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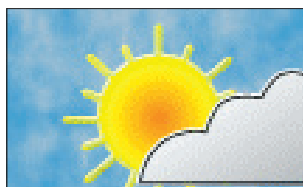
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Foster parents thanked

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Fostering is about family and creating a special bond.

A World for Children, a foundation aimed at finding “forever families” for children referred through Child Protective Services, held an appreciation luncheon for its foster families Thursday at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church.

“Without foster families we wouldn’t be an agency,” said Isaac Miramontes, foster home developer. “We truly appreciate what these families do for us.”

April is Foster Parent Appreciation Month and each year during April and May, appreciation luncheons are held for foster families involved with A Word for Children, according to Paul Willis, the organization’s president.

The Big Spring office is the newest office in the organization, opening this past month. After seeing a need in the area it was decided to open an office here to better serve the children of Howard County, organizers said.

“We had a few families in this area wanting us to come and we thought we could provide a good service to them,” Rebecca Allen, program administrator of A World for Children, said as she explained how the organization found its



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

A World for Children showed appreciation to its six local foster families Thursday afternoon. The families were treated to a short program and catered lunch. A World for Children recently opened its 12th office location in downtown Big Spring at 308 Scurry. For more information on how to become a foster parent, stop by the office or visit www.awfc.org

Surf’s up!

Symphony pairs with Canadians for Beach Boys concert Saturday

By BILL McCLELLAN
Managing Editor

The surf will be up Saturday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as the Big Spring Symphony, together with Jeans ‘n Classics of Toronto, Canada, presents the music of Brian Wilson and the Beach Boys.

“It should be a really good, clean, family kind of upbeat show,” said Dr. Keith Graumann, symphony conductor and director. “We’ll have tables on the floor for anyone who would like table seating.”

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. with such favorites as “California Girls” and “In My Room.” Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5

Dee’s Trade Show opens two-day run here Saturday

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

For those in need of some retail therapy, this weekend is perfect timing.

Dee’s Trade Show will be at the Howard County Fair Barn Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This marks the fifth year for the show, according to Denise McComb,

owner.

“Mother’s Day is right around the corner and there are numerous gifts to be found,” McComb said. “There are lots of unique arts and crafts this year.”

According to McComb, booths will be offering scented candles, metal art, handmade leather goods, home interior decorations, quilts, unique pens, homemade lotion bars and more.

“We will have KBYG on hand from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday,” McComb said. “There will be lots of giveaways and a chance to win Trade Day Bucks.”

This is the first year for Trade Day Bucks, which are vouchers that can be used to make purchases during the trade days. In addition to inside booths, there will be outdoor food vendors as well.

This year’s theme is a luau, so come prepared for a tropical getaway.

“We will be handing out

free leis as long as they last,” McComb said.

In addition to the trade show, there will be a Blue Santa Poker Run and silent auction. The poker run will begin at 9 a.m. and is \$20 per bike and \$10 per passenger. There will be a meal provided for those taking part in the poker run.

“There will be \$50 trade bucks given to the rider with the best hand in the poker run and \$25 in trade bucks to the rider with the worst hand,” McComb said.

The money raised from the poker run and silent auction will go towards helping the Blue Santa program with the purchase of gifts for Big Spring and Howard County underprivileged kids, according to secretary/treasurer of the Big Spring Police Association, Lynn Creswell.

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Obituaries

Mamie Madry



Mamie Madry, 100, of Arlington, formerly of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at her daughter's residence in Arlington. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2011, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Gene Jones officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 12, 1910, in Kosse and married Jessie Clay Madry on March 9, 1929, in Lamesa. He preceded her in death April 22, 1990.

Mamie came to Big Spring in 1946 from Killeen and moved to Arlington in September of 2006. She was a homemaker and was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Henrietta and Billy Harkrider of Arlington; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Karen Madry of Big Spring, Jesse Madry of Greenville and Rex Madry of Grand Prairie; six grandchildren, Joni Mays, Wesley Harkrider, Kim Pollard, Kenda McDonnell, Jeff Madry and Michael Madry; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Billie Jean Madry; 12 brothers and sisters; and a grandson, Lex Blevins Harkrider.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Douglas Nichols



Douglas Nichols, 68, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 26, 2011, in San Angelo. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born Sept. 14, 1942, in Big Spring to Othelle and Houston Nichols. He had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring, graduating from Coahoma High School in 1961.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served in Europe. He married Shirley Coots on Nov. 5, 1966, in Odessa. She preceded him in death Sept. 3, 2010. He worked a number of years at Sid Richardson and a number of years as a Gas Plant Operator in Tarzan. He was a member of College Baptist Church.

In earlier years, he had been involved in youth activities, serving as a scout master, and little coach and umpire. He loved fishing, camping, metal art and trade shows.

He is survived by two sons, Scotty Casselman of Big Spring and Brant Nichols of San Angelo; one grandson; one sister, Sandra Allen and husband Jerry of Livingston; one brother, Max Nichols and wife Jan of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Stoney Casselman.

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

Paid obituary

Want to have the adventure of a lifetime without all the fuss? **Read!**

James Thomas Wilson



James Thomas Wilson, 29, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall.

James was born Dec. 16, 1981, in El Centro, Calif. He was raised in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 2000 and received two associate degrees in computer programing, with honors, from Howard College. He was an Eagle Scout.

Survivors include his wife, Jaceei Marsch Wilson of Big Spring; sons Logan Orion, Skyler Rayne and Bralley Aiden Wilson, all of Big Spring; mother, Alice Lewis of Big Spring; father and step-mother, Laurence Wilson and Margaret Wilson of Sand Springs; siblings, Janet and husband Joe Jackson of Keller, Trudy Jones of Washington, D.C., Karl and wife Heather Jones of Fargo, N.D., Tracee and wife Lori Fairman of Lubbock, Tamara Sharp of Big Spring, Katelyn Wilson and fiancée Ronnie Moore of Snyder and Marla Wilson of Sand Springs; grandparents, Henrietta Lewis of Austin, Laurence Wilson Sr. of Brownfield and Drew Hobdy of Sand Springs; uncles, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Lewis of Austin, David and Lisa Lewis of Brownfield and Daniel Lewis of Odessa; and an aunt, Vellene Wilson Sawyers of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Alice Louise Jones and a grandparents, W.W. and Janet Lewis; and a grandmother, Aloma Hobdy.

Paid obituary

G.W. 'Bill' Birrell

G.W. "Bill" Birrell, 89, of Big Spring died Friday, April 29, 2011, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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M.A. 'Shorty' Barraza



M.A. "Shorty" Barraza, 75, of Stanton died Wednesday, April 27, 2011, in a Big Spring hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Shorty was born June 12, 1935, in Martin County and was a lifelong resident of West Texas. He had worked as a mechanic and also as a driver for Pool Well Service and Pops Well Service.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Renee Barraza of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Theresa and Tom Marlow of Big Spring; one brother, Raul Barraza of Bovina; one sister, Toni Barraza of Amarillo; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

Take Note

• Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999. Volunteers are needed in many categories in addition to patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time will be greatly appreciated. Free training is offered beginning May 10. Hospice training is invaluable for those who have a desire to make a difference to someone in need of a blessing. Training location and schedule: Compass Hospice Team Room, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 10-11 and 13, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. You must attend all three days to become a hospice certified volunteer.

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

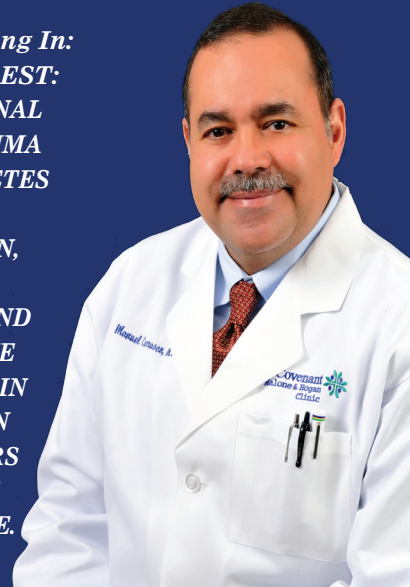
• Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

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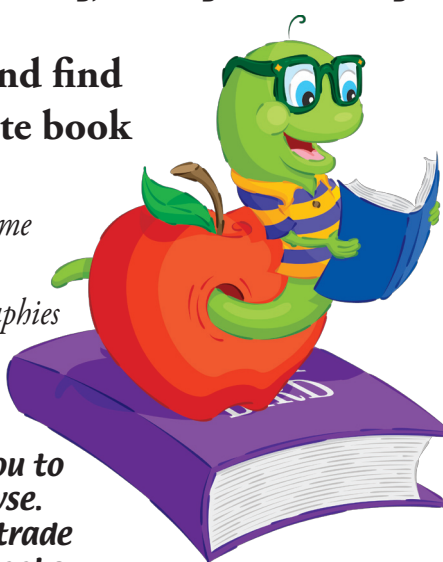
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Race, power shape Texas House district map

AUSTIN (AP) — A new plan for state House districts approved by Texas representatives Thursday protects Republican incumbents while maintaining “protected” status for minority-dominated districts, but Hispanics said it doesn’t do enough to promote the interests of Latino voters and a lawsuit from Democrats and minorities is all but certain.

The map was approved on a 92-52 vote after a marathon debate that dragged into the wee morning hours. Although the bill’s author, Republican Rep. Burt Solomons, said a top concern was protecting people already in office, it would pit several Republicans against each other, the natural result of the GOP’s unsustainably large supermajor-

ity. Republicans say the plan also would increase Latino voting strength in at least two districts and would create an extra district where blacks and Hispanics could play a dominant role in the Fort Worth area.

But Democrats disputed that, saying the GOP failed to create enough minority-dominated seats, particularly in south Texas, and some black lawmakers said their largely African American districts could be transformed into mostly Hispanic ones under some proposals that had been offered. Democrats and minorities are widely expected to file a lawsuit.

Some Republican members and activists wanted to make the map a much bolder grab for conservative seats and

limit the number of losses. But House leaders easily beat back those attempts. Either way, there is only so much they can do given the constraints of federal anti-discrimination laws and shifts in population away from conservative rural areas and toward the suburbs that have seen explosive and diverse population growth.

