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City: Don't park on your lawn

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Front lawns will not be acceptable parking spots for cars in the very near future.

Delivering on a promise to toughen up the city's parking ordinances, the Big Spring City Council approved the first reading of a new law calling for more expensive fines and fewer exceptions for residents parking their cars in the front yard.

By a six-to-one vote (Councilman Marcus Fernandez voted against the measure), the council approved new laws banning all motor vehicles from a residence's front yard.

In addition, first-time offenders face a fine of up to \$100 and a graduating series of levies after that for subsequent violations.

The previous ordinance levied fines of \$5 for each offense and had a broad range of exceptions which made enforcement almost impossible,

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"I know this ordinance isn't perfect for everything, but I think this will help encourage people to have more pride in their property."



Glenn Carrigan,
Big Spring city councilman



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Big Spring City Councilwoman Carmen Harbour addresses the audience during Tuesday's city council meeting.

TRACKING THE MONEY

Council sets up enterprise fund to isolate various sanitation issues

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Big Spring residents will soon have a clearer picture of just how much money is being spent on trash collection and other sanitation issues.

The Big Spring City Council Tuesday approved creation of a landfill/sanitation enterprise fund to give city officials and residents alike a more accurate accounting on just how much money is being spent to pick up trash and address growing landfill concerns.

Funds allocated to the enterprise fund can be used only for landfill and sanitation issues and will be accounted for separately from the city's general fund budget, Interim Finance Director Donald Moore told the council.

"This will give us transparency in planning," Moore said. "By putting it in a separate fund, what revenue is coming in and out will be easier to determine."

"We'll be able to show people exactly how those funds are being allocated," City Manager Todd Darden added.

With the need for a new city/county landfill only a few years away, it is important to show city residents just how much money is being spent on these issues.

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Two trustee races assured

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Reporter

And now the race can officially begin.

Two new filings this week ensure both Howard College and Big Spring Independent School District will hold trustee elections this May.

Businessowner Cole Morgan has filed to run for an at-large position on the Howard County Junior College District board of trustees. He will face incumbents Dr. John Freeman, Marie Ethridge and Dr. Charles Warren for one of the seats up for election this cycle. So far, Adrian Calvio, who represents District 3, has not drawn a challenger.

In the Big Spring Independent School District race, Thomas "T.J." Stewart has thrown his hat into District 1 race against incumbent Irene Rodriguez, who is serving as the board president. Also filing this week was BSISD incumbent and District 3 representative Ken McIntosh. So far, no one has filed to challenge McIntosh or District 7 representative Fabian Serrano for their positions.

"Big Spring has been so welcoming and supportive of me and my family and our business ventures," said Morgan. "I look at this as a way to utilize my skills set and give back to this growing community as we continue to move forward."

Morgan is the founder and president of Boyce Galvanizing in Big Spring. He hails from Waxahachie, Texas, but his first visit to the Howard College campus was as a baseball prospect.

He received his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Texas Tech University in 2005 and earned his master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2009.

Morgan and his wife, Jonna, have been active members in the community since their move in 2011. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church where he serves on the

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Obituaries

Teddy Hanford Lancaster



Teddy Hanford Lancaster, 86, slipped into Eternity in Prescott, Ariz., on Thursday Feb. 6, 2014, at about 11:55 p.m. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 29, 1928, in Walnut Ridge, Ark., to Charles Lemuel Lancaster and Mary Altha (Yancy) Lancaster. He was raised in Missouri until he joined the U.S. Army. He was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1946 after serving in El Paso, Texas, and Fort Ord, Wash. After the U.S. Army, he moved to Eastland, Texas and drove a passenger bus all over the state. In 1948 he left the bus line and moved to Big Spring to drive a taxi cab. On August 1, 1948, a young woman called for a cab after getting off work at the small café next door to Woolworth's and two weeks later on Aug. 14, 1948 he married that young woman (the love of his life) Mary Ann Hallford. They were married for 56 years before she passed away in 2004.

Ted was a policeman in Big Spring in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. He also served as Chief of Police in Sugar Creek, Mo. Then he served as Deputy Sheriff in Kansas City, Mo. Later he moved to Nashville, Tenn., where he drove a tour bus for country music star Dave Dudley and was able to play on the Grand Ole Opry stage with Dave.

He also drove an 18-wheeler off and on for more than 30 years. After retiring he was able to drive for the railroad.

Ted loved country music and played the guitar his entire life. He also loved to fish with his best fishing partner, daughter Elaine.

He was also a Mason in Lodge 1340 in Big Spring.

He is survived by his four children, Carl Lancaster of Big Spring, Vernie Jaeger and husband Bruce of Prescott Valley, Ariz., Janet Parnell of Phoenix, Ariz., and Elaine West of Hemphill, Texas; one brother, John Lancaster and wife Mary of Evansville, Ind.; one sister: Dora Cadwallader and husband Butch of Jerico Springs, Mo. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Bobby Fleet and wife Felicia, Karla Olivas and husband Daniel, Barbara Montemayor and husband Frank, all of Big Spring, Rebecca Lancaster of Hemphill, Texas, Justin Jaeger and Crystal Wolfley both of Prescott Valley, Ariz., Douglas Lancaster and wife Amanda of West Virginia, Mallory Lancaster and husband Techie of Hawaii, Jean Gooden of Abilene, Texas, and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Mary Ann and three brothers, Henry, James and General McArthur "Mac" Lancaster and his son-in-law Jim West.

Serving as pallbearers are Carl Lancaster, Bobby Fleet, Frank Montemayor, Ken Barton, Justin Jaeger, Steven Henry, Franklin Montemayor and Daniel Olivas. Honorary pallbearers are Bruce Jaeger, Dezmmond Henry, Douglas Lancaster and Mallory Lancaster.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid Obituary

Seferino "Nino" Guevara

Seferino "Nino" Guevara, 65, of Big Spring, Texas died Tuesday Feb. 11, 2014 at Senior Care Center of Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Meriam F. Sulatan



Meriam F. Sulatan, 80, of Big Spring, Texas, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2014 at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 4319 Parkway, Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014, at the funeral home.

Meriam was born Nov. 18, 1933, in Laguna, Philippines and married Oseas Sulatan May 10, 1960. She worked as a registered nurse in New York from 1968 to 1978. They moved to Big Spring in 1978 where she worked as an RN for the VA Medical Center from 1970 to 1996. She enjoyed fishing, gardening and playing the piano and loved the time she spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Oseas Sulatan of Big Spring; one son, Ronel Sulatan and wife, Shirlene of Big Spring; two daughters, April Levens and husband, Eddie of Big Spring and Mimi Parks of San Antonio, Texas; three brothers, Moises Barberan and wife, Aida and Fred Barberan and wife, Rose, all of the Philippines, Angel Barberan and wife, Aida of New Jersey and Rizal Barberan and wife, Fe of Germany; two sisters, Rebecca Yap and husband, Carlo and Eunice Pardon and husband, Dave all of the Philippines; five grandchildren, Tony, Robert, Caylan, Cassandra and Lauren; and four great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Jayde, Alan and Liana.

Memorials are suggested to the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Big Spring, c/o 9309 Jay Road, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Lester D. Adams

Lester D. Adams, 84, of Big Spring, Texas, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014, at a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Police blotter

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

- APRIL DAWN WILLIAMS, 25, of 1304 Lamar, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another agency.

- RICHARD ARLEY ACUFF, 27, of 1603 Sunset, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for driving while license invalid – two counts and fail to appear.

- RANDY SHAWN GOFORTH, 42, of 308 E. 18th St. was arrested Tuesday on warrants from another agency.

- ROBERTO VALDEZ BALTAZAR, 40, of 3610 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces, display fictitious registration insignia, wrong color stoplight, driving while license invalid and failed to yield right of way to emergency vehicle.

- ROBERT STEVEN SILVA, 33, of 566 E. 2nd St., Colorado City, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on charges of forgery – check/credit card, no drivers license when unlicensed, failed to maintain financial responsibility and fail to appear.

