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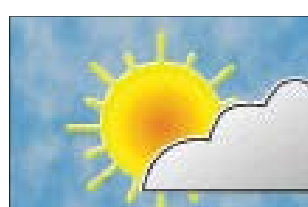
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Shots fired

No one injured; police place one under arrest

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Big Spring police are investigating two shootings which took place Friday night, one of which landed a local man in jail.

Timothy Arview, 30, was arrested at his home in the 800 block of Creighton and charged with deadly conduct.

Officers had been called to the residence about 9:30 p.m. in reference to shots being fired. Upon arriving at the scene, officers recovered numerous shell casings.

According to a press release from the Big Spring Police Department, Arview initially denied having any knowledge of the shell casings or the in-

cident, but later admitted to police he stepped outside his residence and fired six shots from a handgun into a vacant house across the street.

He was transported to the detention center and booked.

Earlier Friday, shortly before 8 p.m., police received a call in reference to shots fired in the 800 block of Lorilla. At the scene, officers were informed that a neighborhood dispute had turned violent.

According to police, a large group of people witnessed the incident, but officers were unable to get a clear explanation of the events. Two different stories were received,

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Big Spring police officers responded to separate shootings Friday night, one in the 800 block of Lorilla.

HC to slash \$4 mil

Board sets workshop for Monday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The math is pretty simple — or simply depressing, depending on your point of view.



Howard College trustees will get their first look at a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year when they hold a workshop at 10 a.m. Monday in the Student Union Building's Tumbleweed Room. The workshop will be followed by a trustee meeting scheduled for 12:30 a.m.

Because of significant cuts in state aid to the college this year, the budget promises to be beyond conservative, officials promise.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks listed the areas where Howard will lose significant chunks of state revenue:

- In basic state funding, HC and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will lose \$1.6 million.
- At the same time, the college district has experienced a 21 percent increase

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Lawsuit charges Alon USA with negligence in 2008 explosion

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Round two in the legal battle between Alon USA — owner of the Big Spring Refinery — and local residents claiming damages caused by the Feb. 18, 2008, explosion that rocked the Crossroads area to its core is expected to begin in 118th District Court with jury selection slated

Monday morning.

The lawsuit — which names more than 150 plaintiffs — claims it was the negligence of Alon USA that caused the explosion, which occurred shortly after 8:20 a.m.

"More over, the defendants (Alon USA and several subsidiaries) acted with malice and such conduct was the

proximate cause of plaintiff's injuries," reads the lawsuit, submitted on behalf of more than 150 Crossroads residents by Pinkerton Law Firm, based out of Webster, Texas.

Specifically, the plaintiffs and their attorneys assert that the

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Scouts to collect tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Drop off your tabs at the Big Spring Herald

The Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America is working with the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge Aerie 3188 in Big Spring to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Lubbock.

"The program is a way for people of all ages to support RMHC and make a difference for families and children,"

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Port-to-Plains on table for county commissioners

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

An agreement between Howard County and West Texas Centers tops Monday's agenda for county commissioners, as the court holds its regularly scheduled meeting.

Also part of the agenda, County Judge Mark Barr is expected to discuss renewal of the health and employee benefits pool, as well as meet with officials involved in the Ports-to-Plains project.

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance, based in Lubbock, is a non-profit, non-partisan and



community-driven advocacy group led by mayors, council persons, economic development officials, business and other opinion leaders from

a nine-state, 2,300-plus mile economic development corridor between Texas and Alberta, Canada.

During the past decade, Ports-to-Plains Alliance members have raised more than \$1 billion in federal funding for road improvements along the route, including extensive reconstruction of southern U.S. Highway 87.

The project was spear-headed locally for many years by former Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker, who

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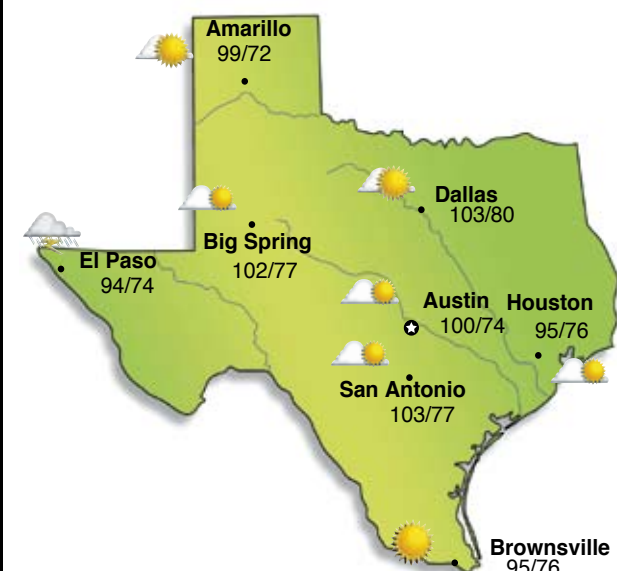
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102/77 Partly cloudy. Hot. High 102F. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.	103/77 Plenty of sun. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the upper 70s.	105/78 Mostly sunny. Highs 103 to 107F and lows in the upper 70s.	105/78 A few clouds. Highs 103 to 107F and lows in the upper 70s.	104/77 More sun than clouds. Highs 102 to 106F and lows in the upper 70s.
Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 8:49 PM	Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 8:49 PM	Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:48 PM	Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:47 PM	Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	103	79	mst sunny	Kingsville	100	75	pt sunny
Amarillo	99	72	mst sunny	Livingston	98	74	t-storm
Austin	100	74	pt sunny	Longview	100	78	t-storm
Beaumont	92	75	t-storm	Lubbock	98	73	pt sunny
Brownsville	95	76	sunny	Lufkin	99	75	t-storm
Brownwood	105	78	sunny	Midland	101	77	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	97	77	pt sunny	Raymondville	99	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	102	78	mst sunny	Rosenberg	96	75	pt sunny
Dallas	103	80	mst sunny	San Antonio	103	77	pt sunny
Del Rio	100	80	pt sunny	San Marcos	100	75	pt sunny
El Paso	94	74	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	101	78	t-storm
Fort Stockton	96	74	t-storm	Sweetwater	102	77	mst sunny
Gainesville	102	79	mst sunny	Tyler	101	76	t-storm
Greenville	101	77	pt sunny	Weatherford	104	79	mst sunny
Houston	95	76	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	105	80	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	91	73	pt sunny	Minneapolis	82	65	pt sunny
Boston	83	62	sunny	New York	91	74	t-storm
Chicago	91	68	t-storm	Phoenix	102	82	pt sunny
Dallas	103	80	mst sunny	San Francisco	62	53	pt sunny
Denver	87	64	t-storm	Seattle	81	59	sunny
Houston	95	76	pt sunny	St. Louis	97	77	t-storm
Los Angeles	79	65	pt sunny	Washington, DC	95	79	t-storm
Miami	92	80	mst sunny				

Obituaries

Roy E. Keefer



Roy E. Keefer, 85, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, July 20, 2011, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 25, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 4, 1925, in Ballinger, Texas and married Virginia Blackwell Garrett on Oct. 7, 1989, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Jan. 27, 2000.

Roy worked in the oilfield as a toolpusher. He served as a Seaman First Class in the United States Navy, serving in the South Pacific during World War II. Roy was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. He volunteered for several years with the Disabled American Veterans and the VA Medical Center.

Survivors include one daughter, Sue Prichard; one son, Donald Roy Keefer; one step-daughter, Neeli Anderson; one step-son, Jerry Garrett; one brother, Claude "Red" Keefer; and a number of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Judy Cavender and Carol Arnold; his parents, Lemuel Daniel and Mae Keefer; four brothers, L.D. Keefer, Robert Keefer, Levi Keefer and Jim Keefer; and his sister-in-law, Esta Jewel Keefer.

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

Robert 'Kent' Cearley

Robert "Kent" Cearley, 68, of San Angelo, formerly of Coahoma died Friday, July 22, 2011, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery, Coahoma, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, July 25, 2011, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

Fan Drive

The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in dire need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. 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.

Police blotter

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

- ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 71, transient, was arrested Friday on charges of criminal trespass/property/building/aircraft/vehicle and public intoxication with three prior convictions.
- SHANNON LEE BOUDREAUX, 40, of 1102 Ridgeroad, was arrested Friday on warrants for driving while license invalid, failed to maintain financial responsibility, fail to appear (two counts) and no drivers license when unlicensed.
- JOSEPH HEATH GRIFFITH, 28, of 4328 Edmondson Ave., was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct exposing genital/anus in public.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of Connally.
- In the 3600 block of Calvin.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- In the 1400 block of Sycamore.
- FORGERY was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.
- In the 500 block of N. Lamesa.
- In the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.
- SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 800 block of Lorilla.
- In the area of Lorilla.
- BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 800 block of Lorilla.

Take Note

The Texas Department of State Health Services, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will be offering "Back to School" immunizations from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 25 through Wednesday, July 27. Bring your child's immunization record. If you have the letter your child received from school, bring that also. No immunizations will be available July 18 through July 22. Normal immunization hours, Monday through Wednesday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., will resume Aug. 1. DSHS will not be providing immunizations at the high school for registration Jul 27-28. DSHS suggests getting immunizations before attempting to register for school.



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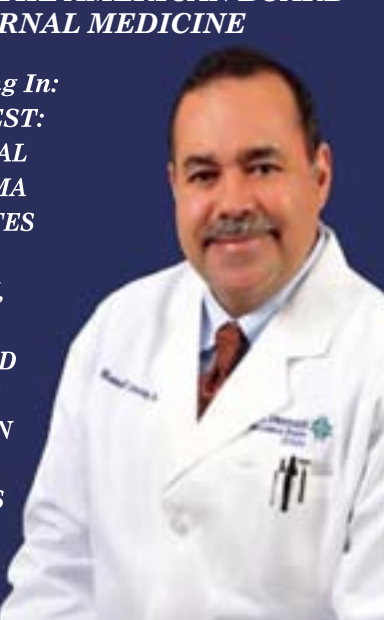
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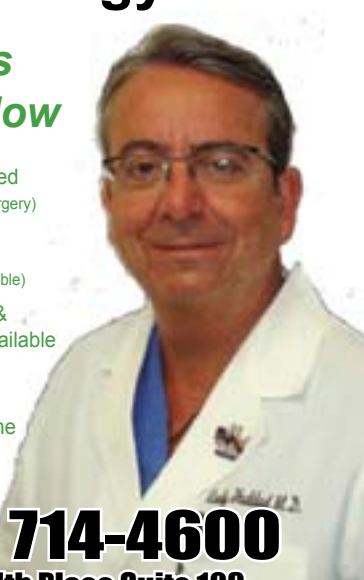
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SHOTS

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police said, with each group claiming the other had fired the shots. After searching the scene, one weap-

on was discovered. Police said the only damage from the gunfire was to a trunk of a vehicle. No injuries were reported. According to a press release issued by BSPD, the dispute appeared to have started over money one party owed the other.

An area television station reported officers were involved in a short standoff. However, that information could not be verified Saturday morning and no one was arrested. Howard County sheriff's deputies assisted on the scene.

BSPD is still investigating both shootings, which police said were unrelated.

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COLLEGE

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in contact hours — the time students are physically in classes or labs — but will not receive any state aid to offset the costs of that increase.

- The \$1 million “small school supplement” which Howard received last year has been cut in half.
- The college will receive \$1.4 million less in state revenue for employee benefits. “That’s money the college will have to make up,” Sparks

said.

- In addition, the college will receive approximately \$100,000 less in state money earmarked for employee retirement pay. “We’ll have to make up those costs too,” Sparks noted.

All told, the college will have to make do with more than \$4 million less in state money over the next two years.

To compensate for that shortfall, the college has adopted a variety of cost-cutting measures, including:

- A freeze on new hirings in some positions and a realignment of duties and responsi-

bilities in others.

Sparks said the college has cut its workforce by about 9 percent in the last year. That includes 27 positions that were lost outright and nine which will be financed through contracts with local and area businesses.

- Raised tuition and fees.
- Reduced operating costs where possible.
- Sought alternative revenue sources, including grants and the aforementioned contracts.
- No courses will be cut, although the college will decrease the number of classes

it will offer or increase class sizes.

The college may utilize outside instructors or online courses in some areas.

- No employee raises will be offered this year.

Sparks said the budget is prepared with no increase in taxes. Instead, officials plan to use the district’s effective rate — the rate which will raise the same amount of tax revenue as the previous year — of 24 cents per \$100 valuation, a decrease of 4.5 cents from the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

For some, that will mean a decrease in their tax bills,

depending on their property valuation.

The 2011-2012 budget and tax rate should be formally approved Aug. 22, Sparks said.

In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

- Bond project updates.
- A report on the college’s response to water issues.
- Bids and catalog and handbook changes.

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SUIT

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explosion was caused by “failure to properly train employees, contractors and other agents operating at the refinery; failure to properly supervise employees, contractors and other agents operating at the refinery; failure to properly maintain the refinery; and failure to properly inspect the refinery.”

“The acts and omissions of defendants were committed with complete and reckless disregard for, and with willful, wanton and actual conscious indifference

to the rights, safety and welfare of plaintiffs,” the suit reads. “These issues raised the level of risk at the refinery. Due to the existence of these issues, the explosion was a foreseeable event which exposed the plaintiffs, workers and the neighboring community to the hazards that existed at the oil refinery. This deliberate and intentional ignorance of unsafe behavior, exposed to such risk of peril, and proximately caused the plaintiffs’ property damage and personal injuries.”

An explosion ripped through the Big Spring Refinery during the ear-

ly morning hours with at least one Big Spring business shut down due to structural concerns caused by the blast. Several others were reported to have suffered damages, including blown-out windows and doors.

According to witness accounts, the cause of the February explosion was a propylene tank leak that caused a mist-like vapor to gather in the refinery, eventually making its way into a cat cracker heater and an alkaline unit, causing both to explode simultaneously

According to court officials, it’s currently

unclear which plaintiffs — nearly 200 have been named in the suit since it was filed — are going to be represented during next week’s proceedings.