The heated debate dragged on for some 16 hours, the longest single session in the House so far this year and testament to the importance lawmakers place on their own futures. The map was given final approval Thursday afternoon and now moves to the Senate.

“It’s very personal ... to everyone here,” said Rep. Burt Solomons, the north Texas Republican

who sponsored the legislation.

Republicans rode a conservative wave in the 2010 elections and now have a lopsided 101-49 majority in the 150-member House, a supermajority so big that they can conduct business even if Democrats don’t show up for work. That didn’t stop Democratic lawmakers from trying to derail the map Wednesday on procedural grounds, to no avail.

As the clock inched toward midnight, back-door negotiations among members from the Houston area idled the floor debate for almost three hours, with more than a dozen redistricting amendments pending. It took that long for them to agree on relatively minor precinct changes. Solomons, a north Texas Republican, told members he did not pair Republicans against Democrats because he wanted incumbents to have the best chance possible to win re-election.

Issues of race and ethnicity dominated the discussions, as Hispanic members pressed for more Latino-dominated seats and black members expressed unease changes in their districts. Rep. Helen Giddings, D-Dallas, said one plan — shot down during the debate — would discriminate against African Americans who make up the biggest chunk of a Dallas County district.

She said the district would go from “a plurality African American opportunity district to a plurality Hispanic opportunity district.

We want to point that out, and we believe that is retrogression.” The legal term “retrogression” means diluting minority strength from what exists in the map as drawn now.

Solomons disputed the analysis, but he didn’t have a specific answer for what happens legally when Hispanic numbers begin to overtake the black population in minority-anchored districts. The Voting Rights Act says that the interests of minority voters be protected and potentially expanded during the redistricting process.

FOSTER

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way to setting up in Big Spring.

The Big Spring area was previously serviced by the Brownwood office.

“When we started this program, we never imagined that we would be servicing the Big Spring area,” Allen said. “We never imagined serving outside the Austin area and then word spread and we grew.”

Through A World for Children, there are six foster families that service the Howard County area for an estimated 20 children. In Texas, A World for Children serves 350 foster families and 900 children.

“It’s amazing to see how far we’ve come,”

Willis said. “We wouldn’t be where we are if it wasn’t for the foster families and God’s blessings.

“We know that there are lots of reasons for these parents to quit, but we hope that we make them feel supported and respected,” Miramontes said. “We want them to feel they have a voice in what they are doing and we want them to know we appreciate them.”

Foster families are a unique group of people, according to Willis.

“Foster is a hard job and so seldom is it that someone stops and tells these people thank you,” Willis said.

He said hard times, unexpected circumstances or financial burdens sometimes make it difficult, but the parents continue to do what they do because of the children.

The job may be getting a little bit harder once the state legislature comes to its final decision on a budget. The legislature is currently considering a 12 percent cut in funding to the foster care area, according to Willis.

“Most of the families that we have would take these children in and help them for nothing, but we all know that you need help in doing that,” Willis said. “This isn’t something that you can do alone, it takes help.

“It gives you a chill because you don’t know what is going to happen,” Willis said. “The foster care area can’t handle a 12 percent cut.”

Willis said in spite of the possible cuts, A World for Children is still financially stable. Last year it launched

two programs aimed at helping the older foster children.

“This has been a busy year and we recognize that the older kids are in need of special attention,” said Sharon Willis, executive director. “Often times the older children are the ones who are forgotten.”

This year, a launch program aimed at showing the youth that they can have a future of hope instead of a hopeless future has been started. The program includes special training conferences for the youth and foster families. The Brownwood office is testing a pilot program for older adolescents — providing them with job skills, interview etique-

tte, obtaining their driver’s license and other skills that will be needed to take care of themselves.

“We are trying to improve the outcomes for these kids,” Rebecca Willis said. “We are making a difference, one child at a time.”

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or finding other ways to provide your support for A World for Children visit the local office at 308 Scurry or its website at www.awfc.org

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

CONCERT

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for students. They are available at the *Big Spring Herald*, KBST Radio, Western Bank, Faye’s Flowers, Blum’s Jewelers, the Heritage Museum, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and at the door Saturday.

“This group of Canadian musicians is awesome. Most of the musicians have solo careers and lots of experience with different rock and pop bands in Canada and the U.S. I’m really getting excited about it,” said Graumann.

Members of the group include Neil Donell, lead vocals; Aaron MacDonald, lead vocals, saxophones; Andrea Koziol, Kathryn Rose and Leah Solomaa on vocals; John Regan on piano; Peter Brennan (founder of Jeans ‘n Classics) on guitar; Mitch Tyler on electric bass; and Jeff Christmas on drums.

Jeans ‘n Classics has performed throughout Canada and the United States and has made a half-dozen appearances in Europe this year alone. Its members all

have an symphony related background and share an interest in bringing younger audiences with orchestras. To do so, they incorporate music from various well-known artists in their themed shows, such as the Beach Boys, Elton John, the Eagles, Prince, Billy Joel and others.

There will be various CDs recorded by band members for sale after the show. Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is located on the Howard College campus.

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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Robert Chase for being chosen as the April 2011 Veteran of the Month. Chase served in the U.S. Air Force from 1962-1966.

- Lamen-Lusk-Sanchez for putting on their eighth annual community Easter egg hunt for the community and providing a way for families to spend some quality time together.

- First Church of the Nazarene for holding their community Easter egg hunt at the park for community residents to enjoy.

- Big Spring city council for putting water restrictions in place to better ensure that area residents are able to receive enough water during this time of drought.

- Kaci Smith, Howard College cowgirl, for placing as the Reserve National Champion in barrel racing and for earning a spot in the College National Finals Rodeo. She is the first in 12 years from Howard College to earn a spot in the national finals rodeo.

- Forsan High School tennis player, Sydney Huldampf, for winning the girl’s singles at the Region 1-2A Tournament at Ratliff Stadium. She will be advancing to the U.I.L. state tennis meet.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, get to the heart of the matter when we turn everything over to You.

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Obama and his Latino problem

Say we Latinos decided to tell President Barack Obama that we are not going to take his cheap rhetoric anymore. Say we told him we are fed up with his empty promises to fix our broken immigration system while his administration breaks deportation records. Say that when he asks for our votes next year, we decided to tell him, "No se puede!"



MIGUEL PEREZ

The anger and sense of betrayal many Latinos feel toward the president certainly would justify a huge voter backlash in 2012. Even his fellow Chicago Democrat Rep. Luis Gutierrez recently said he could not guarantee his support for Obama's re-election bid.

But what are we going to do, vote for a Republican whose immigration policies likely would be much more Draconian than Obama's?

Given the current pool of potential Republican presidential candidates and their likely race to the extreme right during the GOP primaries, it may become very clear that for Latinos, Obama is simply the lesser of two evils. Instead of voting for Obama, we may have no choice but to vote against his opponent.

For the past few months, while it became evident that immigration reform doesn't have a chance in Congress this year, many immigrant rights activists have been asking Obama to relax his administration's crackdown on undocumented immigrants. If he believes they deserve compassion and some sort of amnesty, why doesn't he begin using his executive powers to ease their pain?

The increased deportations originally were sold to Latinos as a necessary evil. Obama administration officials let it be known that their raids, border reinforcements and deportations were meant to persuade Republicans, who insisted on border security first, to agree on a comprehensive immigration reform plan.

But because that strategy clearly didn't work — and many sacrificial lambs were deported, even with the consent of some pro-immigrant activists — some now are asking why Obama continues running immigration policies that appear to be more conservative than even those of his Republican predecessors.

The candidate who got elected because Latino voters believed his "Sí, se puede" rhetoric became the president who scored record numbers of deportations,

sending home more than 800,000 immigrants since he has been in office.

It has become obvious that no amount of immigration enforcement would be enough to satisfy the thirst for deportations that drives the conservative (and most influential) wing of the Republican Party. Regardless of how many fences Obama tries to build or how many immigrant families he separates, conservative extremists will keep moving the goal post to the right, until they deport even Obama!

Immigrant rights advocates have suggested various ways in which Obama could use his executive powers to help the people he claims he wants to help. Some say Obama could order Homeland Security officials to stick to arresting the criminal immigrants they claim to seek, instead of the many other undocumented immigrants they pick up as "collateral damage" along the way. Others say the president could grant temporary protective status to immigrants from various countries afflicted by rampant violence or natural disasters.

Others believe Obama and his Justice Department should take a much stronger stand against the states that are trying to supersede federal immigration laws. Yet many others believe Obama simply could declare a moratorium on deportations until Congress decides to fix our immigration problems.

Even Democratic Party leaders in Congress have sent Obama a letter asking him to defer the deportation of undocumented immigrant students who would be legalized under the DREAM Act, a bill Obama supports but which failed to clear its way through Congress last year.

Yet Obama, obviously afraid of making any move that would appear to circumvent Congress, keeps rejecting the use of his executive powers to provide some sort of relief. And the excuses he and his people are using are becoming a bit lame!

Administration officials reportedly claim that because they still are looking at the bigger picture of passing comprehensive immigration reform, using executive powers to help undocumented immigrants could be counterproductive, because it could alienate the very few Republicans who might vote for comprehensive immigration reform.

In other words, the president's executive powers are being held hostage by a handful of Republicans who could come around someday. Isn't that special?

In fact, what the president really fears are the tantrums of conservative extremists who would charge him with refusing to enforce U.S. laws. Just react-

ing to the Democrats' letter, one Republican already threw a fit on the Senate floor.

"I'm just appalled that members of this body think an executive order to grant amnesty behind our backs is not an assault on the democratic process," charged Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa.

This is the rhetoric Obama is trying to avoid. But at what expense? Does he realize it could cost him the presidency?

If it's true that as many as 12 million Latinos could be voting in the 2012 presidential election if we become the swing voters in many of the swing states, Obama is going to need an enthusiastic Latino voter turnout in order to win re-election.

And he is not going to get it by acting like a coward on immigration!

All he does is hold an occasional White House meeting at which he panders to immigrant rights advocates and explains that his hands are tied and there are no shortcuts he can take. They go in looking for a leader, and they come out not having found one.

