of the worst offenders because people don’t generally wear repellents indoors,” Merchant said. Pump-up and hose-end sprayers and aerosol cans for backyard use can also be used to treat trees, shrubs and ground cover where

mosquitoes rest during the heat of the day. Merchant said to look for products that promise multi-week control. Insecticides containing lambda-cyhalothrin, deltamethrin and cyfluthrin are good choices when the goal is long-term mosquito control. “I’m not usually a fan of using broadcast pesticide applications in the backyard, but mosquitoes are serious business, especially this year,” he said. If you don’t like the idea of treating yourself, and mosquitoes are a problem, another option is to hire a pest management company.

Professionals have the tools and knowledge to apply insecticides properly and to successfully control mosquitoes. If you choose to do it yourself, Merchant advises reading and following the pesticide label directions carefully. “If you wear the recommended gear, and apply when and where the label says, you can do your own mosquito control safely. All landscape sprays should be applied in the evening or early morning before bees and butterflies are active. Don’t spray insecticides on windy days or when rain is

expected. For more information on mosquitoes and their control, see: <http://mosquitofari.tamu.edu>. To learn more about pyrethroid pesticides used in mosquito control, see: <http://citybugs.tamu.edu/2012/02/20/using-pyrethroids-safely/>. —Steve Byrns, s-byrns@tamu.edu Tommy Yeater is an Agriculture Extension Agent for Howard County. He can be reached at 264-2236.

FLOOR

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The new floor measures at 17,100 square feet and is a Pulastic FLE over-pour gymnasium flooring surface. The decision for the floor came after more than a year of researching different possibilities and ways of addressing the problem presented by the aging floor. The new floor is expected to last 30 years or more. The Harold Davis wood floor, which was donated by the Dora Roberts Foundation a few years back, will still be used for basketball games, according to Sparks. The ribbon cutting for the Sonic floor took place minutes before the area-wide teacher inservice. Area schools, including Forsan, Coahoma, Big Spring and surrounding

areas had faculty members in attendance, not only for the inservice, but to witness the ribbon cutting. “You are the ones who made this possible. We will do anything for education,” Sheila Abusaab said. “Mike stayed here because of his education. “This college floor is used by the entire Howard County which is what we intended and is why we want it to be the best it can be.” In closing, Sheila gave a reminder and encouraged all to go out and visit Sonic. “The more you eat, the more you drink, the more we can donate,” she said. Dr. Sparks issued her sincere appreciation in closing the ceremony. “Behind everything special are special people — Dorothy Garrett, Sue Davis Partee, Harold Davis, the legend who served as a

coach and board members, among many others — and today, standing behind the signs

because the Abusaabs are that way, it’s all about Sonic, but we all know in Big Spring that

Sonic means Mike and Sheila Abusaab.” Contact Staff Writer

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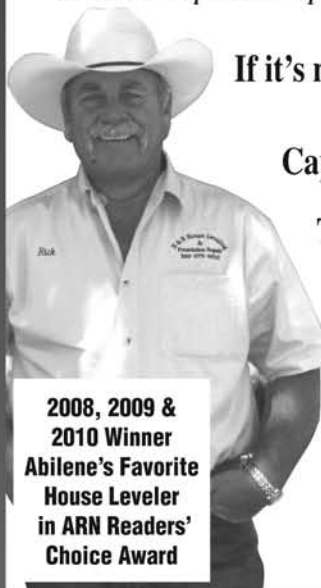
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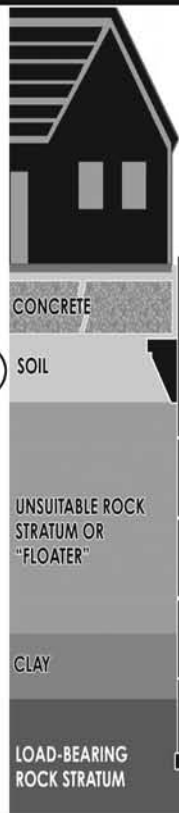
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~ Dear Margo ~

Grief and Money

Dear Margo: My father passed away a few months ago. When I started dealing with his affairs and doing the required financial tasks, I realized he had left me an estate worth \$1.5 million.

My problem: I think about the money and almost feel like it's

tainted. I don't want \$1 million; I want my father. I'd rather he were still here, father to me and grandfather to my toddler.