A similar trial held in December 2010 yielded more than \$350,000 for property repair and medical expenses for a pair of plaintiffs named in the cause, finding that Alon had been negligent in assisting the plaintiffs and awarded damages for one plaintiff in the amount of \$236,605 for property damage and \$8,400 for medical expenses.

The second plaintiff in the 2010 trial was award-

ed \$105,200 for property damage and \$10,200 for medical expenses. However, the jury declined to find Alon “grossly negligent” in their actions.

A finding of gross negligence would have opened the door for the plaintiffs to receive “exemplary” damages, which would have raised the final dollar amount of the judgment considerably.

The trial is expected to last through the week, and, according to some court officials, could run into the following week.

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Lilia “Lily” Howard, 81, died Tuesday. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. today at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Carolyn “Granny” Redding, 74, died Thursday. Funeral services were at 4 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

TABS

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said Brian Sweeney, Lone Star District executive.

The fundraiser benefits seriously ill children by helping provide a

place for them and their families to stay while they are out of town for medical treatment. Recycling the tabs generates proceeds to donate to an area Ronald McDonald House.

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For more information about the Scouting program in Big Spring, contact Sweeney at 432-212-3577.

COUNTY

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recently retired from the Precinct 3 seat on the commissioners court.

Also Monday, County Auditor Jackie Olson will present invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments, as well as a budget workshop.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is also

scheduled to discuss personnel considerations, while County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will discuss pipeline crossings and a report on road maintenance within the county.

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

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The art of lying and its design

Lying is not what it used to be, or maybe it’s so far ahead of the truth these days, the novelty of whopper-telling has worn off-right down to the nub.

Still, any contest conducted in the bright light of the law for 82 consecutive years is worthy of examination.

Officers of the Burlington, WI, Liars Club would have us believe they are “squeaky-clean” in the “truth department.” Since their tongues seem forever alternating between cheeks, however, we fear that on occasions, judges of the world’s best lies each New Year’s Eve may themselves be lying.

Back in 1929, when the Great Depression enveloped our land, folks scratched pretty deep for humor. Digging cost nothing, though and many — caught up in the struggle for their next meals — latched onto laughter to keep from crying.

Maybe that was the backdrop when a handful of men sat around a potbellied stove in the Burlington, WI, Police Station, lamenting an “unhappening” time of year — the days after Christmas.

Included were the police chief, a lawyer and a reporter. Bugged down in the “blahs,” they opted to see who could concoct the biggest lie. You may think the lawyer or reporter might prevail. You would be wrong — the police chief was the champion with his stone-faced insistence that he had never once lied.

The contest made the local newspaper and other publications picked it up. It grew with



Dr. Don Newbury

beanstalk rapidity, becoming an annual contest. Soon entries were sought from across the land. Charge was a dime each, and participants received bona fide membership cards in the club. Wow! Lies poured in.

Entry fees have ballooned to a buck and the scope is now worldwide. However, all winners have been from the USA. (Sorta like the “Miss Universe” winners — all of ‘em from earth.)

And, while the championship award is somewhat kinky-dink-perhaps worthy of “honorable mention” as a second-grader’s craft project — it signifies fibbing excellence. Notoriety for the winner — and for Burlington, hometown of Dallas quarterback Tony Romo — is thunderous.

Romo may be the last great hope for Texas’ liars to gain the recognition for the craft they’ve been honing since before statehood — several decades prior to the contest.

Don’t tell me that judges’ bias doesn’t come into play. Wisconsin contestants have won more than a third of the time — 30 of 82 years. Almost two decades flopped off calendars before a Texan won.

Come on. Oklahomans’ answer to Texans’ claims that Oklahoma is an “outlying state of Texas” is that “no state can out-lie Texas.” Maybe this applies to Wisconsin as well.

One of a handful of Texans so honored, C. R. (Choc) Hutcheson of Lubbock took top honors 50 years ago. His “terminological inexactitude” described a guy who invented a duck call so authentic that it attracts wooden decoys.

They promised to mail him the award if he’d promise to send it back to them prior to the following year’s contest.

“I wrote a letter vowing to return it, but after the award came, I mailed a copy of the same letter, indicating that I had lied. Further, the letter served as my entry in the 1962 contest,” Hutcheson joked.

There have been some fabulous entries. (See for yourself online at burlingtonliarsclub.com or order Liars Club booklet at burlingtonchamber.org.)

There’s also information if you have an extra dollar to enter the 2011 contest. Officers of the loose-knit organization promise that entry fees will never increase, but who’s gonna believe that?

Some of the winners have been “doozies,” but three really stand out.

One was submitted by William C. Cook. He told of a year when Texas had little wind. He had three windmills on his ranch, and there was so little wind he had to take two of ‘em down to get enough wind to turn one. And if he hadn’t removed the barbed wire fence that was holding up the wind, the remaining windmill might have been idle, too.

The 2008 winner fended off “bathroom humor” allegations, since granddaddies and their “grands” get passes. Gareth Seehawer of Oconto Falls, WI, boasted that his grandson was well on the way to becoming one of the world’s most, uh, persuasive adults. He claimed that by the time the youngster was two years old, when he soiled his diaper, he convinced his mother that someone else had done it.

Last year’s winner, Wisconsinite David Milz, almost had a psychic girlfriend. “Alas,” he moaned, “She left me before we met!”

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YOUR VIEWS

Thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to personally thank all of the citizens of Howard County who chose me for Big Spring Herald Readers Choice Awards for favorite RN. It is my honor and privilege to strive and continue to serve the residents of Howard County as well as other surrounding counties and anyone needing emergency care at SMMC.

It has been a great journey to serve all of you in such an awesome community. I also look forward to continuing to provide the best possible physical, mental, emotional and spiritual care to those I am able to serve in the future.

LOIS HUGHES-KENNEDY
BIG SPRING

Water question

TO THE EDITOR:

The city of Big Spring is saying it is going to have zero tolerance for water waste because the need for water is so dire. I have one question for the city. If the need for water is so dire, why are you wasting all this water on your so-called water park? Please explain.

DENNIS RICHARDSON
BIG SPRING

A few complaints

TO THE EDITOR:

In Sunday’s paper, Gloria McDonald was complaining about the plastic bags again. I’ve had enough of her trying to do away with things she doesn’t approve of. Well, I don’t abuse my plastic bags. I reuse them for trash bags and I don’t throw them out the window. I need my plastic bags.

I am sure she complained about the use of paper bags, too — thinking they were killing too many trees.

If you really want to clean up something, clean up the cigarette butts people throw out the window — now that’s a real hazard.

I have another gripe, but it’s about KBST AM radio station. It used to be the best station in town in my opinion, but it’s dropped from A+ to D- in my opinion. The only good thing they’ve got going is the Rush Limbough program.

Marj Carpenter on the few times she is on and the two Saturday programs that talk about home repairs and Texas plants and gardening ques-

tions. It’s practically 24-7 Fox Sports program and it stinks.

They really need some nice music to listen to and Luther Kelly’s music on Sunday really ought to be brought back.

LILLIE HENDRICKS
BIG SPRING

Expressing views

TO THE EDITOR:

This is only the second time I have written a newspaper to express my views, but I feel it is time for more senior citizens to start expressing our views.

President Obama is either trying to scare the seniors into letting him have his way or the government has really messed up badly. The President is saying money has to be appropriated in order to pay the Social Security checks for August. Why? Almost every working person has paid into the Social Security fund.

It was established so when a working person retired they would have an income to depend on. I know the government has borrowed from the fund for housing and other government programs, which has never been repaid. If they would repay the debts Social Security would be sound again. But the point is we have already sent the money to the government. Where is it? Why does the money have to be appropriated? I believe unless a person works and pays Social Security only the worker, the spouse and/or children is entitled to the Social Security funds, no other group or groups.

JAMES BARTON
BIG SPRING

Bullying problem

TO THE EDITOR:

I just finished watching Cyber Bullying on the ABC Family station. As I have said before, time and time again Big Spring has a horrible bullying problem going on.

We need a program here to help the kids who are being bullied. I looked and Texas has a no tolerance law when it comes to bullying. Parents of students who are being bullied need to stand up for their children’s rights and protect them from the kids who start the bullying, who do not care what they say or do as long as they can keep fighting going on.

I for one am getting sick and tired of these kids saying and doing what they want and not getting into trouble. When the principals are told and the student is brought in it makes it 100 times worse on the student who is being picked on. Where does it stop?

The kids are afraid to go anywhere for fear the bullies will be out. Now, understand the bullies are only mean in a crowd, but by themselves they are nothing. You would be surprised to see who the bullies are. Kid’s look in the mirror and ask yourself am I a bully? You are the only one who knows. They are kids who go to church (they even try to bully kids there at church). Kids who think they are better than anyone else. Everyone has feelings and you bullies feed on that energy to torment other kids.

Parents, teachers, clergy men, mayor and judges please lets get a support group here. I think this should be brought up at our next city meeting and our next school board meeting. Thank you.

MARILLYN MIEARS
BIG SPRING

Disappointed

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to write this letter and voice my disappointment of some of the law enforcement in our community. First, let me say I do not think all of our law enforcement officers are bad. As a matter of fact, I think there are a lot of fine, brave men and women who truly respect the law and are a credit to our community and we are lucky to have these dedicated individuals serving our community. I had always been proud of them and our great little community. But, suddenly a few bad apples changed my mind and I was shocked at being the victim of an officer who chose to abuse his power and me.

I received a call from my son on a Sunday morning; he said fire was coming near his home and he needed help. He asked me to go get some wildfire fighting equipment we had at our ranch and bring it to him as soon as possible. He had already sent his wife and sister-in-law to the ranch to get a water trailer with a pump on it and he knew they did not know where we stored the foaming chemicals and other equipment needed for a portable wildfire foam barrier machine. He

wanted it to help save his home and he also knew if other neighbors needed it he could help save their homes if he had it or could at least help.

My wife knows where all this is stored at the ranch so I told her to rush out there and get it and help our daughter-in-law if she needed it. I was going to help our son so he would not be trying to fight a fire alone until the equipment got there. It is 18 miles both ways and takes a while. I also know my son and he sent his wife for the trailer, but to get her and his sister-in-law out of harms way.

I rushed to the intersection at 87 to go to Driver Road and was stopped. I respected this, but knew when I explained I was going to help my son, I would get through. The fire was very close to his home and the volunteer fire department was spread thin with a massive fire. I explained my wife and daughter-in-law were coming shortly with vital firefighting equipment to save his home and I wanted to go help him until they arrived. His phone service was not good. He needed help and as a father I was going to make sure my son was safe and not in danger. The officer told me if he was in trouble he would call an ambulance for him and for me to go away. I was so upset and knew I had to get to my son. I also knew it was silly to waste the time of an ambulance when I did not know the situation and others, including the firefighters, needed them more in this situation.

I told him I had to get to him and I was going on to his home promising I would not get in the way of the firefighters or any equipment.

I have been involved in fighting wildfire before and respect it and the men and women who fight them. I moved my truck forward to go around him, was stopped again and told to get out of the vehicle to be arrested. I got out and said I would walk if had to and refused to be arrested. One officer decided to take me down to the ground, cuff and arrest me. He proceeded to kick me in the knee, shin and thigh until I went down. The other officers did not kick me, all they did was try to cuff me and stop me. On the ground this person continued to kick me in my legs and in my back, which I broke last year.

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last year.

I told him to stop and he continued seeming to want to break my leg and almost did. He also grabbed at my face, left claw marks and stuck his fingers in my eyes.

Bruised and in pain he cuffed me so hard I had bruises from the cuffs on my arms for weeks and my leg still hurts today. My ankle he stomped on is still bruised and very painful. I pleaded to please let me help my son. I saw him let others ahead of me through, but he just repeated I was going to jail. The other officers he told to kick or hit me did not. They just tried to stop me and I appreciate the human compassion they afforded me.

He searched my truck and took everything out, searching for what I do not know; all that was in it was a shovel, a hose and a fire extinguisher. Nothing was out of the ordinary in it, but he acted as if I was smuggling something. The whole event was humiliating and violent abuse like you see on a movie and never should happen in real life.

I kept asking if my son was OK and begged to find out. He would not answer me, but one of the kind officers told me no one was hurt so far and they assumed he was OK. Bleeding, bruised, in excruciating pain and worried for my son and for the rest of my family — I was taken to jail. While in the car during my truck search and waiting to go to jail I watched others being let through. I will never know why I was targeted and others let through. My wife and daughter-in-law got through with the equipment and my son and family were safe. By the grace of God the wind turned and he and his neighbors were saved from the fire. A scary time in anyone's life.

The officers at the jail kept me posted on the fire to ease my worries and were kind. So was the judge who heard my case and my explanation for this encounter.

For years I have supported and loved our community in all the ways I could. I have good friends who have

been past and present officers of the law and respect them and try to support them in everything they do for our great community. They are under-appreciated and not given the recognition for all they do to protect us.

But, it is a living nightmare to be the target of someone who's in power to abuse this power and try to physically hurt you and cause you great pain and humiliation when all you were trying to do is protect your family and help others in harms way.

I guess I will never understand why this happened to me while others were allowed through. But, by God's grace and mercy my family was spared and I will heal eventually. What will not heal is my trust in law enforcement. Once you are a victim of abuse, it makes you question your trust in law enforcement and that's sad because I have only tried to back and help them in the past. I will always and still respect those I know, but from now on be very leery of those whom I do not know and will think twice before asking for help not knowing if I will be helped, end up in the hospital or worse.

I thank all the fine men and women of local law enforcement who are true officers of the law and the valiant and brave VFD. I salute your hard work and honor. I am sad a few power mad people can ruin the image of such fine organizations.

Please be careful; no one deserves to be beaten and treated like I was.