Who knows? Perhaps Obama will get lucky and his GOP opponent will turn out to be a tea party demagogue like Sharron Angle, the former U.S. Senate candidate who offended Nevada Latinos so egregiously that they went out and re-elected Sen. Harry Reid, a Democrat who also had failed to deliver on his promises to reform immigration.

Or perhaps Obama will get very unlucky and end up with a Republican opponent who picks a Latino running mate. Of course, that would be a terribly opportunistic move by the Republicans, especially if they nominate a Latino Uncle Tom who is an anti-immigrant zealot and could draw Latino votes only because of his Hispanic surname.

Unless Obama changes his tune when he speaks to Latinos about immigration, this could be the Republicans' ultimate weapon to neutralize the Latino vote. And that is why Obama needs to come out fighting.

The Obama who fought for health care reform and the Obama who is now so strongly taking on Republicans over the federal deficit, that's the Obama who needs to show up and be a leader on immigration!

If he doesn't act, if he doesn't do something dramatic to change his image as the champion of deportations, many Latino voters will not vote for a Draconian Republican, but they'll stay home on Election Day, and Obama will be a one-term president.

To find out more about Miguel Perez visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

In search of neuter judges

Many years ago, the late and great U.S. District Court Judge Constance Baker Motley of the Southern District of New York was assigned to hear a case alleging sex discrimination by one of New York's top law firms. The plaintiffs were no doubt as pleased by the assignment as the defendants were displeased: Judge Motley had served as one of Thurgood Marshall's top deputies at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, before Marshall was appointed to the Supreme Court and Motley to the federal district court. She was widely known as a strong supporter of women's rights.

This was, no doubt, why the defendants in the case moved to disqualify her, claiming she could not possibly judge fairly the claims of bias raised by female lawyers against male lawyers.

Motley would have none of it. She refused to recuse herself, pointing out that if being female was enough to disqualify her,



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then being male was enough to disqualify her male colleagues. And since, as she put it, the southern district did not include any "neuter" judges, she was as qualified as anyone to hear the case.

I couldn't help but remember the story when I heard this week that the sponsors of the anti-gay marriage amendment in California were seeking to have Judge Vaughn Walker's ruling thrown out because he is a gay man who has been in a long-term relationship with his partner. According to the lawyers for Protect Marriage, they refrained from raising the issue of the judge's sexual orientation (one of the least well-kept secrets in Lawyer Land) during the trial, but once the now-retired 67-year-old Republican appointee disclosed that he was in a long-term relationship, this made him "too similar" to the plaintiffs in the case who were seeking to marry.

Protect Marriage general counsel Andy Pugno was quoted as saying: "We deeply regret the necessity of this motion. But if the courts are to require others to follow the law, the courts themselves must do so as well."

According to Pugno, it is not that the judge is gay, but that he is in a stable relationship that

should retroactively disqualify him. If the judge were cruising gay bars and picking up young men, that would — presumably — be fine with Pugno. Come on.

If being gay disqualifies you from taking a position on gay marriage, so does being straight. If being in a relationship is disqualifying, then all of the judges in relationships here in California (and by my reckoning, most of them are) should be disqualified. Walker hasn't said a word about wanting to get married, any more than Motley wanted a job at the firm that was being sued.

As Motley might say, there are no judges with no sexual orientation in California and precious few who have not been in, who are in, or who are on their way out of relationships. That means Walker was as qualified — or unqualified — as any judge to decide this case. His decision should stand. Protect Marriage's efforts to throw it out because of his private life undermine their claims that they are anything other than another anti-gay group.

To find out more about Susan Estrich visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

Hints from Heloise

Theme-Park Safety
Dear Heloise: I recently visited a large theme park with my husband and two children, ages 2 and 4. Several friends and family members had tips about how to keep my children safe. This is my favorite:
Discuss with children what to do if they become separated from parents. I told my children that if they couldn't see

me, they should stay where they are. I will find them; they should not try to find me.
We did not have any incidents, but I certainly felt better knowing that this base was covered! — Nancy Turbyfill, Decatur, Ala.
Nancy, glad you all had a nice time. Here are some more helpful hints for an enjoyable good time at a theme park:

- Take a digital photo of everyone before you enter the park so you will have one if needed.
- Don't buy souvenirs as soon as you see them! Remember, you will have to haul them around all day, or someone will have to take them to the car. The best time to buy souvenirs is on your way out; you only have to carry them to the

- car.
- Take along an empty bottle to refill for water. Or, some parks offer color-coded cups to refill at a discount for the current season.
- Eat lunch either early or late to avoid long food lines, and you'll have a better chance at riding the rides, because those lines aren't as long during the lunch break.

Smell smoke?
Howard County residents woke to smoke filling the air this morning. The source isn't close, however. The smoke is from a large fire burning near Christoval and Ozona, about 100 to 115 miles from Big Spring, local firefighters said.

Police blotter

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

- STEVEN RAY EVANS, 22, of 1103 E. Sixth St., was arrested Thursday on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and burglary of a habitation.
- JOE LYNN PAYNE, 40, of Odessa, was arrested Thursday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and public intoxication.
- REBECCA NICOLE RODRIQUEZ, 24, of 300 Furrh in Coahoma, was arrested Thursday on two warrants from another agency.
- JACOB SEPULUEDA MARTINEZ, 23, of 1701 Kentucky, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for speeding.
- GUADALUPE NIETO, 43, of 1310 Park, was arrested Thursday on a warrant for disregarding a stop sign.
- KRISTY MICHELLE LIVINGSTON, 26, of 1104 E. Sixth St., was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- RICARDO GARZA, 49, of 701 Anna, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOE LYNN PAYNE, 40, of Odessa, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CARL WAYNE NICHOLSON, 22, of 2804 Williams Rd., was arrested Thursday on warrants for hindering officers discharging official duties, speeding and dog or cat running at large.
- JESSE RAMIREZ GONZALES, 27, of 102 Circle Dr., was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- MARIO RIVAS, 23, of Odessa, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MICHAEL PAUL HOGAN, 39, of 1710 S. Young St., was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2500 block of W. 15th Street.

- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of Main Street.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the

Sheriff

following activity:
Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- JACOB SEPULUEDA MARTINEZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a municipal warrant for speeding.
- DANIBELLE MILLER-OLIVARES, 32, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of credit/debit card abuse.
- GUADALUPE NIETO, 43, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of running a stop sign.
- RICARDO SALCEDO GARZA, 49, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOE LYNN PAYNE, 40, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARY GUTHRIE NELSON, 49, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of forgery of a financial instrument (two counts) and municipal warrants for running a red light, violation of a promise to appear (two counts), expired motor vehicle inspection, running a stop sign, displaying an expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and no license plate.
- KRISTY MICHELLE LIVINGSTON, 26, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- CARL WAYNE NICHOLSON, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for hindering a police officer, speeding and animal at large.
- JESSIE RAMIREZ GONZALES, 27, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family

- violence.
- JUSTIN WAYNE HOLSENBECK, 19, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of minor in consumption of alcohol and violation of a promise to appear.
- ROJELIO A. RAMIREZ, 31, was arrested Friday by DPS on a Howard County warrant for driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- MARIO RIVAS JR., 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency

Fire/EMS

Medical Services reported the following activity:

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported approximately 10 miles west of Big Spring on Highway 176. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Kenneth. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of N. Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Circle. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2200 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison. Service refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of Circle. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Larry. One person was transported to SMMC.

CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
MAY 14, 2011

The City of Big Spring will conduct a special election on May 14, 2011, for the purpose of deciding whether the City Charter should be amended to impose term limits upon elected City officials. The passage of this proposed charter amendment should have no fiscal impact on the City of Big Spring. The proposed amendment is as follows:

Proposition No. 1 - Shall Article V, Section 3 of the Big Spring City Charter be amended to provide that no member of the city council may run for election to the same council position more than two (2) consecutive times, no person may be elected to the council in a general election or special election within two (2) full terms of having previously held a council position, and not member of the city council may retain office while seeking election or appointment to any other city, county, state or federal office.

Proposicion No. 1 - Debe el Articulo V, Seccion 3 de la Constitucion del la Ciudad de Big Spring ser modificado para disponer que ningun miembro del concilio de la ciudad podra buscar ser elegido al mismo puesto del concilio mas de dos (2) terminus consecutivos, niguna persona podra ser elegido al concilio en una eleccion general o eleccion especial dentro de dos (2) terminus completos al haber mantenido dicho posicion del concilio, y ningun miembro del concilio de la ciudad podra mantener el lugar mientras busca ser elegido o nombrado a cualquier otro cargo de la ciudad, el condado, el estado o posicion federal.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held at the Howard County Courthouse, located at 300 S. Main. Early voting will be held on weekdays beginning May 2, 2011 and ending May 10, 2011. The early voting polling place will be open to the public from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 and Thursday, May 5, 2011 and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all other days during early voting.

The polling place on election day, May 14, 2011, will be the foyer of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located at the corner of Birdwell Lane and Kentucky Way. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m on election day.

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Dee's Trade Show

At

The Howard County Fairbarn

Sat. April 30th 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

And

Sunday May 1st 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Lots of vendors, Jewelry, Metal Art, Scentsy Candles, Z-Coil Shoes, Quilts, Clothes, Leather, Blankets, Lotion, Great Food and Much More!!

KBYG will have a live remote from 10-12 and will be giving away prizes.

Silent Auction will be held 2 pm Sunday, must be present to win.

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Merchants that donated for Auction:

Chaney's Jewelry	Merle Norman
Dee's Things	One Way Salon
Dee's Trade Show	Pampered Paws
DJ's Cajun Chicken on Stick	Picture Perfect Scrap Booking
Floral Designs by Lupe	Pizza Hut
Higginbotham Bartlett	Pizza Inn
Hunan Chinese Restaurant	Sew Unique
Inspirations Flowers and Gifts	Taylor's Barber and Beauty Supply
Jazzy's	Techno Salon And Fitness

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Poker Run first bike out 9:15 - Best hand will receive \$50.00 in trade day bucks to spend at the show. Worst hand will receive \$25.00 in trade bucks. All proceeds from auction and poker run to benefit the Blue Santa Program.