- RIGOBERTO VASQUEZ, 18, of 3610 Hamilton,

was arrested Tuesday on charges of evading arrest/detention – two counts and possession of controlled substance less than 1 gram.

- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported at the 2800 block of FM 700 and the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

- THEFT reported at the 500 block of S. Runnels.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1600 block of Jennings and the 400 block of Dallas.

- INTOXICATED DRIVER was reported on Simler.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1200 block of Stanford.

- HARASSMENT was reported at the 1600 block of S. Lancaster.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 1800 block of Alabama.

- SHOTS FIRED was reported at Stallings Rd. and Interstate Highway 20.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 1600 block of S. Lancaster.

- FORGERY was reported at the 500 block of N. Lamesa Highway.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's office reported the following activity:

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- RICHARD ARLEY ACUFF was booked by BSPD on capias warrant for driving while license invalid – two counts and failure to appear.

- JEREMY DON RAINEY was booked by DPS on a charge of reckless driving.

- WILLIAM LEWIS BABB JR. was booked by DPS on charges of bail jumping and fail to appear.

- DANNY DEWAYNE ANDERSON was booked by HCSO on two bench warrants.

- ROBERTO VALDEZ BALTAZAR was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, display of fictitious registration insignia, wrong color stoplight, driving while license invalid, failed to yield right of way to emergency vehicle.

- RANDY SHAWN GOFORTH was booked by BSPD on felony charge of omitting to provide for minor child, fail to appear and felony charge of theft of construction/farm equipment.

- ROBERT STEPHEN SILVA was booked by BSPD on charges of forgery – check/credit card, no drivers license, fail to maintain financial responsibility and fail to appear.

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Take Note

- The Big Spring Art Association will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in the basement at the Howard County Library. Anyone interested in art is welcome.
- The Northside Community Center will not be offering the Parent Education Program (PEP) until further notice. For more information, call (432) 263-2673 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- A certified food handler course will be offered at Dora Roberts Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Cost is \$200 per person. For more information, call 264-2303.
- Healthy Woman is “Celebrating 5 Flamboyant Years” on Feb. 27. The anniversary event will take place at Dora Roberts Community Center. A free Health Expo will take place from 4:30 p.m.–6 p.m. and the dinner and speaker will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets for the dinner go on sale Feb. 3. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Healthy Woman Coordinators Amanda Duforat at 268-4699 or Anita Cline at 268-4721.
- The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will host its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, in the Howard College Student Union Building cafeteria. Tickets are \$6 apiece and can be purchased at the door or from any club member. For more information, call 432-270-2218.

- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. “The winds of change are blowing. Whether you are a Native American or are interested in Native American culture and would like to be a part of the 10th anniversary Big Spring Powwow, please accept our invitation to attend a meeting,” Bodin said. For more information, contact Vice President Randy McKinney at 432-267-4843 or President Richard Lesser at 432-935-0125.
- Big Spring Second Chance Rescue (BSSCR) is in need of donations to help spay and neuter rescued dogs, so they can go to a home. The canine rescue organization has incurred a lot of expenses in obtaining its 501c3 status along with trying to obtain a Tax ID and subsequent Texas filing fees. Just to file the 501c3 cost the rescue more than \$500. Any amount is appreciated. Make checks payable to BSSCR, P.O. Box 2775, Big Spring, Texas, 79720; by credit card at 432-816-2555; or at Highland Animal Clinic, 3600 S. Hwy. 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/bsscr/74800
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- The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children’s Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people’s lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it’s visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

CITY

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officials said. Once the new ordinance takes effect, residents without an approved driveway must park their vehicles in the street, side yard or back yard adjacent to the residence. Council members who favored the

measure said they did so to improve both the appearance and valuation of homes in the city. “I know this ordinance isn’t perfect for everything, but I think this will help encourage people to have more pride in their property,” Councilman Glen Carrigan said. Carrigan’s colleagues on the council agreed — for the most part.

“It’s not fair for someone with a \$200,000 home to have a neighbor with five cars parked in his front yard,” Councilman Raul Benavides said. “I think we’re going to have more compliance in the future, because this ordinance will have more teeth to it, and the old one didn’t,” Mayor Larry McLellan said. “I hope we don’t

collect one penny in fines off this ordinance. I hope the ordinance itself will encourage people to comply.” “We want to establish a culture of what reasonable people expect,” Councilman Bobby McDonald said. “You go to other cities and they don’t have a problem with it. We seem to be the only town to have problems with it.”

Fernandez, however, objected to the new ordinance on two fronts, saying it was oppressive in nature and would be impossible to enforce uniformly. “Government just loves to make new rules and regulations and fees and fines to make people spend more money,” he said. “And if they could guarantee me they would enforce this the same way for ev-

ery single person in the city, I’d support it, but you know that’s just not going to be the case.” The new ordinance will not take effect until after it passes final reading at the council’s Feb. 25 meeting. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

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much money the undertaking will cost, Mayor Larry McLellan said. “This gives us a good analysis of how the money is being spent,” McLellan said. “And it also acts as a road map

— at the end of the fiscal year, it will show us if we’re above water or below water (on how much money is needed for the landfill project). And, if there’s any money left in the fund at the end of the year, it will stay in the fund, instead of going back into the general revenue budget.” In other business, the

council approved:

- A remap of a 22.5-acre section of Kentwood for the purpose of developing it as a site for townhouse development.
- Application for grant money to help finance truancy prevention dispute resolution program.
- An agreement with Parkhill, Smith and

Cooper to provide professional services associated with the 2014 seal coat program. The city plans to seal coat four miles of city streets this year at a cost of about \$89,000 a mile, Public Works Director Johnny Womack said. • Interlocal agreements with Howard County to address land-

fill and emergency medical service expenses.

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TRUSTEES

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the finance committee. Jonna is owner of Jake Witzel Gifts & Interiors. “This community has so much to offer and we love being a part of it,” Morgan said. “I feel like I can utilize my educational background along with my business sense to be an effective trustee for Howard College and its students.” In other area elections, candidates filing for area public school board are all incumbents. For Coahoma Independent School District, no one has filed for two at-large positions currently held by Lori Martinez and Patric Robinson. In the Forsan Independent School District, incumbents Glen Graves, Becki Walsh and Darren Weaver

have filed.

Filing will continue through Feb. 29. Packets can be picked up at the individual school districts or college administration office. Early voting for the trustee elections begins April 28 and will continue through Tuesday, May 6.

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DAILY PRAYER

Help us Lord to not let petty differences strain our relationships.

Amen

Celebrating in style

If you happen to be someone who doesn't believe in miracles, well, I have one for you. This past Friday, Feb. 7, Leah and I celebrated our 42nd wedding anniversary. I know you don't understand why I believe that qualifies as a miracle, but if you knew everything I know about it, you'd be a believer. In 1972, on a Monday night in Mineral Wells, Texas, I married that beautiful blond three weeks after her 16th birthday, immediately hitting the road with her as an evangelist, and for almost a year we traveled constantly, living mostly in pastor's homes, and were in church almost every single night. And the stories I could tell would entertain you for days, but I'll have to save those for another time and another place, like Never and Nowhere. You just have to trust me when I say, there is a God and He does perform miracles and I am very thankful He does.



EDDY PRINCE

However, in the process of creating this four-decade old matrimonial miracle, we have forged some priceless memories, and one of the best ever was birthed right here in our fine city this past weekend.

Even though Leah and I would not qualify as seasoned world travelers, we have been privileged to be in some great places through the years and enjoy some special times. With that being said, our experience this past weekend was something so very special that we are anxious to re-create it as soon, and as often, as possible.

A few months ago, our wonderful Grace Fellowship Church family presented us with an assortment of appreciation gifts and one of them was provision for a stay at the Hotel Settles.