RESPECTFULLY
STAN PARTEE
BIG SPRING

Gas prices

TO THE EDITOR:

I realize at this point in our national recession, the last thing I should complain about is the price of gas. I mean, look at our ... well, everything in our country and state is ridiculous. Have you seen a drink at Sonic lately?

But I have to wonder why it seems the price of gas in our fine town of Big Spring seems to be so much higher than that of other towns?

I recently made a trip to Post to see my mother-in-law, where I was able to get gas for \$3.39/gal. Now, that may

not be a big deal to most, but when we have to take out a loan to put gas in the car that 20 cent difference is amazing.

I just wonder how much longer the citizens of our town will put up with the prices. There is always something we can do. I, for one, am willing to visit my mother-in-law on a very regular basis just to save that 20 cents, even if I have to drive an hour to do it.

So come on gas stations of Big Spring. You can do it Give us that 20 cents My wallet is counting on you, because frankly, I'm tired of choosing between gas and the grocery store and now my electric bill.

STEPHANIE BOEN
BIG SPRING

Aquatic Center appreciation

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to take this opportunity to thank Russ McEwen and all of the Big Spring City Council members (both sitting and former) who fought and voted for the new Aquatic Center in the City Park. I know I was not there in your shoes during the fight, but I think I can safely say it was worth all of your hard work and persistence.

This facility is so attractively done, well-planned and beautifully landscaped. Most importantly, it provides our children and their families an enjoyable and safe place to recreate.

I for one am grateful for those city officials who had a vision for a pro-

gressive Big Spring; one that could make this a better place to us to live and a more attractive community to businesses and those thinking about relocating in Big Spring. The aquatic center is just one reason to celebrate; we also have a new golf course, downtown beautification and sports complex because of these forward-thinking individuals. Thank you Russ, Stephanie Horton, Manuel Ramirez, JoAnn Staulcup, Gloria McDonald, Troy Tompkins and Terry Hansen.

I appreciate you.

VIVIAN GORDON
BIG SPRING

A better way?

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter as I sit in my office and watch literally gallons of water wash down the street in front of our office. No, it has not rained, but I pray daily that it will. The fire hydrant is being flushed and although I understand the need and reason for this it seems something better could be done with the water under these restrictive circumstances. How about a hose to a water truck and use this for volunteer firefighting, or just take it and put it back in the spring or lake or, if nothing else hook, a hose and let it water the dead lawns all around it. There has got to be something more useful to do with this precious water than wash the street.

LINDA PARK
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Beat the Heat!

A heat wave combined with a drought is a very dangerous situation. To protect your health when temperatures are extremely high, remember to keep cool and use common sense. The following tips are important:

- *Drink Plenty of Fluids
- * Replace Salt and Minerals
- *Wear Appropriate Clothing and Sunscreen
- *Schedule Outdoor Activities Carefully
- *Pace Yourself
- *Stay Cool Indoors
- *Do Not Leave Children in Cars

Simply, when dealing with the sweltering heat this summer, use common sense. Drink plenty of fluids and replace salts and minerals in your body. Dress infants and children in cool, loose clothing and shade their heads and faces with hats or an umbrella. Limit sun exposure during mid-day hours and in places of potential severe exposure. Do not leave infants, children, or pets in a parked car. Provide plenty of fresh water for your pets, and leave the water in a shady area.

For more tips like these and how to prevent hot weather health emergencies, please visit:

http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heat_guide.asp

The City of Big Spring recognizes the dangers of working in this scorching summer heat. Hence, City workers and crews working outside will be taking more frequent water breaks to prevent heat exhaustion.



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

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

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- Washing of houses, decks, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, etc. is strictly prohibited.

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Hey, Americans: Advice from Earth's heat experts

The Associated Press
There are places in the world where no one would think of frying an egg on the sidewalk — if only because there are few sidewalks, and eggs can be in short supply as well.
But heat? They've got plenty of that.
And they have plenty of advice for Americans who are wilting in a heat wave: Watch what you wear. Drink the right beverages. And if you can find a neem tree,

camp out under it.
In the hot corners of the world, where temperatures like those that have bedeviled the American midsection and East Coast are so commonplace that they go unnoticed, correspondents for The Associated Press asked the locals how people in the United States should deal with the heat.
In Baghdad, where Friday's temperature was 111 and Saturday's forecast was even hot-

ter, there were all sorts of suggestions:
"I advise Americans to have ice cream. There is no other way," said Latif Mahoud, 27, who is self-employed.
"They should stay in their underwear and wear shorts," said Abdul Samad Ali, a 46-year-old taxi driver.
Mostly, though, there was sense that when it comes to swelter, Americans are rank amateurs.
"I advise the Ameri-

can people to come to Iraq for a month in summer to understand a real heat wave," said Nabil al-Rubaei, a 33-year-old engineer who was standing on central Baghdad's Sadoun Street.
"Then, when they go back home, they will consider their summer as winter in comparison."

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN:
"I know it's hard for Americans to bear the heat, but we are used to it. If you are asking me for advice, I say they should drink and eat stuff that helps the body to remain cool. We use yogurt and cucumber mostly in our lunch and we also use lemon soda and other things that help the body to remain strong so it can bear the heat."
—ZAFAR AGHAN, 32, YOGURT SHOP WORKER

"People should avoid moving around in the heat and they should take in more liquid like water and lemon soda. They should eat foods that are easy to metabolize because that just causes heat to be produced inside our bodies."
—SAMIULLAH JAN, 26, STUDENT
BANGKOK,



Find a shade tree.

THAILAND:
"Drop your heavy, unnecessary clothes and dress lightly. But the most important thing is to try to stay under the shade as much as you can. Don't enjoy too much sun, or you'll find yourself dehydrated within a very short time. If you really have to stay out there, make sure you carry a bottle of water with you."
—DUANGKAMON KIETSUKASEM, 26, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

"If you must walk out under the sun, wear a straw hat and put on more clothes. ... You have to learn how to deal with it. You have to live your life. If you're going to live a long one, you don't want to spend it worrying."
—SOMSAK KIATIPANICH, 68, BUSINESSMAN

MAIDUGURI, NIGERIA:
"On the farm, when we want to take a break or have lunch, we use the shade of trees, and sit under them. ... The temperature under neem and citrus trees is much cooler, compared to the direct sun heat and waves blowing from the winds of the Sahara Desert."
—BABANGIDA AUDU, 56, FARMER
GULU DISTRICT, UGANDA:
"When it is very hot here during dry seasons, we wear white clothes. White clothes reflect heat. We ensure that clothes are light. We also drink a lot of

water and bathe a lot."
—OKETCH BITEK, JOURNALIST
BAMAKO, MALI:
"Get everything you need to do done in the morning between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Then, during the hottest part of the day, rest at home. Make sure your home is well ventilated. Keep the windows open or, if you're rich, buy an air conditioner. ... It's good to wear a hat. In the Sahara we wear turbans. This is really the best as the moisture from your sweat gets locked in and keeps you cool. Maybe Americans don't want to wear turbans but they have nice big hats available there and that's good, too."
—MOHAMED ALHAS-SANE AG ELMOCTAR, lives in Bamako, but is from the town of Timbuktu on the edge of the Sahara desert where he owns and runs a hotel
BAGHDAD, IRAQ:
"The Americans should pour water on their heads from a hose so that their heat is reduced and they don't die."
—MALIK AL-GHAREEB, 25, FISHERMAN
ATHENS, GREECE:
"Drink plenty of water — but not sparkling water or soft drinks that contain a lot of sugar. If you really have to go out wear a hat and just cover small distances, or make sure you spend plenty of intervals indoors."
—OLYMBIA DOGA, 38, NURSE
"Keep the beer as near freezing as is humanly possible, and put plenty of ice in the martini. Just go easy on the vermouth."
—BABIS PAPAEMMANOUL, 22



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Daunting space task — send astronauts to asteroid

SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

HOUSTON — With the space shuttle now history, NASA's next great mission is so audacious, the agency's best minds are wrestling with how to pull it off: Send astronauts to an asteroid in less than 15 years.

The challenges are innumerable. Some old-timers are grouching about it, saying going back to the moon makes more sense. But many NASA brains are thrilled to have such an improbable assignment.

And NASA leaders say civilization may depend on it.

An asteroid is a giant space rock that orbits the sun, like Earth. And someday one might threaten the planet.

But sending people to one won't be easy. You can't land on an asteroid because you'd bounce off — it has virtually no gravity. Reaching it might require a NASA spacecraft to harpoon it. Heck, astronauts couldn't even walk on it because they'd float away.

NASA is thinking about jetpacks, tethers, bungees, nets and spiderwebs to allow explorers to float just above the surface of it while attached to a smaller mini-spaceship.

Such a ship — something like a "Star Trek" shuttlecraft melded with a deep sea explorer with pincer-like arms — is needed just to get

within working distance of the rock. That craft would have to be big enough for astronauts to live in for a week or two. They'd still need a larger habitat for the long term.

It would take half a year to reach an asteroid, based on current possible targets.

Beyond all those obstacles, NASA doesn't even know which asteroid would be the best place to visit.

All this has to be ready to launch by 2025 by presidential order.

"This is the big step," said Kent Joosten, chief architect of the human exploration team at

Johnson Space Center. "This is out into the universe, away from Earth's gravity completely... This is really where you are doing the 'Star Trek' kind of thing."

It has the dreamers of NASA both excited and anxious.

"This is a risky mission. It's a challenging mission," said NASA chief technology officer Bobby Braun. "It's the kind of mission that engineers will eat up."

This is a matter of sending "humans farther than ever before," said NASA Deputy Administrator Lori Garver. It is all a stepping stone to the dream of flying astronauts to Mars in the mid 2030s.

"I think it is THE mission NASA should embrace," said University of Tennessee aerospace professor John Muratore. "To be successful at this mission, you've got to embrace all of the technologies that you need



The deep space propulsion system to fly such a distance isn't perfected yet. Football-field-sized solar panels would help, meaning the entire mothership complex would be fairly large. It would have to protect the space travelers from killer solar and cosmic ray bursts. And, they would need a crew capsule, maybe two, for traveling between the asteroid complex and Earth.

And all those parts — mini-spaceship, habitat/living area, crew capsule, solar arrays and propulsion system — would have to be linked together in the middle of space, assembled in a way like the International Space Station but on a smaller scale.





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Critics, including former Apollo astronauts and flight directors, have blasted President Barack Obama for canceling George W. Bush's

plan to return astronauts to the moon. They dismiss talk of asteroid visits.

But that's because NASA has not done a good job of outlining the

fascinating details and explaining why it is important, said astronomer and former astronaut John Grunsfeld.

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“NASA doesn’t have a story right now,” said Grunsfeld, deputy director at the Space Telescope Science Institute. “Exploration is nothing if not the articulation of a great story.”

The story begins with why NASA would want to go to an asteroid. The agency has sent small spacecraft off to study asteroids over the years and even landed on one in 2001. Just last week, a space probe began orbiting a huge asteroid

called Vesta, which lies beyond Mars.

Scientifically, an asteroid is a remnant from the birth of the



solar system, offering clues about how our planetary system began.

Logistically, NASA wants to go to Mars, but that is distant and more difficult. So the argument is that going to an

asteroid is a better testing ground than returning to the moon.

The reason NASA Administrator Charles Bolden and others give is that this mission could save civilization. Every 100 million years or so an asteroid 6 miles wide —the type that killed off the dinosaurs, — smacks Earth, said NASA Near Earth Object program manager Donald Yeomans.

If NASA can get astronauts to an asteroid, they can figure out a way of changing a potential killer’s orbit. They’ll experiment with the safe one they land on, Braun said.

One joke going around is that dinosaurs

couldn’t stop catastrophe because they didn’t have a space program.

“One of the statements going to an asteroid will make is that humans are smarter than dinosaurs,” Grunsfeld said.

If you are going to reroute a killer asteroid, first you have to know one is coming and where it is now. And that’s also a problem for NASA’s mission. Astronomers figure there are about 50,000 asteroids and comets larger than 300 feet in diameter and they only know where fewer than 1 percent of them are, Yeomans said. NASA is focusing on rocks that size or larger that would come relatively close to Earth in the 2025 time frame.

At the moment, there are only a handful of asteroid options and they all have names like 1999AO10 or 2009OS5. NASA deputy exploration chief Laurie Leshin figures NASA will have to come up with, not just more targets, but better names.

Getting to one will be even tougher.

Huge powerful rockets are needed to launch spacecraft and parts out of Earth orbit. NASA promises to announce its design idea for these rockets by the end of the summer and Congress has ordered that they be built by 2016. It will take two or three or maybe even more launches of these unnamed rockets to get all the needed parts into space.

The crew capsule is the farthest along because NASA is using the Orion crew ship it was already designing for the now dead moon mission and repurposing it for deep space. NASA has already spent \$5 billion on Orion.

Once in space, the ship needs a propulsion system to get it to the asteroid. One way is to use traditional chemical propulsion, but that would require carrying lots of hard-to-store fuel and creation of a new storage system, Joosten said.

Another way is to use ion propulsion, which is efficient and requires less fuel, but it is enormously slow to rev up

and gain speed. It would also require an electrical ignition source, thus the giant solar power wings.

If NASA goes to ion propulsion, the best bet would be to start the bulk of the ship on a trip to and around the moon without astronauts. That would take a while, but if no one is on it, it doesn’t matter, Joosten said. Then when that ship is far from Earth, astronauts aboard Orion would dock and join the rest of the trip. By this time, the ship would have picked up sufficient speed and keep on accelerating.

Orion isn’t big enough for four astronauts to live on for a year. They would need a larger space habitat, a place where they can exercise to keep from losing bone strength in zero gravity. They would need a place to store food, sleep and most importantly a storm shelter to protect them from potentially deadly and radiation-loaded solar flares.

Much of the habitat could be inflatable, launched in a lightweight form, and inflated in space. On Friday, NASA announced a competition among four universities to design potential exploration habitats.

Meanwhile NASA is pursuing its concept for a mini-spaceship exploration vehicle, about the size of a minivan. And it’s planning an underwater lab for training, an effort to mimic an asteroid mission’s challenges, Joosten said.