Church News

Spring of Siloam

Christian Women’s Job Corps graduation will be Saturday at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church in the chapel.

Mayor Tommy Duncan will be the special guest speaker and participants will be sharing their personal testimonies as well.

This is the first group of graduates from the Christian Women’s Job Corps. A reception will follow the graduation across the hall from the chapel.

First Methodist Church

Sunday our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will be preaching at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. service of worship; her sermon title will be “Simply Saving Souls.” Sunday school classes are at 9:45 a.m.

Following our late worship service we will gather in Garrett Hall for a lunch sponsored by our youth as a fund raiser for their summer mission trip, called R.O.T.C. (Reaching Others Thru Christ). Following lunch is our annual Slave Auction. The proceeds from the lunch and auction will provide the funds needed when our youth join youth and sponsors from other Methodist churches in the area to assist families in Panhandle. They will build wheelchair ramps, paint, do yard work and other jobs to improve the quality of life for those they serve in the name of Jesus.

We are proud to announce Katie Crawford has been hired as summer intern to lead our youth. Katie is a student at West Texas A&M in Canyon and will be on board as soon as the spring semester ends.

Plans are underway for our Children’s Day Out program this summer. The eight-week program is designed especially for pre-schoolers, toddler thru age 4. Classes will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, June 6 through July 27. Cost is \$250 for the first child and \$230 for each additional child. Contact Brenna Hoff or Becky Woodall for more details.

Families with young children are planning a picnic for Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. on Scenic Mountain at the pavilion area of the Big Spring State Park. There will be hot dogs with all the fixings and those attending are asked to bring a dessert.

Check out our redesigned website at www.fumcbs.com. Special thanks to Diane Murphy for her hard work on this project. We have two radio broadcasts on Sundays, at 8:30 a.m. you can hear our service on KBYG 1400 and at 10:50 a.m. we broadcast on KBST-FM 97.5. First Methodist Church is located in the heart of downtown Big Spring at the corner of Fourth and Scurry.

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community

Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, located at 501 Birdwell, the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is May 12. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship. For more information visit our website at www.signal-emmaus.org.

St. Mary’s Episcopal Church

Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist is at 10:30 a.m. in the church.

The Daily Grind with God – coffee hour meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

The Big Spring High School honor band will have a concert at St. Mary’s Thursday starting at noon. A light lunch will be served afterwards in the parish hall.

For more information about St. Mary’s Episcopal Church call 267-8201. St. Mary’s is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, met Wednesday at its regular time. The choir did not practice this week and will not sing Sunday. Choir practice resumes at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

All women in the church are invited to the Presbyterian Women Birthday Lunch at noon in Fellowship Hall Monday. Karen Kilgore of Schreiner University will review *Love, Loss, and What I Wore*. Lucy Odom will install the new officers and the birthday offering will be collected.

Contact Jo Dell Myrick or Patti Horton to purchase Mother’s Day cards in support of the program which has been broadened to “Healthy Women, Healthy Families,” to benefit those in several African countries.

Liturgist for May is Janie Conley. Sue Carter will provide refreshments for “Take Ten.” Ushers for the month are Ellen Austin, Monika Robinson, John Yater and Paula Farquhar. The lectionary is Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

If you cannot attend worship, listen on KBST 1490 AM at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what’s happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. You can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt.

College Baptist Church

Sunday the adult choir brought the musical, “The King is Coming” led by Jamie Scott. Pastor Ken McMeans brought a message on the empty tomb.

A new youth minister was welcomed to College Baptist Sunday night. Josh Mensinger, his wife, Robin, two daughters and young son will be moving here May 9.

There will be an old-fashioned tent revival Sunday at 7 p.m. and continue each night through Thursday. The Crossroads Baptist Association has asked Roland Lopez, a well known evangelist, to be the speaker for this revival and the band, Crystal River, to bring the music. Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated at the tent revival. Look for the huge tent next to Buffalo Fina on Highway 87 South.

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship is at 11 a.m. Evening service is at 6 p.m. Wednesdays we have adult prayer meeting and Bible study, youth Bible study and Children’s Backdoor Bible study (1st-6th grade) all beginning at 7 p.m. Nursery is provided for each of these times. East Fourth is located at 401 E. Fourth St.

Our phone number is 432-267-2291. We also have a van ministry if you need a ride to these services.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

We are located at 2805 Lynn Drive. Our phone number is 432-264-7818. Our website is www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx.

Church services are Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday school following at 10:15 a.m.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week’s acolyte will be Jonathan Byrd. Our elders are Bobby Roever and Richard Knocke. The door greeters are Bobby and Judy Roever.

George von Hassell will be reading the liturgy. The readings are Acts 5:29-42, Psalm 148, 1 Peter 1:3-9, and John 20:19-31. Anyone interested in reading, contact Dolline Budke.

The flowers that grace our church this week are given in celebration of the 15th anniversary, April 27, of Bobby and Judy Roever. If you are interested in donating flowers sign up on the flower chart. Flowers are \$50 for both vases.

Sign up on the kitchen door to be a “door greeter.” We need one or two individuals to sign up for a two-week period and come ready Sunday to “greet” everyone and hand them a bulletin.

Sundays, the adults and youth are studying from the “Growing in Christ” series. The lessons scheduled for Sunday are from Acts 6-7: “God’s Servant Stephen.” The lessons for next Sunday are from Acts 8:26-40: “Philip and the Ethiopian.”

Wednesday our mid-week school will study “Jesus is Risen” from Mark 16:1-11. Wednesday will be our last mid-week class until September.

The meals are being served from 6:30-7 p.m. Wednesday’s meal will be prepared by Kathy Laning and Gerry Marino. This is our last Wednesday evening meal.

Last Saturday, the Easter festival was held. Those who attended were treated to cookie decorating, facepainting, crafts, Easter egg/cake walk, egg hunt and other activities.

The Board of Education would like to thank those who bought supplies and eggs and who were available Saturday morning to help with the activities, especially the hiding of the eggs. The children had a wonderful time. A special thank you to Doug and Jill Alsobrooks for the beautiful piece of mesquite wood that displayed the three crosses.

Also last Saturday, a prayer vigil was held. The Board of Assimilation and the Board of Elders would like to thank those who pray with us — for much needed rain, our members, our military, policemen, hospital staff, firefighters and EMTs.

Last Sunday was the pancake breakfast sponsored by Lutheran Youth Fellowship.

Scheduled meetings for May include: May 9 the LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA.

The Board of Education will meet May 10, at 7 p.m. at the church. The Board of Stewardship will meet May 11 at 7 p.m. The LWML will meet May 12 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Elders meet May 19 at 7 p.m. at the church. The Board of Assimilation will meet May 24 at 7 p.m. at the church.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 911 Goliad. Each Sunday starts with fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Church starts at 10:50 a.m. We celebrate Communion every week.

Sunday the Rev. McIntosh will be sharing his message entitled, “Happy Birthday King James” from the book of “Psalm 119:9-16.”

Sunday night we kick off movie night with “The Blind Side,” and after we will have a Christian Life study over the movie.

clothing assistance. We are always in need of volunteers, so if you have any time to volunteer call 263-4758 Monday or Tuesday.

Wednesday at 6 p.m. choir practice is back at First Christian Church with Ruth Jackson and Sally Wilson. Also, the youth group will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at First Christian Church this week.

May 5 Bible study is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for other information on Bible study call Mary Beth Johnson. Also, at 11:30 a.m. the CFW will have their business meeting and at noon will have their luncheon/program in the fellowship hall.

For questions or further information, call the church office 432-517-4821 or view our website at www.fcb-scbigspring.org.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

This evening at 6:30 there will be an associational senior adult birthday banquet at Midway Baptist Church. A van will be leaving the west parking lot of First Baptist Church at 6 p.m.

Wednesday is Senior Adult Sunday at First Baptist Church. There will be an all-church luncheon honoring them. The meal is free. A short program will follow the meal.

AWANA will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center Sunday evening. It’s store night for AWANA participants. They will be able to purchase items from their points earned through their scripture memorization. AWANA workers, don’t forget the appreciation dinner after AWANA’s Sunday night.

Next Tuesday, the LLL (Living Longer and Liking it) will meet in the dining room at noon. Attendees will be treated to a book review given by Helen Gladden and Carol Scott. Senior adults are invited to come and enjoy a good meal and program.

English as a Second Language classes began Tuesday evening. These classes are led by Pedro Tobias, Sharon McDonald, Javier Flores and Elisa Bancroft. If you know of someone who might be interested in this class, call the church office at First Baptist, 267-8223, for more information.

Sunday through Thursday, “Event Under the Tent” begins at 7 each evening. The tent will be located on Highway 87 next to Buffalo Fina. This revival is led by Roland Lopez with music by Crystal River. Thursday is youth night. Come for free hot dogs and Frito pies at 5:30 p.m.

Visit our website at fcbigspring.org or call us at 267-8223 for more information.

First Church of the Nazarene

May 15 we will have Biker Sunday. Services start at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

First Church of the Nazarene is also a host site for Angel Food Ministry which allows anyone regardless of income to purchase groceries (including meats) at cost that does not include retail mark up. Orders are received at the church every third Saturday of the month. Orders are then ready to be picked up the following Saturday.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with this ministry. If you are interested or have questions contact Scott Jimenez at angelfood@nazfamily.org or go to www.angelfoodministries.com.

Sunday Services begin at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening group meetings are at 6:30 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, contact the church office at 432-267-7015. You can visit us on the web at www.nazfamily.org where you can view a live service. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

Spring Creek Fellowship

We have baptisms scheduled for Sunday. Join us at 10:30 a.m. to experience our worship service.

The “Holy Grounds Café” opens at 10 a.m. Sunday morning for the whole family to enjoy coffee, juice, donuts and fellowship before worship.

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Telling it the way it is

Some people just have a way of pointing out the truth in an unforgettable way. They simply tell it the way it is. President Abraham Lincoln was such a man. He often spoke with eloquence that smacked of common sense sprinkled with a touch of humor.