Logically, of course, I recognize that he left me a tremendous gift, but emotionally, I'm having a hard time accepting it. And I do recognize that my feelings will seem absurd to most, especially in our present economic situation.

I'm hoping that you will be able to give me some advice that will help guide me forward. — *Melancholy*



MARGO HOWARD

Dear Mel: You are experiencing great sadness at the loss of what sounds like a wonderful man and a

loving father.

Let us apply the poultice of reason, however, to your thoughts. This situation is not one in which you had a choice. No one put the question to you: Would you like your father to live, or would you rather have the money? A lifetime is finite, and ever was it thus.

As for the inheritance being tainted, that would only be the case had your dad been a killer for hire or something similarly unlawful.

I am fairly sure he earned this money in an honorable way, so there can be no taint. Neither did you wish him gone so you could have the estate.

(That would not have made it happen, but it would be a cause for guilt.)

Give yourself a break, and try to look at things realistically. I can tell you that when the grief diminishes — and it will — you will feel more comfortable about having the nest egg your father wished for you. — *Margo, acceptingly*

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via the online form at www.creators.com/dearmargo. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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sudoku

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

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Bird-in-the-Hand Principle

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J
♥ 8 4
♦ K Q 6 4 2
♣ K Q 6 5

WEST
♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 9 7 5 3
♦ 7
♣ A 10 9 7

EAST
♠ 8 7 5 3
♥ K 6 2
♦ A 10 9 8
♣ 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 4
♥ A Q 10
♦ J 5 3
♣ J 8 3

The bidding:
North 1♦
East Pass
South 2♣
West 1♠
3 NT

Opening lead — five of hearts.

When a contract can be guaranteed by adopting a particular method of play, it stands to reason that it would be wrong to choose another line of play that jeopardizes the contract. This principle is self-evident, but it is sometimes not so easy to apply in actual practice.

Consider this deal where West leads a heart against three notrump. How should declarer proceed? If South does not give the matter much thought, he wins East's king with the ace and leads a diamond to the queen, losing to the ace. Back comes a heart, and West's suit becomes established.

When the diamonds turn out to be divided 4-1, South goes down one because West has the ace of clubs as an entry to his hearts. The outcome could easily be attributed to bad luck, since it takes a very unlikely combination of events to sink the contract. However, this view dodges the real issue.

This is one of those hands where declarer can completely control his fate by playing his cards correctly. Luck is not a factor. To ensure the contract, all South need do is to take East's king of hearts with the ace, lead a spade to dummy and return a low diamond.

If East has the ace and goes up with it, South has at least nine tricks. If East has the ace and does not go up, South wins with the jack and attacks clubs to assure nine tricks.

If West has the ace of diamonds, he can win South's jack but cannot effectively return a heart. Anything else West does gives declarer time to establish two club tricks before West's hearts can be established.

Superficially, it seems unimportant whether the first diamond lead comes from the South hand or from dummy, but in the actual deal, the contract stands or falls on this decision.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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ACROSS
1 Cold War accommodation
8 Hot stuff
15 Mean
16 Highly significant
17 Habilimented
18 Circus outfit
19 Enjoy oneself
20 Like
22 Errata slip, e.g.
23 Martial artists' surroundings
24 Originally, a male servant
26 Feeling
27 Bird __
28 Neither here nor there
30 Strength training exercise
31 Some interface cables
33 Divers
35 Ginger
36 Motion translation piece
37 Furniture store display
41 Allowance
45 Beer critic's concern
46 Juice source
48 Football supporter
49 __ race
51 Niveous
52 Force down
53 Calculated, with "out"
55 It's held in an orbit
56 Buzz source
57 Exposed

DOWN
1 Break
2 Fit for the draft
3 Element in LEDs
4 Stormy states
5 Lean and strong
6 Pro
7 Hairsplitters
8 "The City That Never Sleeps"
9 Mirror
10 Exile

11 When "eye of newt" is used
12 NPR White House correspondent
13 Beast on a Canadian quarter
14 It's outdated
21 Specialty of a Library of Congress
24 Things to hold
25 Sharp
28 Run off the edge
29 Wake, for example
32 Sharp
34 "The __ of the Perverse" (Poe short story)
37 Intimations

38 ABBA music
39 Andrew Wyeth medium
40 Merger goal
41 No longer in doubt
42 Stand against the wall
43 They can't be beat
44 Put down
47 Retiring
50 Caricatures, with "up"
52 Implied
54 Place of honor
56 "Fools rush in" source
58 Stuff that may 28 Down
60 It means "I suppose"

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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, September 1st, 2012, 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: Lori Stroud
Consisting of: misc. household goods
#7467 August 12 & 19, 2012

Legals

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Tag# 4WVZB
1995 Saturn Ion
Vin# 2E3HD56T8SH540730
Tag# FCS035
1996 Ford Pickup
Vin# 2FTHF25H6TCA16373
Tag# BD19879
2000 Mercury Marquis

Any questions, please contact the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office.

