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Don't vote

FISD to nix board election

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — It appears there won't be a trustee election in Forsan Independent School District this year.

When the FISD board holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration wing boardroom, it is expected to officially cancel the election scheduled for May.

Forsan ISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said the election will be called off because there will be no contested races on the ballot.

Three at-large seats on the board were up for election this year. Incumbents Lewis Boeker and Beckie Wash filed, along with newcomer

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Tumbleweed guest speaker at museum's annual meeting

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Heritage Museum is all about sharing the town's history. So it only makes sense its 42nd annual meeting will contain pieces of history.

During the meeting, set for



Smith

6 p.m. Thursday in the Heritage Museum lobby, Tumbleweed Smith will be the keynote speaker.

"I have lived here for many years and had the

privilege of speaking to several notables. The program will include voices of those who had a part in founding Big Spring," Smith said.

According to Smith, the voice of Toots Mansfield; Nat

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DPS releases names of 4 killed in I-20 accident

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — The Texas Department of Public Safety has released the names of four people who died in a fiery crash Thursday along Inter-

state 20.

According to DPS, those killed were Herman Buggs, 68, of Donalsonville, Ga.; John Charles Griffith, 60, of Woodlawn, Va.; Gordon Douglas Fisher, 54, of Madi-

son Heights, Va.; and David Wayne Wisener, 50, of Lufkin.

Witnesses said Buggs was traveling eastbound on I-20 when his 2007 Frontline tractor-trailer left the road, went across the median and struck

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Upcoming in Big Spring

Tuesday:

What: Big Spring Art Association meeting featuring M. Douglas Walton.

When: 7 p.m.

Where: Howard County Library

Thursday:

What: Heritage Museum 42nd annual meeting. Tumbleweed Smith will be the keynote speaker.

When: 6 p.m.

Where: Heritage Museum Lobby

Saturday, March 24:

What: 48th Rattlesnake Roundup

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Howard County Fairgrounds

Cost: Adults: \$5, Children: \$3

Snake shows, demonstrations, races and free arts and crafts show.

What: 3rd annual Three-Man Scramble United Way Golf Tournament

When: 1 p.m. shotgun start

Where: Big Spring Country Club

Cost: \$70 per person plus cart

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Sunday, March 25:

What: 48th Rattlesnake Roundup

When: Noon to 6 p.m.

Where: Howard County Fairgrounds

Cost: Adults, \$5, Children \$3

Snake shows, demonstrations, races and free arts and crafts show.

What: 3rd annual Three-Man Scramble United Way Golf Tournament

When: 1 p.m. shotgun start

Where: Big Spring Country Club

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Sunrise: 7:50 AM Sunset: 7:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:58 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:59 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 8:00 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	73	51	t-storm	Kingsville	88	71	t-storm
Amarillo	62	36	windy	Livingston	80	67	t-storm
Austin	78	59	t-storm	Longview	80	63	t-storm
Beaumont	80	70	windy	Lubbock	62	39	pt sunny
Brownsville	85	72	pt sunny	Lufkin	83	68	t-storm
Brownwood	77	55	t-storm	Midland	67	47	windy
Corpus Christi	81	71	t-storm	Raymondville	88	71	t-storm
Corsicana	73	55	t-storm	Rosenberg	79	69	t-storm
Dallas	74	56	t-storm	San Antonio	82	61	t-storm
Del Rio	88	58	t-storm	San Marcos	80	60	t-storm
El Paso	57	39	windy	Sulphur Springs	76	58	t-storm
Fort Stockton	71	46	windy	Sweetwater	71	49	t-storm
Gainesville	71	54	t-storm	Tyler	79	60	t-storm
Greenville	72	55	t-storm	Weatherford	72	53	t-storm
Houston	79	71	t-storm	Wichita Falls	75	53	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	83	58	mst sunny	Minneapolis	73	58	windy
Boston	72	50	cloudy	New York	67	55	pt sunny
Chicago	78	61	pt sunny	Phoenix	56	41	rain
Dallas	74	56	t-storm	San Francisco	54	50	pt sunny
Denver	48	31	rain	Seattle	46	39	pt sunny
Houston	79	71	t-storm	St. Louis	81	64	cloudy
Los Angeles	57	47	rain	Washington, DC	76	58	t-storm
Miami	80	70	sunny				

Moon Phases



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M.L. Bertran Jr.



M. L. Bertran Jr., 84, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 15, 2012, in an Odessa hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, March 19, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. John McCullough, pastor of Berea Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 23, 1928, in McCamey, Texas, and married Martha Genay Tuley on Sept. 29, 1949, in Dallas, Texas.

M. L. served in the United States Navy. He moved to Big Spring in 1971 from Post and had worked for Shell Oil Company as a lease operator for 33 years. He enjoyed traveling and being with his family.

He was a member of Berea Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Genay Bertran of Big Spring; one son, Jimmy Bertran and wife, Patti of Big Spring; one daughter, Sherri Gibson and husband, Mike of Clinton, Okla.; two sisters, Rose Hooper of Eunice, N. M. and Wanda Adams of Denton; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Judy Crawford; and one sister, Wilma Hughes.

The family suggests memorials be made to Berea Baptist Church, 4204 Wasson Rd., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Police blotter

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

- **THEFT** was reported:

In the area of N. Highway 87

In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

In the 300 block of S. Main Street.

In the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway.

In the 200 block of W. FM 700.

- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 7500 block of S. Service Road.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:

In the 1200 block of College Avenue.

In the 500 block of S. Austin Street.

- **ASSAULT** was reported:

In the 1300 block of Tucson Street.

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- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 400 block of S. Lancaster Street.

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Obituaries

Gerry Marino



Gerry Marino, 60, of Big Spring died Friday, March 16, 2012, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 4 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Carroll Kohl officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born June 13, 1951, in Odessa to Beryle LaVerne and Grover Lee Simpkins. She grew up in Odessa and moved to Big Spring in 1972. She married Bill Marino in 1972 in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and was a member of Alive in Christ Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband: Bill Marino of Big Spring; two sons: Tim Marino of Lubbock and Brandon Marino and his wife Ashley of Midland; one grandson: Rylan Marino of Midland; one brother: Roy Simpkins of Odessa; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

Paid obituary

Grady Malcolm Smith



Grady Malcolm Smith, 49, of Coahoma died Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at his residence. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Coahoma Cemetery with Eddie Pitchford and Billy Sullivan officiating.

He was born Sept. 21, 1962, in Austin to Sandra and Grady Ross Smith. He grew up in Odessa, lived in Lubbock for a while and lived in Coahoma for more than 10 years. He was a plumber.

He is survived by his daughter: Channa Smith of Odessa; three sons: Grady Kirkland Smith, Christopher Dale Smith and Robert Patrick, all of Delaware; mother: Sandra Reid of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; grandfather: John Stanley of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; one sister: Penney Hopkins of Tell City, Ala.; and three grandchildren.

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

Jury cancelled

The jury called for Monday morning, March 19, 2012, in 118th District Court has been cancelled. Area residents who received a jury summons for the corresponding date can disregard the notice.

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- The Howard County Clerk’s Office will be closed through Tuesday to allow for remodeling.
- An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad “Ghost” Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational

- message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It’s a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
- American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.
 - Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
 - Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available.

- For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.
- The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 - The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner’s HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call

- the hotline.
- The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.
 - Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don’t have to talk if you don’t want to. Flexible payment options.
 - The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. If you’re interested in volunteering, contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346.

DPS

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another tractor trailer driven by Griffith head on. DPS said Fisher was a passenger in Griffith’s vehicle.

DPS said Wisner, who was hauling bulls in a farm trailer and was westbound, could not avoid the crash. His 2003 GMC pickup struck the tractor trailers. The vehicle subsequently crossed the median and eastbound lane of traf-

fic before coming to rest near the south service road. Investigators are still trying to determine what caused Buggs to lose control and cross into the oncoming lane. DPS officials said they are not sure whether

Bufs, Griffith or Fisher were wearing seat belts because of damage from the fire. Wisner was not wearing a seat belt, officials said. They added that a fourth truck, driven by Rachel Todorovich of El

Paso, hit the contents of Griffith’s tractor trailer. However, she was not seriously injured. She told DPS troopers she scooped up her dogs and ran from the truck to avoid explosions and fires caused by the wreck.

Officials said the highway was closed for about seven hours after the accident, reopening after 10 p.m. Thursday.

SMITH

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Schick, previous postmaster; Joe Pickle, previous editor of the Big Spring Herald; Jack Cook, former air park manager; R.H. Weaver; Ernie Boyd, World War

IIPOW; Pearl Bradshaw; and Shine Phillips, among others. “Those are among the most notable. They are all names I think almost anyone would recognize,” Smith said. “These interviews will provide the audience with a warm feeling about these people and

about Big Spring.” The evening is not meant to be somber by any means, according to Smith. Those attending can expect to find some good humor in the program. “If people aren’t fully aware of the personality of Big Spring, I would encourage them

to come. This will give them a real insight to into Big Spring and the outlook, sense of humor and overall appreciation of life,” Smith said. Getting history out for the community to see is important. Through this presentation, Smith said the oral histories are able to be heard and

aren’t sitting on a shelf somewhere. “It’s good to get the oral histories out so people can hear them,” Smith said. *Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com*

FISD

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Chris Olsen. With only three candidates vying for three spots, there was no need to hold a formalelection, Johnson said. Also Monday, trustees are expected to adopt a resolution delaying the implementation of one aspect of the new State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) standardized tests for students.

Johnson said trustees will likely vote to suspend implementation of the STAAR’s “15 percent rule” for a year. The 15 percent rule states that grades from the STAAR’s end of course exams will account for 15 percent of a student’s final grade in that particular class, Honson said. The trouble with the rule, however, is that no one is exactly sure what the test’s passing standards will be just yet. “(State education offi-

cials) have not yet told us what the passing averages on the tests will be,” Johnson said. “So the commissioner of the Texas Education Agency told all the school districts in Texas they could suspend the 15 percent rule for a year until the passing standards are finalized. “That doesn’t minimize the importance

of the end-of-course exams,” Johnson said. “They’re still very important ... and they will count a great deal toward graduation. They just won’t be reflected on the student’s report card this year.” In other business Monday, FISD trustees will consider:

- Policy updates.
- Bus purchases.
- Reports from campus principals.
- Revenue and investment reports.

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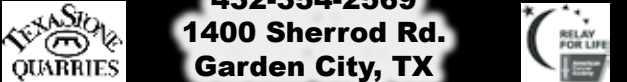
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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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YOUR VIEWS

Respect in the trenches

TO THE EDITOR:

I started my day with a 7:30 lab test, 2 p.m. primary care appointment, 3 p.m. eye exam.

The ladies in the eye clinic saw me walking the hall before my blood test. As always, they told he hi, and added big smiles. They wanted to know why I was at the VA so early. I explained my day.

They told me to get my paperwork and they would work me in early. I went to the Blue Clinic to get my paperwork. They saw I was going to the eye clinic early. I was told they would also work me in early, after my eye appointment. My appointments were finished by 10:45. I was planning on it taking until 4.

Dr. Leon and his team saw me and gave me a thorough exam — even though he is looking after his clinic and looking after patients from clinics that have no doctors.

Last week, I had a dental problem that started with a dentist in Abilene. I went to the dental clinic as a walk in and was taken very good care of.

All the people I dealt with were all smiles and treated me with respect. Our government may be cutting funds to the VA, but the people in the trenches are treating vets with respect.

MIKE TARPLEY
BIG SPRING

Amy Phillips

TO THE EDITOR:

Amy Jennifer Phillips was not just some 31 year old woman who took her own life. Amy was a daughter, granddaughter, niece, cousin and dear friend to many.

I cannot speak for everyone so I will speak for myself and hope that others can relate to what I have to say.

When I was with Amy, she made me feel like I was her only friend. We understood one another and we tried to make sense of life all while being young outcasts in this town.

Time did not exist when we were together. We were able to escape, go to another world free from the harsh constraints of reality — this is where Amy’s light was most vibrant, prolific and poetic. These moments of breaking beauty have remained ... always will. And I will not waste them.

In her final hours, she reminded us of her love; a love that belongs to everyone. She brought us together in her own generous, gorgeous and unorthodox way.

Amy bravely fought her own battle as we fought ours alongside. Now she is at peace, a peace that she has so generously left behind.

STEPHANIE ANDERSON MURPHY
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Today is a good time, Lord, to ask You for Your advice.

Amen

The definition of being poor

I have a strong notion most Americans have deep-down desires to fulfill the Biblical admonition to voluntarily take care of the poor. It’s a conviction painted with a broad brush, with no attempt to define “poor,” which requires an even broader brush.

During the Great Depression, most people were “poor” — and unaware of it at the time. They got through it by taking the high road, smiling through scarcities. They were “too poor to paint and too proud to whitewash.” Some claimed being “too poor to buy cheap,” convinced that items bought needed to be good enough to last a long time. Another said, “I was born with nothing and still have most of it.”



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NEWBURY

It is gratifying to note churches, civic clubs and other humanitarian groups tackle ever-growing challenges of poverty. Remarkably, progress continues despite a poor economic climate.

Aren’t you glad that Mother Teresa remained committed to her pilgrimage of serving others until her life was spent? She trudged on, despite miserable economic conditions in India.

Arlington citizens salute their own modern-day Mother Teresa in Tillie Burgin. This saintly figure gives virtually all of her waking hours — and probably her short hours of slumber as well — to her beloved Mission Arlington, a model charitable outreach to the community. In addition to serving thousands of daily beneficiaries, the project is a beacon to a vast number of other churches and agencies. The reps show up, pads in hands, to

learn the “nuts and bolts” of the ministry. Some visit to see if Tillie really can get blood from turnips.

Some folks hone their skills of giving over lifetimes. Warren Buffett, the “oracle of Omaha” long known for his investment wizardry, has decreed more than half of his multi-billion-dollar estate will accrue to charitable causes.