How could anyone dispute Lincoln's dry-witted observation that "what kills a skunk is the publicity it gives itself?"

Lincoln also reduced one of life's most complex issues, the pursuit of happiness, to a few words. He stated, "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Although Lincoln came from a somewhat disadvantaged family, he never blamed his hardships on his heritage. To the contrary, his famous quotes about building character reflect a strong sense of personal responsibility.

At one time, Lincoln was known to have said, "You have to do



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your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was."

On another occasion, he said, "I don't know who my grandfather was; I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be."

In a culture where generational poverty vies with ambition and achievement, time and money are invested in analyzing the faults of parents, and behavior problems are treated with medication, perhaps we could all learn something from the late president who promoted accountability and negated excuses. He was a model for self-improvement and seized opportunity.

Although almost a century and a half have passed since his death, Lincoln's attitude about personal

responsibility are still valid and relevant. He had a knack for linking actions and outcomes together in an uncomplicated way that exposed truth.

In the scripture, the apostle Paul also admonishes his followers to accept responsibility for their own actions: "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked: for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

While we may be able to deceive some, we can't fool God. He knows the truth about all of our actions and attitudes. Regardless of whom we blame for our problems or what excuses we offer, God still holds us accountable.

Abraham Lincoln told it the way it is. We all have to do our own growing, and we should be more concerned about what we will become than who our ancestors were.

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CHURCH

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experience our worship service. The "Holy Grounds Cafe" opens at 10 a.m. Sunday morning for the whole family to enjoy coffee, juice, donuts and fellowship before worship.

"Boz and Friends" for pre-schoolers and "Kid-Connect" for school age children meet Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Nursery care is available. If you enjoy working with children and have a little time to spare, contact Stan at 432-714-4584.

All ladies are welcome to "Pink" prayer night on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. to lift up needs and concerns in prayer.

Adult "Connections Groups" meet at various times and locations during the week. Subjects being studied include "The Roads Less Travelled," "Questions You Always Wanted to Ask," "The Truth Project" and "If You Want to Walk On Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat." Youth "Connection Groups" meet twice a week Sunday and Wednesday evenings for junior high and senior high students. Contact the church office for more information.

Fellowship is Wednesday evening with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Children's Activities, youth worship and adult Bible study start at 6:15 p.m. The choir rehearses at 7 p.m. and the praise team rehearses at 7:45 p.m.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell Lane. Our phone number is 432-714-4584. Visit our website at <http://springcreekfellowship.org>.

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Wednesday nights are movie nights at St. Paul. We gather at 5:30 p.m. for popcorn, fellowship and discussion. The movie begins sharply at 6 p.m., followed with a brief discussion of that week's Scripture reading as it relates to the movie. We have enjoyed discussing the movie with an eye to the Christian aspects.

Recent movies include: "Ben-Hur (A Tale of the Christ)," "Apollo 13," "Stagecoach," "Dave," "Zulu," "To Kill A Mockingbird," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "The Empire Strikes Back," and "Heaven Can Wait."

We continue to collect supplies for the Candalaria Medical Mission. Currently, the Mission is in need of cough syrups (adult and children's), aspirin and Tylenol (adult and children's), band-aids, rice, beans, and powdered milk among many other needs. A complete list can be found at the Church.

We hope you will join us in spirit as we pray during this season for the safety of our military, comfort for those in need, wisdom for our leaders, good stewardship for our environment, seasonable rain, and joy in the message of the risen Jesus Christ.

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We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTIONS

The royal wedding

This is the week of the wedding. Over two billion people are expected to watch Kate Middleton's four-minute walk down the aisle at Westminster Abbey to exchange vows with Prince William. When she departs, she will no longer be referred to as Kate. She will be known as Catherine, most likely Princess Catherine

depending upon the Queen's choice of title.

Weddings are big business. Families with limited resources borrow against their home equity and their annuity in order to see their daughters adorned for the monumental moment. According to a Bridal Association of America, the



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average wedding in the United States cost slightly over \$30,000. The most expensive wedding on record? Vanisha Mittal, whose father owns the largest steel company, to British investment banker Amit Bhatia on

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By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ KQ82 ♥ AK ♦ J3 ♣ KQ976
- ♠ KQ964 ♥ Q7 ♦ A ♣ AQ982
- ♠ AK53 ♥ Q102 ♦ 10 ♣ AKJ74
- ♠ AQJ2 ♥ — ♦ A964 ♣ KQJ43

1. **Two notrump.** Partner's one-trump rebid over one spade can range from a poor hand of six or seven points without spade or club support to a fairly good hand with up to 10 points. By raising partner to two notrump, you indicate a hand containing 16 to 18 high-card points and invite him to carry on to three notrump if he is in the upper half of his range.

2. **Three spades.** With 17 high-card points and two attractive five-card suits, you should express your game prospects very strongly. The jump-rebid in spades describes your high-card strength and distribution simultaneously. By rebidding your spades, you show five cards in that suit. Partner can thus infer that you also have at least five clubs, since

you would not have opened one club with fewer clubs than spades.

3. **Three hearts.** You should press hard for game despite your three-card trump support. A two-heart bid would be proper if you had slightly less; as it is, though, you can show your actual values with a three-heart bid. Partner then can retreat to three notrump (or pass with an absolute minimum) if he has only four hearts, or continue on to game in hearts if he has five of them.

A raise to two notrump would conceal your heart support and would also fail to pinpoint your singleton diamond.

4. **Two diamonds.** Your diamonds certainly are not hefty, but the situation calls for identification of your distribution. Partner should now read you for precisely 4-0-4-5 distribution and should be able to make the appropriate decision at this point.

You should not jump-rebid here because, after partner's one-heart response, there is a distinct possibility that no satisfactory trump fit exists, in which case there might be no game in the hand. At the same time, the fact that you have elected to bid all three suits implies that you have a very good hand and are interested in more than just a partscore.

Tomorrow: Look before you leap.

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HEB and Marcy Elementary School participated in collecting plastic bags for recycling in honor of Earth Day. The entire campus collected more than 17,000 bags. Miss Eckert, Mrs. Salinas and Ms. Berringer along with Kenda Jones from HEB, Partners in Excellence sponsor for Marcy and school principal, Rita Faulkner, are pictured with the students who collected the most bags.

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22, 2009. The cost: more than \$60 million. The tab for Prince Wil-

liam and Kate's wedding will run close to \$50 million. Of course love cannot be measured in money and the cost of a wedding has nothing to do with the success of a marriage. Nonetheless, the wedding is one time when everyone is willing to splurge, to throw caution and check book to the wind in an effort to create and capture this one perfect moment.

Perhaps that is why the Bible uses the wedding imagery to help us understand our relationship to God. It is extravagant. The Bible describes the church as the "bride of Christ" adorned for her husband. Of course,

the Bible's reference to "church" has nothing to do with denominations, organizations, institutions or buildings. When the Bible talks about the church, it is talking about people, "a people after God's own choosing." It is talking about you and me. The wedding image is included to help us know how much God cherishes us and how much he is willing to pay, not just for a perfect moment, but for a perfect relationship. The wedding image is the visible expression of John 3:16.

As the royal wedding week unfolds, there is much speculation about Kate's appear-

ance. Somehow, in our WikiLeaks world, no one has been able to discover what the royal wedding dress looks like. She has kept it secret. As much as the world is abuzz about these things, Kate likely has little concern about how she will appear to the guests, the media or the world. When I walked my daughter down the aisle at her wedding, she was focused on only one person, her future husband who stood at the altar waiting for her. I suspect Kate is only concerned about how she will appear to her fiancé, Prince William.

So it is with our faith. Our focus is not on the world or the opinion of others. Our focus is on Jesus as the bridegroom. The book of Revelation describes it like this: "Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: 'Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready.'" (Rev. 19:6-7). With every act of kindness, goodness, mercy, justice, compassion and faith, we prepare our selves as the bride for our bridegroom. Like Kate's wedding dress, most of these things will be done in secret to be revealed when the bridegroom appears.

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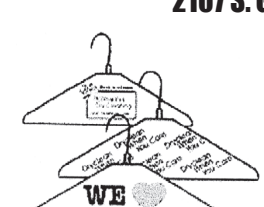
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8	9	7	1	4	5	2	3	6
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The Big Spring Lady Steers track team will be represented by 10 athletes at next week's Region I-3A track meet in Lubbock. In random order, they are Desiree Anderson, Bridgette Tuitt, Bianca Ryle, Jaycee Williams, Cerbi Ritchey, April Turner, Chanel Cuvillo, Morgan Seaton, Donisha McGee and Dyrshae Vandervilt.

BSHS' Top 10

Lady Steers well-represented at regional track

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School girls' track coach Nick Roberson believes a window of opportunity is opening for his team.

The Lady Steers will send 10 athletes to the Region I-3A track meet, which starts Monday in Lubbock, and Roberson believes that large number is but a harbinger of things to come for the program.

Seniors Desiree Anderson and Chanel Cuvillo, juniors April Turner, Cerbi Ritchey and Bridgette Tuitt, sophomores Bianca Ryle and Jaycee Williams and freshmen Morgan Seaton, Donisha McGee and

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Sports Calendar

TODAY

Class 3A softball playoffs — Big Spring vs. Iowa Park, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Graham.

Class 2A softball playoffs — Coahoma vs. Kermit, Game 1, 7 p.m., Greenwood.

Class 2A softball playoffs — Forsan vs. Crane: Game 1, 6 p.m., MUGS Field, Midland.

JUCO softball — Howard College at Odessa College (DH), 1 p.m.

JUCO baseball — Frank Phillips at Howard College (DH), noon.

SATURDAY

Class 2A softball playoffs — Coahoma vs. Kermit, Game 2, 1 p.m., Greenwood (third game, if necessary, follows).

Class 2A softball playoffs — Forsan vs. Crane, Game 2, 6 p.m., MUGS Field, Midland (third game, if necessary, follows).

JUCO softball — Odessa College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m.

JUCO baseball — Frank Phillips College at Howard College (DH), noon.

Young Lady Buffs ready to run

Freshman-dominated group representing FHS at regional meet

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — Robert Hillger is hoping youth will be served at next week's Region I-2A track meet.