Leshin notes 2025 is not that many years away: “There’s a lot of things we need to invent and build between now and then.”

Online

- NASA animation of a possible asteroid mission: <http://1.usa.gov/pMFyay>
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Cantaloupe is a member of a plant family that includes both melon and squash. The melon size varies depending on the growing region, but a medium-sized melon only consists of about 200 calories. Some experts believe that cultivation of cantaloupes dates back to the Biblical period in Egypt and Greece, while others are convinced that they were first cultivated in Persia (present day

Iran), Armenia and India.

The strawberry, a member of the rose family, is native to North America. The most common variety is a hybrid from the wild Virginia strawberry. The plant produces its succulent red, conical berries from tiny white flowers and sends out runners to spread and propagate. They have been around thousands of years, but early Americans did not bother to cultivate them because wild strawberries were so abundant. They are a good source of vitamin C.

White, salty, crumbly feta cheese is traditionally made from sheep or goat's milk, though now it's also made with cow's milk. Although it

is considered the model Greek brined cheese, it may have originally been Italian. The word "feta" did not even exist in Classical Greek. The New Greek word, originally tyripheta, means "cheese slice," but "feta" comes from the Italian word fette, meaning a slice of food.

This is a simple, summer meal salad great for weekend brunch or for your workday lunchbox entrée.

Chicken and Cantaloupe Strawberry Salad

1/4 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
1/4 cup reduced-fat sour cream
2 Tbsp. plain Greek



yogurt
2 Tbsp. fruit flavored vinegar (apple or raspberry work well)
1 tsp. poppy seeds
Freshly ground pepper to taste
1/4 tsp. sea salt
8 cups salad greens
2 cups cooked skinless

chicken breasts, cubed
2 cups cantaloupe, cubed
1 cup strawberries, halved
1/4 cup feta cheese, crumbled

In small skillet, toast walnuts over medium

heat for 2-3 minutes, until lightly browned. Remove from heat and set aside.

Combine sour cream, yogurt, vinegar, poppy seeds, salt and pepper in large mixing bowl and whisk until smooth. Reserve 1/4 cup of dressing in separate bowl. Add the greens to dressing in large bowl and toss to coat.

Divide coated greens among 4 salad plates and top with chicken, melon, strawberries, feta and walnuts. Drizzle each serving with 1 tablespoon of the reserved dressing and serve. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 295 calories, 12 g total fat (4 g saturated fat), 15 g carbohydrate,

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Q: How nutritious is watermelon compared to other fruits?

A: Each cup of watermelon (about half a large slice) offers about 13 milligrams of vitamin C (14 to 17 percent of currently recommended daily intake). This is not as high as cantaloupe or honeydew melon, or other high-C fruits such as kiwi, strawberries and oranges, but as one of seven to ten servings of fruits and vegetables daily, it makes an important contribution.

Watermelon is also an outstanding source of lycopene, an antioxidant phytochemical linked with lower risk of prostate. Lycopene is the carotenoid that gives tomatoes, watermelon, guava, and red and pink grapefruit their characteristic color. Finally, watermelon also offers a weight-control bonus. A one-cup serving can satisfy a sweet tooth with just 49 calories, making it one of the fruits least concentrated in sugar and calories.

Q: Are there tricks to make it easier to start eating smaller portions at home where there is plenty of food?

A: Yes. Experiment with some of these ways people have learned to eat

more appropriate portions and see what might work best for you. If you control how much food is prepared and find that there is always more than is really needed, try cutting back on the amount you fix, especially on the foods you are trying to limit. If you don't want extras to take for lunch or freeze for a future meal, you'll save money and face less temptation.

If you currently put serving bowls on the table, consider keeping food off the table so you have to get up to get any second portions. Simply not having a bowl of food right in front of your eyes and the need to make an extra effort to get more is often enough to help you reconsider. Try starting off with portions about 10 to 25 percent smaller than usual.

Studies suggest that we are often satisfied with less than we think we need. Some people find it easier to take smaller portions if they use a slightly smaller plate. Others find that if they fill their plates with a large portion of vegetables or salad, it makes it easier to take smaller portions of everything else.

Allow for the possibility of going back for seconds if you are really hungry, but if you wait just a few minutes in between, you may be surprised at how often that perceived need for more passes quickly away. Many people also note that when they eat more slowly and focus on really tast-

ing their food, they are satisfied with smaller amounts.

Q: Are iced-coffee drinks a sensible treat if I'm watching my weight?

A: A simple iced coffee or even an iced latte made with skim milk isn't a problem if you leave out added flavorings and whipped cream and choose the smallest size. A 12-ounce (oz.) iced latte or cappuccino made with skim milk usually contains about 130 calories; if made with 2 percent milk it might be closer to 160 calories. But if you add flavored syrups, whipped cream topping and other ingredients, the calorie content rises sharply.

Portion size is key. The largest size at most of today's popular coffee bars

is usually 24 oz., sometimes more. Order a large, and you could be getting up to 700 calories, lots of additional fat and almost a half-cup of sugar. Even if you skip the whipped cream these jumbo servings still provide about 450 calories. While you may be looking for a light, refreshing snack, what you may get is a drink that's equivalent to one or two portions of dessert.

To enjoy iced coffee drinks without wreaking havoc on your diet, order nonfat versions, skip the whipped cream and slowly savor a small portion.

If you're very thirsty, quench your thirst with a cool glass of water first and then you'll be able to fully savor your icy treat.



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Man declared dead after vanishing found in Vegas

MICHELLE RINDELS — Associated Press
LAS VEGAS — Court records paint a picture of Arthur Gerald Jones as a powerful Chicago financier who was tormented by snowballing gambling debts and a troubled marriage when he left home to run an errand in spring 1979 and never returned. FBI agents investigated his disappearance, focusing on possible mafia connections, but never solved the case. An Illi-

nois court declared the husband and father of three dead in 1986. Now, more than three decades later, authorities say Jones has been living under an alias, spending the past 10 years working as a bookie at a Las Vegas casino under the name Joseph Richard Sandelli. Jones, 72, was arrested Tuesday on four felony counts related to identity theft and fraud after a report that he fraudulently used a Social Security number led to an investigation. A criminal complaint filed Monday in Las Vegas Justice Court says Jones told investigators this week that he left Highland Park, Ill., all those years ago to get a “fresh start” and hasn’t talked to his family or friends there since. Before disappearing, Jones paid a friend in Chicago \$800 for fake documents and a Social Security number belonging to another man,

authorities said. The affidavit says Jones was a former Chicago commodities broker who lived in Highland Park with his wife, Joanne Esplin, and three young children. He told investigators he held a seat with the Chicago Board of Trade but was forced to sell it to pay debts. Attempts by The Associated Press to contact Esplin were unsuccessful. She and Jones had been married 17 years when he disappeared. She told investigators her husband forged her name to get a second mortgage on their home and pay personal gambling debts, the affidavit said. She also said she suspected he was delivering money or running errands for the Chicago mob. Esplin said the last time she saw her husband — whose gambling once led him to

bet \$30,000 on a basketball game — was May 11, 1979, when he left to run an errand. She said he looked very nervous at the time, the affidavit said. Presuming Jones had died, Social Security paid his family \$47,000 in survivor benefits. Earlier this month, investigators from the Social Security Administration contacted Nevada DMV officials. They were investigating Jones for using the Social Security number of a man named Clifton Goodenough, the affidavit said. InvestigatorssayJones used his Joseph Sandelli alias to get a Nevada driver’s license when he moved to Nevada in 1988, and renewed it in 2008. Authorities say he also lived in Florida and California after leaving Chicago. Jones’ lawyer, Stephen Stein, says the Nevada attorney general

is offering his client a plea deal that would allow him to plead guilty to just one of the charges and face probation. Jones posted bail \$20,000 Thursday and has not discussed the plea deal with Stein. Stein said his client has friends in Las Vegas who “consider him family” and who sprang to his defense after the arrest. He is set for an Aug. 23 court hearing. DMV spokesman Kevin Malone said cases like Jones’ are turning up more frequently as computer databases improve and law enforcement agencies are better able to communicate among themselves. “Technology is catching up,” he said. The Social Security Administration is continuing its investigation.



Convicted killer had nightmares

CLEVELAND (AP) — The nightmares happened when Anthony Sowell was smoking crack cocaine in the company of women, especially if they reminded him of his ex-girlfriend. And, as he told detectives, the nightmares

were all the same: They involved him hurting a woman with his hands. When he woke up, the women were gone. “Reminded me of my girl, that’s the best I can tell you. It was like everything’s cool, she was spending the night or something,” Sowell said in a police interrogation that was recorded as authorities were pulling 11 bodies out of his Cleveland home and backyard. “And I’d be like, ‘Damn, where’d you go?’” Sowell was convicted Friday of killing 11 poor, drug-addicted black

women whose remains were found in his home and backyard in late 2009. He now faces the death penalty. During the trial, prosecutors painted Sowell as a man jilted by an ex-girlfriend who made other women pay for his fury. His ex-girlfriend Lori Frazier, testified that he grew violent when he smoked crack. After she moved out of his home, she often saw him with bloody injuries on his face and neck. Once, she saw him dumping the contents of a bucket into a hole in his yard.



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Drought may be contributing to rabies cases

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Veterinarians and state health officials say an increase in rabies cases, particularly in parts of North Texas, may be due to the drought forcing wild rabid animals into more populated areas to find water.

The animals then have contact with family pets.

For the first six months of the years, preliminary state records show 591 cases of rabies compared with 387 over the same period a year ago.

Reports show 51 were reported in Denton, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise counties during the first six months of 2011 compared with 25 in the same period last year.

State officials suspect the drought is a contributing factor in the reporting of rabies, along with an increased skunk population and better public awareness of the disease.

3 dead, 1 hurt in Arizona motorcycle rally shooting

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Authorities say three people are dead and one is critically wounded after a shooting at a motorcycle rally in northern Arizona.

The Coconino County sheriff's office says the shooting happened late Friday at a campground at Mormon Lake, about 35 miles southeast of Flagstaff. Authorities say the victims were all participants in the annual "Too Broke for Sturgis" motorcycle rally.

Authorities say two men and a woman were killed, while another woman was shot six times and remains in a Flagstaff hospital after emergency surgery.

Sheriff's spokesman Gerry Blair says no suspect is in custody, and it appears the shooting was a murder-suicide.

Two other women in the party were taken to the

hospital to be treated for shock.

The victims' names are being withheld pending notification of family.

2 dead, 4 missing after boats crash

LAKE HALLIE, Wis. (AP) — Two people are dead and four are missing after two boats collided on the Chippewa River in western Wisconsin.

The Eau Claire Leader-Telegram reports (<http://bit.ly/q6udw3>) a Princecraft boat, which is similar to a pontoon boat, was carrying six people when it hit a speedboat with four on board at about 9:45 p.m. Friday.

Chippewa County Undersheriff Eugene Gutsch says one person in each boat died. Three people taken to area hospitals late Friday night, and one man was arrested.

Officials searched the river until about 1:30 a.m. and then resumed again Saturday morning.

Gutsch says people on one boat had gathered for an upcoming wedding.

The investigation into the crash on the Lake Hallie side of the river continues.

Okla. officials find doughnuts help trap bears

COOKSON, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma wildlife officials say nothing traps a black bear quite like a doughnut.

Wildlife officers are studying the growing black bear population in the eastern part of the state, and they say they've had the best success in trapping the animals when they use pastries as bait.

Craig Endicott of the Wildlife Department told Tulsa television station KOTV the agency usually finds 300-pound male bears and 200-pound females in its traps. But on a recent day, a 50-pound cub got to the doughnut first.

The bears are tagged and researchers take fur and tissue samples for DNA analysis. Some adult bears

get tracking collars.

Researchers also are setting up about 200 bait stations equipped with hair snares. DNA from the hair will help map bears' movement.

Wu to talk with Congress leaders

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A source says Congressman David Wu will likely be speaking with congressional leaders about a newspaper report that a young woman has accused the Democrat of an unwanted sexual encounter.

The source, who is close to the congressman, spoke with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The source says the outcome of the talks with congressional leaders is not known.

The Oregonian reports that a young woman from California has accused the Democrat of an unwanted sexual encounter last November. The newspaper said the information came from multiple sources familiar with the allegation.

Wu represents Oregon's 1st Congressional District, which includes southwest Portland and suburbs in Washington County.

Tropical Storm Dora further weakens off Mexico

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical Storm Dora is weakening as it moves northwest in the Pacific off Mexico.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami says Dora's top sustained winds dropped Saturday morning to 45 mph (72 kph).

Dora moved northwest at 9 mph (15 kph), and was expected to move parallel to the west coast of southern Baja, Calif. All storm warnings and watches had been canceled as of late Saturday morning.

Dora's center was 170 miles (274 kilometers) southwest of Cabo San Lucas. It's expected to weaken to a tropical depression later Saturday or early Sunday.