The late R. G. LeTourneau was likewise “others centered.” Credited with almost 300 inventions, he was called a “mover of men and mountains.” The industrialist’s machines accounted for some three-fourths of the earth-moving equipment used during World War II.

He and wife Evelyn tithed in reverse, living on 10 percent of their income and funneling 90 percent to others. They founded what is now LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas, providing majority funding during its early decades. Dr. Dale A. Lunsford, president, continues to hear endearing accounts of the founders’ generosity. He said an old-timer reminded him recently of the LeTourneaus’ visit to his out-of-state church a half-century ago. The philanthropist challenged the congregation to participate in the church’s capital campaign, and before leaving town, quietly left a sizeable check to help out.

I think of generous folks’ giving patterns when candidates for public office make their financial disclosures. Most “telling” to me is their commitment to charity — or lack of same — to churches and/or other worthy groups.

When percentages are anemic, such candidates seem more accustomed to self-serving rather than others-serving. One current congressional candidate has made charitable gifts totaling 1

percent over the past five years.

The 1 percent figure is lodged in my mind.

I applaud older folks for their giving records. Fund-raisers tell us this group sets the pace in charitable giving. A good example is Ebby Halliday, a 101-year-old Dallas businesswoman associated with a myriad of great causes.

Dallas ISD recently dedicated a new elementary school named in her honor.

And she was present to take a bow.

Such a giving spirit may indeed add years to our life and life to our years. For many decades, this gracious lady has well understood the old adage about “giving ‘til it hurts” is all wrong. One should “give ‘til it feels good!” That’s a powerful suggestion.

One “scrooge-like” man, the story goes, appeared at the pearly gates, sad his charitable giving record had been worse than miserable.

“Didn’t you give any money to anything?” St. Peter asked.

“I did give 25 cents to the Salvation Army one time.” The angel Gabriel, thumbing through the man’s book of life, found the entry, along with another 25 cents to “unplanned” parenthood, and still another gift of 25 cents to United Way. That was it.

“Well, 75 cents is more than nothing, but not much more,” St. Peter said as he turned toward Gabriel. “What would you do?” he asked.

Gabriel was ready: “I’d give him back his six bits and send him south.”

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The monthly report for March

March always brings about a sense of renewal for me. Chores I could barely tackle during the holidays now are attacked with a sense of enthusiasm. I find that it’s no different for the volunteers in the Community Relations Office at Big Spring State Hospital. They always seem to have more energy than the average person, but even they seem to hit their stride each spring. Not only are they tackling the goings-on with The Chalet (and organizing the gifts from others’ spring cleaning), but other activities, such as Cars, Stars and Handlebars and the Volunteer Luncheon. Big Spring State Hospital’s army of volunteers worked at a whirlwind pace in 2011 raising money and hosting many activities for our patients, and they are on pace to do the same thing in 2012. They bring so much happiness to the patients and inspire the hospital



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staff to provide quality care.

2011 brought about much change in the hospital’s Community Relations office. Long-time Director Billie Christie left in the fall and most recently, long-time assistant Maria Brito retired from state service. Jon Cervantes is ever-present in the office and he along with our dedicated Volunteer Services Council and hospital administrators continues to keep things running smoothly.

Great progress is being made on the Family Visitation Center. Interior work is underway, and it has been very encouraging to see the work being made on another place of pride on the Big Spring State Hospital campus. The Volunteer Services Council and the many volunteers they oversee have provided so many good things for our patients, things that make a lasting impact on their daily lives. And they do this all out of the goodness of their hearts.

Stacy Barr and her crew of helpers – Justin and Sarah Myers, Noel and Brenna Hoff, and Scott and Erin Mackenzie – are building the framework for Cars, Stars and Handlebars. Formats

from past years – plenty of good food, conversation, along with entertainment by musical guests along with a colorful cast of emcees; including Barr herself who engages in good-natured ribbing is part of the charm of the evening. Details on tickets and prizes will be forthcoming so please read and listen to reports emanating from the Volunteer Services Council. But for now, mark the date for April 28 at the Big Spring Country Club. It’s always a good time.

Tommie and JoBeth Corwin, Ruth Nanny, Helen Crandall and the gang at The Chalet pack more into a three-hour workday than most people who punch a clock for eight hours a day. The Chalet may only be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the week and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, but the doors are usually bustling at opening time. New merchandise finds its way onto the shelves every day as other merchandise moves its way out. The Chalet is located at 115 E. Second St. and accepts donations from the public.

Valerie Avery is Public Information Coordinator for Big Spring State Hospital.

Kinship caregivers struggle without state support

By Callie Shanafelt

AP Staff Writer

When Hazel Wingate's 61-year-old brother told her he was going to have a child, she was 62. Wingate assumed that the child by his mother, as were her brother's five other children.

But this mother had a drug problem.

"He called me and said the lady had disappeared and he was in a hurry to get someone to care for him," Wingate said.

The boy, Walter Jones the third, was put in the foster care system immediately after he was born in New York State. The family had 15 months to find him a caregiver before he would be put up for adoption.

"I threw my hat in the ring and brought him here," Wingate said.

Wingate is now raising the nearly five-year-old Walter at her home in San Leandro. She says taking him in was one of the best things she's done, but she and other kinship caregivers aren't getting the same support as non-kin foster parents.

Since the mid-eighties, the pool of traditional foster families has been shrinking. Child welfare agencies started looking to relatives or people connected to the family as guardians as an alternative to foster parents. Today, more than a third of foster kids in California are in kinship care.

Donna Moore, Kinship Program Director at Family Support Services of the Bay Area says keeping children within their family and community helps them deal with the trauma of being separated from their parents or siblings. "So they can feel a sense of belonging," Moore said.

The Kinship Program connects relative caregivers with resources available to them in the area. Moore also runs a support group for kinship caregivers. She says 95 percent of the people she works with are informal caregivers – those who took custody of a child before it ended up a ward of the juvenile court.

There is a long history of kinship care in many cultures, especially among Native Americans and African Americans. Hazel Wingate's own mother died when she was 15, leaving her as the oldest sibling still living at home with four younger brothers and sisters.

"I cooked and cleaned and had a part-time job but they didn't allow me to be the mother figure," Wingate said.

Her father died when she was 18 and an uncle took in three of her brothers and sisters. Of her 25 nieces and nephews, Walter was the first to end up in the formal child welfare system. But since he was in the New York system, when she brought him to California, he didn't qualify for the state assistance offered to kinship caregivers here.

California is actually one of the better states in which to be a kinship caregiver. State policy favors placement with relatives, and kinship caregivers don't have to be licensed foster parents to receive

monthly expenses through the Kin-GAP program. But in order to qualify for the assistance, the child has to be a ward of the juvenile court.

A majority of kinship caregivers don't qualify for the benefits of a traditional foster parent (currently about \$425 to \$597 per month, depending on the age of the child). But many do receive a CalWORKs grant instead (currently a maximum of \$387 per month).

When Wingate first took in Walter, she was working as a buyer for a construction company. But she was laid off the month Walter turned two.

"It became financially hard," Wingate said.

She was able to get a CalWORKs grant for \$351 a month, but when she applied for food stamps, the caseworkers told her that the cash grant she was already getting should cover his food.

"He fell through the cracks," Wingate said.

After many months of advocating for Walter and doing her own research, she was able to get approved for an additional \$367 in food stamps each month.

She still wishes Walter were qualified for more formal support from the state.

"Let's face it, we save them money," Wingate said.

Walter is a very intelligent kid, Wingate said, but he also has some serious behavior issues that are difficult for her to deal with. Part of it is that he doesn't take her discipline seriously.

"I did recognize as a baby he had a sense of humor," said Wingate. "I didn't know that it was going to bite me this way."

She suspects he may have been exposed to drugs in utero. If he were in the formal system, she would qualify for help identifying the root of his issues and strategies for helping him. But Wingate, exhausted by navigating the system, stopped trying.

"I decided I should just take the food stamps," Wingate said.

Wingate has gotten a lot of the other support she needs from Family Support Services of the Bay Area (FSSBA). She attends Donna Moore's support group regularly.

Kinship caregivers are often less prepared than traditional foster parents. They also tend to be older with less financial resources and therefore need more support.

Moore says the caregivers struggle with shame or guilt about the fact that their relative can't care for their child. Eighty percent of the support group attendees are grandparents or great grandparents. "The other 20 percent are aunts, uncles, cousins, adult siblings or the neighbor next door," said Moore.

"There's just so many different scenarios, but it all bring us to the same

point," Wingate said. "We all need help."

Wingate gets 24 hours a month of respite child-care from FSSBA. A trained caregiver will take care of Walter while Wingate goes to a meeting, doctor's appointment or just rests at home. They usually take Walter for a six-hour block of time and do some educational or cultural activity.

"You'd be surprised how many use it just to go to church without the little baby running up and down the isles," said Moore.

FSSBA also helped Wingate get into therapy. Her therapist counseled her to have patience, and to realize Walter is not 'your generation of child.'

"That statement has made me calmer," Wingate said.

She wishes she could get him into some kind of mentoring program so he could also have a positive male role model in his life, but most programs begin with six-year-olds.

"You are supposed to tell them age appropriate things, but these kids are asking questions that are beyond their years," Wingate said. "You can't get a role model too early."

Walter calls Wingate "Mom." She is planning to tell him she is not his biological mother before he goes to kindergarten next year.

"Because kids are so mean, and I'm so old, somebody's gonna say something," said Wingate.

Wingate is Walter's legal guardian, but she is not adopting him. Most kinship caregivers end up providing the most permanent option for a child. But Moore says the majority of kinship caregivers choose to be legal guardians instead of adopting.

"It feels like they would put out the lit candle of hope in the biological parent," Moore said.

Some choose to adopt so their child can receive their retirement or other benefits. Moore says the most important thing for a child in kinship care is to feel they have a secure plan for where they will live.

"A child may feel I love my mother, I love my father, but I don't want them to just walk through this door and grab me," Moore said.

Wingate says she needed Walter as much as he needed her. When she took him in, she had three grandkids she never saw. "I was working two jobs just to fill that void," Wingate said.

She plans to care for Walter as long as she can. Both her daughter and Walter's biological brother have offered to take custody of him. She would trust either of them with his care, but she wants him to have stability.

"I don't want to give him up – I love that boy," said Wingate. "I fooled around and fell in love."

Winners and losers in Medicare advantage

(AP) — Medicare beneficiaries in private health plans throughout the country get significantly different levels of extra benefits, and that disparity will continue with the implementation of the 2010 health law, according to an analysis released Monday by the health care consultant Avalere Health. Moving forward, some extra benefits that seniors are getting in these plans are likely to diminish and some are likely to disappear altogether depending on where a senior lives, according to the report.

In Florida, for example, beneficiaries with private plans got an extra \$154 a month worth of benefits in 2010, while those in Alaska got none.

One quarter of Medicare beneficiaries get their care through private Medicare Advantage health plans, which are mostly HMOs and PPOs. If a plan bids less in an area than a government benchmark for traditional Medicare, then it gets a rebate of 75 percent of the difference that it must pass along to seniors in extra benefits or lower cost-sharing. That can trans-

late into lower prescription drug premiums, or it can provide benefits that traditional Medicare doesn't cover, such as vision and hearing.

The data are from 2010, and the health law changes the way that Medicare pays for seniors and the disabled in Medicare Advantage plans moving forward. However, it is likely that Medicare Advantage enrollees in areas receiving the most generous rebates will continue to see some benefit, said Bonnie Washington, senior vice president of Avalere.

Already, as a result of the health law, the government is phasing in reduced payments to Medicare Advantage plans.

In addition, by 2014, the rebates will change so that they are partially based on quality measures, called STAR ratings. By 2014, those plans with 4.5 or 5 stars (out of a total of 5), will get a 70 percent rebate. Those with 3.5 or 4 stars will get 65 percent, and those scoring lower will get only 50 percent.

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You can enjoy fresh blueberries all year thanks to blueberries from Chile, where it's summer during our winter time.

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FRESH BLUEBERRY CHICKEN SALAD WITH ALMONDS

SERVES: 6

- 2 whole cooked chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup red onion chopped
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1/2 cup minced green onion
- 1/4 cup chopped flat leaf parsley
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries



- 1 cup fresh Chilean blueberries
- 1/2 cup low fat mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup sweet mustard
- 1/4 cup toasted almonds

Dice chicken breasts and place in mixing bowl. Sprinkle red onion with rice vinegar; toss into

bowl.

Add green onion, parsley, cranberries and blueberries; fold gently to mix.

In small mixing bowl, add mayonnaise, yogurt and sweet mustard. Blend well; fold dressing into salad. Garnish with toasted almonds.

Nutrients per serving: 322 calories, 13 g fat, 114 calories from fat, 3 g saturated fat, 66 mg cholesterol, 255 mg sodium, 3 g dietary fiber and 22 g protein

Recipe may be doubled for 8 to 12 servings.

BLUEBERRY GREEN TEA FUSION

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup fresh Chilean blueberries
- 2 green tea bags
- Honey or agave to taste

Bring water to a boil. Add fresh Chilean blueberries. Boil 5 minutes; strain. Add 2 green tea bags and steep 3 to 5 minutes. Add honey or agave to sweeten. Drink hot or pour over ice.

Nutrients per serving: 8 servings each, 11 calories, 0.5 grams dietary fiber

FRESH BLUEBERRY GREEN TEA SMOOTHIE

- 1 banana
- 1 cup plain yogurt
- 3/4 cup fresh Chilean blueberries
- Zest of one orange
- 4 ice cubes
- 1 cup Blueberry Green Tea Fusion

Blend well and top with a twist of orange peel or a sprig of mint.

Nutrients per serving: 80 calories, 2g dietary fiber, 42mg sodium, 4g protein

Dear Molly, Four years and it is over

Dear Molly,

I've been with my girlfriend for almost four years. After only a couple of months, she started asking me constantly to have a kid together. She even secretly stopped taking birth control for a while.