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#7474 August 15,16,17,19,20 and 21, 2012

Legals

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#7475 August 19, 2012

Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON TAX RATE

The City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing on the 2012 property tax rate.

The City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing on the 2012 property tax rate. The City of Big Spring intends to adopt the effective tax rate, which means that the City will collect about the same amount of property tax revenue next year as it did in the current year. The public hearing will be held on August 28, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the regular City Council meeting in the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th Street. Your individual taxes may increase, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.
Peggy S. Walker
Finance Director/City Secretary
#7478 August 19, 2012

Legals

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notification of
Nondiscrimination in Career
and Technical Programs within
the Big Spring Independent
School District

The Big Spring Independent School District offers career and technical education programs in Consumer and Family Economics, Trade and Industrial Education, Business Education Career Preparation, and Industrial Technology Education. Admission to these programs is based on interest, aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space available. It is the policy of Big Spring Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its career and technology programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. It is the policy of Big Spring Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Big Spring Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator Steven Saldivar, Superintendent, and/or Carol Walston, the Section 504 Coordinator, at the Big Spring I.S.D., Administrative Offices, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Phone Number (432) 264-3600

NOTA LEGAL/DE PUBLICA
La Notificación Publica de No
Discriminación en la Carrera y el
Programa Tecnología dentro del
Distrito Independiente Escolar
de Big Spring

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring ofrece la carrera y los programas de la educación de la tecnología en la Educación de la Agricultura, en la Economía de Consumidor y Familia, en el Comercio y la Educación Industrial, en la Carrera de la Educación del Negocio de Preparación, y en la Educación Industrial de la Tecnología. La admisión a estos programas se basa en el interés, la aptitud, la conveniencia de la edad, y la capacidad del clase disponible. Es la política del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring de no discriminar a base de raza, de color, de origen nacional, o sexo, ni a base la desventaja en sus programas de la carrera y la tecnología, en los servicios, o en las actividades como requerido por el Título VI del Acto Civil de Derechos de 1964, cuando enmendado; el Título IX de las Enmiendas de la Educación de 1972; y la Sección 504 del Acto de Rehabilitación de 1973, cuando enmendado. Es la política del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring de no discriminar a base de raza, de color, de origen nacional, o sexo, ni a base la desventaja en sus programas de la carrera y la tecnología, en los servicios, o en las actividades como requerido por el Título VI del Acto Civil de Derechos de 1964, cuando enmendado; el Título IX de las Enmiendas de la Educación de 1972; y las Sección 504 del Acto de Rehabilitación de 1973; cuando enmendado. El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring tomara los pasos para asegurar esa falta de habilidades del idioma ingles no sera una barrera a la admisión y la participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales. Para informacion acerca de sus procedimientos de derechos o queja, contacte al Coordinador del Título IX Steven Saldivar, Suprendidente, o Carol Walston, Coordinador de la Sección 504, en las Oficinas Administrativas del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring, en lugar 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, el numero de telefono (432)264-3600.
#7476 August 19, 2012

Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Big Spring will hold a
public hearing on the annual
budget for the fiscal year beginning
on October 1, 2012 and
ending on September 30, 2013.

The public hearing will be held on August 28, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the regular City Council meeting in the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th Street. All citizens shall have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments concerning the proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for review in the office of the City Secretary in City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas.
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Finance Director/City Secretary
#7477 August 19, 2012

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The void-of-course
moon brings a drift
y headspace and
perhaps an odd
feeling, like
remembering
something that
has not happened
yet. A trick of
shadow and light
can lead your
senses to unreason
able conclusions.
Your mind wants
to believe, so enjoy
the illusions —
optical, emotional
and otherwise.