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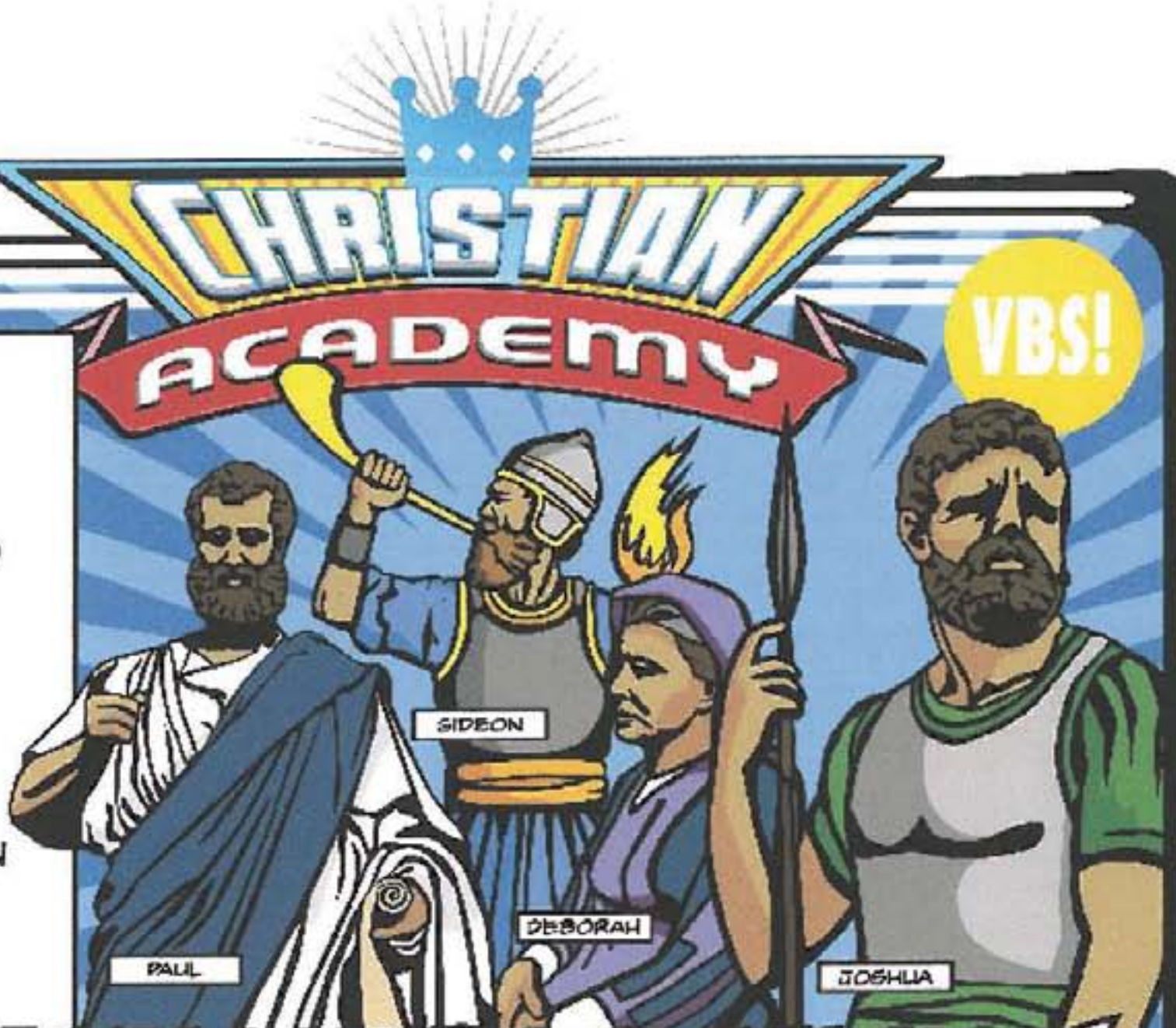
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Colby Lewis, seen in this AP file photo, threw a no-hitter through five innings as the Rangers beat the Blue jays 12-2 Friday night.

Rangers return to Arlington, winning

ARLINGTON (AP) — Nelson Cruz got his boomstick back in a big way for the Texas Rangers.

Cruz broke out of an extended slump with a career-high eight RBIs, driving in runs with hits in each of his four at-bats, while Colby Lewis took a no-hitter into the sixth inning in the Rangers' 12-2 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Friday night.

After getting only one RBI his previous 11 games, Cruz put the Rangers ahead to stay with a run-scoring double in the second. The slugger later had multiple RBIs in three consecutive innings.

"Everybody else has been picking us up. We've been waiting for Nelson to get going, and tonight he got going,"

manager Ron Washington said. "When Nelson gets going, he can do exactly what he did. He can hit the ball hard and hit it far."

Cruz added his 22nd homer, a three-run shot, in the fourth off Jo-Jo Reyes (5-8). Cruz, who had hit only .186 (8 for 43) his previous 12 games, greeted Shawn Camp with a two-out single in the fifth, then added another two-run single off the reliever in the sixth.

"It could be a huge boost for Nelson," Washington said.

Cruz has 64 RBIs in his 81 games this season. But he had only seven RBIs in 16 games since matching his previous career-high with six on July 1 in a 15-5 victory over Florida.

"I don't think I've been on top of my game yet," Cruz said. "I always be-

lieve that this part of the game is when I'm getting more ready. Hopefully good things keep coming."

It was the second eighth-inning RBI game in the majors this season, and the most for the Rangers since Ivan Rodriguez set a team record with nine at-bats on April 13, 1999. Ben Zobrist had eight RBIs for Tampa Bay at Minnesota on April 28.

Lewis (10-7) allowed one run and two hits over 6 2-3 innings to become the third Rangers starter to win 10 games this season. Only one other time in the franchise's 51 seasons have the Rangers had three 10-game winners before the end of July.

It was the fifth straight victory over seven starts

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Volleyball camp July 25-28

BSISD's volleyball camp will be held July 25-28, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The camp is open to students in grades 3-8 for a fee of \$25. T-shirts can also be purchased for \$10. Call 432-264-3662 for more information.

Steers football equipment fitting

Equipment fitting for the Steers football players has been announced.

Juniors will be fitted Monday and Tuesday, July 25-26 at 9 a.m.

Sophomores will be fitted Wednesday and Thursday, July 27-28 at 9 a.m.

Freshmen will be fitted Thursday and Friday, July 28-29 at 9 a.m.

Steer season tickets on sale

The athletic department of the Big Spring Steers has announced the dates for season ticket sales. Those previously holding season tickets can purchase tickets for the 2011-2012 season July 18-Aug. 4 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

New purchasers of season tickets can purchase their ticket books Aug. 8-Aug. 17 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The ticket books are \$25 and include all five home games. For more information, contact Kay Cook at 432-264-3662.

Football, cheerleading signups start Saturday

Sign-ups for CYFA's youth football and cheerleading signups will be held Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost of the programs are \$125 for divisions one and two, \$75 for flag football and \$100 for cheerleading.

Signups will take place at Big Spring Mall every Saturday through Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Signups will also be taken Aug. 9, 11, 16 and 18 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 432-816-6871.

Flag football workers needed

Anyone interested in heading up or helping run the Big Spring area NFL Flag Football League, please call or text 432-213-7186. This is a coed flag football league that is run in conjunction with the NFL.

Climb to the top handicap bowling tournament Aug. 28

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For additional information, contact Greg Clarke at 432-264-6480 or John and Diana Dodd at 432-267-7484. Further information can be obtained on Bowl-A-Rama's website. Simply go to www.bigspringbowlarama.com

Courses host local tournaments

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

Comanche Trail Golf Course is hosting its City Golf Championship tournament July 30-31. The tournament will be open to any Howard County resident or current annual member of CTGC or Big Spring Country Club. The field will be divided into three divisions: Women's, Men's and Men's Senior (55 or older).

Men must declare themselves eligible for the Championship Flight before play begins. Flights will be determined after Saturday's (July 30) rounds are completed. Trophies will be awarded to the winners of each flight.

The entry fee for the tournament has been set at \$40 per player. The green fees have been waived for the tournament, but golf carts will cost \$10 per player.

In August, Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a Guys and Gals Scramble golf tournament. The Aug. 6-7 event will kick off to shotgun starts at 9 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday, with lunch being served Saturday and appetizers on Sunday. The field will be flighted by first round scores, with the number of flights being determined by the number of entries.

The cost of the tournament will be \$150 per team, plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome. For more information, call the pro shop at call 432-267-5354.

Astros lose early lead to Cubs, win streak stops at two

CHICAGO (AP) — The Houston Astros had their chances, but just couldn't capitalize.

A very similar story for the team with the major leagues' worst record.

Aramis Ramirez and Alfonso Soriano hit fifth-inning homers and the Chicago Cubs beat the Astros 4-2 on Friday.

The Astros (33-66) loaded the bases with nobody out in the second and third innings against Carlos Zambrano but managed only one run, scored on a double play.

"We had 10 hits, but it

seemed like they didn't come quite when we would have liked if we had our choice," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "(Michael) Bourn swung the bat really well, three knocks. We weren't able to capitalize."

Bourn had three hits and two stolen bases in the leadoff spot, but never made it past second base.

The Astros loaded the bases with nobody out in the second on Carlos Lee's walk and back-to-back singles by Brett Wallace and Chris Johnson.

Zambrano fell behind Clint Barmes 3-0, but induced a double-play grounder to short, scoring Lee with the game's first run. Zambrano escaped further damage by getting Humberto Quintero on a bouncer to second.

The Astros again loaded the bases with no outs in the third.

Norris and Bourn singled and Zambrano hit Jose Altuve in the shoulder with a pitch.

Zambrano fell behind Hunter Pence 3-0, but Pence lined sharply to shallow left. Lee flied out to about the same

spot, leaving the bases loaded with two outs for Wallace, who also flied to right to end the inning.

"Hunter hit the ball well in the third inning, but it was right at (Soriano)," Mills said. "Anytime you have those opportunities to score and you only get one it's tough."

Zambrano knew he got away with one, too.

"I got lucky on the pitch to Pence," he said. "He hit it hard, but right at Soriano. Sometimes it's good to have luck, too."

Bud Norris (5-7) took

the loss in his first career start at Wrigley Field. He gave up nine hits in 6 1-3 innings, allowed four runs and struck out five.

Norris eluded trouble in the first four innings, but gave up four runs in the fifth.

Soriano cut Houston's lead to 2-1 with a leadoff homer. Chicago tied it when Darwin Barney singled, went to second on Zambrano's bunt hit, stole third and scored on Starlin Castro's sacrifice fly.

Ramirez then hit his 18th homer of the season, a two-run shot, into

the left-field bleachers to put the Cubs up 4-2.

His 13 homers since June 24 are the most in the majors.

"I didn't execute that pitch to Ramirez," Norris said. "Trying to get a fastball up and in, definitely left it out and over, and that's what a good hitter does to it. It's unfortunate that's how the game gets decided sometimes, but that's the way it's been for us this year."

Zambrano (7-5) won for just the second time since May 26 and

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for Lewis, matching his career-best. The right-hander struck out five and walked two, those being the only runners he allowed the first five innings.

“Getting a huge offensive production, I was able to go out and just kind of pound the strike zone,” Lewis said. “Nellie Cruz tonight, that’s awesome. Anytime you get that type of production, it’s pretty easy to pitch.”

His no-hit bid ended when J.P. Arencibia snapped his 0-for-16 slide with a 398-foot homer to left field leading off the sixth. It was the AL-high 24th homer allowed this season by Lewis.

Arencibia led off the eighth with another homer, his 14th of the season.

“I’m not worried about that. I’m worried about the runs we gave up,” said Arencibia, the Toronto catcher. “My job is to give our team an opportunity to win the game, and they scored too many runs. ... I know I can hit. Everyone’s going to struggle. But one of my duties is to keep those guys from hitting home plate, and obviously we didn’t do that.”

Reyes gave up eight runs in 4 1-3 innings with three strikeouts and a walk. The left-hander was trying to win his third consecutive start.

Toronto was coming off a three-game sweep of Seattle and had won eight of its previous 10. The Blue Jays had won 10 of their last 13 games against Texas, including three of four at Rangers Ballpark in April.

Michael Young added four hits and four runs for the AL

West-leading Rangers, who won for the 13th time in 15 games. They ended a two-game losing streak that came after winning 12 straight.

Adrian Beltre had two hits and walked during his three at-bats before leaving the game with a strained left hamstring sustained running from first to third on Young’s single in the fifth.

Just before getting to third, Beltre cringed and pulled up slightly in an effort to take pressure off his leg. The All-Star third baseman reached back and grabbed the back of his leg above his knee after getting to the base.

Beltre will have an MRI on Saturday.

“I just felt like a really hard grab. It felt like it was going to tear my leg,” Beltre said. “I just hope it’s not as bad as I felt, or what I thought it was, but I don’t know. We’re going to take an MRI and find out exactly what it is.”

Notes: It was only the fourth time a Ranger had at least eight RBIs.

The other season Texas had three 10-win pitchers by the end of July was 1979, with Fergie Jenkins, Steve Comer and Jim Kern. All of Kern’s wins came as a reliever, meaning this is the first time the Rangers have accomplished that with three starters.

Toronto leadoff hitter Yunel Escobar finished 0 for 4, ending his career-best streak of reaching base 25 consecutive games.

Arencibia’s second homer came off Arthur Rhodes, the 41-year-old left-hander making his first appearance since July 4.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Boston	60	37	.619	—	—	8-2	W-2	29-17	31-20
New York	58	39	.598	2	—	6-4	W-1	31-19	27-20
Tampa Bay	52	46	.531	8½	6½	3-7	L-1	24-25	28-21
Toronto	50	50	.500	11½	9½	7-3	L-1	24-24	26-26
Baltimore	39	57	.406	20½	18½	3-7	L-2	25-27	14-30

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Detroit	53	46	.535	—	—	6-4	W-2	29-22	24-24
Cleveland	51	47	.520	1½	7½	4-6	L-3	27-19	24-28
Chicago	48	51	.485	5	11	5-5	W-1	21-25	27-26
Minnesota	46	53	.465	7	13	5-5	L-2	25-24	21-29
Kansas City	41	58	.414	12	18	5-5	W-3	27-28	14-30

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	57	43	.570	—	—	8-2	W-1	32-18	25-25
Los Angeles	54	46	.540	3	5½	6-4	W-3	28-23	26-23
Oakland	43	56	.434	13½	16	4-6	L-1	26-22	17-34
Seattle	43	56	.434	13½	16	0-10	L-13	23-26	20-30

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	62	36	.633	—	—	7-3	W-3	35-15	27-21
Atlanta	59	41	.590	4	—	6-4	W-2	30-19	29-22
New York	50	49	.505	12½	8½	4-6	W-1	22-26	28-23
Washington	49	50	.495	13½	9½	4-6	W-1	28-18	21-32
Florida	47	53	.470	16	12	5-5	L-4	22-32	25-21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	54	47	.535	—	—	6-4	W-1	33-14	21-33
Pittsburgh	51	46	.526	1	6½	6-4	L-2	25-24	26-22
St. Louis	52	47	.525	1	6½	5-5	W-2	25-21	27-26
Cincinnati	48	51	.485	5	10½	4-6	L-1	25-23	23-28
Chicago	40	60	.400	13½	19	4-6	W-1	23-31	17-29
Houston	33	66	.333	20	25½	3-7	L-1	17-36	16-30

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Fran	57	43	.570	—	—	7-3	L-2	30-18	27-25
Arizona	53	47	.530	4	6	4-6	L-1	27-23	26-24
Colorado	48	52	.480	9	11	5-5	W-1	26-26	22-26
San Diego	44	56	.440	13	15	4-6	L-1	20-30	24-26
Los Angeles	43	56	.434	13½	15½	5-5	L-1	23-28	20-28

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improved to 16-8 against Houston, the most wins against the Astros by an active pitcher.