This was all strange to me because she already had three children from a previous relationship. Anyway, eventually, after less than a year together she got pregnant. Things were a little shaky. She had trouble letting go of a lot of things from her past involving two ex's which I heard about constantly! I hung in there anyway.

Last year, she suddenly started to have little to no

interest in our relationship. For two to three months I'd bug her trying to find out what was wrong, but she would never say. Finally she did. She said that she wanted a relationship that felt new, she wasn't sure about us and other comments to that effect.

We tried counseling, but she had no real desire to be there and even lied about a few things. I picked up the slack in a way I didn't even know I was capable of, especially since by the time she finally told me what was going on she had started a midnight shift and we had no time to work at anything.

Anyway, now that midnight shift (which only lasted 8-9 months) is done, and I was really looking forward to having the time to reconnect and rebuild our relationship. At one point she said the same thing, but now she has broken up with me. I'm still stuck living with her for a while and it's killing me. I don't know if this matters, but in case it helps, she is almost 37. I heard something once about a pre mid-life crisis. I'm at my wits end and no one I talk to has ever heard of anything like this. She claims to still love me and wishes it could work, but insists that it can't. Considering we've had no time to put into it, I can't



MOLLY MASON

help but think she's being a little rash. I'm also having a hard time accepting this is probably just over. Do you have any advice? Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,

I hate to be so blunt, but I think she has done you a favor. Your relationship has been based on your trying to position yourself due to her emotional state. I'm not so sure you

really need advice at this point, other than when someone tells you it's over believe them. I'm sure she does love you, but that doesn't mean it's right. Your gut knows if it feels right.

She seems like a person who is very unsettled and with the children component I'm concerned about you. She hasn't been honest with you and counseling wasn't productive. Many people have opposing jobs conditions and make it, so try not to look outside for reasons your relationship didn't work. I don't think it works from the inside, so everything else becomes the reason why.

Is it hormones? I don't think so; however, it may be worth a trip to the doctor. But this is up to her and if she's saying it's over then you don't really need to focus on her physical condition. We always want to know why. You will probably not ever know why, so I'd advise letting it go. Tell yourself sometimes things work out and you'll never know why.

I'm sorry you are having a hard time, but try to heal and find a partner who is maybe a little less unsure and more stable. You will be much happier in the end.

~ Molly

Readers, should he try and get her back? Is she being rash?

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Thrift store employee finds rare book, gives to museum

By LIZ KEARNEY

LIVINGSTON Enterprise
LIVINGSTON, Mont. (AP) — Thanks to an eye for vintage items and a little Internet sleuthing, the Community Closet's Heather Heath has made museum staff in Michigan very happy.

A limited-edition book, published in 1923, will soon be on its way to the Leslie Area Museum, in Leslie, Mich., a small town of about 2,000 located 25 miles south of Lansing, the state capital.

Caron Cooper, the Community Closet's executive director, asked the store's board for permission to donate the book to the Michigan museum. It's the store's policy to share things with other nonprofits, Cooper said.

"It's like if someone in Michigan had come across an original copy of a Doris Whithorn book that the museum didn't have a copy of," Cooper said Tuesday, referring to the local historian, author and Yellowstone Gateway Museum founder.

Heath checked the online auction site eBay and estimated the book's value at about \$235.

The book, titled "Sun and Smoke: A Book of New Mexico Verse," was written and hand-illustrated by Holling Clancy Holling, an artist who as a young man lived in Leslie, Mich.

Holling may be best known today for his children's book, "Paddle-to-the-Sea," which is still in print and was a Caldecott Honor Book in 1942.

The winning Caldecott title that year was a children's book still in print today, "Make Way for Ducklings," by Robert McCloskey.

The Caldecott Medal is awarded each year by the American Library Association to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

Heath noticed the book last month in an assortment of items she had recently set aside for further examination.

The book's preface said it was one of 50 copies printed. A handwritten inscription by the author further intrigued Heath.

The inscription reads, "To Florence and Dan, in memory of the 711 Ranch."

Did Holling visit the area? Was the 711 Ranch in Park County? Or even in Montana?

Heath wasn't able to find anything about a 711 Ranch, but she did learn Holling had visited Montana at some point in his life.

She doesn't know how the book came to the Community Closet, or even exactly when.

Heath found a brief on Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, about Hol-

ling, which mentioned Leslie, Mich., as the town where he graduated from high school.

Heath tracked down Steve Hainstock, a past president and co-founder of the all-volunteer Leslie Area Museum. Hainstock told her the book, "Sun and Smoke" was the only book of Holling's of which the museum did not own a copy.

"I thought Heather really went to great lengths to track me down and find a home for this book," Hainstock said Wednesday in a telephone interview. "We are thrilled to find this."

"It was exciting to get this gentleman on the phone and hear him say 'Wow!'" Heath said.

Hainstock said he doubts that of a print run of only 50 copies that more than 10 may even exist anymore. For that reason, he said the museum probably will not display the book in its general collection.

Hainstock provided additional information about Holling, who died at age 73 in 1973 in Pasadena, Calif. The author attended the Art Institute of Chicago. He worked as a young man at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. He did some of the taxidermy on a well-known display, "Man-Eating Lions of Tsavo."

At some point, Holling traveled to Montana to paint murals for a ranch. Hainstock didn't know where in Montana or for which ranch he might have worked.

During World War II, Holling worked for Disney on the war training films the company made. After the war, Holling helped design the Indian Village in Frontierland at Disneyland. Holling was offered a share in Disneyland, but he turned it down.

"He thought it wouldn't go anywhere," Hainstock laughed. "And I think he was more interested in having the freedom to work on children's books."

Hainstock said the Leslie Area Museum is very small, housed in an older building and run entirely by volunteers on a shoestring budget. Most of its visitors, maybe a couple of hundred a year, are locals, with a few tourists now and then.

He said the little museum's collection on Holling may be the largest public display of his work in the world. California universities have some material, too, but it's not readily accessible to the public, he said.

And what about getting a phone call out of the blue from Montana?

"That's one of the fun parts of museum work — the little discoveries like the phone call that came from Heather," Hainstock said. "It's the fuel that keeps me going."

Horse racing drama 'Luck' proved to be too real for HBO

By LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Horse racing has long withstood the deaths of its skittish, injury-prone thoroughbreds. Hollywood proved it lacks the stomach for it.

HBO abruptly cancelled its racetrack drama series "Luck" this past week after three horses used in the production were injured and euthanized during 10 months of filming in the last two years.

The abrupt fall of "Luck," which will end its single-season run on March 25, reveals the chasm between the racing and entertainment industries.

At the track, a horse puts its life on the line so gamblers can stake \$2 or more to win, place or show, with the industry and fans accepting the danger to animals and jockeys as a harsh part of the bargain.

With movies and TV, which offer the on-screen vow that "no animals were harmed" in the making of make-believe, consumers have scant tolerance for harm to any creature great or small.

"More people are pet owners than ever before. More people have access to information about animals ... and care more about them," said Karen Rosas, senior vice president of the American Humane Association's TV and film unit that monitors animal safety for more than 2,000 productions annually.

During the past five years, the association encountered only one horse death outside of "Luck," on the 2007 movie "3:10 to Yuma," Rosas said. Losing three horses on a single project was "unprecedented," she added.

The racing world stands in sharp contrast in both the measure of loss and reaction to it.

Two horses died in Britain's Grand National steeplechase meet last year, and four the year before, but the April event will proceed as it has since the 1830s. The 2008 Kentucky Derby euthanasia of a captivating filly, Eight Belles, clouded but didn't derail the event that marks its 137th running in May.

Last week, five horses died in the first two days of the U.K.'s Cheltenham Festival steeplechase. Outrage erupted, as it had after previous multiple deaths in the prestigious meet, but it's yet to be scuttled.

In U.S. racing, there's approximately one horse fatality per 500 starts, according to Dr. Rick Arthur, medical director of the California Horse Racing Board. He cited the Equine Industry Database posted online by The Jockey Club, which supports thoroughbred breeding and racing.

"Luck" filmed some 2,500 racing sequences, most a few slow, staged furlongs rather than all-out contests, Arthur said, citing estimated figures from HBO.

Two thoroughbreds were put down after suffering fractures while running. The third was euthanized for a head injury suffered when the horse slipped and toppled backward, an accident experts said isn't uncommon for the fragile, high-strung animals that weigh about 1,200 pounds.

The losses provoked public dismay, along with pro and con debate about racing itself.

"I am usually an admirer of both HBO and (series creator) David Milch, but from the sounds of it, this is a tragedy that should have been avoided. Animals are not props," actor Sean Vincent Biggins of Los Angeles posted Friday on his Facebook page.

Thoroughbred experts and those in racing say their acceptance of mortality in racing stems from an understanding of the animals powering the sport.

"You don't force a racehorse to race. They love running," said Dr. Larry Bramlage of Lexington, Ky., a nationally prominent equine veterinarian with 37 years' experience. "If you came to where I am right now, with all the yearlings in the field, you'd see them out there trying to prove who runs the best."

Richard Mandella — a Hall of Fame trainer at Santa Anita Park, the sprawling, historic track in the Los Angeles suburb of Arcadia where "Luck" was filmed — said "a love affair" exists between the people and horses in racing.

But even hard work and "extreme efforts" can't protect the animals, he said. "As far as accidents happening ... I don't care if they're in a prairie or anywhere, that can happen," Mandella said. "They play rough and they're competitive."

What happened to the HBO show, he suggested, could have been a run of sad misfortune.

"Luck" was the kind of high-profile project that the premium TV channel bases its reputation on, with industry heavyweights in front of and behind the camera.

The drama about the underbelly of racing starred Dustin Hoffman, in his first TV series, as a crime boss scheming to bring casino gambling to a track. Nick Nolte, Joan Allen, Michael Gambon and Dennis Farina were among other high-profile actors in the show.



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Leader of 'Kony' video group to focus on health

By **ELLIOT SPAGAT**,
Associated Press
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jason Russell may be the most public face of Invisible Children, the nonprofit group he co-founded to stop African war atrocities. He narrates a 30-minute video on warlord Joseph Kony that went viral on the Internet.

Less than two weeks after the video's smashing success, Invisible Children is facing the prospect of carrying on without Russell — at least for a while. He was briefly detained by police and hospitalized after witnesses saw him running through streets in his underwear, screaming and banging his fists on the pavement.

Danica Russell said late Friday that her husband "did some irrational things brought on by extreme exhaustion and dehydration." She denied that alcohol or drug use triggered the behavior.

"We thought a few thousand people would see the film, but in less than a week, millions of people around the world saw it. While that attention was great for raising awareness about Joseph Kony, it also brought a lot of attention to Jason and, because of how personal the film is, many of the attacks against it were also very personal, and Jason took them very hard," she said.

"On our end, the focus remains only on his health, and protecting our family. We'll take care of Jason, you take care of the work," her statement continued. "The message of the film remains the same: stop at nothing."

San Diego police dispatcher transcripts show neighbors began calling around 11:30 a.m. Thursday to report that a man was running around in his underwear in the city's Pacific Beach neighborhood.

"(Subject) is at the corner, banging his hands on the ground, screaming, incoherent," the transcript says. "People are trying to calm him down, he's been stopping traffic."

Police Lt. Andra Brown said a 33-year-old man was taken to a hospital for medical evaluation. He was never arrested, and no charges are planned.

"At this point, the police department's involvement in the matter is done," Brown said.

Russell, a San Diego native and graduate of the University of Southern California's film school,



Courtesy photo

Jason Russell, public face of Invisible Children, is taking time to focus on personal health issues.

narrates the video, which has been viewed more than 80 million times on YouTube. In the video, Russell talks to his young son, Gavin, about Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army.

Gavin's birth is shown at the beginning of the film. At one point, the boy sums up what his dad does for a living.

"You stop the bad guys from being mean," he says.

At the video's conclusion Russell says, "At the end of my life I want to say that the world we left behind is one Gavin can be proud of, one that doesn't allow Joseph Kony's and child soldiers."

Gavin replies: "I'm going to be like you dad. I'm going to come with you to Africa."

The video's overnight success has brought height-

ened scrutiny to the San Diego-based nonprofit over its tactics, governance and spending practices.

The group has been criticized for not spending enough directly on the people it intends to help and for oversimplifying the 26-year-old conflict involving the LRA and its leader, Kony, a bush fighter wanted by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity.

The group acknowledged the video overlooked many nuances but said it was a "first entry point" that puts the conflict "in an easily understandable format."

Ben Keesey, chief executive officer, released a video on Monday to respond to questions about the group's finances, including the amount of money it spends on travel and operations. He said money that directly benefits the cause accounted for more than 80 percent of its spending from 2007 to 2011.

"I understand why a lot of people are wondering, 'Is this just some slick, kind of fly-by-night, slacktivist thing?' when actually it's not at all," Keesey said. "It's connected to a really deep, thoughtful, very intentional and strategic campaign."

Charity Navigator gives Invisible Children two out of four stars for accountability and transparency. The watchdog group says organizations should have at least five independent members on their boards of directors. Invisible Children has four, though it plans to add one this year.

Russell co-founded Invisible Children in 2005 and is its highest-paid employee, making \$89,669 a year. He is also on the six-member board of directors, with Keesey.

Keesey, who oversees the business side of the organization while Russell makes films, said Friday that the last two weeks have taken a "severe emotional toll on all of us, Jason especially."

"Jason's passion and his work have done so much to help so many, and we are devastated to see him dealing with this personal health issue," Keesey said.

President Obama to visit Carlsbad: Trip to focus on energy production

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President Barack Obama will make a brief stop in Carlsbad on Wednesday and speak about his administration's "all-of-the-above" approach to increasing the country's energy security, White House officials said Friday.

Obama will visit oil and gas production fields on federal land outside of Carlsbad as part of a two-day trip across the country focusing on energy production, officials said.

Officials said Obama will visit the oil and gas fields to focus on his administration's commitment to expanding domestic oil and gas production.

Carlsbad, which is about 160 miles northeast of El Paso, is best known for being home of Carlsbad

Caverns National Park, which draws thousands of tourists from around the world each year.