That's because Hillger, the girls' track coach at Forsan High School, will send a team dominated by freshmen — five of the eight team members who qualified for regionals are freshmen.

But just because the team is younger doesn't mean it isn't ready to compete at a high level.

"The quality here is much deeper than I've ever had," said Hillger, who is in his sixth year at the helm of the program. "We don't have a few athletes who contribute — they're all pretty good."

All is not rosy for the team, however. Hurdler Ambra Hill and Raegan Haggard, one of the re-

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Forsan pole vaulter Vanessa Highfield practices at the school Thursday.

In brief

Howard hosting breast cancer awareness day

Howard College's baseball and softball teams will host a "Breast Cancer Awareness Day" at the ballpark Saturday.

This will be the fourth annual breast cancer awareness day for Hawk baseball; this year, both teams will be raising money to help others affected by breast cancer.

Hawk softball will host Odessa College in a Saturday doubleheader. Odessa is currently first in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings, while Howard is a game behind in second. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m. both days.

Hawk baseball will take on Frank Phillips College with doubleheader action beginning at noon today and Saturday.

CTLGA news

In the April 25 Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association playday, individual play was the format. Linda Dewaters won low gross; Annie Ward shot low net and Dee Jenkins had the fewest putts.

In Thursday couple's play, 25 golfers competed. The team of Ron and Daury Booth, John Leonar-

di and Shirley Long placed first, shooting 4 under par. Three teams tied for second place with 3 under par.

Betty Ray Coffee shot closest to the pin on Hole No. 6. Ralph Walker shot closest to the pin on hole No. 3.

Howard to hold cheerleader tryouts

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

All interested persons need to fill out the online application, found at www.hchawk.com.

For more information, contact Hollie Allred at 432-264-8538.

CGA to host Sunday tourney

The Chicano Golf Association will hold a golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course Sunday.

Registration for the individual stroke play

tournament will be \$20 and will be accepted up until 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Play will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Also, CGA will hold a members' meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the golf course.

For more information, call Larry at 816-1684.

Volleyball showcase May 21 in San Angelo

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

The tournament will be officiated by TASO-approved officials.

Registration fee is \$225 per team. Registration deadline is May 15.

Play will be held in two divisions — big school (Class 3A and up) and small school (Class 1A and 2A, as well as junior varsity). There is a 20-team limit. For more information, contact Chris Cardenas at 325-374-2910.

San Angelo will be the site for a volleyball summer league, which begins June 7.

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Newton 1st in less-than-festive draft

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer
NEW YORK — This draft was no party. Between the boos raining down on Commissioner Roger Goodell and the uncertainty created by a bitter labor battle, the NFL draft opened Thursday night lacking much of its usually festive atmosphere.

What it wasn't missing was intrigue and surprises — at least after the Carolina Panthers made Cam Newton the first pick.

The Auburn quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner as expected went to the worst team in the league — and vowed to fix that immediately. Newton led Auburn to an undefeated season and its first national championship since 1957.

“I'm ready to change this whole organization around, to go from worst to first,” he said. “Just being a Panther is the most special part about this.”

Before Newton, decked out in a Carolina cap and gray three-piece suit, took that familiar walk across the stage to shake the commissioner's hand — a draft-day staple — Goodell had been hearing the displeasure of fans worried

that labor strife might interfere with the upcoming season.

Goodell was booed as he prepared to conduct a moment of silence for victims of the devastating storms that ripped through the South. He responded to their chants of “We want football!” by saying, “I hear you. So do I.”

The boos continued every time he stepped on stage for the early part of the first round, though they died down as the night went along. By the end, there was hardly a smattering of jeers.

Goodell smiled his way through it all, unfazed. Not even having to welcome a player suing the league could knock the commissioner off his game.

With the second pick, Denver took Texas A&M linebacker Von Miller, a plaintiff in the antitrust lawsuit filed by the players to block the lockout imposed by the owners.

“I've never had anything against Roger Goodell,” Miller said. “I just want to make sure football continues to get played. When I walked across the stage, I was meeting the commissioner. That was it.”

Thanks to a judge's ruling in the lawsuit Miller is involved in, the

league's first work stoppage since 1987 temporarily ends Friday. The 32 teams will resume business in compliance with U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson's order to lift the lockout.

Then again, the lockout could be back in place if the NFL wins an appeal. If that happens, Newton, Miller and the rest of Thursday night's draft picks would be thrown back into labor limbo.

For now, they will be allowed to report to their teams, meet coaches and get playbooks. Contract negotiations are uncertain until the league announces its rules for the 2011 season — rules that might be in force for only a short time if an appeal is granted.

The draft was never in danger because it was protected under the old collective bargaining agreement that expired in March.

Moments before the annual spring ritual got under way, Goodell requested a moment of silence for victims of Wednesday's storms, which left at least 280 people dead in six states and hundreds more injured. He was surrounded by players from Auburn and Alabama and their coaches.

Of those stars, none

shined brighter than Newton, who has shown he can handle the heat of a spotlight. He turned in a sensational 2010 season while the NCAA investigated his recruitment. Newton's father, Cecil, has admitted soliciting money from Mississippi State during the recruiting process, but said neither the player nor Auburn knew about the pay-for-play attempt.

With the third pick, Buffalo selected Alabama nose tackle Marcell Dareus, who gave Goodell a big hug. Of course, Dareus weighs 308 pounds, at least 100 more than Goodell.

“I wanted to give him a hug because I finally made it to the big dance,” Dareus said.

Cincinnati, perhaps calling the bluff of quarterback Carson Palmer, who is demanding a trade, instead took the top receiver in this crop, A.J. Green of Georgia.

Arizona, also in need of a quarterback, selected the top cornerback available, Patrick Peterson of LSU.

The labor unrest led to speculation not many trades would be made Thursday. But just six picks in, Atlanta cut a massive deal with Cleveland. The Falcons gave up five picks over

the next two seasons, including this and next year's first-rounders, and moved up from No. 27 to grab Alabama receiver Julio Jones — the fifth Southeastern Conference player in the first six.

“We knew it was going to be an aggressive move and cost us,” Falcons general manager Thomas Dimitroff said. “As an organization we felt very strongly about the move for a player who truly adds the explosive, urgent athleticism we're looking for ...”

San Francisco chose defensive end Aldon Smith of Missouri to bolster a weak pass rush, then the second quarterback was selected: Washington's Jake Locker, who many thought had played himself out of the first round with an inconsistent senior season, to Tennessee.

That began a small run on passers.

After Dallas went for offensive tackle Tyron Smith of Southern California with the ninth pick, Jacksonville saw a chance to get its future quarterback. The Jaguars moved up six slots for Missouri's Blaine Gabbert, dealing their first-round pick and a second-rounder to

Washington.

“You really don't have any idea where you will go, especially with the lockout,” Gabbert said. “But the trades are happening now.”

Houston bolstered its weak defense with Wisconsin end J.J. Watt at No. 11 before yet another QB was chosen: Florida State's Christian Ponder went to Minnesota in what was probably the most surprising pick of the first round.

Few prognosticators had the often-injured quarterback going in the first half of the first round.

Auburn DT Nick Fairley, once projected as a top-three selection, was chosen 13th by the Lions.

Detroit took defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh in the first round last year and he became the defensive rookie of the year.

St. Louis, undeterred by Robert Quinn's lost season — the linebacker-end was suspended from North Carolina for his role in an agents scandal — took him at No. 14.

Mike Pouncey, whose twin brother, Maurkice, was a sensational rookie center for Pittsburgh last year, was chosen by Miami to play the same position.

League tells players OK to work

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — On one of the busiest days of the year for the NFL, teams were plotting not only how to land the best draft picks but just how to let their most-prized employees return to work.

Welcome back, players. For now, at least.

The NFL cleared the way for some of its basic football operations to begin Friday, five days after a federal judge declared the lockout illegal and nearly seven weeks after it began. Players can talk with coaches, work out at team headquarters and look at their playbooks.

“Everybody's tired of sitting around, laying around,” Denver Broncos linebacker Joe Mays said. “We've had enough of that. Now, we're trying to get back to busi-

ness.”

New York Giants kicker Lawrence Tynes said he planned to be at team headquarters.

Count Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay among the eager.

The San Francisco 49ers were among the handful of teams with new staffs — they hired Jim Harbaugh as head coach in January — who haven't even been able to meet their players.

“It's time to get back to coaching,” general manager Trent Baalke said.

Fans, too, are desperate for a football fix.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell was roundly booed Thursday night when he first appeared on the Radio City Music Hall stage for the draft. As fans chanted, “We want football,” Goodell acknowledged the message, saying “I

hear you.”

The NFL also was expected to release on Friday detailed guidelines for free agency, trades and other roster moves in the absence of a collective bargaining agreement. That expired March 11, the same day the players' union was disbanded to clear the way for a court fight.

That fight is far from over despite the halting steps back toward football. The league has asked the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis to restore the lockout as soon as possible, hoping for a friendlier venue than the federal courts in Minnesota.

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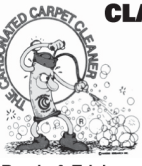
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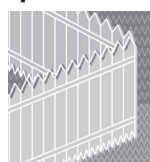
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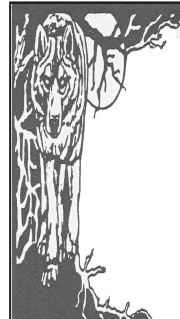
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Mark J. Barr
Howard County Courthouse
300 Main, Room 207
Big Spring, Texas 79720

The County Treasurer will supply bid application forms.

Bids will be presented to Commissioners Court on May 9, 2011 at 10:00 AM for their consideration.

The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all technicalities.

Mark J. Barr, County Judge
#6953 April 21 & 29, 2011

Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien., Sale is 10am May 7, 2011 at 1224 W. 3rd St., Big Spring, TX. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and Removal deposit may be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of spaces of the following tenant:

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Glasscock County Commissioner's Court will be accepting bids for the Depository Contract of Glasscock County until 10:00 AM May 6, 2011 at which time they will be opened. Bids will be presented to Commissioner's Court at its regular session on May 9, 2011. The Depository Contract will be for two years beginning June 1, 2011. The bid should include all county funds and trust funds as provided by law. The Court may reject any or all bids.