Zambrano allowed nine hits and two runs in six innings. He struck out three and walked one. Five relievers combined to throw three scoreless innings.

Sean Marshall pitched the ninth for his third save. Carlos Marmol, the Cubs’ closer for most of the season, struck out the only two batters he faced in the eighth. He could soon regain the role of Chicago closer.

NOTES: Houston activated OF Jason Bourgeois from the 15-day disabled list and optioned outfielder Brian Boguevic to Triple-A Oklahoma City. Bourgeois struck out as a pinch-hitter in the eighth.

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NFL still on hold as players weigh options

ASHINGTON (AP) — Sorry, football fans. The NFL is stuck in a holding pattern, with work still to be done to end the lockout. Heck, the players haven't even scheduled a vote. People from both sides of the labor dispute planned to talk through the weekend — although not face-to-face — to try to resolve the differences preventing players from accepting the owner-approved proposal that would put the league back in business. After the NFL Players Association decided not to vote Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, it's possible it won't make any decision until next week. It all comes down to how long it takes to resolve the remaining issues.

As it is, clubs won't open their facilities to players Saturday, when owners wanted to unlock the gates. "Now it's just waiting," Carolina Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said at an Atlanta hotel where team executives were briefed Friday on new rules for next season. "Be flexible, and wait and see what happens." Owners ratified the tentative terms 31-0 — the Oakland Raiders abstained — on Thursday, provided players would give their OK, too, and re-establish their union within a certain timeframe. But players decided later Thursday not to hold a vote, saying they hadn't had a chance to see a finished product. By Friday, it was in

hand. "Player leadership is discussing the most recent written proposal with the NFL, which includes a settlement agreement, deal terms and the right process for addressing recertification," NFLPA president Kevin Mawae said in a statement released by the group. "There will not be any further NFLPA statements today out of respect for the Kraft family while they mourn the loss of Myra Kraft." Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFLPA head DeMaurice Smith attended Friday's funeral in Newton, Mass., for the wife of New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft. Even when players decide they're OK with a final agreement, their

approval process is more complicated than the owners' was. The 32 team reps will have to recommend accepting the settlement. Then the 10 named plaintiffs in the players' lawsuit against the league — including Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees — must officially inform the court of their approval. Eventually, all 1,900 players would take a majority vote to approve returning the NFLPA to union status. When talks broke down in March, allowing the old collective bargaining agreement to expire, the players dissolved the union, turning the NFLPA into a trade association. That's what allowed the players to sue the owners in federal court under antitrust

law. Only after the NFLPA is again a union can it negotiate certain parts of a new CBA. Among those items that are of most concern to players: —the league's personal conduct policy; —drug testing; —benefits, such as pension funds, the disability plan, and the "88 Plan," which provides money for care of former players with de-

mentia or Alzheimer's disease. The major economic framework for a 10-year deal was worked out a week ago. That included how the more than \$9 billion in annual league revenues will be divided (about 53 percent to owners and 47 percent to players over the next decade; the old CBA resulted in nearly a 50-50 split); a per-club cap of

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U.S. softball team downs Australia

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Even without any Olympic veterans, the U.S. softball team is still quick to pounce on any miscue by an opponent. Valerie Arioto had a two-run triple and the U.S. scored three unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth to beat Australia 5-2 Friday night at the World Cup of Softball. Australia, the bronze medalist at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 2009 World Cup runner-up, came back from a 2-0 deficit to tie it before letting the U.S. (2-0) pull ahead again. "Just because they come back, you still have the hammer, the way we can swing the bat and make things happen," first-year coach Ken Ericksen said. Gone are Jennie Finch, Jessica Mendoza, Cat Osterman and the other stars of America's past. But the heroes of tomorrow are emerging every day for the U.S. Arioto came up with two outs after Justine Smethurst intentionally walked Brittany Schutte. Arioto hit a liner into shallow left that Verity Long-Dropert missed on a diving attempt. The ball rolled to the wall and two runs scored. Arioto, a U.S. rookie, admitted having "a little butterflies" after Schutte was walked to bring her up in a clutch situation. "I kind of saw it com-

ing, so I was ready for it and prepared," Arioto said. "I was kind of glad they did it. I wanted to be the one up there." Taylor Hoagland added an RBI single for the final margin. The rally got started after Stacy May-Johnson reached on third baseman Stacy Porter's fielding error with one out and advanced on a groundout. "Obviously it happened at the right time and got us going," said May-Johnson, who homered in the Americans' World Cup opener. "Val came up with the big hit and we were able to have a big inning." Keilani Ricketts (1-0) gave up an RBI single to pinch hitter Jodie Stevenson — the first batter she faced after entering in the top of the sixth — and then got four straight outs before giving up a walk and single to bring the tying run to the plate with two outs in the seventh. Chelsea Thomas earned the save for the second straight night, striking out Chelsea Forkin to end the game. "You've got to come to work every day," Ericksen said. "That's a good win." Third baseman Jenae Leles, one of only three players on the U.S. roster with national team experience, left the game in the fifth after twisting her right ankle while fielding a bunt. Trainers examined her knee in the dugout and

she was on crutches after the game. "She's OK. Just turned the ankle a little bit," Ericksen said. "More scary than anything else. It's precautionary. We'll keep her on crutches tonight. I think she'll be ready to go tomorrow night." On Saturday, the Americans face their top two rivals — 2008 gold medalist Japan and Canada. The United States has suffered only three losses at the World Cup, once last year to Canada and twice at the inaugural event in 2005, but is in rebuilding mode after several veterans decided not to play for the national team this year. Each of the first two games has been a nail-biter for the once-dominant Americans. "I think you learn a lot more from a competitive game than you do a game where it's lopsided. I think it was a good growing experience for us," May-Johnson said. "It was good for us to get out on the field and have

to work for something, have to fight for it and battle for it and to come out on top." Smethurst (1-2) took her second tough loss of the day. She carried a shutout into extra innings before giving up Yu Yamamoto's

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Start Early to get ahead

Balance is key for school readiness

Start Early to Get Ahead Balance is key for school readiness

What does being ready for elementary school really mean? It used to mean starting the first day of school with all the supplies on the list, but now we know so much more about how young children’s brains develop. More and more parents are aware of the positive effects of a high quality early childhood education for their child’s success. This knowledge has also led to extra emphasis on acquiring academic skills. Experts suggest parents take a step back and look for programs with a balanced approach to school readiness.

“With young children, everything is connected: their minds, bodies and emotions; creativity, happiness, security and intellectual progress,” says Dr. Robert Needlman, author and nationally acclaimed pediatrician. “A balanced approach to readiness celebrates this reality about children. It’s our best hope for turning out students who can think, feel and act independently and effectively.”

What is a Balanced Approach to Learning?

From birth through age five, development in all areas of the brain is rapid. Research suggests that the quality of interactions children experience during this essential time can have a far reaching effect on future learning and the formation of satisfactory relationships. It is true that early childhood education programs have become more learning-focused in light of the research on childhood brain development, but high quality programs take a broader perspective. The focus of a balanced early childhood education program should be on helping children develop physical, social-emotional, creative and academic skills.

Nurturing guidance and attention to every part of a child’s development during this crucial stage helps children not only learn reading and math skills, but how to show compassion, independence, resilience and curiosity — all qualities that could be taken for granted, but that are taught and encouraged in a quality preschool setting.

“Children who are confident, self-regulating and able to relate to others will have a better experience transitioning to elementary school, regardless of their exact reading or math skill level,” said Dr. Mary Zurn, vice president of education for Primrose Schools, a family of 220 private preschools across the country. “On the academic side, it is as important for children to be eager to learn, to ask questions and to be able to think as it is for them to know letter names and sounds and be able to solve mathematical problems.”

When looking for an early childhood education program, research is the first step to selecting one that will provide your child with these lasting benefits. Dr. Zurn recommends looking for these five key factors in a preschool:

1. Focus on mastering concepts, not just memorization: Look for a preschool that teaches children to love learning. They de-

velop an understanding of concepts through hands-on activities, play and by expressing what they have learned to others.

2. Physical Activity: P.E. or even recess can often get cut from public programs, but being physically active is key to curbing childhood obesity and to forming positive life skills. Purposeful instruction in motor skills and outdoor play are both part of a well-rounded preschool education.

3. Music: Did you know that early exposure to music not only enhances a child’s ability to create and enjoy music, but also fosters other aspects of brain development? Early exposure to music can improve IQ scores, motor coordination and social skills. Research shows that music potential needs to be nurtured with song, dance and play before age five or it is not likely to develop. An early childhood education music program supports the development of your child’s sense of rhythm, pitch, melody and motor coordination, all while having fun.

4. Character Development: Look for programs that intentionally and consistently teach your child to be honest, kind, compassionate and respectful. Social-emotional development during preschool is key to a successful transition to elementary school and lifelong healthy relationships.

5. Parent Resources: Finally, it’s important to remember that learning does not stop outside the classroom — your interactions with your child at home are equally important. Consider the resources, tips and tools that a school can offer parents. Frequent communication with your child’s teacher can give you insight into how your child is advancing and help you reinforce balanced learning at home.

If you are still wondering if your child will be ready for school, you can find a list of school readiness resources and advice from moms who have been through the child care journey at www.justaskaprimrosemom.com.

Choosing a Preschool

Dr. Joanne Nurss, professor emeritus of educational psychology at Georgia State University in Atlanta and former director of the Center for the Study of Adult Literacy, has conducted extensive research and published numerous articles in the field of children’s literacy development. Dr. Nurss encourages parents to look for high-quality early childhood education programs with the following criteria:

— Physical Development: Is indoor and outdoor physical activity part of the daily schedule? With childhood obesity on the rise and research that shows that movement plays a role in early brain development, daily exercise such as running, stretching or even dance should be a part of the curriculum.

— Social-Emotional Development: Does the curriculum include programs specifically designed to nurture your child’s social and emotional development? Look for programs that promote an understanding of concepts like friendship, generosity and honesty.

— Creative Development: Are enrichment programs such as art and music woven into the day’s activities? Young children naturally engage in creative activity in their day-to-day thinking, but ongoing enrichment activities lay the foundation for later creative skills.

— Academic Development: Does the classroom teaching method go beyond basic memorization to encourage concept mastery? Academic success is not just about fact memorization. Learning how to think critically, use mathematical concepts and expand listening, speaking, reading and writing skills will help your child develop a love of learning.



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Births



ELI MADDEX PONCE DE LEON

Stefanie and Ivan Ponce de Leon of Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico announce the birth of their son, Eli Maddex.

Eli was born June 24, 2011, at 11:25 a.m. in Lubbock. He weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 21 ¼ inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Tammy and Malcolm Pointon of Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico, formerly of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Jaime and Guadalupe Ponce de Leon.

He was welcomed home by sibling, Ethan, age 2 ½.



KARLIE LYN HERNANDEZ

Karlie Lyn Hernandez, daughter of Alfredo and Yuly Hernandez of Big Spring, was born July 13, 2011, at 4:44 p.m.

She weighed 7 pounds and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Guadalupe and Julian Burciaga of Big Spring.

Her paternal grandparent is Lupe Rivas of Big Spring.

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Corbin Young and Kandace Schuelke

Schuelke and Young

Corbin Heath Young and Kandace Joann Schuelke will exchange wedding vows Dec. 31, 2011, at Circle Six Ranch Baptist Tabernacle, Stanton.

The future bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Patty Schuelke of Stanton and the prospective groom is the son of Ren and Leisha Young of Paradise, Texas.

Miss Schuelke is a 2008 graduate of Grady ISD and attends Howard Payne University in Brownwood. A biology major, she expects to graduate in 2012.

Young graduated from Paradise ISD in 2006 and attained a degree in ministerial theology from Howard Payne University in 2010. Corbin is employed as a representative of Fellowship of Christian Athletes in the Brownwood area.



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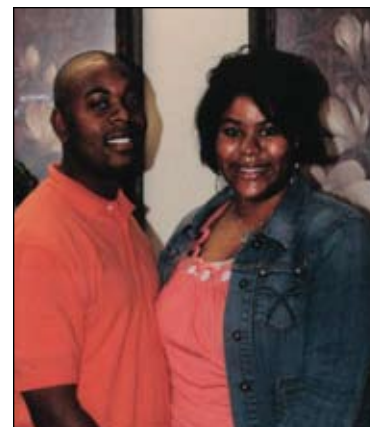
Carlita Lynette Green and Johnny Clifford Williams, both of Big Spring, announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Carl and Sheriel Green and the granddaughter of the late Johnny and Charles Green, of Big Spring.

The groom-to-be is the son of Johnny Williams Sr. of San Angelo and the grandson of Kay Conner of Big Spring.

Both are graduates of Big Spring High School.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows July 30, 2011 at Cornerstone Covenant Church at 4 p.m.