ARIES

(March 21-
April 19).
Information that
you gather in
your environment
will spur you to
behave in a
particular way.
You always have
a choice in
how to react, but
some options are
more obvious than
others.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). You may be
surprised at your
own feeling of
surprise. Is it
possible that you
were expecting
something you
didn't get, even
though you didn't
know you were
expecting anything
at all?

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). Peering into
your future will
be a requirement
of the day. What
you see when you
dare to glimpse
forward will have
you choosing
different activities
from those you
chose yesterday.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). The utility of
an item depends
largely on who is
going to use it. When
the "who" is "you,"
people will be
amazed at how far
your creativity can
stretch the potential
of an item to
produce the desired
result.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
In the mirrored
world of

the mind, everything
depends on how the
room is lit. Keep
in mind that the
way you experience
things may or may
not be how they
really are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). Having a large
number of online
friends doesn't
necessarily translate
into "social proof"
that you're a good
friend. But what you
do this afternoon
will.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23). You're not
satisfied with action
for its own sake.
You want to know
the practical reason
before you commit
your energy. Because
of this, you won't
be too busy, though
you'll still be very
productive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). You can't think
of everything, but
you leave time to
make fixes. You
expect that there
will be changes to
your routine, and
you build your
schedule to accom
modate the possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21). You'll
be in a charitable
mood, and yet you
are a discerning
giver. You want to
contribute to those
who really need
what you have and
will put it to direct
use.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). Everyone
makes mistakes,
but only those with
exemplary character
admit where they
went wrong and try
to make it right. You'll
have the opportunity
to forgive such a
person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18). It may be
hard to project
accurately into the
future. When you
envision the future,
you might add
details that will not
actually be or forget
about some of the
more crucial parts
that will be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). Just as a
physician vows to
do no harm and a
postal worker vows
to deliver the mail
in all kinds of
weather, there is
something you will
do that is so
essential to your
nature that it
defines you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(Aug. 19). You
define success
differently from the
way you did years
ago, and you
beautifully flesh
out your new
definition. The
next six weeks
bring you closer to
an interesting
someone. Mysteries
only get deeper
and more mysterious.
You'll learn and
earn through the
fall. Younger
people look up to
you. Travel in
June. Taurus and
Libra people adore
you. Your lucky
numbers are: 44,
25, 4, 27 and 14.

**FORECAST FOR THE
WEEK AHEAD:** There
is a legend associated
with the passage
of the sun into
Virgo. It begins in
an idyllic setting,
when the world
was Edenesque.
That is to say,
there were no
automated phone
systems, lines at
the grocery store
were never more
than two people
deep, and there
were enough
parking spaces
for all of

humanity to visit
the mall at the
same time. Then
along came
Pandora, the
original Virgo,
on her daily
cleaning spree,
when she noticed
this unopened
box. What
happened next
was either a
nightmare or a
wild and
wonderful dream,
depending on
whom you ask.
Pandora opened
the box, and sin
and evil were
let loose upon
the world.
(Reportedly,
Jupiter stuffed
these things into
a box during a
hasty cleaning
spree.) Now,
some rue this
innocence lost,
while others
celebrate it.
Without it,
there would be
no wicked wit,
no drama and
nothing "cool,"
since "cool" (as
only the coolest
know) relies on
a marriage of
dark and bright
energies. But
what was
Pandora's (Virgo's)
role in all of
this? Well,
maybe
somewhere deep
inside she realized
that since she
let it all out of
the box, it's on
her to organize
it. — *Excerpted
from "Rock Your
Stars: The
Astrological Guide
to Getting it All"*

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Kayaking in the rain ... in Coahoma?



Courtesy photo
If you drove around Coahoma last time it rained you might have seen local boy Aaron Ferguson enjoying the rain. He decided to take a kayaking trip in Coahoma during the last rain storm.

Family Reunion



Pictured are the first cousins of the Choate Family. Front row, left to right are Wade Choate, Clea Faye Hill Britton and Sonny Choate. Top row from left to right are Ray Haygood, Dene Choate Sheppard and Carroll Choate. Not present for the picture was Sharon Choate Pearson.

Recently, descendants from John Melton and Cora Zaid Choate gathered for a family reunion at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Approximately 100 attended the event. On Friday evening they enjoyed Mexican buffet and visiting. Saturday an auction was held and the monies raised funded three scholarships for those attending college. Ray Haygood (historian) shared the records he has assembled with books of family pictures, documents, stories, including genealogy records of both families of Cora Zaid Gibbs and John Melton Choate, some dating to the 1600s. The Choate family has been recognized as one of the First Families of Texas. First cousins also took the opportunity to share stories of their childhood days.

