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Industry growing in Big Spring

Activity at airpark a big indicator

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Staff Writer

If you were to walk through the industrial park at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark a year and a half ago, it would have appeared to be an outdoor train museum.



Wegman

On one of the two tracks there at the time, a sole Big Spring Rail 1960s circa black locomotive sat on a track with mesquite trees to offset it in the background. The John Crane buildings surrounded by their simplistic wall and gate were just off to the north, giving the area a clinical museum feel.

Today, if you were to walk through that same area, you might see that little black locomotive, but it will be pulling a load of pipe or other cargo to one of the many oilfield-related companies that now reside there.

What was once bare earth scattered with mesquite saplings is now covered with four train tracks that criss-cross and lead to loading docks and weigh stations. A row of 10 v-shaped rail cars stand waiting for trucks to take away a load of Hi Crush fracking sand. Longer v-shaped cars, further north at the Western Container dock, are filled with the small plastic pellets destined to become the two- and three-liter bottles of Coca-Cola found on store shelves.

Stacked all around in neat rows are hundreds of pipes, owned by Fort Worth Pipe (FWP) used for drilling.

Big Spring has become a distribution center for Fort Worth Pipe and it is evident by the flat bed trucks coming into the yard to pick up a

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Clockwise from top, Bartlett & West Surveyors Logan Ortiz and Ron Shanks survey prospective sites for future rail at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark; Simon Saldana is site supervisor for Hi Crush; a locomotive for Big Spring Rail helps transfer products for companies at the site; and, Hi Crush crews oversee the loading of fracking sand into one of their many trucks for transportation to a site.

HERALD photos/Andreia Medlin



Richoux

Former HC All-American drowns at Lake Conroe

By **TOMMY WELLS**
 Sports Editor

The Howard College baseball program lost one of its prized former members over the weekend as former All-American standout Eliot Richoux died while celebrating the Independence Day holiday at Lake Conroe on July 4.

Richoux, who was just days from celebrating his 22nd birthday, drowned after jumping off a dock while celebrating the July

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Diabetes classes begin July 17

Have you found out you have diabetes?

Do you want more information on type 2 diabetes?

The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Services Howard County Office will be providing classes on type 2 diabetes.

There will be five classes on Thursday evenings. The first class begins July 17 at 6:30 p.m.

To register for this class, contact Melissa Deeter at 432-264-2236 or via email at melissa.deeter@ag.tamu.edu

Kid's (and adult) triathlon takes off Saturday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Anyone who has ever thought or dreamed about

running a triathlon has chance to "dip his or her toes" in the sport when the Big Spring Kid's Triathlon takes off this Saturday.

Don't let the event title fool you, the triathlon is open to every age, and is geared to first-time competitors to the sport.

"The Big Spring Kid's Triathlon is part of the USA Triathlon SouthMidWest region

youth series and is both competitive and fun," said event organizer Craig Felty. "There will be youth ages 7 through 15 from a four-state area competing for points toward the series championship. Local youth are strongly encouraged to enter. All finishers will receive a finisher's medal and the top three in each age group will receive place awards."

The triathlon is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center. Participants need to be at the park beginning at 6 a.m. to set up their transition area — meaning getting their bikes and running shoes in place, Felty said.

Gates to the park close at 7:15 a.m. for the race. Anyone leaving after this point will have to exit through the

driving range road by the golf course.

"This race is geared for first timers," Felty said. "We want them to have the experience, come attempt a triathlon. We have quite a few people who are doing this for the first time. It's a lot of fun, and it is for adults also. It's easy and not threatening."

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Obituaries

Nadine Lillian
(Haynes) Hodnett

Nadine Lillian (Haynes) Hodnett, 102, of Big Spring, died peacefully at Parkview Nursing Home Wednesday, July 2, 2014. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 11, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Nadine was born Aug. 17, 1911 in Fluvanna, Texas to Lucetta Haley Haynes and Henry Harrison Haynes. She graduated from Fluvanna High School and attended Westmoreland College, now Trinity University in San Antonio. She taught school at Knott, Texas and Cauble, Texas and had substituted in Big Spring. On Nov. 24, 1932, she married Merle Francis Hodnett in Carlsbad, N.M. He preceded her in death February 25, 1976.