We saved it until our anniversary and I must state for posterity that our stay easily qualifies as one of our most cherished anniversary memories ever. Having only come to Big Spring a little over three years ago, we had no previous history with the hotel, but soon after it was refurbished, we found several occasions to visit, often taking

our out-of-town guests to view its beauty.

One of our dear friends from Lubbock, now in his 80s, remembered staying in the hotel when he was a teenager.

Even though he didn't remember the exact room number, he did remember which corner of the building it was on. It was very enjoyable to hear him recount the memories of his youth related to the hotel.

From my first visit I have embraced the privilege to see, and now to have experienced, something so special returned to its splendorous glory days.

I have no commercial interest in the hotel, and even though I would really like the opportunity to meet him, I do not even know Mr. Ryan.

However, I will tell you without hesitation, based upon our experience, I would proudly be a spokesman for this extraordinary and magnificent establishment, and I have a deep appreciation for what he has done to preserve a wonderful piece of American history with such a commitment to excellence. There is a shortage of people who really appreciate our heritage and this man is obviously one who does.

For what he has done to allow people like me to celebrate a small piece of yesterday's splendor, I applaud him enthusiastically.

Let me tell you a little bit about the weekend. From the moment we stepped onto the grounds, our experience was superb.

Every staff person we encountered during our stay showed professionalism and class.

Tiffany, who had made our reservation a few days earlier, was excited to welcome us for our anniversary stay, and when we checked in, that enthusiasm was shared by Angela, who actually gave us our room keys.

The room was spectacular, and if you've never seen Big Spring at night from the 11th floor, you've really missed a beautiful sight.

We had heard from some of our friends that the food was excellent in the Grill, but we found it had been greatly understated. When we checked in

Angela graciously offered to make us a reservation for 6 p.m., and as we entered the restaurant, we felt like celebrities.

Melody showed us to a nice romantic table for two, and we were then privileged to be served by Hope, a lovely young Howard College student who was flawless in her care of us. It would be absolutely unfair to not say, "My compliments to the chef," because the food was wonderful.

We enjoyed every minute of our time spent in the Grill and it was with great delight we returned for a marvelous breakfast the next morning with Valerie taking excellent care of us.

After our experience with all the great Hotel Settles staff, I have decided I could spend many more days being spoiled in such a manner.

I know that many of you have memories from its early years of splendor and I would really enjoy hearing some of the stories you could tell.

Since discovering this West Texas diamond, I have enjoyed reading its history and realizing that I have now strolled and dined where celebrities like Elvis, Lawrence Welk, President Herbert Hoover, and Big Spring's own Jerry Allison, did their respective things many years ago. I think that's just pretty special.

I'm at that age where I appreciate history.

I love classic cars and other things from my childhood and youthful years. So many buildings and historical treasures have been destroyed to make room for the shiny new designs of today with their cold contemporary architecture.

I am very thankful I have been honored to experience a bit of yesterday's magnificence right here in Big Spring.

Thank you, Mr. Ryan, and everyone who has made this a reality for people like me and Leah to enjoy.

We will embrace the memories of our anniversary weekend with you for as long as we live, and we are planning a "same time, same place" reunion next Feb. 7.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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Clinton and the war on women

Do Americans want another Clinton in the White House? As former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton flirts with running in 2016, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., also a potential White House candidate, has put an interesting spin on Bill Clinton's White House years. Democrats shouldn't accuse the GOP of waging a "war on women," he recently told "Meet the Press," because President Clinton was a "sexual predator" with former intern Monica Lewinsky.



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The next skirmish in the war on the war on women came from the Washington Free Beacon, which reported on papers archived at the University of Arkansas Libraries by Diane Blair, a deceased political science professor and close friend of Hillary's. According to Blair's notes, in 1998, the then first lady told her friend that her husband's relations with Lewinsky — a "narcissistic loony toon" — represented "gross inappropriate behavior," but it was "consensual," as in "not a power relationship."

One of the uglier archived documents is a 1992 campaign

memo written by attorneys Nancy McFadden, now chief of staff to California Gov. Jerry Brown, and Loretta Lynch, president of the California Public Utilities Commission from 2000 to 2002. Under the heading "Defensive Research: Tying up ends and seeing ahead," the memo's first item no doubt referred to Genifer Flowers, who said she had an affair with Bill Clinton: "Exposing GF: completely as a fraud, liar and possible criminal to stop this story and related stories, prevent future non-related stories and expose press inaction and manipulation."

Six years later, President Clinton admitted under oath to having had sex with Flowers, so it turns out Flowers wasn't the "liar" in this little tale.

Didn't matter. With both Flowers and Lewinsky, Clinton operatives' first impulse was to smear the women as liars.

Longtime Clintonista Lanny Davis bashed Paul for "attacking Hillary Clinton for Bill Clinton's conduct."

So much for the 1992 campaign slogan of a Clinton candidacy's offering "two for the price of one." Ditto Hillary Clinton's role as Bill Clinton's chief enabler; remember how she dismissed the Lewinsky scandal as the product of a "vast right-wing conspiracy."

It's "old news," Davis told me.

Veteran GOP strategist Ken Khachigian, however, pointed out that accusations of "inappropriate behavior" in the 1990s torpedoed Herman Cain's presidential aspirations in 2012. There ought to be the "same standard" for both parties.

And don't get me started with Mitt Romney's famed 1983 ride with the family dog on the roof.

Paul's remarks may well backfire. If anything, the Lewinsky saga seemed to prop up President Clinton's favorable poll ratings.

But you have to give Paul this much: He rightly pointed out the chasm between how Clinton Democrats treat women as an interest group and how they treat them as people. When Bubba strayed, only the women paid.

The McFadden-Lynch memo serves as a reminder of what the Clinton machine does to women who speak out. They become loose ends who need to be tied up.

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Why not check this out at the library?

The library will be closed Saturday and Monday in honor of President's Day. We will reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Frederick Forsyth is one of the greatest names in international suspense thrillers of all times, but "The Kill List" (F FOR F) is surely one of his supreme best. Forsyth makes unbelievable sounds believable and I really hope this is one of those.

In northern Virginia, sits an agency called TOSA, an acronym for

Technical Operation Support Activity, with 250 employees that pretend to be an innocuous, bland government agency.

In reality, they have one mission: to track, find and kill those who are so dangerous to the United States that they are on a short, very closely held document called a Kill List. Added to its list is the "Preache," who radicalizes young Muslims living abroad to carry out assassinations. Preacher has just added to his kill list a retired Marine general. However, the general's son is TOSA's best known assassin, known as the "Tracker," and the two will be on a collision course.

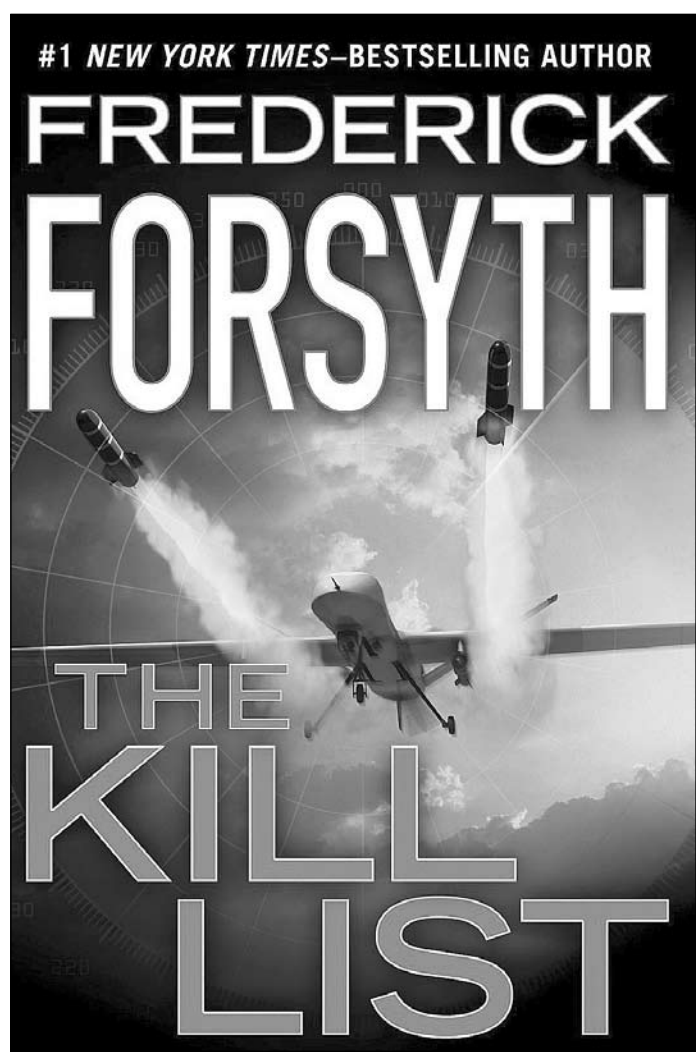
From the donation stack, is "Voices from the Oil Fields," (331.762 LAM P) edited by Paul F. Lambert and Kenny A. Franks. In the late 1930s, employees of the Federal Works Project (branch of the New Deal Works Progress Administration) recorded the voices of the pioneers of the early day workers