The small city's economy has a strong presence of mining and the oil and gas industry from fields and mines in southeastern New Mexico.

Carlsbad Mayor Dale W. Janway said Friday night that he was happy to have Obama visit the community.

"I think it's great. It's a real opportunity to showcase our area," he said.

Janway said he had no idea why Obama would choose to visit Carlsbad, which has a population of about 26,000. The entire population of Eddy County is 53,829, according to the 2010 Census.

"What I understand, it's energy related," Janway said. "The only thing I can think of is how well we are doing, especially on oil

and gas. It's going very well."

He said he did not know how much time he would spend with the president. "My understanding time will be short," Janway said. He added that there probably will be no time for Obama to see the caverns.

Obama has previously visited El Paso and Las Cruces, and this is thought to be his first trip to Carlsbad. Obama's latest visit to the region was in May, when he gave a speech about immigration reform at the Chamizal National Memorial in El Paso.

White House officials said Obama will visit an area that is home to more than 70 active drilling rigs.

White House spokesman Adam W. Abrams said the president will talk about expanding domestic oil and gas production, which has increased each year he has been in office.

Other details about the trip, including where Air Force One may land, have not been disclosed.

The stop in Carlsbad is part of a two-day trip the president is making. It will include visits in Nevada, Oklahoma and Ohio, where he will speak about expanding responsible oil and gas development, increasing vehicle fuel economy, supporting renewable energy sources and investing in infrastructure, research and development.

Earlier Wednesday, Obama is to be in Boulder City, Nev., to visit the Copper Mountain Solar 1 plant, the largest photovoltaic plant operating in the country. The nearly 1 million solar panels power 17,000 homes. Also Wednesday, the president will travel to Oklahoma, where a pipeline is planned to carry oil from the town of Cushing to the Gulf of Mexico.

New Mexico could be one of the battleground states in the presidential election in November. An online county profile stated that Eddy County, like other counties in southeastern New Mexico, was carried by Republican candidate John McCain, who received 63 percent of the vote to Obama's 37 percent in the 2008 presidential election.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Card Reading

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 4
♥ 9 8 4
♦ 8 7 5 2
♣ J 5 3

WEST
♠ Q 6
♥ 10 3
♦ K Q 10 6 3
♣ K 10 8 6

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

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ A K Q J 7 6 5 2
♦ 4
♣ A Q 9 2

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 4 ♠ 5 ♥ 5 ♠
Pass Pass 6 ♥ Dble
Opening lead — queen of spades.

You sometimes get a lucky break when you're declarer, and when this occurs, you should try to take full advantage of it. Take this deal where West leads the queen of spades against six hearts doubled. When you play the king from dummy, East plays the ace, which you ruff.

You might think that this is your lucky day because, with a diamond or trump lead, you would have had

virtually no chance for the slam. But West led a spade, and now you have a shot to make the contract.

So you cash the A-K of trumps, enter dummy with a trump and discard your diamond loser on the jack of spades. Next you ruff dummy's last spade before leading two more rounds of trumps to produce this position:

North
♦ 8 7
♣ J 5 3

West
♦ K
♣ K 10 8 6

East
♦ A J 9
♣ 7 4

South
♥ 7
♣ A Q 9 2

You now make the key play of a low club to dummy's jack, which wins. Then — backing your judgment that West has been hanging on grimly to four clubs to the K-10 — you lead a diamond from dummy. When East goes up with the ace — which you ruff as West's king falls — you get further assurance that you have analyzed the situation correctly.

Accordingly, you next lead the queen of clubs, forcing West to win with the king and return a club from his 10-8 into your A-9, and the slam is home.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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BSHS shines in district opener



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Big Spring's Tiffany Gonzales lays down a bunt during the Lady Steers' 11-6 win over Sweetwater Friday.

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

SWEETWATER — The Big Spring Lady Steers opened District 5-3A softball play with a bang Friday, defeating the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs 11-6 at the Jerry Collins Softball Complex.

A pair of home runs, a slew of stolen bases and a strong defense all contributed to a solid district win.

The Lady Steers (10-10) started strong, scoring five runs in the top of the first.

Ambra Hill led off with a single, then stole second and third bases, allowing Valerie Goodblanket to drive her home with an RBI double.

Hailey Dimidjian then reached second base, scoring Goodblanket on a fielder's choice. BSHS pitcher Tiffany Gonzales also hit a double, scoring Dimidjian, and Mercedes Ruiz's groundout drove home Gonzales to make the score 4-0.

Angelina Castillo then closed out the Lady Steers' inning with a solo home run.

Sweetwater answered back with two runs of their own in the bottom of the first inning, but Big Spring answered with a run of its own in the second inning on Dimidjian's RBI single.

Sweetwater whittled Big Spring's lead down to three runs before the Lady Steers' attack cranked up again in the top of the fifth.

Dimidjian singled, Gonzales laid down a sacrifice bunt, and a throwing error by Sweetwater led to another run,

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Baylor to meet CU in Big 12-Pac 12 face-off

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Colorado was one of the first dominoes to fall in the massive conference realignment that overhauled college sports.

Baylor was one of the programs that had the most to lose when the Big 12 looked as if it might disintegrate during all that upheaval.

Given all that, it's no stretch to say Saturday's meeting between these former conference foes will mean as much to the commissioners and athletic directors who watch the money as it does to the players who are trying to extend their stay in the NCAA tournament.

A matchup that once barely raised an eyebrow has suddenly become a statement game of sorts, and not only be-

cause the winner heads to the second weekend in the South Regional. It's third-seeded Baylor, one of the six tournament teams from the shrunk-en Big 12, against 11th-seeded Colorado, one of only two that made the draw from the expanding Pac-12.

So which conference got the better of this deal?

"I think like every other coach in the Big 12, you just hated it because it was such a good conference and league at the time," Bears coach Scott Drew said. "When it's experiencing so much success, why change? But at the same time, I was blessed and fortunate enough to know the leadership and our university were going to put us in a great situation."

Indeed, by putting more emphasis (and money) into its athletic

program and by threatening a lawsuit when more Big 12 teams were thinking about bolting, Baylor (28-7) has ended up in a very good place.

—A team that nearly fell apart nine years ago in the wake of the killing of player Patrick Dennehy is instead drawing lots of attention these days for its play on the court, to say nothing of those neon-green uniforms.

—A university that looked like an also-ran when it was every man for himself in the realignment game is now a power in one of the best conferences in the country — a conference that will go back to 12 teams when West Virginia and TCU join.

"A lot of these decisions were based very much on institutional branding and position

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HERALD file photo

Payton Parker delivers a pitch for Forsan. Parker was the winning pitcher as the Buffaloes downed Denver City 18-1 Friday.

A&M women open tourney play vs. Albany

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — When coach Gary Blair took over the Texas A&M women's basketball program in 2003, he went door to door begging people to come watch his struggling team play.

Blair has since transformed the team into a contender, and he led the Aggies to their first national title last season.

On Saturday, No. 3 seed Texas A&M will make its school-record seventh straight NCAA appearance, facing No. 14 seed Albany and hosting a tournament game for the first time since 1994.

Albany is making its first-ever NCAA appearance after winning the America East tournament.

Arkansas returns to the tournament for the first time since 2003, and will play Dayton in the first game in College Station. The Flyers are in the tournament for the third consecutive season after winning their first Atlantic 10 tourney championship.

Blair says his team is just starting to find its identity this season after losing last year's star Danielle Adams.

"We have to share who's going to be the go-to person on the court," Blair said. "There isn't one. It shows you there's a lot of we in us instead of a lot of me."

The Aggies will get leading scorer Tyra White back for Saturday's game after she missed the previous three games with a foot injury.

Kelsey Bone said playing without White helped several players improve.

"We got some really good wins without Tyra," Bone said. "I think that helped the rest of us understand what we were all individually capable of. Now we put Tyra back in and we keep the train moving."

The Great Danes aren't intimidated by A&M, but are a bit nervous about being in the tournament for the first time.

"I think we just look at it as an opportunity," Albany forward Julie Forster said. "It's going to be a tough game — they're a great team. But we need to play hard, that's what we can control."

Albany coach Katie Abra-

hamson-Henderson is always looking for ways to motivate her team. Her latest incentive came when she presented them with new Jordan warmups before the conference tournament championship game.

"They were like: 'Ooh, these Jordan sweats are sweet,'" she said. "And I said: 'There's nothing on them, it depends on what you want to put them on them. Do you want them to say 22-10 or 23-9?'"

The group wore those black warmups, emblazoned with gold embroidered letters that said "NCAA 23-9" on the shoulder and "America East Champs" in large block letters across the back on Friday before practice.

"I wanted them to be proud

and walk around with their chests out and they've earned all that," Abrahamson-Henderson said.

Dayton's players believe the experience they gained in past trips to the tournament will be valuable on Saturday against Arkansas.

"Being here for our third time, we definitely have an edge because we know the level of intensity it will take in order to succeed," Dayton senior Casey Nance said. "I think it's definitely going to help us."

Dayton coach Jim Jabir isn't sure how much the experience will aid his team.

"I think sometimes that can be overblown," he said. "I

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49ers, Broncos, Titans eye Manning

Miami, Cardinals drop out of running for All-Pro quarterback

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RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The stealthy 49ers are in the chase for Peyton Manning. The Dolphins and Cardinals are out. And the Broncos and Titans want to make sure the four-time NFL MVP is healthy. Got all that?

After a brief lull, the pursuit of Manning sure got interesting in a hurry Friday.

The year's top free agent, who has been rehabbing in North Carolina after a string of neck surgeries, threw the football at Duke's athletic facilities for Hall of Fame QB turned Broncos executive John Elway along with Denver coach John Fox.

The workout lasted a little under two hours, and when it was over Elway seemed convinced that Manning is still Manning.

"We enjoyed visiting with Peyton today in N.C.," he wrote on his Twitter account. "He threw the ball great and looked very comfortable out there."

A few minutes later, Elway posted: "Watching him throw today was the next step in

this important process for our team and Peyton. It was a productive visit and went well."

Whether San Francisco executives and coaches feel the same way, they weren't saying. But they also have shown interest in the man who led Indianapolis to a Super Bowl victory in 2007.

A person familiar with the situation said that Manning worked out for 49ers' coach Jim Harbaugh on Tuesday night at Duke. ESPN first reported on the session.

Blue Devils coach David Cutcliffe was Manning's offensive coordinator at the University of Tennessee and the two remain friends.

As it became clear the 49ers were in the race, Miami and Arizona dropped out.

Another person confirmed to the AP that Manning phoned the Miami Dolphins on Thursday to advise them he'll sign elsewhere. The team has now turned its attention to free agent quarterback Matt Flynn.

The people who spoke to the AP did so on condition of anonymity because Manning's workouts have remained pri-

vate and most teams involved have refused to comment on their free agency negotiations.

The Cardinals decided to pay quarterback Kevin Kolb the \$7 million roster bonus he was due on Saturday, ending their pursuit of Manning. Arizona hosted Manning for about 6½ hours at the team's facility on Sunday, but the team's chances faded as the week progressed.

After he missed the entire 2011 season, Manning's uncertain health led the Colts to balk at the \$28 million roster bonus they would have owed their 35-year-old leader on March 8. So they released him, ending his long and incredibly successful run with Indy.

Now the question is which club will land a quarterback who could make a team an instant Super Bowl contender.

Will it be San Francisco, which seemed to be out of the picture?

The 49ers had been working to re-sign quarterback Alex Smith, the No. 1 overall draft pick in 2005 who made a comeback last year under first-year coach and former

NFL QB Harbaugh.

Smith has acknowledged he was happy with the three-year offer. Both he and Manning are represented by Tom Condon and CAA Sports.

"Alex is trying to figure out what he wants to do," 49ers CEO Jed York said earlier this week. "There have been good conversations back and forth."

The NFC West champion 49ers on Monday signed wide receiver Randy Moss after he spent a year out of football, hoping he will be the dynamic wideout and deep threat he once was.

An email to Smith, multiple phone messages to his agency and to his father were not returned.

The 27-year-old Smith threw for 3,150 yards and 17 touchdowns with only five interceptions as San Francisco went 13-3 and made the NFC title game last season after an eight-year playoff drought.

Neither running back Frank Gore nor tight end Vernon Davis had been told by the 49ers they were pursuing Manning.

Both are big fans of Smith. Asked if Smith is still the

man for San Francisco, Gore said, "I think he is."

Manning's whirlwind free agency tour officially kicked off soon after he bid farewell to the Colts in an emotional press conference.

The Broncos had the first crack at wooing him, rolling out the red carpet for his visit. Team officials flew him in and he spent the day chatting with Elway and other Broncos brass. He also was escorted around the team's building by Fox and general manager Brian Xanders as he listened to their sales pitch.

After that, Manning journeyed to nearby Castle Rock, Colo., and spent the evening with good friend Brandon Stokley, who played catch with Manning the next morning and spoke highly of his former teammate in an interview on a local radio show.

Manning's next stop was Arizona and then, this week, it was Tennessee.

The QB has a big fan in 89-year-old Titans owner Bud Adams, and Manning, who spent his college days leading the Volunteers, talked for nearly eight hours with team executives on a plane.

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think if you're well-coached, well-prepared and you have an edge or attitude, you can overcome. The experience factor, you'd rather have it than not, but it's hard to tell that it really does play a role."

Though the Razorbacks haven't been to the tournament in al-

most a decade, they feel good about the chances with their veteran team. Arkansas has five seniors on its roster.

"They're a pretty confident bunch," coach Tom Collen said of his seniors. "Any nervousness that maybe the majority of our team might feel being in the tournament for the first time, I think hopefully our seniors can rise to the occasion and try to find

a way to play their best basketball."

The Razorbacks opened Southeastern Conference play 0-4 before bouncing back with an eight-game conference winning streak.

They aren't daunted by being in the tournament for the first time in their careers and believe they've been preparing for this moment for years.

"I don't think we feel

any added pressure," Razorbacks guard Lyndsay Harris said.