For bid specifications or more information contact Alan J. Dierschke, County Treasurer @ (432)354-2415 Monday through Friday 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.
#6980 April 29 & May 3, 2011

Legals

Public Notice

Glasscock County Commissioner's Court will be accepting Request for Proposals for Electric Service for Glasscock County. Request for Proposals will be opened at its regular session May 9, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Bear with the spacey mood of the early morning. The dreamy fog will soon clear. There are two distinct tones to the day as the moon transits through Pisces and then Aries. What is difficult to pin down early in the day will be more concrete by the day's end. Plans come together, speculation becomes evidence, ideas become tangible items.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are prepared for any occurrence at all — like sudden hunger, a flat tire or a fit of extreme ennui. The care you take in being on the ready helps you relax and experience the moments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You want any interaction with you to be a pleasant experience. Because of this, you will feel compelled to give and do more. As you strive to exceed the expectations anyone might have, consider that sometimes less is more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll benefit from being available to the world today. So avoid

letting your calls get handled by the voice mail. Personalization will matter. Your human touch is valued by all you encounter.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes you're wary of groups, daunted by the prospects of fitting in, learning the unspoken rules and understanding the charter. Let those worries go. There's a group that matches your needs. Find it and join.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People need to know what you're good at. Boast of your success. Better yet, find underhanded ways of delivering information so the praise is not coming directly from you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are mentally active, and your passionate emotions make it nearly impossible to stay calm, cool and collected. Tonight, empty your thoughts into a written form. You'll sleep better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take a moment to celebrate the discoveries and inventions that have provided you with a higher quality of life. You'll appreciate an experience that could only occur at this moment in the modern world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Seek mutuality in all things. Create

relationships with those who show strong interest in you and what you do. Don't chase. Only move forward when you feel the "click" of togetherness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not in a hurry; still you see the benefit of cutting to the quick. Honesty is the most direct route. You'll speak your mind and set the stage for open communication in the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll provide a fun distraction from the task at hand. What needs to be accomplished will happen — business first is your motto — but not without a good dose of delight and whimsy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Stress can be healthy and motivating, or it can be restrictive and debilitating. You'll tune in to the differences between good stress and bad stress. You'll find the balance you seek.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be dealing with tough customers. Make sure the basics are covered before you get too ambitious. Keep your offerings simple so that you will be better able to serve them with immediacy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 29). Your desire for personal security will be

well satisfied over the next five weeks. With quiet strength and determination, you will bring about a desired change to your domestic scene. May is romantic. June affords a stellar opportunity to develop your talent. You'll add to a collection in June. There's a special connection with Cancer and Scorpio. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 11, 21, 24 and 2.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: **ARIES:** It's fine to be somewhat high maintenance now, as long as you're still pleasant and upbeat. **TAURUS:** You may be the rock of emotional stability for another person, but you're not stoic. You're still passionate about what matters to you. **GEMINI:** Avoid argument. A peaceful aura is attractive. **CANCER:** You'll be impressed by a loved one and should voice this. **LEO:** You'll behave selflessly for the simple reason that you like making another person feel good. **VIRGO:** You hear what a loved one has to say because you are listening both with your ears and your heart. **LIBRA:** You'll have a blast, mostly because you're too busy to think

about past relationships. You stay completely in the moment. **SCORPIO:** Let someone in on your driving ambition — maybe he or she can help. **SAGITTARIUS:** You don't really need a rescue, but someone offers you help, and you would be wise to take it. **CAPRICORN:** You'll appreciate the lengths another person will go to in order to be with you. **AQUARIUS:** Be straightforward in relationship matters and you will get your way. **PISCES:** Your best qualities will come forward: a light heart, sparkling conversation and a laugh that is as heartwarming as it is genuine.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Aries and Taurus are the first and second born signs of the zodiac and will often treat each other as siblings. They must be careful to stay sweetly respectful and not fall into the kind of bickering and jabbing that one might use to irritate close kin. Taurus likes closeness but needs plenty of space, too. Aries wants adventure and still appreciates the stability that can be found in Taurus' love.

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Dear Margo: When an affair can be ethical

Dear Margo: Is an affair always wrong?

I am close to a man whose wife has been in a nursing home for seven years. She has had MS for 30 years (diagnosed at 25 years old) and is physically dependent for everything.

Mentally, she can carry on a conversation but is very forgetful. I was her nurse for five years, but I have not taken care of her for the past two.

In those two years, I have become close with her husband.

Recently, he told me he loves me, and I feel the same — for the first time in my life.

I am single, and we are middle-aged people who have both been alone for many years.

I don't think he would ever divorce her, and I don't want him to. Neither of us wants to hurt her.

Are we wrong to have

these feelings and to act on them, especially since I was his wife's nurse? — *RN in Love*

Dear R: I do not think the way you met your love colors the situation ... and, in fact, the way you met is not all that uncommon.

I do not regard your relationship as an affair, in the accepted sense, but rather, a love affair.

This man's wife is sick enough to require institutional care and can in no way be a wife.

There are some spouses, granted, who could not entertain the idea of a romance while a legal spouse was still alive, but I know of many more people who have done it your way.

And I see nothing wrong with it. Happiness is hard enough to find. I suggest you accept yours with an open heart. — *Margo, guiltlessly*

Collateral Damage

Dear Margo: I moved from my parents' house to my grandma's due to my parents going through foreclosure.

Before I moved, I entered into a verbal agreement regarding the majority of my stuff (bedroom furniture, papers, jewelry, etc.), in which I'd pay a set amount of money to help cover the storage fees and the care of my cat until I could bring my cat and my things to my grandma's place.

Everything seemed fine until my parents separated and began divorce proceedings less than a week after I moved out.

Things got hostile between the two, and in one of their battles, my mother ordered my father to move his stuff into storage.

Then I received a panicky e-mail from my father letting me know that my stuff had vanished from the storage unit.

I naturally jumped to the conclusion that my things were stolen.

After sending terrified texts to my mother asking where my things were, I finally got a reply from Mom stating only, "It's safe." She refused to elaborate. I went ballistic.

I called her and demanded to know where my things were, only to have her tell me, "I can't trust you. You'll blab the location to your father, and I don't trust him."

I told her I wanted an apology; she refused. We hung up, and I cried for hours, something completely out of character for me. I have not spoken to her since. Am I right for cutting off contact with her? — *Yearning for Contact*

Dear Yearn: Get back in touch. You clearly felt both loss and exclusion.

I would try to convince her that she can, indeed, trust you — and also, you will need access to your things.

Treat this episode as a blip on the radar, and re-establish the former connection with your mother. Chalk it up to the stress of her divorce. She is most likely calmer now. — *Margo, restoratively*

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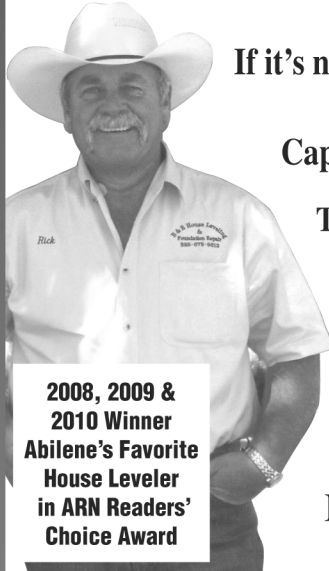


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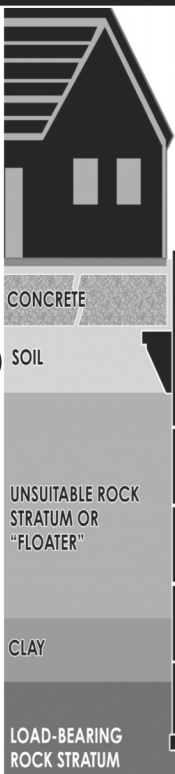
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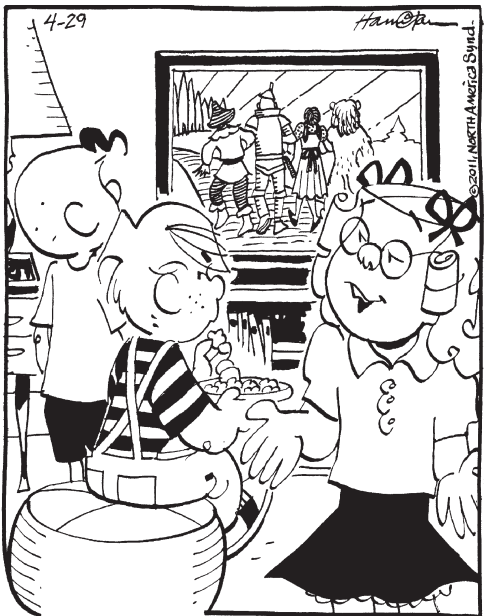
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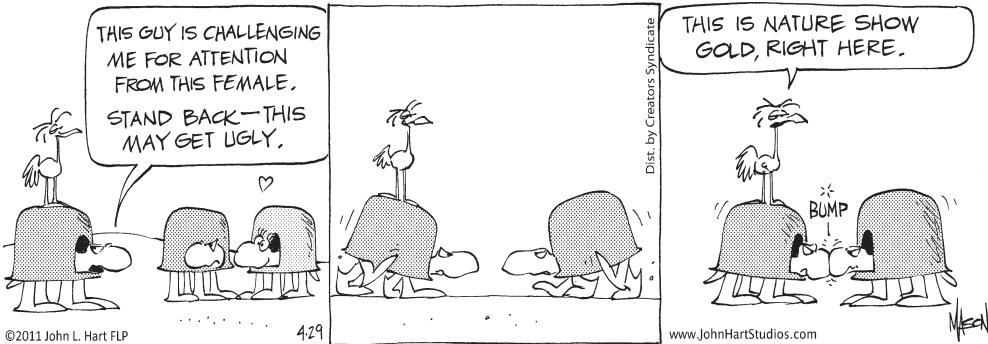
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6 :PM	Jeopardy! Wheel	Cuando Me	Two Men	News	Caso Cer-rado	News	King	Sala House	PBS News-Hour	Seinfeld	Dual Survival	The Ultimate Fighter	Bones			Shake It Good		
7 :PM	Shark Tank	Teresa (SS)	Kitchen Nightmares	The Royal Wedding	Aurora (SS)	Friday Night Lights	Fam. Guy	Door-Wis-dom	Wash. Need to Know	Smallville	Dual Survival	Movie: Death Wish V: The Face of Death	Auction Repo	Movie: Con Air, John Malkovich	Movie: Booty Call, Vivica A. Fox	Phineas Fish	2011 NFL Draft	NBA Basketball: First Round, Game 6: Teams TBA.
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10 :PM	News ABC	Impacto	Noticiero	News	Noticiero	News	Jay Leno	(20) Movie: My Baby's Daddy		Roseanne	Dual Survival		Coal			Shake It		
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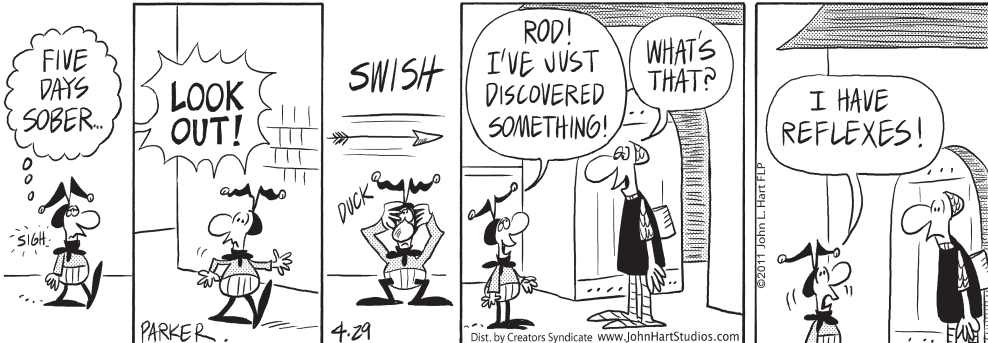