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in the oilfield in the oil-boom days of the early 20th century. Millions of dollars were made and lost virtually overnight. These word-for-word recollections of these men and women are told in vivid, sometime poignant language of the grueling toil, primitive living conditions and ever-present danger in a time when life was cheap and oil was gold.

Ladies, don't you just love this title of this new Alexander McCall Smith mystery — "The Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon" (MCC A)? I just love it! I think all of us need a minor adjustment sometime. Modern ideas get tangled up when Precious Ramotswe takes on a case for the proprietor of the Minor Adjustment Beauty Salon. The grand-opening of her new salon has been shadowed by misfortune. Could someone be trying to put the salon out of business? With warmth and sympathy, McCall Smith explores tough questions about married life, parenthood, grief and the importance of traditions that shape and



guide life in Botswana — a land where family has always been above all else.

Clive Cussler, along with Jack Du Brui, has written another novel from the Oregon Files: "Mirage" (F CUS C). If you follow this series, the hero is Capt. Juan Cabrillo, skipper of the Oregon, and his crew. Cabrillo is attempting a daring rescue mission when his friend is fatally wounded. With his dying breath, he breathes some cryptic words that will lead Cabrillo on an astonishing journey. As always, there is breakneck action, spectacular technology that leaves you wondering, can that stuff really exist, and what exactly lies in the government files that the American public don't know about?

"Belle Cora" (F MAR P) by Phillip Margulies is the story of a good girl who became a bad woman. Prostitutes! Gun Fights! Vigilantes! Unitarians! This book has pretty much everything. It tells the story of how an orphaned but well-off girl named Arabella Godwin became the notorious San Francisco Madam, Belle Cora.

At more than 600 pages, it might seem intimidating to some readers, but it is enthralling and very readable. There was a real Belle Cora in San Francisco in the mid-19th century, and she was a madam. She was the lover of a gambler named Charles Cora, who was executed by The Vigilance Committee for the murder of U.S. Marshall William Marshall.

Yet, the story of her life — before and after this infamous episode — is the creation of Margulies. It would be tempting to dip into melodrama to frame such a sensational event, but Margulies takes the high — and more believable — road.

While Arabella Godwin finds herself in the world of prostitution through some very unfortunate events, her rise to the role of the highest madam in the rough and tumble young city of San Francisco is the result of very shrewd decisions on her part. Belle

is not always a likable character, and she does do some rather shocking things, but she is authentic enough for the reader to believe that this really could have been the life of Belle Cora.

If you read "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiaverini, then you should pick up "Mrs. Lincoln's Rival" (F CHI J) by the same author. Kate Chase Sprague was born in 1840 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the second daughter to the second wife of a devout but ambitious lawyer.

Her father, Salmon P. Chase, rose to prominence in the antebellum years and was appointed secretary of the treasury in Abraham Lincoln's cabinet, while aspiring to even greater heights.

Beautiful, intelligent, regal, and entrancing, young Kate Chase stepped into the role of establishing her thrice-widowed father in Washington society and as a future presidential candidate. Her efforts were successful enough that The Washington Star declared her "the most brilliant woman of her day. None outshone her."

None, that is, but Mary Todd Lincoln.

Though Mrs. Lincoln and her young rival held much in common — political acumen, love of country, and a resolute determination to help the men they loved achieve greatness — they could never be friends, for the success of one could come only at the expense of the other. When Kate Chase married William Sprague, the wealthy young governor of Rhode Island, it was widely regarded as the pinnacle of Washington society weddings. President Lincoln was in attendance. The First Lady was not.

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

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♦ A 10 2
♣ K Q 5 2

WEST
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♥ Q J 7 3
♦ K Q 4
♣ J 9 6

EAST
♠ J 10 8 7
♥ —
♦ 9 8 7 6 5 3
♣ 10 8 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 2
♥ A K 10 9 6 5
♦ J
♣ A 7 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

One of the principle differences between the expert and the nonexpert player is that the expert maintains his composure in the face of adversity while the nonexpert is often unnerved by an unexpected development and fails as a result.

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News in brief

Republicans abandon bedrock budget-cutting principle in debt vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was once the backbone of the House Republican majority — the hard-line stand that brought President Barack Obama to the negotiating table and yielded more than \$2 trillion in deficit reduction.

On Tuesday, it abruptly vanished, the victim of Republican disunity and a president determined not to bargain again.

During the summer budget negotiations in 2011, House Speaker John Boehner had insisted that any increase in the nation's borrowing limit be matched dollar for dollar with spending cuts. It became the "Boehner Rule," a mantra of fiscal discipline. And while it didn't always live up to its tit-for-tat formula, it helped drive budget talks and kept deficit reduction at the fore of the Republican agenda.

But there are limits to Republican power, and on Tuesday inevitability finally caught up to the speaker.

Boehner let Congress vote on a measure to extend the nation's borrowing authority for 13 months without any spending conditions — a "clean bill" that was an unequivocal victory for Obama. It passed 221-201, with only 28 Republican votes. The Senate still has to approve the extension, but that's considered a mere formality in the Democratic-controlled chamber.

Atlanta, other parts of the South brace for 'catastrophic' ice storm threatening the region

ATLANTA (AP) — Emergency management workers hunkered down in Atlanta waiting to spring into action as rain — and temperatures — fell overnight, potentially leading to "catastrophic" ice conditions that forecasters said could hit the region.

Already, Georgia Power was reporting more than 2,000 power outages early Wednesday throughout the state. Forecasters and officials said that number would probably grow throughout the day. In north Georgia, morning snow was falling. Other areas of the South, from Louisiana to South Carolina, and the Mid-Atlantic also were expected to get socked with a wintry mix of ice, snow and freezing rain.

Atlanta and the surrounding region dodged the first punch of a dangerous winter storm Tuesday, but forecasters warned that the second punch would likely bring a thick layer of ice and heavy winds that could knock out power to thousands and leave people stranded in their cold, dark homes for days. National Weather Service forecasters said in a memo early Tuesday that while a foot of snow could fall in some parts of the northeast Georgia mountains, "it is the ice that will have the catastrophic impacts."

Elected leaders and emergency management officials began warning people to stay off the roads, especially after two inches of snowfall caused an icy gridlock two weeks ago and left thousands stranded in vehicles overnight. It seemed many in the region around the state's capital obliged as streets and highways were uncharacteristically unclogged Tuesday.

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal and Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed in a news conference at the Georgia Emergency Management Agency's special operations center Tuesday evening implored people to get somewhere safe and stay there.

India's election-season freebies, from subsidies to goats, raise questions about fairness

NEW DELHI (AP) — Just before village council elections, Southern Tamil Nadu state Chief Minister J. Jayalitha went all out to gain favor with rural voters. Schoolgirls received laptops. Farm workers got cows and goats. Homemakers were given spice grinders and fans.