"We're new to this but it feels good because we know we've worked hard. It's exciting, but we're going to attack it head on and we're not worried about the fact that we haven't been in a while."

Dayton lost to Penn State in the first round of the tournament last season in a game where star forward Justine Raterman played with a torn anterior cruciate ligament. Being ousted early last season has provided the Flyers with extra motivation for this year's tournament.

"We're not just happy to be here anymore," Raterman said. "Our first couple years, getting to the NCAA tournament was our goal, and so when we got there it was very exciting. This year is a little bit different. We have been here in the past and we're not

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ing and, in a lot of ways, it seemed like the student-athlete interest was not considered," Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw said of realignment. "That interest is something that, from our standpoint, we value heavily. But across the board, it didn't always seem like that was the case."

Colorado had plenty of reasons to make the move. Chief among them was the \$20 million in TV money the program received from joining a bolstered Pac-12. Not nearly as high on the list was the chance to move up in the basketball standings. But it happened. And while Pac-12's recent lull has benefited the Buffs, it's hard to argue Colorado would have been much better than middle of the pack this season in the top-heavy Big 12.

"Definitely talent-wise, probably the best team we've played this year," CU forward Aus-

tin Dufault said of the Bears, who tied for third in the Big 12. "They've got a lot of great guys, NBA guys. But that's why you play the game."

Nobody knows that better than Colorado.

The Buffs (24-11) played themselves out of an at-large bid with losses to Oregon and Oregon State to close the regular season, but made their way into the NCAAAs by winning the Pac-12 tournament.

They opened in the South Regional with a 68-64 victory over UNLV — a win punctuated as much by guard Carlon Brown's windmill dunk at the end as by a raucous group of fans who drove down I-25 to cheer for a team that has largely been ignored over the decades.

They're in for an uphill climb against Baylor, which has players consistently described as "tall" and "long" and "resilient." Led by Pierre Jackson (13.5 points, 5.6 assists) and the two 'Qs' — Quincy Acy and Quincy Miller — the Bears

have overcome double-digit deficits to win five games this season, including Thursday's opener against South Dakota State. They are a 7½-point favorite over the Buffs.

"Eventually, we don't want to be in a position where we're the underdog," Colorado coach Tad Boyle said. "But right now, we are. We're an 11 seed. They picked us to finish 11th in the Pac-12. Lot of interesting things for us with that No. 11 this year."

It has been lucky. Instead of finishing at the bottom, the Buffs wound up winning the conference, and now, they're faced with a bit of their past — a meeting with a Baylor program they thought they'd left behind.

"Those decisions are made so far above coach's heads that I never got into where we should be or wanted to be," Boyle said. "We're going to play where they tell us to play, and we're going to play against whoever is on our schedule."

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making it a 7-3 ball game.

Big Spring then tacked on two more runs in the sixth when Ambra Hill belted a two-run homer — her second in as many games — to make the score 9-4.

Starter Gonzales went 5 2/3 innings, striking out one and walking one. Ruiz came on in relief in the sixth inning and struck out one in her 1 1/3 innings of work.

BSHS Coach John Sparks liked what he saw in the district opener.

"We were able to get started early, and we continued through the whole game," he said. "Ayanna Gomez was a busy woman in left field, and really stepped up to the challenge. Ambra Hill had another homer, I am happy for her, and Angelina (Castillo) can hit the ball hard when she makes contact."

Playing consistent ball, according to Sparks, will be the key

to making a serious run in District 5-3A.

"We just have to be prepared every game," Sparks said. "We gotta know we can do our jobs when we need to, and I think we can be right there at the top of the district."

The Lady Steers' next challenge will come on the road against Snyder Tuesday at 6:30p.m.

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The day your bracket died

Friday produces slew of memorable upsets in NCAA tourney

By EDDIE PELLIS
AP National Writer
Oh, those fabulous 15s.
Did they leave your bracket in shambles? Join the club.
And sit back and enjoy this one. Because 10 — or 15 — years from now, they still might be talking about Friday the 16th as the day the 15s rose up and produced one of the greatest episodes in NCAA tournament history.
First, 15th-seeded Norfolk State knocked off Missouri. Later, another 15, Lehigh, beat Duke. And, just for good measure, No. 13 Ohio beat Michigan 65-60, making this the first time that three teams seeded 13th or higher all won on the same day.
“We messed up some brackets! We messed up some brackets!” Norfolk

senior Kyle O’Quinn exclaimed after he spearheaded Norfolk’s 86-84 upset over Missouri. And then, in a moment of exhilarated candor: “We even messed up my bracket.”
He didn’t know the half of it.
Because while the Norfolk celebration was winding down, Lehigh — enrollment 4,700 and based in Bethlehem, Pa. — knocked off a team you might have heard of: Duke. Final score, 75-70.
Before Friday, there had been a total of four 2-15 upsets since the bracket was expanded to 64 teams in 1985. After Friday, there are six.
“I told them they needed to suspend disbelief,” Lehigh coach Brett Reed said. “Because there are so many naysayers, so many prognosticators.”
None of them could

have guessed this. And, in fact, none of them did.
According to ESPN, there were 4,728 perfect brackets out of 6.45 million early in the day before the upsets began. After: Not a single one.
But this day was about more than the brackets and office pools that drive so much of the madness each March.
There’s another element to it: America loves an underdog.
When Michigan plays Ohio State, millions of fans watch, thousands of alumni show their passion and bragging rights are on the line. But there’s nothing too cute and cuddly about

watching two behemoth powerhouses collide.
Now, when Michigan plays plain ol’ Ohio? That’s a different deal. That’s a chance for everyone outside of Ann Arbor to pull for the little guy — a chance for sports fans to watch five players who didn’t wind up at the big school have their day on the floor with five who did and see how things really stack up.
“This game will take you to incredible highs, and it will also take you to incredible lows,” Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. “That’s the name of the game, and today is one of those incredible lows.”

A day like this seems all the more fitting this year — one that’s been plagued by scandal, conference-shifting money grabs and a general sense that college sports don’t have much to do with college anymore.
Make no mistake — the NCAA certainly doesn’t put on the best tournament around for free. It’s a \$10.8 billion enterprise, bankrolled by CBS and its partners — an enterprise that feeds directly into many of the problems that won’t go away.
But those five guys on the floor for Norfolk State or Ohio or Lehigh — well, on days like this, it’s hard to imag-

ine they’re part of those problems.
Coming up, they’ll try to become the “Next Small Thing” in college basketball.
They’ll hope to follow the lead of underdogs from Final Fours past — Butler or VCU or George Mason.
How did those teams get there? Maybe Lehigh forward John Adams put it best.
“We thought we could match up very well against them,” he said after the win over Duke. “We all believed it, and we showed it on the floor. Everybody bought into that idea. And the rest is history, as they say.”

Blackhawks topple Stars

DALLAS (AP) — Sluggish starts have been a recent problem for the Chicago Blackhawks, and coach Joel Quenneville wanted it fixed as soon as possible.
Dave Bolland and Patrick Sharp obliged, scoring in the game’s first two minutes, and Corey Crawford made 21 saves as the surging Blackhawks beat the Dallas Stars 4-1 on Friday night.
Bolland’s 18th goal of the season came 10 seconds in, and Sharp made it 2-0 at 1:42 with his 27th.
“We’ve had poor starts the last three or four games,” Quenneville said. “It’s something we’ve been talking about and it was nice to see the results.”
Sharp and Marian Hossa added goals in the opening two minutes of the third period to put the game out of reach for Chicago, 6-1-1 in its last eight games.
Jamie Benn ended Crawford’s bid for his sixth career shutout with 5:50 remaining for his 22nd goal of the season.
Kari Lehtonen stopped 27 shots for the Stars before a crowd of 19,099, the largest since the team moved to Dallas in 1993. The count was swelled by about 600

standing-room tickets and a loud contingent of Blackhawks fans.
Dallas has dropped two straight following six consecutive wins. The Stars had an 11-game points streak (10-0-1) end with Wednesday night’s 5-2 defeat in Winnipeg. They opened a four-game homestand that will go a long way toward determining their playoff fate.
The Stars were better in the second period, but couldn’t get the puck past Crawford. Two more quick-strike goals by Sharp and Hossa early in the third made a Dallas comeback unlikely.
“We just had another bad start in the third period that crushed us,” Benn said.
Pacific Division-leading Dallas remained stuck on 83 points, two ahead of second-place Phoenix, while Chicago improved to 86 points.
If the season ended Friday, the third-seeded Stars would meet sixth-seeded Chicago in the first round of the playoffs, but the Blackhawks were unwilling to look too far ahead.
“Anytime you play a team with a potential playoff matchup, you want to make sure you give your best effort,” Sharp said.

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Spurs hold off Oklahoma City, 114-105

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Once so dominant at home, the Oklahoma City Thunder are giving the teams behind them in the Western Conference a reason for hope.

Tony Parker scored 25 points, Tim Duncan added 16 points and a season-high 19 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs beat Oklahoma City 114-105 on Friday night to inch closer to the first-place Thunder in the West standings.

The Spurs are now three games behind Oklahoma City, which has now lost three of four at home after winning 14 in a row at Chesapeake Energy Arena.

“We can’t be relaxed because we’re at home. Just because we’re at home, we’re not going to win games,” said Kevin

Durant, who scored 25 points for the Thunder.

“We’ve just got to come out with a sense of urgency, play harder and we’ll be all right.”

San Antonio rolled to a 27-point lead in the first half and was up by 20 late in the third quarter before Oklahoma City rallied within two down the stretch.

Duncan muscled past Serge Ibaka at the left block to answer Durant’s 3-pointer that pulled the Thunder to 107-105, and Danny Green stole a careless inbound pass by James Harden for a dunk that put the game away.

The second-place Spurs now trail Oklahoma City by three games but hold the tiebreaker by winning the season series 2-1.

“In the second half

they made their run. We didn’t put our heads down. We just kept going and we got the win,” said DeJuan Blair, who had 22 points and 11 rebounds for San Antonio.

“It’s a wonderful win. It’s always great to win in here.”

The Thunder had been 17-1 at home this season before losing three out of four, with the only win coming against NBA-worst Charlotte.

Oklahoma City had made a habit of letting opponents build leads early and then rallying back for the win, overcoming a 14-point deficit to beat Denver and a 16-point hole to top Phoenix.

But now the comebacks are falling short.

“We dug ourselves a hole. It’s encouraging

that we fought back. There’s no moral victories for us, but it’s good to see us keep fighting,” Durant said.

Durant suggested fans in the team’s 36th straight sellout crowd “should have booed us in the first half but they didn’t.”

“We didn’t play as hard as we wanted to,” he said.

Russell Westbrook led Oklahoma City with 36 points, matching his season-high by taking 29 shots. James Harden added 19 points and Ibaka had 12 points, 12 rebounds and six blocks for the Thunder.

Before the game, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich downplayed the importance of battling for the top seed in the conference. San Antonio rested Manu Gino-

bili, who has struggled with a left oblique injury in recent weeks, and played without Stephen Jackson, who has yet to join the team after being acquired in a deal for Richard Jefferson at the trade deadline.

“I think I’ve learned over the years it’s more about what kind of a rhythm you have going into playoffs, how much the team trusts and believes in itself and health,” said Popovich, whose team lost in the first round last year with the No. 1 seed. “Those things have a lot more to do with it than where you’re seeded.”

The Thunder went all in for the victory, bypassing the usual rest periods for Durant and Westbrook bridging the break between the third and fourth quarters — and it nearly paid off.

Westbrook scored 10 points during Oklahoma City’s 18-2 comeback, and the All-Stars took turns setting up 3-pointers from Harden and Royal Ivey during the run. Durant’s jumper from the left elbow with 9:36 remaining pulled the Thunder to 92-90.

Green hit a jumper and a 3-pointer on consecutive possessions to give San Antonio a little bit of its cushion back, and the Spurs were able to hold on from there.

Ivey and Durant each missed 3-point attempts that would have tied it at 101 with a little under 5 minutes left, and the Thunder never again had the ball with the chance to tie or go ahead.

Green sealed it when Harden tried to bounce the ball to Westbrook near midcourt on an attempted sideline inbound play with 59.9 seconds left, running out for a right-handed dunk that made it 111-105.

Green finished with 21 points for San Antonio, which held a 49-37 edge on the boards and outscored Oklahoma City 24-9 on second-chance opportunities and 54-36 in the paint.

“You have to assume that they’re going to make a run,” said Duncan, who moved past Paul Silas and Dikembe Mutombo into 18th place on the NBA’s career re-

bounding list.

“We were a little tired and they got it closer than we may have wanted it to get, but great composure by our squad not to lose it and we kept coming back and running our plays, running our offense.”

San Antonio committed five early turnovers, including two shot clock violations in its first four possessions, but shook out of it to go on a 12-2 run and build a 30-16 lead before Harden’s buzzer-beating 3-pointer to end the first quarter.

Parker hit a jumper from the left wing and drove for a three-point play during a 12-0 run that doubled San Antonio’s lead midway through the second quarter, and the advantage hit its largest point at 63-36 after Blair’s bucket in the lane with 3:36 left before halftime.

Previously, no opponent had led by more than 16 at the Chesapeake Energy Arena this season.

“This is not a season-ending loss or nothing like that,” said Westbrook. “Just a tough loss but it’s to a great team and we definitely can look at this game and see that we accomplished something and we had some fight in us.”

Notes: Popovich was asked before the game how the newly acquired Jackson, who has had a few notable scrapes with the law and went into the crowd during the Pacers-Pistons brawl in 2004, would fit in with team. “Jack’s pretty much been a Boy Scout most of his career and I look forward to fun conversations and humor and many good times with young Stephen,” Popovich responded. Jackson previously played for San Antonio for two seasons, winning the championship in 2003. ... Durant’s new charity will hold a fund-raising gala March 31 in Oklahoma City. ... The Thunder sent rookie forward Ryan Reid back to their NBA Development League affiliate in Tulsa.