Johnny Williams and Carlita Green

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\$219,682 awarded by PBAF to numerous West Texas students

MIDLAND – Permian Basin Area Foundation announced \$219,682 in scholarship awards at its 15th Annual Scholarship Dinner at the Midland County Horseshoe. Jack D. Ladd, dean of the School of Business at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, was the event's featured speaker.

One hundred forty-one scholarship awards were presented to students from communities throughout the Permian Basin region. These were made possible by countless donors to the foundation's more than 70 endowed scholarship funds. Since 1990, Permian Basin Area Foundation has provided scholarship awards totaling approximately \$2 million.

"Thank you to the Foundation's donors for your support in creating permanent resources for education," said Steve Barron, chairman of the Foundation's Board of Governors. "Your commitment and generosity provide excellent educational opportunities for students today and for future generations of West Texans."

"Communities in the Permian Basin can be justifiably proud of these young men and women," noted Guy McCrary, foundation president and CEO. "If an organization or individuals are looking for a way to make an investment in the future of our communities supporting education for our youth is a wonderful fund choice."

Recipients were:

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Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship — Blake Thomasson

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Clayton Welch Henson Memorial Scholarship — Stephen Reyes
Prentiss & Leona Hightower Memorial Scholarship — Rachel Franklin

Lance Kargl Memorial Scholarship — Tyler Fulton, Koby Marsh, Joshua Powell

Grace Loveless Jones Scholarship — Donald Fulton

Jimmie and Dorothy Mashburn Scholarship — Joe B. Bryand, Jami Hale

Roy & Clarice Martin Scholarship — Ashton Snellgrove

Curtis Pool Scholarship — Samantha Shryack

Dan and Billye Saunders Scholarship — Brandon Almanza

Stanton Lions Club Scholarship — Caleb Tomlinson

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship — Tyler Fulton

TARZAN
Marie Hall Scholarship — Zane Robinson
Clayton Welch Henson Memorial Scholarship — Lauren Robinson

J.M. Yater Memorial Scholarship — Johan Wiebe

The Foundation has awarded more than \$35.4 million in grants and scholarships. For more information about the Foundation, visit its website at www.pbaf.org.

Who's Who

• Bryan R. Juan, son of Drs. Mel and Lorna Juan, received a bachelor of arts in chemistry and a bachelor of science in biological sciences, Magna Cum Laude and honors in liberal arts during the May 2011 SMU commencement ceremony. After the university-wide commencement, SMU's schools and departments held individual ceremonies throughout the day to honor graduates.

Bryan will continue his education and pursue his doctor of medicine degree at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock.

SMU is a nationally ranked private university in Dallas founded 100 years ago. Today SMU enrolls nearly 11,000 students who benefit from the academic opportunities and international reach of seven degree-granting schools.

• Justin Moss, 2011 Big Spring High School graduate, received a Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship at the Permian Basin Area Foundation this past week.

Moss is the son of Kirk and Darlynn Allen of Big Spring and the grandson of Rocky Allen and Florence Winfield of Big Spring.

He will be attending Howard College this fall semester and studying computer technology.



Bryan R. Juan



Justin Moss

Menus

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Tuesday: barbecue chicken, potato salad, yellow squash, Texas toast, sliced peaches, milk.

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Thursday: chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce/tomatoes, apricot crisp, milk.

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Or Is it that we just don't understand what sexual assault of a child really is.

What is child sexual abuse exactly?

If you are not exactly sure what sexual abuse is, you're not alone. All sexual touching between an adult and a child is sexual abuse. Sexual touching between children can also be sexual abuse when there is a significant age difference (often defined as 3 or more years) between the children or if the children are very different developmentally or size-wise. Sexual abuse does not have to involve penetration, force, pain, or even touching. If an adult engages in any sexual behavior (looking, showing, or touching) with a child to meet the adult's sexual needs or interest, it is sexual abuse.

Most often child sexual abuse is a gradual process and not a single event. By learning the early warning signs and how to effectively step in and speak up, sexual abuse can be stopped before a child is harmed. **Adults must take the primary responsibility for preventing child sexual abuse by addressing any concerning or questionable behavior which may pose a risk to a child's safety.**

WARNING SIGNS:

Behavior you may see in a child

- Has nightmares or other sleep problems without an explanation
- Seems distracted or distant at odd times
- Has a sudden change in eating habits
- Refuses to eat
- Loses or drastically increases appetite
- Has trouble swallowing.
- Sudden mood swings: rage, fear, insecurity or withdrawal
- Leaves "clues" that seem likely to provoke a discussion about sexual issues
- Writes, draws, plays or dreams of sexual or frightening images
- Develops new or unusual fear of certain people or places
- Refuses to talk about a secret shared with an adult or older child
- Talks about a new older friend
- Suddenly has money, toys or other gifts without reason
- Thinks of self or body as repulsive, dirty or bad
- Exhibits adult-like sexual behaviors, language and knowledge

Signs more typical of younger children

- An older child behaving like a younger child (such as bed-wetting or thumb sucking)
- Has new words for private body parts
- Resists removing clothes when appropriate times (bath, bed, toileting, diapering)
- Asks other children to behave sexually or play sexual games
- Mimics adult-like sexual behaviors with toys or stuffed animal
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Big Spring ISD Registration

Pre-K, Kindergarten, & New Students

July 27, 7am - 5:30pm

July 28th, 7am - 1pm

BS High School Library
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Students must be current on their immunizations.

Big Spring ISD offers a Pre-K program for students who:

- will be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2011
- reside within Big Spring ISD borders
- AND meets one of the following eligibility criteria
 - Unable to speak & comprehend English
 - Family qualifies for free/reduced lunches
 - Child is homeless
 - Parent is active member of armed forces
 - Child has been in foster care (proof of eligibility is required)

Children who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2011 and reside within the boundaries of Big Spring ISD may register for the 2011-2012 school year.

Required Documentation for all students

- Official Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Social Security Card for child (if available)
- Proof of Residency (utility bill or lease agreement)
- Parent/Guardian's Drivers License
- Proof of Guardianship

Enrollment forms are available at the
BSISD Central Office and
www.bsisd.esc18.net

Alliance aim: Growth

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

It's all about business for the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.

Whether it's building a new business or expanding an old one, the goal is always the same — making Big Spring grow and prosper. One of the ways the BSEDC is reaching that goal is by working with the Entrepreneur Alliance.

"After six months the board seems to be really

pleased with the progress being made," Terry Wegman, BSEDC executive director, said.

Matty McLain, business development facilitator, works with Big Spring clients four days a month. Since the program's inception, McLain has worked with 19 businesses and potential business owners. There have been consultations regarding refurbish projects, restaurants, production, retail ideas, non-profits

and other services.

"Clients are split 50/50 between those with an idea and those with an actual business in operation," McLain said in a presentation for the BSEDC. "The existing businesses we are working with range from zero to 10 employees and revenues of up to \$1.5 million."

According to Wegman, the Entrepreneur Alliance is on a year-to-year contract. At the end of this year, progress will

be evaluated and a decision will be made whether to keep the program in Big Spring.

"After a year, I think we will be able to see some tangible results," Wegman said.

McLain works out of the BSEDC office every other week on Wednesdays and Thursdays and can be reached by calling or stopping by the BSEDC office at 215

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Using computer tools to battle brutal drought

Special to the Herald

In the battle against the state's prolonged and brutal drought, Texas Tech University agricultural researchers have released two new farmer-friendly computer tools that save scarce irrigation water and boost bottom lines for parched producers.

The internet-based programs are being offered free of charge through the Texas Alliance for Water Conservation, and take direct aim at improved irrigation scheduling and resource allocation. Both were developed to specifically target the needs of irrigated farmers in the West Texas and Panhandle regions.

"They're designed to help producers make the most out of an irrigation regime, while remaining conscious of water resources," said Justin Weinheimer, a research associate in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics.

At the heart of the irrigation scheduling tool is a basic understanding of what scientists call evapotranspiration or, more simply, the loss of water from the soil both by evaporation and by tran-

spiration from growing plants.

Specifically, it allows farmers to keep track of soil moisture on a field-by-field basis for irrigated cotton, corn, sorghum and wheat using real time weather data from more than four dozen Texas Tech Mesonet weather stations spread across the plains. This network of automated stations collects a wide variety of temperature and moisture levels every 15 minutes.

"The tool allows a producer to customize irrigation scheduling based on field-level irrigation efficiency, soil moisture readings, and other agronomic and irrigation characteristics," Weinheimer said. A checkbook-style water balance then enables the farmer to determine when and how much water to apply.

The second web-based tool from the Texas Tech team is a resource allocation analyzer. Put simply, the economic decision aid designed for use in the planning season to determine which crops will maximize the profit potential of a given field.

The resource allocation tool projects crops, yield goals, irrigation requirements and acreage

designations on a field-by-field basis, Weinheimer said. That ability allows producers to maximize the revenue potential given the irrigation capabilities of the field.

"It works on the major commodities produced in this region and differs from other like-tools in that it is farmer friendly, requiring minimal producer input, yet providing realistic outlooks for producers to consider," Weinheimer said.

In Texas, virtually no part of the state has been untouched. City dwellers along with farmers and ranchers have been besieged by excessive heat and high winds. Last month, the United States Department of Agriculture designated all 254 counties in Texas natural disaster areas, qualifying them for varying levels of federal relief.

Even if weather patterns shift and relief-giving rain comes, losses are likely to head past \$3 billion in Texas, state agricultural officials said.

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Energy Watch



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

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



Last week was a week of the unexpected. First, the Automatic Data Processing (ADP) employment survey reported on Thursday that 157,000 new private sector jobs were created in June. That was more than double the expectations of some estimates. Investors celebrated, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) jumped nearly 100 points in a broad advance. Many analysts even quickly increased their estimates for Friday's June nonfarm payroll number on the heels of this much better than expected report.

Then the unexpected happened again, and this time it was to the downside. Friday's report indicated that employers added on 18,000 jobs, the weakest growth since September 2010. Payroll growth for May was also revised downward to 25,000 new jobs from a previously reported 54,000. Expectations had been for more than 100,000 jobs created in June.

"Grim," "paltry" and "foul" were some of the words used to describe the report, and collectively, analysts, strategists and the media were hard pressed to find any silver linings or glimmers of hope. Bloomberg News reported that not a single economist among 85 it surveyed had correctly forecasted the actual number and the closest, at 60,000 wasn't at all close. The median forecast was 105,000 — almost six times the actual number.

What happened to stocks? Again, the unexpected, after declining as many as 152 points, the DJIA recovered to close down just 62 points, a small victory and a signal to us that the momentum in the latest rally has not dissipated yet.

Switching gears to the totally expected, the euro-one continues to make headlines. An added uncertainty was created on July 5 when Standard & Poor's cast doubts over Greece's status and warned it would treat a rollover of privately held debt as default. Following this, Moody's cut Portugal's long-term government bond rating to junk with a negative outlook. By the end of last week, attention turned to Italy as the costs of financing its debt rose and fears increased that the country could become a victim of the debt crisis.

All this underlines what we have been emphasizing for investors: Europe's problems are not going away quickly and will likely remain a stock market uncertainty and increase volatility for the foreseeable future.

America's own debt problems continue to be played out on a grand stage. As of this writing, the debate continues over the size of the deficit cutting package. What started as a \$4 trillion deal now appears to be a \$2 trillion package that will be debated. Some reports have said that the smaller package will be as difficult to negotiate as the larger one. The two most difficult to negotiating issues: tax increases and cuts to entitlement programs. The most encouraging takeaway is that Democrats and Republicans alike agree that a deal must be reached by the deadline. We expect many more twists and turns in the debate, and with Washington, D.C., the unexpected is almost guaranteed. We believe the stock market will swing the debate's ebbs and flows.

The stock market in the end showed plenty of resiliency last week, especially after the prior week's biggest advance in two years. We believe the market's rally has more upside, although this prospect is becoming more precarious. The environment is likely to be choppy. The biggest near-term focuses for investors will be second quarter earning releases, the debt-ceiling debate and the new developments out of the euro zone.

Your likely best bet: Expect the unexpected.

Many restaurants, stores offer senior discounts

Gone are the days of your grandmother's "early bird special" at the local diner. As our baby boomers reach retirement age, hundreds of retailers are featuring new and improved discounts exclusively for the 60 and older crowd. Here is a list of senior savings that will help you keep more cash in your pocket.