The price tag for the giveaway, which started in 2011 and continues today: 20 billion rupees (\$322 million) in a state of about 70 million people.

Freebies are a fact of life in Indian politics, and items like livestock are only part of it. All three parties seen as the front-runners in upcoming elections have enticed voters with subsidies on electricity, cooking gas or grain.

The largesse could give sputtering growth a short-term boost, but there are growing concerns that the subsidize-everything mentality they represent will damage government finances and the economy. Growth is expected to be less than 5 percent in the 2013-14 fiscal year, far below the 8 percent rate the country averaged in the past 10 years. A crisis of confidence stemming from erratic government policymaking is partly to blame by deterring business investment.

India's Election Commission said this month it plans to require political parties to explain how they will pay for any "welfare measures" announced in the run-up to the vote, to be held by May.

In a saga of family unity, six brothers form the core of the West Bank's best soccer team

WADI AL-NEES, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian farmer Yousef Abu Hammad sired enough boys for a soccer team — literally. Over the years, his 12 sons have formed the core of what is now the top-ranked team in the West Bank.

The current roster includes six of Abu Hammad's sons, three grandsons and five other close relatives. The players from the hamlet of Wadi al-

Nees consistently defeat richer clubs and believe their strong family bonds are a secret to their success.

Having no distractions also helps.

There's little to do in the village except play soccer. It is perched on a hilltop just south of the biblical Bethlehem and has only about 950 residents, virtually all members of the Abu Hammad clan. Until the late 1980s, Wadi al-Nees had no running water or electricity.

Long journey ends at home for Salvadoran fisherman who drifted more than a year at sea

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — A fisherman who says he drifted at sea for more than a year has finally made it home to El Salvador, exhausted and speechless.

Jose Salvador Alvarenga tried to address a media throng waiting at the airport, eager to fill in details about what many people have viewed as a fish tale: a man tossed 6,500 miles (10,500 kilometers) across the Pacific in a small boat from Mexico to the Marshall Islands, surviving on raw fish, turtles and bird blood.

But when handed the microphone at the San Salvador airport late Tuesday, Alvarenga could only put his hands to his face, appearing to cry.

Wearing a dark blue T-shirt, khaki trousers and tennis shoes, the 37-year-old left the airport in a wheelchair and was taken by ambulance to the National Hospital San Rafael, where he was greeted by a daughter who didn't

remember him and a mother who had thought he was dead after not hearing from him for years.

Dr. Yeerles Ramirez described the reunions as emotional, and said that according to medical tests so far, "the prognosis is very good."

Nebraska city votes to keep illegal immigration rules despite concerns about cost, reputation

FREMONT, Neb. (AP) — Residents of a small Nebraska city have reaffirmed their desire to take on illegal immigration.

Nearly 60 percent of Fremont voters decided Tuesday to keep an ordinance that requires all renters to swear they have legal permission to live in the U.S., a move that will likely push the city back into the forefront of the nation's immigration debate.

Local voters first approved the rules by a smaller margin in 2010. Critics had pushed for the new vote, saying the housing restrictions would be ineffective and might cost Fremont millions of dollars in legal fees and lost federal grants. They also said it was hurting the city's image.

But it wasn't enough to sway voters in the conservative agricultural hub near Omaha.

Fremont is one of only a handful of cities trying to restrict illegal immigration and, like those other cities, has found itself mired in court fights because of the regulations. City leaders put the ordinance on hold after the 2010 vote while courts reviewed it.

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Texas news in brief

Wendy Davis says she supports medical marijuana

DALLAS (AP) — Democratic candidate for Texas governor Wendy Davis said Tuesday that she supports the use of medical marijuana and would consider decriminalizing possession of small amounts of the substance.

She explained her position in an interview with the Dallas Morning News editorial board.

“We as a state need to think about the cost of that incarceration and, obviously, the cost to the taxpayers as a consequence of it, and whether we’re really solving any problem for the state by virtue of incarcerations for small amounts of marijuana possession,” Davis said, according to a transcript of the meeting and confirmed by the Davis campaign.

Davis told editors that Texas should learn from the experiences of other states when considering revamping drug laws. She said she’s not sure how she would vote if Texas had a referendum on legalizing marijuana like the ones held in Washington and Colorado.

“I want to wait and see what happens in Colorado,” Davis said. “Do I have any objections to the fact that citizens might want to legalize marijuana? No, I don’t. But I think watching to see how this experiment plays out in other states is probably advisable before I could tell you for sure.”

Gov. Rick Perry has said he supports decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana, partially because the state is trying to keep non-violent offenders out of prisons. He opposes legalizing the drug and would continue to make selling it illegal.

Texas in FY 2013 had 156 child abuse deaths

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A state agency reports Texas had 156 child deaths from abuse and neglect during fiscal 2013.

Figures released Tuesday by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services show that compares to 212 neglect-related child deaths in fiscal 2012.

Department spokesman Patrick Crimmins says agency officials really don’t know why fatality numbers vary from year to year. The 2013 numbers are based on an estimated statewide population of nearly 7.2 million children.

The Dallas Morning News reports Dallas County had 17 abuse- and neglect-related deaths of children in the fiscal year that ended last August. That compares to 11 child deaths in the previous fiscal year.

The Houston Chronicle reports Harris County had 24 child deaths in fiscal 2013 blamed on abuse and neglect, compared to 45 a year earlier.

Judge to hear challenge of Texas’ gay marriage ban

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Two homosexual couples challenging Texas’ ban on same-sex marriage will take their case to federal court on Wednesday in the wake of recent legal victories in two other conservative states.

U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia is expected to decide whether to temporarily block the law, approved by voters in 2005, until a trial can be held in the couples’ case. Similar lawsuits have been filed in 22 other states, but the Texas lawsuit is the first of its kind in the region covered by the southern and deeply conservative 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, where the case will likely end up.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, a Republican running for governor, opposes legalizing gay marriage and has vowed to defend the law, a state constitutional amendment that defines marriage as between one man and one woman. But civil rights groups that recently won injunctions against similar bans in Utah and Oklahoma relied on the same argument being cited in the Texas case: Banning gay marriage violates the

equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment.

The U.S. Supreme Court has allowed the laws in Oklahoma and Utah to remain in effect pending a ruling by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. If that court rules in favor of gay marriage later this year, it could clear the way for same-sex weddings in those and four neighboring states.

Garcia, who was appointed by President Bill Clinton, could make a ruling from the bench on Wednesday or issue a written ruling later.

South Texas soldier death apparent accidental fall

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Military investigators in San Antonio have blamed the death of a soldier discovered in a stairwell near his barracks on an apparent accidental fall.

The Army’s Criminal Investigation Command on Tuesday said Spc. Ian Patrick Morgan probably fell before he was found at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

The 28-year-old soldier was discovered early Sunday in the stairwell, taken to a hospital and pronounced dead.

CID spokesman Chris Grey says investigators did not find any signs of foul play. Authorities believe Morgan earlier had attended a party.

Morgan was assigned to U.S. Army

North headquarters, 56th Signal Co.

Ex-school bookkeeper in Texas must repay \$14K

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former bookkeeper for a South Texas district has been put on probation and must repay more than \$14,000 for stealing from a school.

The San Antonio Express-News reports a judge on Tuesday sentenced 36-year-old Melissa Marie Martinez to 10 years of probation. Martinez, who worked for the Harlandale Independent School District in San Antonio, pleaded no contest to third-degree felony theft.

Prosecutors say Martinez stole from Kingsborough Middle School by writing checks to herself from September 2009 to August 2011. The money in the general fund was earmarked for several groups, including athletics, band, art and yearbook.

The scam surfaced when a vendor reported a \$100 check had bounced.

The Texas Association of Public Schools, which provides insurance, reimbursed the district \$24,000 for its losses.