He played a total of 17 minutes in five games since being recalled five weeks ago, averaging 1.6 points.

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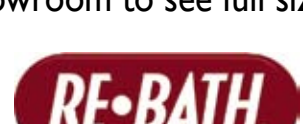
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Hirscher wins men's World Cup overall title

SCHLADMING, Austria (AP) — Marcel Hirscher of Austria won the overall World Cup championship Saturday, overtaking Beat Feuz of Switzerland with a giant slalom victory.

Hirscher captured the season's final giant slalom to take the discipline title and go to the top of the overall standings.

He holds a 25-point lead over Feuz, a speed specialist who said he won't start Sunday's slalom, the season's last race.

"I don't get it, unbelievable," Hirscher said. "I was well behind couple of times this season. I told myself that the race today was the same as a race in January to take the pressure off."

Hirscher is the fifth Austrian to win the overall title and the first since Benjamin Raich in 2006. The others are Franz Klammer, Hermann Maier and Stephen Eberharter.

Feuz would have needed a top-10 finish in Sunday's slalom, but he has never scored World Cup points in the discipline.

"This was my last race of the season," Feuz said after finishing 21st in the GS. "I've given everything I had but it was not enough."

Hirscher had already secured the GS title after the opening run, in which American rival Ted Ligety skied off course.

"To know that I had won that globe was a relief," Hirscher said. "It helped me to relax and have an attacking but clean second run."

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Judith Ann Ashley and John Tyler Murphy announce their engagement.

Judith Ann lives in Midland. Her parents are Robert F. and Elsa S. Ashley of Dallas. Her major is business finance and will graduate from University of Texas at Permian Basin.

John Tyler Murphy lives in Midland. Tyler studied management at Texas State University. His parents are Murray L. and Diane R. Murphy of Big Spring. Tyler's grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Range Jr., and they live in Big Spring, Texas.

The private family wedding will be held in Midland, Texas, on March 24, 2012, 4:30 p.m. at the Grand Texan Hotel.

Selections are at Elrods, Dillards and Target.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Barr are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Meridith Kaye, to Barrett Durst, son of Glenn and Meteta Durst of Fredericksburg, Texas.

Meridith graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of business administration in finance. She is a practice administrator for physician network services in Lubbock.

Barrett graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science in animal science and a minor in wildlife management. He is employed with Texas Parks and Wildlife as the superintendent for Big Bend Ranch State Park.

The couple plans to wed in May and hold the wedding in Big Spring.

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60th Anniversary

The Clarks were married in Big Spring on March 7, 1952 at her mother's home. The ceremony was attended by family and friends.

Mildred is the daughter of the late Judge Jacob E. Brown and Mary E. O'Daniel Brown. Calvin is the son of the late Ossie Clark and Velma Clark of Arkansas. They met quite by chance at the local Nutt Drive In. He proposed that very evening in a joking way, "Baby if you will marry me we will go places." Mildred did not believe him and thought, yeah, probably to the county fair or a hog calling.

Then their relationship developed and six months later they were married by the late Rev. P.D. O'Brien. They started their life together in a new rented duplex on Nolan Street.

Three children and successful careers followed with some ups and some downs. They managed to be a committed couple, even suffering the loss of a grandchild in 1988 in an automobile accident. They have five grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

Calvin had a successful career with an oil field

► Births



Aaron Faustino and Victoria Alexa

Faustino and Sally Gonzales of Fort Hood, Texas, are pleased to announce the birth of their twins, Aaron Faustino and Victoria Alexa, born Feb. 28, 2012.

Aaron Faustino was born at 12:28 p.m. and weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces. He measured 18 ¼ inches long.

Victoria Alexa was born at 12:30 p.m. and weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces. She measured 18 and ¾ inches long.

Their grandparents are Oscar and Judy Trevino and Faustino Sr. and Maria Gonzales, all of Big Spring.

They were welcomed home by their big sister, three-year-old Isabella Marisa.

► Club News

The Big Spring Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday at the Cactus Room on the Howard College campus. The retirees will have dutch lunch at 11:30 a.m.

The program is entitled Activities in the Settles and will be presented by Kris Ryan.

All retired school personnel are urged to attend and any other interested persons are welcome.

service company. They were moved to several places in the U.S. In 1974, we were transferred to London, England. He became an international employee and we traveled to many countries. After retirement, their son was transferred to Southeast Asia and lived there for five years. Calvin took a job with a company in Malaysia and he is still involved with that company.

The couple said they have had a good life together. Their children, Thomas, Mark and Shelley, have been married more than 30 years.

Mildred discovered after 70 years of age how to play three musical instruments. Ann Gibson Houser, her childhood piano teacher in Big Spring, would be proud.



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50th Anniversary

Edward and Jean Slate will celebrate their 50th anniversary March 24 with a family gathering in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Randy Elder of McKinney. Also hosting the event will be their son and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Kim Slate of Burleson. Unable to attend are their younger son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Ruth Slate, Mandeville La. The Slates have been blessed with 10 grandchildren, five boys and five girls.

Edward was born to Jim and Lizzie Belle Slate in Coleman, Texas. Jean was born in Longview, Texas, to Lee and Carol Hammon. Her step-parents were Leo Hull and Genevieve Hammon.

The couple grew up and attended school in Big Spring. Edward graduated in 1957, and Jean graduated in 1960. They met in 1961 when Edward returned home after completing three years in Germany with the U.S. Army. They were married March



Then



Now

24, 1962, at East Fourth Street Baptist Church with Brother Billy Rudd officiating and have lived in Big Spring all their married life except for a brief

time in McKinney.

Edward worked for Texas Electric Service Company, Pioneer Natural Gas and retired in March 1998 after working for the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier for 33 years. Jean worked for the Department of Labor and Webb AFB before attending Howard County Junior College and Angelo State College, graduating in 1971 with a B.S. in Education. She taught in Big Spring Independent School District for 27 years.

They enjoy being outdoors, participating in 5K races, visiting with family and friends, traveling and updating old houses.

Edward and Jean have served at East Fourth Street Baptist Church and Berea Baptist Church as members and Sunday School teachers. Their comment after 50 years of marriage is "We thank the Lord for His goodness and patience with us. We're excited about the future."

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Monday: Breakfast: honeybun, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: beef and bean burrito, Spanish rice, seasoned corn, sparkly apple, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato and pickle, tater tots, baby carrot dippers, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuit, sausage, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: golden fish strips, macaroni and cheese, garden salad, hushpuppies, fishes in the sea, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast pocket, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: barbecue on a bun, quick baked potato, pickle spears, pineapple and cherry delight, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: chicken alfredo, savory green beans, whole wheat roll, sliced peaches, milk.

sage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: grilled cheese, corn, peaches, milk. Corn dogs.

Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuits, gravy, sausage, apple juice, milk. Lunch: lasagna, salad, fruit, bread, chocolate pudding. Burritos.

Thursday: Breakfast: french toast, sausage, orange juice, milk. Lunch: smothered steak, creamed potatoes, pears, bread, milk. McRibbs.

Friday: Breakfast: pancakes sausage on a stick, orange juice, syrup, milk. Lunch: cheeseburger pockets, potato salad, oranges, milk. Hot pockets.

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast: biscuit with gravy, juice and milk. Lunch: hot dogs, baked chips, carrots with ranch, apple, pudding and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: hot pocket, juice and milk. Lunch: meaty macaroni, tossed salad, seasoned corn, frozen cherry bar, cornbread and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: cinnamon roll, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit cup and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice and milk. Lunch: nacho grande, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, orange smiles, cookie and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: honey bun, juice and milk. Lunch: pizza choice, tossed salad, seasoned corn, sliced peached and milk.

Senior Center

Monday: hamburgers, lettuce/tomatoes/onions, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday: hamburger steak, mushroom gravy, baked potato, corn with lima beans and red peppers/rolls, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday: green chili stew, Spanish rice, tossed salad, cornbread, tropical fruit, milk.

Thursday: baked chicken, buttered red potatoes, green beans, rolls, gelatin, milk.

Friday: Mexican casserole, pinto beans, tortilla chips, tossed salad, tapoca pudding, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast: frosted flakes, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: ground beef nachos, border beans, lettuce/tomato topping, fruit cocktail, celery and peanut butter, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: taco roll, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed vegetables, apricots, orange smiles, roll, milk.

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

Thursday: Breakfast: peanut butter and jelly uncrustable, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: southwest chicken flatbread, tossed salad, ranch dressing, corn, applesauce, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cinnamon french toast, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: turkey/cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, broccoli, ranch dressing, strawberries and bananas, baked cheetos, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: oatmeal, sausage, applesauce, milk. Lunch: pizza, salad, fruit, cookies.

Tuesday: Breakfast: waffles, sau-

Relay For Life upcoming meetings

• April 5: Relay For Life Team Captain meeting This will be bank night and all money will need to be turned in. The meeting will be at the Chamber of Commerce Board Room at 5:30.

• April 20-21: Relay For Life event From 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. the annual Relay For Life event will take place at Blankenship Field.

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Saragosa Center 204 W. Main Saragosa, Texas 432-375-2358	Lakeview Center 1107 NW. 7 th . St Big Spring, Texas 432-267-7452	Howard College 1001 Birdwell Ln. Big Spring, Texas 432-264-5185	Ayres/Pecos Center 1001 E. 10 th . Pecos, Texas 432-445-4036
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Weather, supply and demand key factors affecting cotton market

By **BLAIR FANNIN**

Texas A&M University
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— The fate for cotton prices this year will rely on traditional factors such as supply and demand, but the wild card is the outcome of Texas weather as the effects of the 2011 drought linger, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

“One of the key question marks is how long of a drought will we have here in Texas and what is that going to do to U.S. production,” said Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension cotton marketing economist.

In his office, Robinson pointed to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor map on a computer display, which depicted varying shades of yellow, brown and red over much of Texas’ cotton acreage. The different colors represent various degrees of drought.

“We had 7.4 million acres planted last year in Texas, and I think we will have as much this year,” he said. “There’s still a relatively high insurance price with dry conditions prevailing in the southern and western parts of the state. Only time will tell.”

Robinson said if ample rainfall is received, Texas cotton producers



Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin

Dr. John Robinson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service cotton economist.

could produce three to four million extra bales, but “that’s if we have a good/fairly normal summer.”

“Overall, U.S. production could be fairly tight or we could have somewhat of a surplus, further pressuring prices a bit lower,” he said.

China has aggressively been buying their own cotton and purchasing imported cotton, putting those purchases into stockpiles, Robinson said.

“They’ve purchased over 13 million bales worth and their whole crop is 33 million bales,” he said. “That’s over a third of their crop that they’ve purchased and that has affected world prices.”

The key to price outlook is China’s intentions with the millions of bales of cotton the government has been purchasing, Robinson said.

“They’ve done this with oil before, and

people think that 13 million bales of cotton and the imports that are on the shelf will create a supply problem,” Robinson said. “They’re doing this in the same way that the U.S. government maintains a strategic oil reserve. But we don’t know how long they will hold onto these large stockpiles of cotton.”

Robinson said world ending stocks are “large

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Energy Watch



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It’s not happening just in America. France will also elect a president this year. The French go to the polls April 22 and, if necessary, a run-off vote will happen May 6. The two top candidates are current president Nicolas Sarkozy — center-right by French standards, center-left by American — and the Socialist nominee Francois Hollande.

Last week, Mr. Hollande announced he wants to raise France’s top income tax rate to 75 percent from the current peak of 41 percent. He said “patriotism” and “justice” should convince French citizens to support his candidacy and his tax hike. The new tax rate would apply to those making more than one million euro per year (about \$1,300,000). Those making more than €50,000 (\$200,000) would face a tax rate of 45 percent.

One thing most people know about us is that we are not friends of higher tax rates — they slow growth and undermine economic activity. Nonetheless, we see Mr. Hollande’s proposal as a “win-win” for global supporters of small government and free market capitalism.

Hollande is currently up by 10+ points over Sarkozy in polls. We would be very surprised if his lead doesn’t shrink substantially in the next several weeks.

If it does, then France — France! — can actually lead the advanced economies of the world in repudiating the left-wing effort to push income tax rates back up to pre-Reagan era levels. To paraphrase Frank Sinatra, if those kinds of tax rates can’t make it in France, they can’t make it anywhere.

But what if Hollande goes on to win? Right now, the top income tax rate is 41 percent. For every euro a worker in this tax bracket generates as income, he keeps 59 cents to spend. When spent, this money faces a value added tax (VAT) of 19.6 percent, meaning that every euro of earnings generates 52.6 cents for the government and 47.4 cents of personal consumption.

In Hollande’s France, one additional euro’s worth of output would get taxed at 75 percent, leaving the worker with only 25 cents on the euro. Then, the same VAT would apply to any spending, meaning that the worker gets to consume only 20.1 cents out of every euro. In other words, the marginal return to additional work would fall by more than half (from 47.4 percent to 20.1 percent).

The natural result will be a combination of less work by France’s most productive citizens, a demand by these workers for higher pre-tax pay (which will spread the burden to those with more modest incomes), and some of France’s best and brightest seeking their fortunes elsewhere.

During the 1980s, President Reagan’s tax cuts helped re-make the U.S. as an example for the world, “a shining city on a hill.” The world copied Reaganomics, with virtually every country in the world following suit. Hollande’s tax hikes would make France a “dingy city in a ditch” and, after watching what happens there, we doubt the U.S. or world will follow, no matter who wins U.S. elections this November.

Either way, through repudiation or bad example, we think the U.S. will eventually be the better for it. Viva La France.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was written by Brian S. Wesbury, chief economist for First Trust Advisors L.P., on March 5 and provided courtesy of Bhupen Agrawal, branch manager in Midland at 432-684-7335. The material has been prepared or is distributed solely for informational purposes and is not a solicitation or an offer to buy any security or instrumental to participate in any trading strategy. Additional information is available upon request. Wells Fargo Advisors LLC, member SIPC is a registered broker dealer and a separate non-bank affiliate of Wells Fargo & Company.