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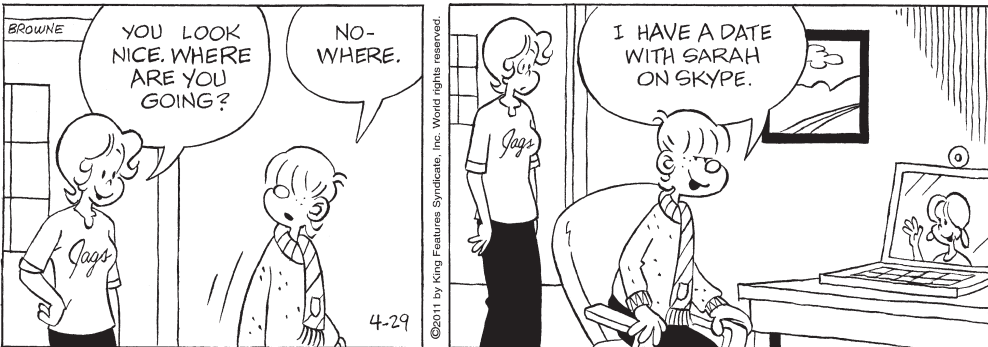
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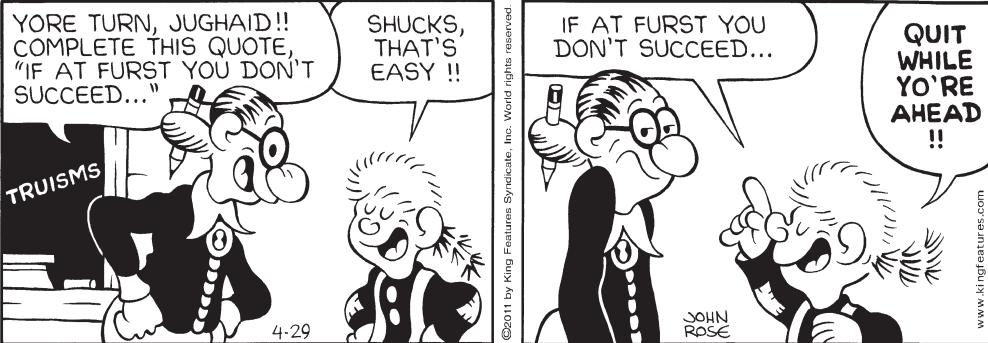
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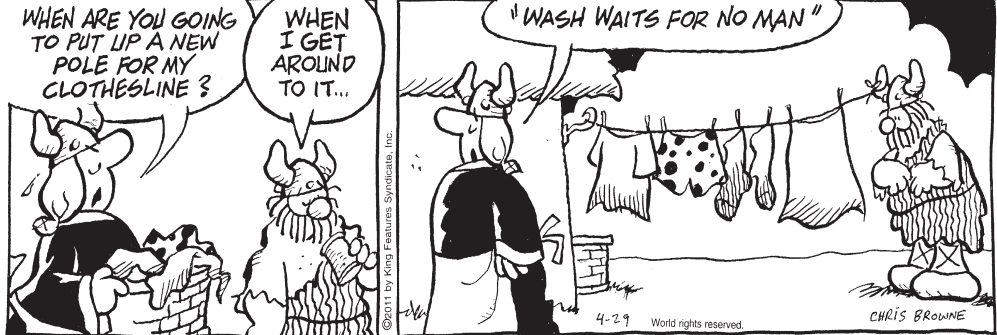
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, April 29, the 119th day of 2011. There are 246 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 29, 1861, the Maryland House of Delegates voted 53-13 against seceding from the Union. In Montgomery, Ala., during an address to a special session of the Confederate Congress, President Jefferson Davis asked for the authority to wage war.

On this date: In 1429, Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead a French victory over the English.

In 1798, Joseph Haydn's oratorio "The Creation" was rehearsed in Vienna, Austria, before an invited audience.

In 1916, the Easter Rising in Dublin collapsed as Irish nationalists surrendered to British authorities.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated

the Dachau (DAH'-khow) concentration camp. Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun and designated Adm. Karl Doenitz (DUHR'-nihtz) president.

In 1946, 28 former Japanese officials went on trial in Tokyo as war criminals; seven ended up being sentenced to death.

In 1961, "ABC's Wide World of Sports" premiered, with Jim McKay as host.

In 1974, President Richard M. Nixon announced he was releasing edited transcripts of some secretly made White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

In 1983, Harold Washington was sworn in as the first black mayor of Chicago.

In 1991, a cyclone struck the South Asian country of Bangladesh, claiming an estimated 138,000 lives.

In 1992, deadly rioting erupted in Los Angeles after a jury in Simi (see-mee) Valley, Calif. acquitted four Los Angeles police officers of almost all state charges in the videotaped beating of Rodney King.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Celeste Holm is 94. Rhythm-and-blues singer Carl Gardner (The Coasters) is 83. Poet Rod McKuen is 78. Actor Keith

Baxter is 78. Bluesman Otis Rush is 77. Conductor Zubin Mehta is 75. Pop singer Bob Miranda (The Happenings) is 69. Country singer Duane Allen (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 68. Singer Tommy James is 64. Movie director Phillip Noyce is 61. Country musician Wayne Secrest (Confederate Railroad) is 57. Actor Leslie Jordan is 56. Actress Kate Mulgrew is 56. Actor Daniel Day-Lewis is 54. Actress Michelle Pfeiffer is 53. Actress Eve Plumb is 53. Rock musician Phil King is 51. Country singer Stephanie Bentley is 48. Singer Carnie Wilson (Wilson Phillips) is 43. Actor Paul Adelstein is 42. Actress Uma Thurman is 41.

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Newsday Crossword

BUYER'S GUIDE by Fred Piscop
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- 1 Insincere talk
 - 5 Cylindrical sandwiches
 - 10 Yuletide poem starter
 - 14 Open a crack
 - 15 The Front Page coauthor
 - 16 Hidden microphone
 - 17 Where to buy dressing tables?
 - 19 All over
 - 20 IRS worker
 - 21 Nike alternative
 - 23 Retina cell
 - 24 Rehearsal-hall piece
 - 25 Arachnophobe of rhyme
 - 29 Sweet on, with "of"
 - 30 "That's something!"
 - 33 Lacking guidance
 - 34 Thumbs-up icons on Facebook
 - 35 Sow, for example
 - 36 Headed for overtime
 - 37 Cleared the tables
 - 38 Shanghai Cobra sleuth
 - 39 LAX stat
 - 40 Group of searchers
 - 41 Barbershop harmony
 - 42 FDR, e.g.
 - 43 Mineral sources
 - 44 Settle in advance
 - 45 Change for the better

- 47 ___-pitch softball
- 48 Geologic layers
- 50 Rollers at socials
- 55 Polynesian carving
- 56 Where to buy bicycle parts?
- 58 Warning sign
- 59 The Great Caruso star
- 60 Spot for a roast
- 61 Sampras of tennis
- 62 Lawn neatener
- 63 Cope with

- DOWN
- 1 Fall in
 - 2 Iliad hero
 - 3 Grandma
 - 4 In good shape
 - 5 Rhetorical question
 - 6 Gave seconds to
 - 7 Rent-___
 - 8 Letter on a key
 - 9 Like much baby food
 - 10 Autobiography byline of 2010
 - 11 Where to buy glass?
 - 12 Geometry calculation
 - 13 Works with a needle
 - 18 Ready to crash
 - 22 Most scoutmasters
 - 24 Slammer
 - 25 With the sound off
 - 26 Become one
 - 27 Where to buy bugs?
 - 28 G-man or T-man

- 29 Symbols of aggression
- 31 Pal Joey author
- 32 Peter Pan heroine
- 34 Drew in
- 37 Seagoing shell dweller
- 38 Evita character
- 40 Versifier
- 41 Swamp things
- 44 Flat
- 46 Pine Tree State
- 47 Take forcibly
- 48 Cessation
- 49 Metaphorical marcher
- 50 Piquant flavor
- 51 Elementary bit
- 52 Traverse
- 53 "A poem lovely as a ___"
- 54 E-mail status
- 57 Conned

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