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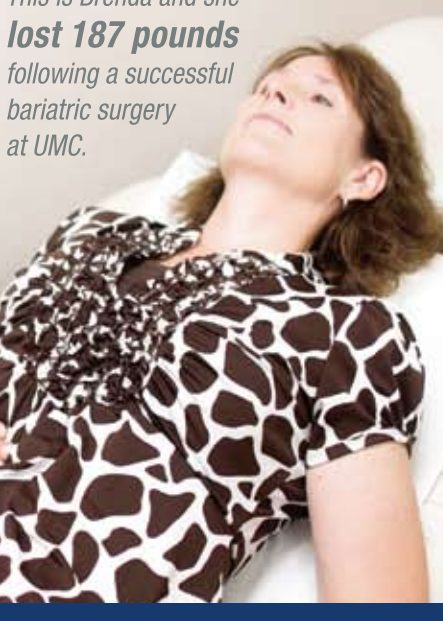
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Wire fox terrier tops at Westminster show

NEW YORK (AP) — The bloodhound drew the loudest cheers. The Portie came with presidential connections. And the Irish water spaniel tried to earn another win for Seattle in the Super Bowl — of dogs, that is.

A little wire fox terrier called Sky stood in their way.

The 5-year-old Sky won best in show at the Westminster Kennel Club on Tuesday night, finishing off a season in which she was ranked the nation's No. 1 dog.

Handler Gabriel Rangel scooped up Sky in one arm after she was picked as America's top dog. He kissed judge Betty Regina Leininger's hand as the title was awarded inside a nearly full Madison Square Garden.

Rangel may've learned that trick from his dog.

"Her personality is she loves to kiss people and she connects with everybody," Rangel said.

This was Sky's 129th best in show ribbon overall — she became

a Triple Crown winner in dogdom, having previously taken the National Dog Show and the AKC Eukanuba event.

And it was the 14th time a wire fox terrier has won at Westminster. No other breed has won more than eight.

The winner with the ginger-and-white coat and terrier goatee beat out an impressive lineup in the final ring. Joining Sky were a standard poodle, a Cardigan Welsh corgi and a miniature pinscher, along with the bloodhound, Portuguese water dog and Irish water spaniel.



AP photo
Sky, a wire fox terrier, competes in the terrier group during the Westminster Kennel Club dog show Tuesday in New York. Sky won the group and, later, best in show.

"She has the 'it' factor. She owned this night," Leininger said.

The standard poodle named Ally was chosen as the runner-up.

Sky sat still backstage alongside the prized silver bowl after the biggest win in her career. By the weekend, the

pooch might be pooped.

Sky was scheduled to tour the morning TV news shows Wednesday, eat a steak lunch at famed Manhattan restaurant Sardi's and also go up the Empire State Building.

time for all those around her, too.

"It's like winning an Oscar," said Victor Malzoni Jr., one of the owners who is an economist from Brazil.

There were 2,845 dogs

entered in the 138th Westminster Kennel Club show. They were eligible in 190 breeds and varieties.

Nathan the bloodhound was clearly the crowd's choice as all seven dogs circled around in the final ring. The min pin called Classie had won 121 times.

And Matisse the Portie had a great history. He is a cousin of President Barack Obama's newest house pet — the White House, that is.

But once again, a terrier prevailed. Terriers have taken 46 of the 105 best in show ribbons presented at an event that dates to the late 19th century.

Rangel, who lives with Sky in Rialto, Calif., has plenty of experience in winning. He guided Sadies the Scottish terrier to victory at Westminster four years ago.

This time, it was Sky's turn.

"She's a princess," he said.

Women get lost wedding dresses back

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Two Tampa Bay area women are now back in possession of their own wedding dresses nine years after a mix-up got them switched.

The Tampa Bay Times reported Wednesday that Marie Keeney was planning a ceremony to renew her vows with her husband of nine years. Her 8-year-old son, Braden, had asked them to do it so he could

be part of the ceremony.

But the planning came to a halt last year when she took the wedding dress out of the storage box and realized it wasn't hers. She was devastated and canceled the ceremony.

But Keeney, 45, began investigating.

She contacted the dry cleaners that did the preservation and was told the task had been outsourced to a New York company, Wedding

Gown Preservation.

She felt her dress was lost but wanted to get the dress she had back to its proper owner. She posted photos on Facebook and contacted the media, in hopes that the owner would learn about the dress.

Then Wedding Gown Preservation found Keeney's dress and shipped it back to the dry cleaners.

"I think it's a miracle," Keeney said.

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Lady Steers cruise past Fabens, 65-48

BSHS to face Levelland in Area round on Friday

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

PECOS – Head coach Mike Warren knew the Big Spring Lady Steers needed to find a way to get the Fabens Lady Wildcats to abandon their zone defense early on Tuesday evening as he sat in the Eagles' Nest at Pecos High School. He just needed something to happen that would force Fabens to spread out their defense a little so his team could use its size and athletic ability in the post.

Julianna Rodriguez was the answer.

The junior point guard knocked down four clutch three-pointers in the first half of play and forced Fabens to shift into a man-to-man approach to respect her outside shooting. And, in so doing, she helped the Big Spring Lady Steers claim a 62-48 victory in the first round of the Class 3A state playoffs.

"When Julianna hit those threes, that made them spread their defense out, and then we were able to get the ball into Diamonique and Alexis at the post. Her shooting was key for us."

Fabens, the District 3-3A champion, enjoyed most of the early smiles in the contest, which was played in front of just 22 fans – eight from Big Spring. The Lady Wildcats turned a steal and an offensive rebound into a 5-0 run

in the first 3 minutes of the bi-district playoff matchup.

Rodriguez came to Big Spring's rescue from there. Having seen the BSHS offense misfire on its first two possessions, Rodriguez kick-started the Lady Steers offense by pulling up from the top of the key on the team's next possession and draining a trey that pulled the Lady Steers to within 5-3 with 4:46 left in the first.

After Jackie Castillo had knotted the score at 5-5 just over minute later, Rodriguez connected from behind the arc again, this time on a three-ball from the corner that staked Big Spring to an 8-5 lead.

"Anyone of us could have hit those," said Rodriguez, who has only played basketball for two seasons. "Since they left me open, I thought I might as well take it (the shot). It think it picked us up, and it gave us the lead."

Fabens never recovered.

Castillo, Autumn Miller and Rodriguez all pitched in shots in the final 2:38 of the first quarter and spirited the Lady Steers to a 16-9 lead.

Rodriguez, who finished with a game-high 18 points, brought Fabens to its knees. She knocked down a pair of three-pointers in the final 48 seconds of the frame and ballooned Big Spring's lead to 13

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Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Dyrshae Vanderbilt goes up for a layup during the fourth quarter of the Lady Steers' 65-48 bi-district playoff victory over the Fabens Lady Wildcats on Tuesday in Pecos. Vanderbilt helped pace the BSHS girls to their first playoff win since 2012 by pouring in 13 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

HC Hawks fall from NJCAA poll

The Howard College men's basketball team finds itself in an unusual situation heading into its Thursday showdown with Frank Phillips College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. They are unranked.

The Hawks slipped from the national junior college rankings earlier this week. Howard College, 20-5 overall, had been ranked No. 24 in the preceding week's poll.

South Plains, the Hawks' biggest rival for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title, fell to No. 7 overall. New Mexico Junior College is No. 17.

Indian Hills Community College is the nation's top-ranked junior college program.

Sudan ends Lady Buffs' season, 46-38

The Forsan High School Lady Buffaloes' 2013-14 season came to an end on Tuesday night with a loss to Sudan in the bi-district round of the Class A, Division I playoffs.

Sudan used a strong charge in the first half to claim a 46-38 win, and a berth in the Area round on Friday.

Forsan finished the season at 12-10.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Tyler Bryan lays in a shot during the Steers' game against Snyder on Tuesday.

Tigers stuns Steers in regular-season finale

The Snyder High School Tigers did the unthinkable on Tuesday night in front of a large crowd in the Steer Gym. They won.