Apple fans buy iPad on 1st day; some wait hours

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Apple’s latest iPad drew the customary lines of die-hard fans looking to be first and entrepreneurs looking to make a quick profit.

Many buyers lined up for hours, and in some cases overnight, as the tablet computer went on sale in the U.S. and nine other countries. They did so even though Apple started accepting online orders a week ago.

The new model comes with a faster processor, a much sharper screen and an improved camera, though the changes aren’t as big as the upgrade from the original model to the iPad 2.

As with the previous models, prices start at \$499 in the U.S.

“I don’t think it’s worth the price but I guess I’m a victim of society,” Athena May, 21, said in Paris.

Dan Krolikowski, 34, was first

in line at a Madison, Wis., mall. He arrived 14 hours before the store’s opening and was buying an extra one to sell on the “gray market.”



“Last year I sold one on eBay and made over \$500 in profit,” Krolikowski said, leaning back in a reclining lawn chair he brought. “I’m hoping to do that again this year.”

Those who ordered iPads online started getting them delivered Friday. However, Apple now says there’s a two- to three-week

shipping delay for online orders. There’s also demand in countries where the new iPad isn’t available yet.

In Hong Kong, a steady stream of buyers picked up their new devices at preset times at the city’s sole Apple store after entering an online lottery.

The system, which required buyers to have local ID cards, helped thwart visitors from mainland China, Apple’s fastest growing market. A release date in China has not yet been announced. Apple will begin selling the iPad in 25 additional countries next Friday, mostly in Europe.

At the flagship Apple Store on New York’s Fifth Avenue, the composition of the line, and the way many customers were paying for two iPads each with wads

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It’s smart to file your income tax even without payment

I advise my clients, my newspaper readers and my radio listeners that the most important thing in dealing with IRS and to avoid major problems is filing the income tax return even without sending the money that you say you owe on that return.

Can we say more than that Wesley Snipes would not



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have gone to jail had he filed his tax returns? Of course, we know that very few people will go to jail. So are there any practical reasons that we can cite to induce the reader to file in time?

Consider this: the penalty for non payment of back taxes is 1/2 percent of the taxes owed per month. The penalty for not filing is 5 percent of the taxes owed per month. Can you imagine this? The penalty of non filing is 10 times that of non-payment. Would you file?

There are other important reasons for filing in time.

In preparing the returns for their clients, CPAs, enrolled agents and tax attorneys often discover that their clients lost substantial money due to them as refunds had they filed in time. They are barred by the statute of limitations on the refund, which is three years if you don’t file in time.

When you file in time, you actually protect yourself against tax audit. There are two reasons for this. When you are late, the IRS looks specifically at you; when if you filed in time you could have been a mere number in

millions.

The second reason is again something called the stature of limitations in audit. If you file in time, you have saved yourself from tax audit if the IRS does not catch up with you within three years from filing.

Even when the IRS chases you to collect the tax debt, if you had filed in time you just may be lucky enough to get away with it because if the IRS cannot collect from you within 10 years, they will erase your back taxes. No more tax liens, no more bank levies and no more wage

garnishment. Are you going to file in time?

Dean Alexander has more than 30 years experience as a CPA and tax consultant and he is currently on two radio shows. He is the managing director of National Financial Advisors (NFA Tax Help), a national firm headquartered in Houston. He is both a Chartered Financial Consultant and Life Underwriter. He consults exclusively on tax matters, particularly tax audits and tax collections at both the federal and the state levels.

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County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: Janey Bell McCormick, theft of service by check - more than \$20 and \$500, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Daniel Esquivel Govea, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$750 fine, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: John Wade Myatt, possession of gambling device/ equipment/paraphernalia, \$200 fine, \$282 court costs.

Judgment and Sentence: Richard Lee Olivas, possession of marijuana - more than two ounces and less than four ounces, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Esparanza Garza, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 20 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Devon Marcus Muschara, hindering secured creditors - more than \$20 and less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Robert Lee Evans III, false report to police officer or law enforcement employee, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Anthony E. Solis, criminal mischief - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, \$450 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Lawrence Eugene Harrison, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$342 court costs, 5 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Luis Adolfo Pena, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 20 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Evelyn Hernandez Apodaca, driving while intoxicated, \$200 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Manuel Sosa, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$500 fine, \$282 court

costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Marisa Olivas, driving while intoxicated - open container, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Jesus Cristobal Gonzales, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Melvin Keith Brownfield, driving while intoxicated - blood alcohol more than 0.15, \$1,500 fine, \$457 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Jason Dean Daniels, possession of a dangerous drug, \$1,500 fine, \$342 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Jose Alfredo Arenivaz, possession of a controlled substance, \$342 court costs, 23 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Elsa Mier, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$750 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Randy Lynn McCutchan, driving while intoxicated - blood alcohol more than 0.15, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Robert Gardner Lynch Jr., resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 45 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: James Losa Herring, criminal mischief - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 20 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Joe Angel Martinez, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Bryon Tyron Richard, assault causing bodily injury, \$200 fine, \$282 court costs, 365 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Benita Kay Padron Salazar, violation of bond or protective order, \$1,000 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Marriage Licenses:

Tony Mojica Castellano, 38, and Guadalupe Ramirez Olivarez, 42, both of Big Spring.

Nicolas Albert Dewaters III, 33, and Nicole Lynn MacDonald, 28, both of Big Spring.

Cris B. Miranda, 56, and Jami A. Bookout, 53, both of Big Spring.

John Dee Baker, 28, and Brandi Nicole Rigden, 21,

both of Big Spring.

William A. Shelby Jr., 45, and Latrell D. Broussard, 34, both of Big Spring.

Billy W. Bunch Jr., 49, and Kristi Cline, 31, both of Big Spring.

James T. Smith, 57, and Dawna D. Smith, 57, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings:

Paul Hagland vs. Maria Hagland, divorce.

Leslie Scroggins vs. Matthew Scroggins, divorce.

Discover Bank vs. Audrey S. Ware, accounts, notes and contracts.

Melissa Rodriguez Ruiz vs. Jacob Bihl Ruiz, divorce.

Joshua R. Thompson vs. Debra M. Garcia, divorce.

Priscilla Gomez vs. Guillermo Gomez, divorce.

In Re Kaidyn Zayne Bearden, family.

In Re Kor'Dazia Jaylyn Lewis, family.

In Re Jaislon Jameslyn Free, family.

In Re Mireyna Jade Carrizosa, family.

In Re Keila M. Reyes Cardenas, family.

Richardo E. Rodriguez vs. Julieta Mota Murillo, divorce.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. James Ward, accounts, notes and contracts.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: John Staulcup

Grantee: Crossroads Baptist Association

Property: Lots 20-21, Block 3, Wrights First Addition

Date: Feb. 17, 2012

Grantor: Crossroads Baptist Association

Grantee: John Staulcup

Property: Lots 20-21, Block 2, Wrights First Addition

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Date: Feb. 17, 2012

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Date: Feb. 17, 2012

iPAD

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of cash, suggested that many of the tablets were destined to be resold abroad.

The gadget also drew entrepreneurs of a dubious nature. In Orlando, Fla., authorities arrested a Best Buy employee and a former worker

early Thursday on accusations they schemed to rob a store at gunpoint and steal more than \$1 million in iPads and other Apple products, according to the Orlando Sentinel.

About 450 people lined up outside Apple's Ginz store in downtown Tokyo. Some had spent the night sleeping outside the store.

Dipak Varsani, 21,

got in line in London at 1 a.m. Thursday local time and said he was drawn by the new device's better screen.

"You've got clearer movies and clearer games," he said. "I use it as a multimedia device."

Despite competition from cheaper tablet computers such as Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle Fire, the iPad remains

the most popular tablet computer. Apple Inc. has sold more than 55 million iPads since its debut in 2010.

Apple says the iPad is propelling us into a "post-PC era," with computers that work very differently from the traditional laptops and desktops.

Two years after the

debut of the first iPad, the device's launch has become the second-biggest "gadget event" of the year, after the annual iPhone release. In Atlanta, one kid in line carried a sign that read "Happy iDay!"

Many said they lined up for the atmosphere, rather than ordering online.

"Sure, it's a marketing ploy, but I still love the experience," said Pam Johnson, 58, a Portage, Wis., writer who traveled about an hour to the Madison store. "You have great conversations. You learn a lot. You don't get that when you just sit at home and wait for it to be delivered to your doorstep."

COTTON

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and bearish" with 61 million bales carried over from 2011. In India, government officials announced this week a ban on cotton exports in an attempt to balance export revenue with the needs of the country's textile industry.

"Because of this, some see China buying even more cotton," Robinson said. "Some analysts are predicting more tightness than I would. To me, I don't view it

as a bullish thing for the overall market. It's not market controlled, it's bureaucratic controlled."

The overall world economic outlook will ultimately be a large factor in shaping cotton prices for the remainder of the year, Robinson said.

"If we have slow economic growth in the U.S., and maybe a recession in Europe, this reduces demand for cotton and weighs on prices," he said. "If we've got these supply problems, depending on what all happens, we could see a

picture where we have a surplus of more cotton than we expected."

Robinson said prices could be in a high range of 90 cents per pound and a low of 70 cents per pound if the U.S. has more production than expected.

For producers, Robinson there are a few tools to use as a defense strategy to lower prices.

"If you think we will have weak prices, you can do some forward pricing," he said. "There's also the ability to hedge with options contracts."

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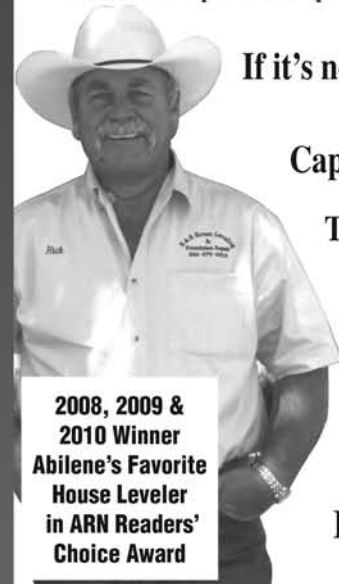
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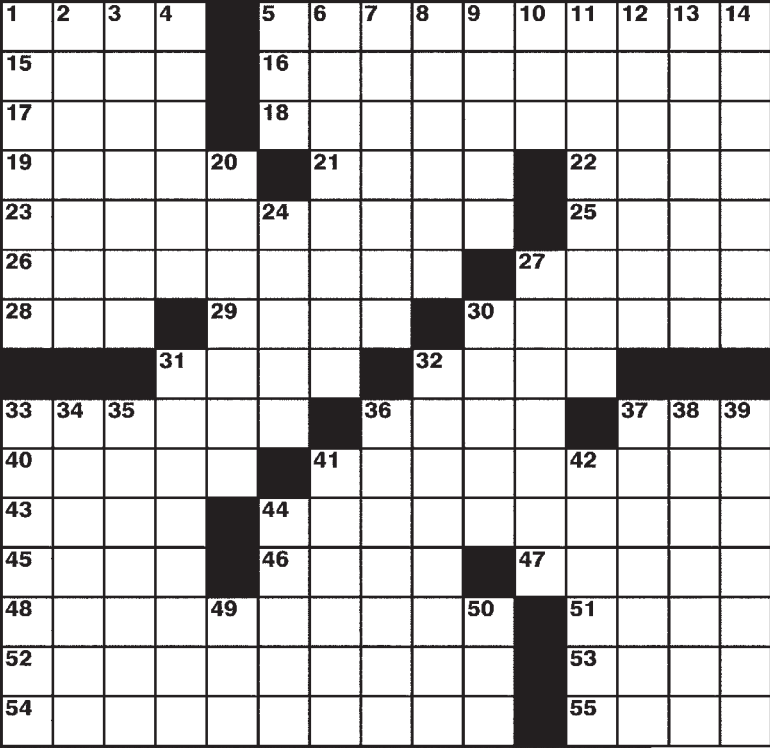
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Great Dane Storage located at 1510 W. 4th St Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:30 o'clock AM on March 31st, 2012 at Great Dane Storage. Property being sold includes household contents and tools in the spaces of the following tenants:
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Legals

Remember to "Render!" Taxable property renditions are due April 16.
Does this apply to you?
If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

What is a rendition?
A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

What are the advantages of filing?

- * You give your opinion of your property's value.
- * You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- * If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

What is the deadline?
The last day for filing 2012 renditions is April 16.

* An automatic extension is available if requested in writing by the April 16 deadline.

* The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

REMEMBER!!
Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

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#7303 March 18, 2012

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: Floyd Wayne Dugan
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lt 5, Bk 11, Brenmand Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,104.08, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL** as Plaintiffs, against **DAN LEE DUGAN, JR.** and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on July 28, 2011, in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DAN LEE DUGAN, JR.,**, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6032 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are **NONE.**

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 16th day of April, 2011 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2011.

Colleen Barton
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#7292 March 18 & 25, 2012

Legals

CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE
THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

The owner of 1.9 acres located on Goliad between 22nd & 23rd Street, described as Lots 1-12, Block 41, Amended College Heights Addition, has requested a Specific Use Permit for the proposed use of a Storage Building Facility.
#7296 March 14 & 18, 2012

Legals

CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:
The owner of 10 acres located on the southwest corner of Alamesa and Wasson described as Section 12., Block 33 I-S, has requested a Specific Use Permit for the proposed use of a Nursing Home.
#7298 March 14 & 18, 2012

Legals

A Variety of Homestead Exemptions could lower Your property taxes!
A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?
Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes. It doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?
If you're disabled or if you're 65 years old or older-you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on our home. The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling for 65 and older or disabled homeowners. The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling to a new home.

If you're a disabled veteran who receives from the Veterans Affairs (VA) - (1) 100 percent disability compensation due to service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployment, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead.