John Choate was the first policeman of Big Spring and his picture hangs in the halls of the police station. There were nine children and the family attended the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring.

Who's Who

Crystal Anne Ward graduated May 19 from the Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Allied Health Sciences.

She is a magna cum laude graduate with a bachelor of science degree in speech, language and hearing sciences.

She was also honored to be selected for membership into Texas Tech School of Allied Health Sciences chapter of Alpha Eta Honor Society.



Ward

During her time at Texas Tech,

Crystal, was also a member and officer of the Women's Service Organization.

She is one of 10 applicants to be accepted into the Doctor of Audiology program at the Texas Tech University Health Science Center, which also awarded her a graduate scholarship.

She will begin the four year program this fall.

Club News

Big Spring Retired Teachers Assoc.

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers will meet Monday in the Cactus Room of Howard College. Members and guests will share a Dutch-treat lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a brief meeting.

Betty Lloyd of DAD (Department of Aging and Disabilities) will be the guest speaker. Any person who is eligible for retirement benefits from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas can join the RTA. This is not limited to teachers, but includes all school personnel. Meetings and programs are designed to benefit all members. Retirees from any school are urged to join.

The Texas Retired Teachers Association

is the only group who can lobby by the Texas Legislature on behalf of retired school personnel. As such, we need a strong representation of retirees to increase our voice in the Texas Legislature. If individuals would like to be members, but are unable to attend meetings, we would be happy to have them join our organization so their voices can be heard. At present there are about 277,000 members of RTA, but there are about three million retired school personnel in Texas.

For more information about the Retired Teachers Association, contact Bonnie Wheat, President, at 432-517-4472, or Jean Slate, 432-270-2121.



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Rep. Drew Darby talks about Texas roads



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat
State Rep. Drew Darby stopped in Big Spring on Wednesday to address the issue of reduced funding for Texas roadways as part of the Texas Good Roads conference. Several civic leaders, chamber members and citizens were on hand to hear Darby speak on the topic.

Texas Good Roads provides the facts *Cost of doing nothing?*

Due to underfunding of Texas highways, citizens are paying:

- \$948 annually for each Texas resident in accident related costs.
- \$6.5 billion statewide due to serious accidents caused by older roads who do not meet current safety design safety standards. This total is said to include money from lost productivity, lost earnings, medical costs and emergency services.
- \$343 annually for each Texas driver in additional repair costs, fuel consumption and tire wear due to roads or \$5.3 billion statewide.
- \$1,500 in total congestion costs each year per Texas household. The cost is expected to increase to more than \$5,000 per year by 2035.

Of course, Texas residents aren't only paying with their pocketbooks, but also through loss of quality of life.

- Due to traffic delays there are 37 hours every year spent in traffic by urban and metro motorists.

Households aren't the only ones feeling the hit. The Texas economy reflects the damage to the highways as well.

- Texas economy pays \$10.8 billion per year in congestion costs. That number is projected to reach \$30 billion by 2025.

Purchase costs increase due to the underfunding of highways, as well. Price increases can be seen in groceries, goods purchased online and transportation costs.

If the proper funding could be found for Texas highways, money could be saved in several areas. An increase in prevention costs, including taxes and fees could go a long way to reduce those costs.

- At this point, households are spending \$232 per year for their roads. At this level of spending it costs \$6,095 per vehicle use and maintenance costs.

With an added \$174 in taxes and fees total vehicle costs can be reduced to \$4,825 which equals a savings of \$1,096 per person.

- With an additional \$279 invested the total vehicle costs would be dropped to \$4,228 for a savings of \$1,588 per person.

At this time, funding for highways is received from gasoline taxes — which is still sitting at 15 cents since 1991 — and the registration taxes and fees. With the amount of gas tax not having been raised, the amount received now compared to 1991 is only 8 cents in repair costs instead of 15 cents.

More information can be found on the Road Information Program website at www.tripnet.org; Texas Transportation Institute website at <http://tti.tamu.edu>; or 2030 Committee website at <http://texas2030committee.tamu.edu>.

— Information and statistics courtesy of Texas Good Roads/Transportation Association, located in Austin, Texas.

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