Restaurants

- Applebee's: 15 percent off with Golden Apple Card (60+)

- Arby's: 10 percent off (55+)
- Ben & Jerry's: 10 percent off (60+)
- Bennigan's: discount varies by location
- Bob's Big Boy: discount varies by location (60+)
- Boston Market: 10 percent off (65+)
- Burger King: 10 percent off (60+)
- Captain D's Seafood: discount varies on location (62+)
- Chick-Fil-A: 10 percent off or free small drink or coffee (55+)

- Chili's: 10 percent off (55+)
- CiCi's Pizza: 10 percent off (60+)
- Culver's: 10 percent off (60+)
- Denny's: 10 percent off, 20 percent off for AARP members (55+)
- Dunkin' Donuts: 10 percent off or free coffee (55+)
- Einstein's Bagels: 10 percent off baker's dozen of bagels (60+)
- Fuddrucker's: 10 percent off any senior plate (55+)
- Gatti's Pizza: 10 per-

- cent off (60+)
- Golden Corral: 10 percent off (60+)
- Hardee's: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+)
- IHOP: 10 percent off (55+)
- Jack in the Box: up to 20 percent off (55+)
- KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+)
- Krispy Kreme: 10 percent off (50+)
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- day (55+)
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- Shoney's: 10 percent off
- Sonic: 10 percent off or free beverage (60+)
- Steak 'n Shake: 10 percent off every Monday & Tuesday (50+)
- Subway: 10 percent off (60+)
- Sweet Tomatoes: 10 percent off (62+)
- Taco Bell: 5 percent off; free beverages for seniors (65+)
- TCBY: 10 percent off

- (55+)
- Tea Room Cafe: 10 percent off (50+)
- Village Inn: 10 percent off (60+)
- Waffle House: 10 percent off every Monday (60+)
- Wendy's: 10 percent off (55+)
- White Castle: 10 percent off (62+)
- Retail and Apparel
- Banana Republic: 10 percent off (50+)
- Bealls: 20 percent off

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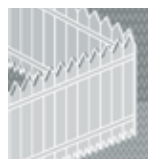
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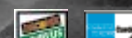
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Welcome to the first day of the Leo sun in 2011. Since Leo is ruled by the sun, when our favorite star enters that section of the sky, he is coming home — the place where he feels most comfortable to express himself. Leo's motto is "I will." It should be easier to connect with your desire and put action behind it in the weeks to come.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What someone else thinks of as a step forward, you think of as taking two steps back. It may be a sign that you're not going to get anywhere fast with this person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Decisions will seem more important than they really are. Almost anything you decide can be later rescinded if necessary. Know that you are free to change your mind, and you'll taste



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

more of life.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are willing to devote a few minutes to solving the unexpected problems presented to you by family and friends. But if it looks like the issue cannot be licked in under 20 minutes, you'll let it ride another day.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll set aside a certain time for a project, and life will get in the way. This is not a test of your resolve. It's more likely an opportunity to recognize what's more important and tend to it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The same is true of lunches and parachutes — you're better off packing your own today. The more self-reliant you are the better equipped you'll be to create a happy outcome.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Another person is thinking intently about you. It feels nice to know you are being considered. But you should also know that the other person sees you not how you are, but how he or she expects you to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your calm satisfaction lives outside the boundaries of ticking minutes. While you focus on what you are doing without worry about the amount of time it is taking, you remain in a state of grace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You get busy without complaint or explanation. Your concentration is strong, and you ride this day like an expert surfer riding the ultimate wave. Hang loose!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There will be a beautiful continuity to this day, as though things are picking up where they left off and progressing to interesting places. All you have to do is enjoy the scenery.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Here's something to do before you invite a task into your life: Find out how much effort it will take. Ask questions about the timeframe. This will prevent later disappointment or resentment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The idea of

being late is, in some realms of thought, ridiculous. You are where you are when you are there. If you believe that everything in the universe is working perfectly, there is no such thing as "late."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because you make a wrong choice doesn't mean you owe yourself a punishment. Try to bring more understanding to the scene instead. You'll do better next time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 22). Dedicating yourself to loved ones helps you grow in athletic, mechanical, technical and artistic ability. You'll hold a position of leadership in August. You'll use physical energy to build and generate wealth through the fall, but in 2012, you'll earn by making intelligent decisions. A romantic getaway happens in Taurus, and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 5, 39 and 18.

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Dear Margo: Tough love, no money

Dear Margo: My daughter is 18 years old and a high school senior. She's been dating her boyfriend for less than a year. He is also 18 and insisting he's ready to propose next month.

He is, of course, not financially stable. While my daughter has traveled and lived in various places, this young man has lived in the same small town his whole life and is very sheltered.

His family has a long history of marrying young and living in poverty. Neither my daughter nor the boyfriend is very mature, and they seem to have no grasp of how much things cost in the real world.

My daughter has a full scholarship to college, and I think the boyfriend is afraid he will lose her once she starts college.

My husband has repeatedly told the boyfriend we are against an engagement or marriage at this time.

Now we are unsure what to do. If she marries him, she will lose her health and dental

insurance and all the financial security we have provided.

How do we express our disapproval without pushing her away? We raised her to be an independent young woman, but she seems to have lost all her common sense when it comes to this relationship. As parents, is there anything we can do to discourage such a big commitment before college? — *Very Worried Parent*

Dear Ver: I think a nuts-and-bolts/dollars-and-sense talk is in order. I would reiterate everything you said in your letter to me — his family history, your guess as to his fears, the losses to her (financial protection and perhaps an education). Ask where's the fire that makes her think she must move quickly, and also request that she delay a decision until she's finished one year of college. If she insists on following this kid's wishes, not yours, be firm about withdrawing the safety net you

provide. She will learn, at some point, that there is wisdom in your advice. Whether it's before or after making a mistake, I cannot say. It is a truism that often the best lessons we learn are those we learn for ourselves. And sometimes it's the hard way. — *Margo, unwaveringly*

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#7040 July 10 & 24, 2011

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#7048 July 17 & 24, 2011

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Consisting of: computer parts, boxes, table, tires, misc.
#7045 July 17 & 24, 2011

Legals

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
(REAL PROPERTY)

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the 118th District Court of Howard County, State of Texas, in a certain cause numbered: 47172 on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 29th day of June A.D. 2011, and directed and delivered to me, as Sheriff of Howard County, Texas, I have on the 14th day of July, 2011 levied upon and will offer for sale on the **6th DAY OF September, A.D. 2011**, between the hours prescribed by law (at **approximately 10:00 A.M.**), at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, at **THE NORTH DOOR OF THE HOWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SURFACE EQUIPMENT ONLY** located at the property of William Morgan and more particularly described as follows:

E/2 of the North 75' of Lot One (1), Block Seventy-Nine (79), Original Town of Big Spring, according to the proper map or plat of record in Envelope 10/B plat records of Howard County, Texas.

The above property is levied on as the property of Williams Morgan is solely owned, and will be sold to satisfy a Judgment in the 118th district Court of Howard County rendered on September 6th, 2011 at 10:00am in favor of Iryna Williams.

FOR THE PRINCIPAL, INTEREST AND ALL COSTS ACCRUING BY VIRTUE OF SAID SUIT THE TOTAL SUM OF \$11,074.35
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this 14th day of July, 2011.
Stan Parker, Sheriff
Howard County, Texas
By: Lt. Dean Restelli
(432)264-2231
Howard County Sheriff Office
300 S. Main, Big Spring, TX 79720
#7055 July 17, 24 & 31, 2011

Legals

CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/time for the purchase of the below listed services:
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#7050 July 17 & 24, 2011

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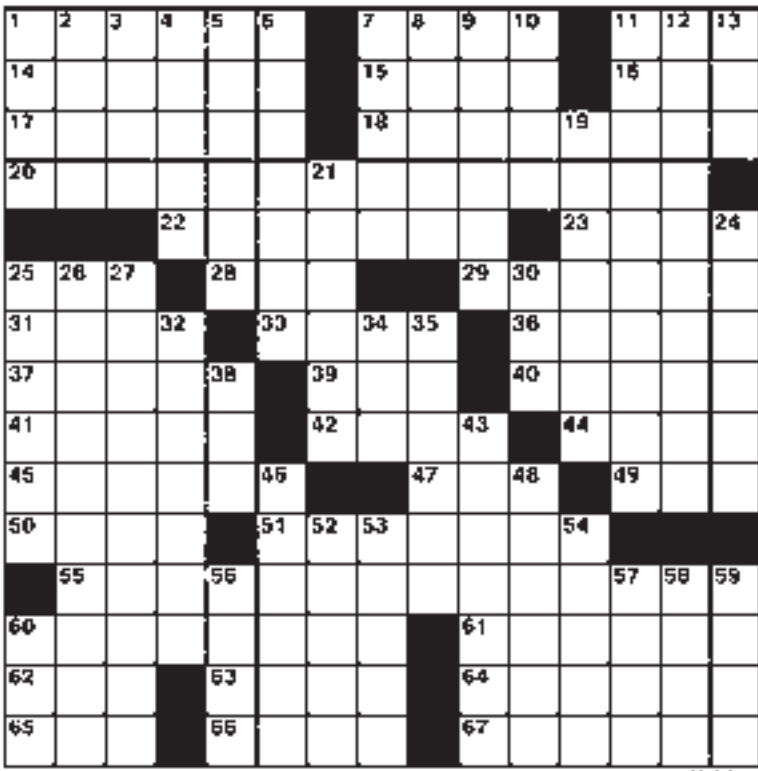
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Sweet Wild Blueberry Omelet Rolls

Serves 4

- 2 cups frozen Wild Blueberries, thawed
- 1/2 cup Wild Blueberry jam
- 8 eggs
- 2 tablespoons light cream
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 ounce chopped pistachio
- Powdered sugar
- Mint leaves

In small bowl, mix Wild Blueberries with Wild Blueberry jam to bind.

In a second bowl, beat eggs with cream, sugar and flour.

Place a 12-inch frying pan over medium heat and melt 1 tablespoon butter. Add half of the egg mixture and turn down heat in order to slowly cook eggs. Flip over the omelet. Place omelet on a plate, scatter half the Wild Blueberries on it and roll it up.

Prepare a second omelet from remaining butter, egg cream and Wild Blueberries. Cut omelets into pieces and sprinkle with pistachio and powdered sugar. Garnish with mint leaves as desired.

Nutritional Information per Serving: 410 calories, 18g fat, 170mg sodium, 53g carbohydrates, 1g fiber, 13g protein

Wild Blueberry Coconut Smoothie

Serves 4

- 3 cups frozen Wild Blueberries
- 4 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 piece of fresh ginger (walnut-size), peeled and grated
- 13 ounces canned coconut milk, divided
- 1 teaspoon toasted, grated coconut, for garnish

Blend Wild Blueberries, brown sugar, ginger and 6 ounces coconut milk in blender until frothy. Pour remaining coconut milk into four glasses and slowly add Wild Blueberry mixture to each. Stir gently with a spoon to get a marbled white and blue look. Garnish with toasted coconut.

Nutritional Information per Serving: 280 calories, 20g fat, 15mg sodium, 29g carbohydrates, 5g fiber, 2g protein

Tandoori Chicken Sticks with Wild Blueberry Fig Sauce

Serves 4 as entrée or 12 as an appetizer

- 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 1 package Tandoori Tikka or Tandoori Chicken marinade
- 1/2 cup low-fat, plain yogurt
- 2/3 cup frozen Wild Blueberries
- 1/2 cup Wild Blueberry jam
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh figs (or substitute pears)
- 1/2 teaspoon orange zest
- 2/3 cup cooked red lentils
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon powdered coriander
- 1 tablespoon oil or cooking spray
- Skewers

Chop chicken into bite-sized chunks.

Stir together Tandoori Tikka and yogurt in medium bowl and add chicken. Cover and let marinate for at least 1 hour.

Sauce: Stir together Wild Blueberries and jam in a small saucepan. Rinse and chop figs. Add figs and orange zest. Cook sauce stirring until it just comes to a simmer. Remove from heat, cool slightly. Add lentils and season with salt, pepper and coriander.

Pre-heat oven to 425°F. Remove chicken from marinade and drain in a colander. Place chicken pieces in an oiled 11 x 13-inch glass baking dish, without allowing them to touch.

Roast 8 to 10 minutes until done. Place chicken on skewers. Serve with the Wild Blueberry dipping sauce. Traditionally accompanied by rice as an entrée.

Nutritional Information per Serving: 123 calories, 1g fat, 130mg sodium, 14g carbohydrates, 1g fiber, 14g protein, 30mg cholesterol

Veggie Sticks with Ricotta Wild Blueberry Dip

Serves 1

- 2 stalks celery
- 3 carrots
- 1/4 cup part-skim ricotta (or cream cheese)
- 1 ounce crumbled Gorgonzola
- 1 tablespoon Wild Blueberry juice
- 1 pinch grated orange peel
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 cup fresh Wild Blueberries

Wash celery and carrots and cut into sticks. Mix ricotta and Gorgonzola with Wild Blueberry juice. Season with grated orange peel and pepper. Gently stir in Wild Blueberries and place in bowl for dipping.

Nutritional Information per Serving: 351 calories, 17g protein, 14g fat, 43g carbohydrates, 737mg sodium, 44g cholesterol

Buchanan achieves rank of Captain



Courtesy photo/U.S. Army photo by 2nd Lt. Daniel Elmlad, 3rd AAB, 1st Cav. Div. Maj. Gen. Eddy Spurgin, commander of the 36th Infantry Division, United States Division-South, stands next to then-1st Lt. Sean Buchanan, 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, during a ceremony to promote Buchanan to the rank of Captain on July 6 at Contingency Operating Base Delta in Wasit province, Iraq. Spurgin and Buchanan are natives of Big Spring and have known each other for more than 15 years.

Boy Scouts of America

Buffalo Trail Council recognized with much-needed grant support

The Abell-Hanger Foundation has awarded \$25,000 to the Buffalo Trail Council in support of keeping horses a part of the programs offered at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch.

When the majority of the acres of Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch burned in the Rock House fire in the spring it charred the range grass used for off-season horse pasture. The council staff and board turned to the community seeking assistance to keep the BTSR horse program operational.

The council is thankful for this generous grant made by the Abell-Hanger Foundation in support of emergency feed and care of BTSR's herd of 58 horses, BSA officials said.

This summer more than 1,000 scouts will have a first-time experience with riding horses. Even more scouts will also have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness first hand nature's resilience. Despite the area's continued well-below-normal rainfall, much of the vegetation is sprouting new growth. Likewise, the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch will be resilient – thanks in part to the philanthropy of the Abell-Hanger Foundation.

The BSA Summer Camp Outcomes study conducted by Harris Interactive in 2000 found 86 percent of scouts had an experience which encouraged a desire to learn about new things while at camp. Sparking curiosity is one of the first steps to starting exploration of the world.

Youth who participate in Scouting build a sense of positive self-worth and usefulness, build caring relationships with positive adults, and become more socially adept.

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On top of the donation benefitting the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch horses, The Abell-Hanger Foundation also awarded a 2008 Ford Explorer to the BTC.

Last month Scout Executive Lyman Gifford was involved in an accident on his way to BTSR, near Balmorhea. He was towing a trailer carrying a UTV — both remained attached and undamaged — when he was unable to avoid running into the side of a tractor trailer rig turning off of the roadway. The council's is considered to be a possible loss to the accident.

The Buffalo Trail Council sincerely appreciates the Abell-Hanger Foundation's generous gift to replace the damaged council vehicle. The vehicle is anticipated to serve the needs of the Buffalo Trail Scout Executive for years to come.



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