Do I have to apply each year?
No. If you had a homestead exemption on our home in 2011, you won't need to reapply for 2012 unless your chief appraiser requires it.. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home - or if you've moved to a new home - you'll need to file for an exemption for 2012. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?
File applications before May 1 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:
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Or contact:
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Legals

CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:
The owner of 1.9 acres located on Goliad between 22nd & 23rd Street, described as Lots 1-12, Block 41, Amended College Heights Addition, has requested a Specific Use Permit for the proposed use of a Storage Building Facility.
#7295 March 14 & 18, 2012

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Emotions run hot and will be hard to keep inside, which is a good thing, because bottled up emotions are a leading cause of illness. It will help you to have a handful of communication strategies in your bag of tricks now as a conjunction of Mercury and Uranus in Aries lines up, an aspect that will have continued

Legals

CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE
THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:
The owner of 10 acres located on the southwest corner of Alamesa and Wasson described as Section 12., Block 33 I-S, has requested a Specific Use Permit for the proposed use of a Nursing Home.
#7297 March 14 & 18, 2012

Legals

Notice is hereby given that Laredo Petroleum, Inc., Operator 486610, has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following: P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production, allocate production and for off-lease storage, from oil and gas leases in SW/4 of Section 2, Block 33, T4S, T&P RR Co. Survey, SE/4 of Section 2, Block 33, T4S, T&P RR Co. Survey, NW/4 of Section 2, Block 33, T4S, T&P RR Co. Survey and NE/4 of Section 2, Block 33, T4S, T&P RR Co. Survey; All in Glasscock County, Texas under other leases. Any affected mineral interest owners who have not received written notification are advised to contact Stephen B. Dickerson of Laredo Petroleum, Inc., in Midland, Texas at 508 W. Wall, Suite 600, Midland, Texas 79701, (432)684-9955 by April 9, 2012.
#7304 March 18, 25, 2012 and April 1, & 8, 2012

Legals

"Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timberland!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers, wildlife managers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the productivity value of their land rather than on market value. This means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber- not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district before May 1 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2012 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it before May 1. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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Legals

Election Notice
Filing for the May 12th, 2012 election of Board of Directors of the Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District are now open for Precincts One (1), Precincts Two (2), and @ Large. Those wishing to file need to do so in the Water District office at 132 North Main St. in Garden City. Filing will close on the 5th day of March 2012. Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Archivando para la eleccion del dia 12 de Mayo de 2012 para la Junta del directive del condado de Glasscock subterraneo de conservacion del agua esta abierto para el precinto one (1) y two (2) y @ large. Esos desando de archivar necesitan registrase en la oficina de distrito de Conservacion de agua en la calle 132 North Main en Garden City. Archivando se cerrara el dis 5 de Marzo, 2012. Las horas de oficina son de lunes a viernes de las 8:00 de la manana asta las 4:00 de la tarde.
#7300 March 18, 2012

influence until midweek.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have a big heart. Giving to someone in need is so easy for you that you'd hardly call it charitable. True charity is giving when your need is just as grave as the other person's.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Forgiveness is the magic element that renews your spirit. As soon as you're able to forgive,

you'll unclench your jaw, and the laughter and lightness will come back into your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be open to hearing different points of view and slow to forming your own. Don't worry about being absolutely right about anything. Time has a way of changing and even reversing opinions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What you think is a weakness is really just a skill that doesn't come naturally to you. That doesn't mean you can't learn it, though. To attain the skill, choose a role model you can follow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll do what you can to help a loved one, including backing off and giving this person plenty of room to solve the problem independent of you. That's a wise move, indeed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your finances are getting better, largely due to your increased optimism and the way you let it move you into action. Consider giving some of your busywork to someone with too much time on her hands.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Not everyone can get a hold on emotions the way you can. You'll set an example for others and turn a difficult situation around. Forcing yourself to smile is one way to counteract negativity and stress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are many who need and want something from you now. Is it the same "something" you want to give? Maybe. Either way, you certainly won't starve for attention. As the day progresses, you may crave moments to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your influence is indirect, and yet it is powerful. If you could share one piece of advice that you knew others would heed, what would it be? Living that piece of advice today is the luckiest thing you can do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are many factors that govern your path, and not all of them are in your control. It's hard to tell the difference between the changeable and unchangeable factors now, but try.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There will be a handful of tasks on your mental agenda that you just don't feel like doing. But if you can accomplish just one of them, you'll be in a far better place. Getting started will be the hardest part.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). You wonder why you do things you don't like. Life is not so simple for you now, and that's part of the issue. Reflect, sort, and pare down your possessions and other baggage that may be clouding your view of life.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 18). You'll bring harmony to formerly discordant scenes this year and may be employed as a peacemaker, liaison, diplomat or contract negotiator. Invest in April; your instincts are hot. May brings a long-term contract. Family makes you proud in June. New friends or romance will be attracted to your grace and style. Taurus and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 14, 39, 24 and 1.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Planet seven in the solar system lineup is like a younger sibling who refuses to accept the family culture. Rebellious, challenging and full of surprises, he's the one who will motivate change and define the next generation. His secret power cannot be underestimated. No wonder he was named for the Roman sky god, as Uranus seems to usurp all control when he's in the mood for one of his monster tantrums.

He flirts with such a mood as he lines up with Mercury at the start of the week and, later, with the Aries sun. It's as though he's finding his place and rallying the troops to find out who is on his side.

Communication will be complex. Mercury is still retrograde, and it won't be so easy to express the intense emotions that come up — and yet we'll feel compelled to anyway. This could be the perfect storm from which great art comes. Whatever impedes the flow of expression will mark and change it in interesting ways. Our fascination with one another is partly due to the difficulty we have in understanding each other. Relationships gain intrigue expressly because they are so challenging.

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: Smooth singin' Maroon 5 frontman and coach of "The Voice," Adam Levine is a musical Pisces with Mars in that talented sign. Levine was born when the moon was in sensual Scorpio, a position that indicates magnetic appeal and either an intensely private or shockingly public nature. Levine falls into the latter category. He's been known to bare all for a good cause, as he did to promote awareness of testicular cancer.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: When I married my wife last summer, her son was living in the basement with no intention of getting a job. "Terence" is 23 and not exactly bright. We tried offering advice to help him move forward with his life, but he likes things his way. My wife excuses this, saying it's his generation's lifestyle. She told me her co-worker's daughter moved back home with her husband and baby, and they accept it. I know there are a lot of parents in the same situation.

Terence has decided he wants to move back to a town where he used to have friends, but my wife still wants to support him. So she is willing to continue paying for his car insurance, rent, spending money and trips to fast-food restaurants. He doesn't save a nickel. As soon as he gets money, he spends it.

I get the impression that my wife doesn't want to cut the apron strings. Terence likes having his mother support him. Money isn't the issue. It's that we won't be around forever, and at this rate, I don't see him ever growing up. He'll be the same when he's 50.

Counseling seems useless. I've been married with stepkids before. They didn't want me in their lives and acted as if they knew everything. Am I wrong to expect young adults to be independent? I love my wife, but she wants me to be quiet and not say anything. -- Perplexed and Stifled

Dear Perplexed: Of course Terence should be working, paying rent and becoming independent, but the person you need to convince is your wife. Please don't approach Terence directly. You have been a part of his life for only a short time, and chances are, your comments will be unwelcome and resented by both him and his mother. This is counterproductive. Instead, work on getting your wife to realize how much she is hurting Terence by being his enabler. That will make it easier for the two of you to present a united front in your efforts to get Terence to become a responsible adult.

Dear Annie: I have several friends who consistently and regularly interrupt me. They might ask a question, and when I start to answer, they talk over me nonstop. I have tried to continue talking anyway, but it is difficult. One even had the audacity to chastise me for interrupting her when I inter-



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MARCY SUGAR

jected a comment during a lull in the conversation. After that, I didn't speak to her for six months.

Other than avoiding these people whose general company I enjoy, how should I handle these interruptions? — Michigan

Dear Michigan: Do they also interrupt each other, or only you? If they are nondiscriminatory in their behavior, you have the choice to avoid them or accept them as they are, meaning you are the listener and they are the talkers. However, if several of them do this only to you, we suggest you take a hard look at your conversational habits. Do you dawdle over words? Repeat yourself? Take a long time to get to your point? If so, your friends are still terribly rude, but you might try approaching them individually, explaining how much you would appreciate it if they could be patient with you.

Dear Annie: "Over-70 Attitude" didn't like receiving email Christmas and birthday greetings. I, too, am over 70 and recently stopped sending birthday cards to many on my list. I also have been encouraging others to stop sending cards to me because of the rising cost of purchasing those cards and putting stamps on them.

I'd rather receive an email wishing me a nice birthday with a short personal message than a pretty, fancy card with nothing but a signature on it. I doubt I'm the only person who feels this way. — Over 70 in South Dakota

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Life Policies

The Big Spring Herald has instituted a 600 word limit for all wedding submissions. All wedding articles will be edited to fit the above listed policy.

All submissions for Sunday's life section must be turned in by noon Wednesday to be published in Sunday's edition.

Submitting articles by the deadline does not guarantee publication in the Sunday Life Section.

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An Apartment or a Monastery?

Dear Margo: I met my girlfriend six years ago online when I was in college. I lived in the U.S. at the time, and she lived in Europe. After speaking regularly for two years, leading up to eight-page letters every other day, we decided to meet in person. When we did, we began an official romantic relationship. We visited each other twice a year for three to four weeks in our respective countries.

The problem came from my roommate's reaction when I informed him she would be visiting (her first time) and staying in our apartment. We three roommates at the time were all Christians, but apparently with different views on what is acceptable behavior. One roommate, "Bob," objected to my girlfriend's visit on the grounds of moral impropriety. He was so adamant that he told me that if she stayed, even if I slept on the couch, he would have to leave our apartment during that time. Part of me felt that the apartment was his, too, and therefore he should have a say, but another part felt that as a grown man in a committed relationship, I should not be forced to divide my already minimal time with her by having her stay elsewhere. Ultimately, I allowed Bob to live elsewhere during her stay.

To this day, I wonder whether I made the wrong choice in choosing my desires (and my girlfriend's) over Bob's. We are still friends, but the friendship does seem to have been silently fractured by the incident.— *Lingering Thoughts*

Dear Ling: It is nice to have principles, but I find it onerously judgmental to lay them on other people. I'm glad Bob removed himself from the burgeoning Sodom and Gomorrah situation in the apartment. I mean, it's not like you brought home three strippers. This man sounds like a prig to me, and I wouldn't give the matter any more thought.— *Margo, maturely*

A Bishop Who's a Lemmon

Dear Margo: I recently was baptized and joined the Mormon Church. I really enjoy my new "family" except for one person: the bishop. This feeling is taboo because people act like he walks on water. I say he is just a man appointed to a position. This man didn't like me the minute he met me.

When I started at this church, I was in crisis, and I told a couple of people about it. They said go to the bishop. He turned me down flat-out and said, "We don't help people financially." That was a bald-faced lie, and I knew it. The excuses I got were that I was not a member yet, that he was stressed, blah, blah, blah. As time progressed, my problem

Dear Margo

became worse. Again, I was turned down, and he didn't even call me by the right name. I corrected him twice about my name, and he still got it wrong, which was proof to me that he was doing it on purpose.

Do you think I am making something out of nothing? And to whom do I go to let someone know about this person? I think he treats me badly because I am disabled. (I think this because there are other disabled people who also dislike him.) — *Disillusioned*



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Dear Dis: As in the Catholic Church, Mormon bishops are not at the top of the executive chart, and they are, indeed, appointed. Should you feel like voicing your displeasure with this man (which I don't recommend, because I think it will prove fruitless), you can choose from among his superiors, as listed at this site: <http://www.mormon-haven.com/chain.jpg>.

Love Is Blind

Dear Margo: I have been friends with a woman for many years. A few years ago, she had an affair with a man in her office. When her husband found out, she ended the affair -- for a while. Last year, she left her husband and began a new life with the other man. (I suspect he'd stayed in her life the whole time.)

Her children have always been great kids, but now they're having difficulties in school and are disrespectful and unhappy. I think they don't like the situation, but they also don't like this new man. I don't either. Should I express my concerns that her "new life" could be permanently affecting her children, as well as damaging her relationship with them? She seems to feel like the sun rises and sets with this guy. — *Watching on the Sidelines*

Dear Watch: I understand your wish to clue in your friend to the fact that her kids are acting out, but to quote that sage Woody Allen, "The heart wants what the heart wants," and I seriously doubt your friend would choose to do anything about the situation ... like remove the heartthrob. As far as I would go would be to tell her that you've noticed the children are not adapting well to the new order, and she might want to give them more time and lis-

ten to their complaints. Perhaps some family therapy would be helpful. That would definitely crystalize for her that it's either this guy or her children. — *Margo, supportively*

Leaving the Nest, or Even a Country

Dear Margo: I'm a dual U.S./U.K. citizen in my late 20s, and I chose to move to America to pursue my career. My brother did the same. For a few years, it was fun, and I wasn't thinking too far ahead, but my brother recently married, establishing real roots over here. My mother is American and would love to come to the States, but my father has such a host of health problems that it would be financially impossible for them to move here.

When we were home in England for Christmas, my brother came to me crying one night, upset that once again we were leaving them and saying that when the time comes for him and his wife to have children, our parents will only see them once, twice or three times a year at most.

So I guess my problem is this: I love my life over here. I have a good job, friends I love and a boyfriend I can see myself settling down with. Do I give it all up and move back to London? Family should be the most important thing, and I feel guilty I have not prioritized it. My parents have been nothing but supportive and loving my whole life. I know it is a parent's duty to wave their children off into the world, but I don't want to regret anything when they die. I also don't want to give up a wonderful man and the life I've built here. — *Confused and Guilty*

Dear Con: Regarding "family being the most important thing," you and your brother are family, and you're here. Perhaps because I have a child living part time in London, I just see it as another city. I hope you will not give up the life you've made here. When you say your parents have been supportive and loving, my bet is that, while they miss seeing you more frequently, they are happy for you and your brother. Should your mother outlive your father, my bet is that she will wind up over here, as well. I hope you put this concern to rest and bag the guilt. — *Margo, whole-heartedly*

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