Snyder staged a late run and claimed a 53-52 win over Big Spring in the regular-season finale for both squads.

With the setback, Big Spring finished

third in the District 4-3A race with a 5-5 record.

Big Spring, which ended the season with back-to-back losses, fell to 12-13 overall.

The Steers will advance to the post-season. Big Spring's first-round opponent was unavailable at press time.

Bufs clinch 6-A runner-up spot with win over Sundown

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Kade Fannin pushed in a game-high 17 points and J.T. Breyman added 15 more Tuesday and helped the District 6-A runner-up close out their regular season in grand fashion with a 47-31 romp over Sundown.

With the win, the Buffaloes improved to 17-6 for the season and, more importantly, clinched the District 6-A runner-up playoff berth. Forsan finished with an 8-2 record in district play.

"They (Sundown) came out strong and led the first half but we got rolling in the third," said FHS head Gary Huckabee.

Sundown controlled the temp early. The

Roughnecks outscored Forsan by a 9-6 clip in the first eight minutes of the game.

Forsan managed to sneak closer to Sundown in the second. The Buffaloes posted an 8-7 run in the frame and went into the half trailing by two, at 16-14.

Forsan shifted its offense into high gear from there. The Buffaloes blew the game open in the second half by pounding out a 33-15 spree over the last 16 minutes.

Backed by the inside play of Fannin and Breyman, Forsan took complete control in the third. The Buffaloes outscored Sundown by an impressive 18-7 margin in the first eight minutes

of the second half and carried a 34-23 lead into the start of the fourth.

Forsan closed out the game with a 15-8 run in the final stanza.

Fannin helped spark the team on both ends of the court. In addition to his offensive numbers, he also collected a team-high six rebounds and five steals.

Matthew Mims also reached double-digit totals on offense for the Buffaloes. He tallied 11 points and also came away with six steals and four assists.

The Buffaloes' first-round opponent for the state playoffs was unavailable at press time. They will play the No. 3 seed from the District 5-A race.

BSCC to hold 4-man scramble on Feb. 22-23

The Big Spring Country Club will be holding a 4-person golf scramble on Feb. 22-23.

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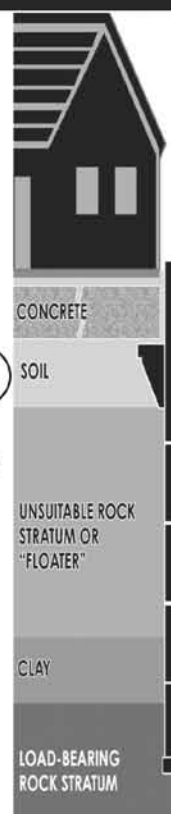
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Aquarius ...
Again

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on a mission to help his fellow man (which in turn can't help but affect the status of his soul). What's next is a review of how we've helped people in the past and which actions bear repeating.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19). Those who play it safe are technically still playing, but if you have anything to do with picking the team, they won't be playing with you. You want to be in the game with fellow risk takers.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20). Fixing an ailing relationship of your own might be difficult but is entirely within the realm of possibility. Fixing someone else's ailing relationship is totally impossible, so don't waste your time trying.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 21). Some elements of your domestic scene are not working well. You'll get the chance to revise, eliminate and improve. You are powerful, and there is more within your realm of control than there was before.

CANCER
(June 22-July 22). A fun secret will be revealed. This one will bring new information about someone you thought you knew well. It might have to do with a crush or a surprising study or interest.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22). You feel it's your responsibility to provide excitement, entertainment, warmth and electricity to a lackluster scene. Before you take over, consider whether you would be better off just starting a totally new scene from scratch.

VIRGO

Tomorrow's Horoscope

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't confuse publicity with facts. Also, be careful not to mistake people for the roles they are playing. You'll make the smartest decisions when you base them on the underlying truth of things.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 23). On days like this, your aesthetic sensors are so apparent that you have a hard time even looking at ugly things. You want everything to be as beautiful as it is inside your mind.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may not be highly motivated by the job before you, but the good news is that there is plenty of reason to take it anyway. For starters, it will free you up to do the thing you really want to be doing!

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No matter how fast you are, you can't win the race if you don't cross the finish line. The one who finishes a job will get full credit, whether finishing entailed 10 or 90 percent of the effort.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your reality conflicts with another person's, and that's something simply to accept. No one is right, and no one is crazy, either. Each person is entitled to his or her own point of view.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your laughter gets others laughing. It represents togetherness and a shared point of view. It will be the remedy for what ails you and afflicts others, too.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20). Some ask for what they need. Others demand it or accuse those who aren't giving accordingly of being selfish. The ones who are acting up aren't necessarily doing so inappropriately. Unfortunately, asking is not always enough.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(Feb. 12). You grow in awareness of your being. Your spiritual connections will be felt profoundly this year, and you'll follow your intuition to financial opportunity, too. March changes your professional goals. Family successes are yours in May. You will streamline and beautify your life and possessions July through September. Aries and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 35, 14, 38, 44 and 27.

VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL:
HOW TO LOVE...
ARIES: Passion, fire and kidding (sometimes even arguing) make Aries feel loved. If done well, engaging a love in debate can be a kind of love dance.

TAURUS: The bull wants the physical evidence of affection represented in gifts of high value and quality. If you're gifting a Taurus, it's better to save up for one high-end item than to get a lot of little things. **GEMINI:** Gemini needs the words of love, preferably in an order that's well considered. If you can pay Gemini a highly original and eloquent compliment, this is even better than a material gift in Gemini's estimation. **CANCER:** For

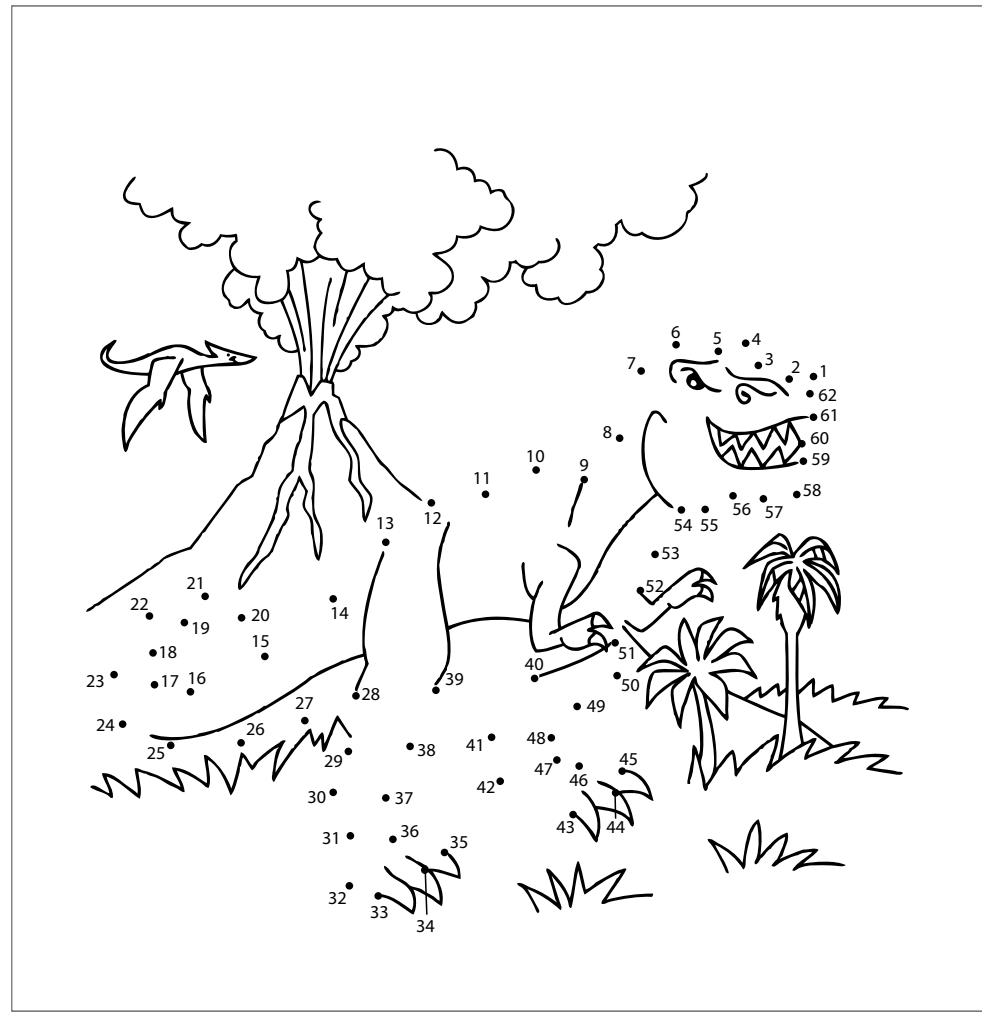
Cancer, an act of love is showing up and spending quality time at home together. Expect to luxuriate at home for hours and hours. Cancer considers the "dine and dash" an insult. **LEO:** Leo wants to be loved in a way the public can see. A ring, for instance, that nets lots of compliments when Leo is out and about or a social media post that gets lots of "likes" would be especially meaningful to the lion. **VIRGO:** Virgo wants only true love: a love that is proved consistently in word and deed time and again.

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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 2014. There are 322 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in present-day Larue County, Ky. On this date: In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who'd claimed the throne of England for nine days, and her husband, Guildford Dudley, were beheaded after being condemned for high

treason. In 1818, Chile officially proclaimed its independence, more than seven years after initially renouncing Spanish rule. In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded. In 1912, Pu Yi (poo yee), the last emperor of China, abdicated, marking the end of the Qing Dynasty. In 1914, groundbreaking took place for the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. (A year later on this date, the Memorial's cornerstone was laid.) In 1924, George Ger-shwin's "Rhapsody in

Blue" premiered in New York. In 1940, the radio play "The Adventures of Superman" debuted with Bud Collyer as the Man of Steel. In 1959, the redesigned Lincoln penny - with an image of the Lincoln Memorial replacing two ears of wheat on the reverse side - went into circulation.

Answer to previous puzzle

SAPS	CALM	MALTS
TREE	ALOE	ACURA
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Newsday Crossword

HOOPS ACTION by Billie Truitt
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- ACROSS
- 1 Stinging remark
- 5 Unwitting accomplice
- 9 Workweek calendar headings
- 14 Fresh thought
- 15 Audible bounceback
- 16 Safari beast
- 17 Meander
- 18 Pennsylvania port
- 19 Hotel's deluxe booking
- 20 Practical joker's device
- 23 Weekly TV show
- 24 Computer modeling, for short
- 25 Research room
- 28 Horn sound
- 31 Split into portions
- 33 Night birds
- 37 Taxi cost
- 39 Sir or madam
- 40 Speak hastily
- 43 Path to the altar
- 44 Hallabalo
- 45 Fly catchers
- 46 Salad leaves
- 48 Wild guess
- 50 Trip up
- 51 Male turkey
- 53 Tries to sell
- 58 Render a verdict
- 61 Ancient Mexican
- 64 Roaring Twenties style, for short
- 65 Nullify
- 66 Beach-bag item

- 67 Scandinavian city
- 68 Trash transporter
- 69 Actress Demi
- 70 Phone button below 7
- 71 Chops down
- DOWN
- 1 Hawks and herons
- 2 Idolize
- 3 Broadcast again
- 4 Disney deer
- 5 Removes, as a rind
- 6 Ranch measure
- 7 President Taylor or Fillmore
- 8 Carolers' songs
- 9 Big name in pies
- 10 Like so
- 11 Nintendo game console
- 12 Demolitionist's buy
- 13 Adversary
- 21 Take the odds
- 22 Volunteer's offer
- 25 Supply
- 26 Ignore the script
- 27 Pager sounds
- 29 Lifeboat implements
- 30 Easy runs
- 32 Get a look at
- 33 Inedible orange
- 34 Helicopter sound
- 35 Also-ran
- 36 Boot bottom
- 38 Radiate
- 41 Octopus appendage
- 42 Magician's secret, perhaps
- 47 Distress signal
- 49 Irritate
- 52 Windows predecessor
- 54 Flatten, informally
- 55 Therefore
- 56 Fund, as a foundation
- 57 Tucks away
- 58 Get a look (at)
- 59 Joke around
- 60 Pac-12 school
- 61 PIN requester
- 62 San Diego attraction
- 63 A couple of

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PLAYOFF

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points, at 22-9.

With Fabens out of its zone defense, the Lady Steers turned the game over to Mayes, Cansino and Dyrshae Vanderbilt. The three combined to reel off Big Spring's next 10 points and powered the BSHS girls to a commanding 32-18 lead.

Shawntee Lacy and Kasey DelaFuente both added points in the closing 46 seconds of the half and helped Big Spring grab a 35-22 halftime edge.

Vanderbilt paced the Lady Steers' 19-13 second-quarter run by throwing in six of her 13 points and pulling down five of her team-high 10 rebounds.

Big Spring continued to build its lead in the third. The Lady Steers collected back-to-back baskets from Cansino in the first 1:36 of the second half and upped its cushion to 16. Moments later, Vanderbilt dropped in a floater off the glass that ballooned the lead to 20, at 45-25, with 4:01 left in the contest.

Cansino and Castillo also finished in double figures for the BSHS girls. Both chalked up 10 points in the win.

The Lady Wildcats rallied back a bit in the closing 4 minutes of the third. Fabens' Vanessa Ramirez led a 9-6 spree over the second half of the third quarter that cut Big Spring's lead to 51-34 at the start of the final period.

Big Spring, now 19-10 for the season, closed



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Big Spring's Julianna Rodriguez fights Fabens' Belen Gutierrez for a loose ball during the fourth quarter of the Lady Steers' 65-48 bi-district playoff win in Pecos.

out the game with a 14-14 run in the final eight minutes.

The playoff victory didn't come as a surprise to the Lady Steers. Despite their late season slump, the team remained confident, said Mayes.

"This was a really big win for us," said the sophomore post. "We

wanted to come out and win this. All week, we've had our minds set that we would win this."

With the win, the Lady Steers advance to the Area round of the state playoffs to face Leveland. The two are scheduled to play Friday, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Post High School gymnasium.

Little League sign-ups are set for Feb. 15

Big Spring Little League will have sign ups on Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Spring City Plaza, formally the Big Spring Mall. Registration will also be held on Feb. 17-21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration is open to youths, ages 4-16.

The registration fee is \$85 per child and will

provide a full uniform. valid birth certificate at Parents must provide a registration.

CGA to hold golf scramble

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding a 4-man scramble on Feb. 16 as part of its membership drive.

Entry fee into the "build your own team" event is \$35 per player. Mulligans will be sold for \$5 apiece.

Players should sign-up prior to 9:30 a.m. A shotgun start will be held at 10 a.m.

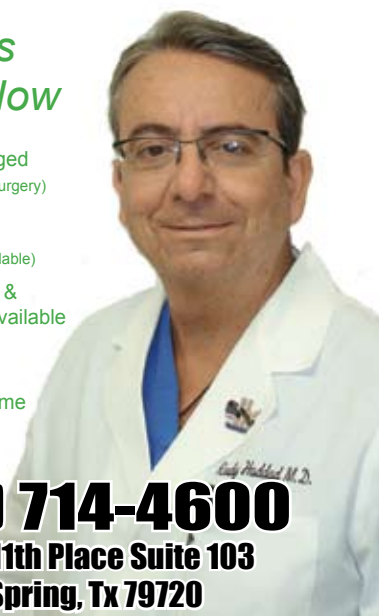
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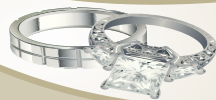
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