She was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church and the Philathea Sunday School Class. Nadine was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution for over 50 years and the Texas Home Demonstration Club. She was also a member of the Garden Club of Big Spring and the Retired Teachers Association.

Nadine loved the Lord and was selflessly devoted to her family and church. She was an influence and inspiration to all who knew her. She was an avid reader and expressed herself in writing poetry. Nadine valued education and encouraged her children and grandchildren to obtain a higher education. She enjoyed playing bingo and bunko with friends and working crossword puzzles.

She is survived by one daughter, Helen Karen Madry and husband, Jimmy of Big Spring; one son,

Thomas Fredrick Hodnett and wife, Lexie of Merton; and a daughter-in-law, Edda Hodnett of San Diego, Calif. She cherished her five grandchildren, Kimberly (Madry) Pollard and husband, Bill of Big Spring, Kenda (Madry) McDonnell and husband, Neil of New Canaan, Conn., Lexie Jan (Hodnett) Wiley of San Angelo, Jon Hodnett of McPherson, Kan. and Claes Hodnett and wife, Lamora of Burbank, Calif.; as well her nine great-grandchildren, Erin Pollard, Ryan Pollard, Kyle Knott McDonnell, Michael McDonnell, Ella McDonnell, Acacia Wiley, Shaylan Wiley, Zoe Wiley and Zane Hodnett.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Lucetta Haynes; one son, Haley Lynn Hodnett; three sisters, Alice Cain, Pauline Vaughan and Angie May; and five brothers, Douglas Haynes, Clifford Haynes, Arlis Haynes, J. W. Haynes and Haley Haynes.

The family would like to express thanks and deepest appreciation to Dr. Manish Shroff, Dee and his staff, the staff at Parkview Nursing Home and at Marcy House for their devotion and compassionate care given. A special thank you to her caregivers, Sara Garrett, Trine Rodriguez and Carol Raezka. Also, thank you to her Philathea Sunday School Class for their prayers, love and faithful visits for the past 21 years.

Pallbearers will be Jon Hodnett, Claes Hodnett, Bill Pollard, Neil McDonnell, Charles Dunnam and Jimmy Madry.

The family suggests memorials to the Alice B. Haynes Memorial Scholarship Fund at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to the Philathea Sunday School Class at First United Methodist Church, 400 S. Scurry, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Eva Carrasco Yanez



Eva Carrasco Yanez, 64, of Big Spring, died Friday July 4, 2014, in Odessa. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Eva was born to Elena and Ireneo Carrasco on Nov. 27, 1949, in Pecos, Texas. She was a lifetime

resident of Big Spring and a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She was a Certified Nurse's Aide. She loved being with her grandchildren, camping, cooking tortillas, beans and chili. One of her favorite past times was bingo.

She is survived by her children, David Yanez, Jr. and wife Michelle, Cindy Rodriguez and husband Frank, Connie Yanez, Joseph Yanez and wife Irma, all of Big Spring, Christina Yanez of Odessa, Sonya Gonzales and husband Jeromaine of Big Spring and Mario Yanez and wife Sarah, also of Big Spring; 26 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by one brother, Albert Carrasco of Big Spring; six sisters, Irene Norman and husband Mike of Houston, Celia Smithwick and husband Albert of Big Spring, Mariaelena Guardiola of Albuquerque, N.M., Grace Levrier of Austin, Lucy Cruz and husband Frank of Big Spring, and Lydia Tamayo and husband Joe of San Antonio; plus several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother Tomas Carrasco and one sister Adela Hernandez.

Those serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons Frank Rodriguez, Jr., Miguel Rodriguez, Anthony Yanez, Andrew Yanez, Cruz Gutierrez, Jr., Carlitos Gutierrez, Jeremy Gonzales and Victor Vela.

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

Paid obituary

Gregorio (George)
Bustamante

Mr. Gregorio (George) Bustamante of San Antonio, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, Texas, passed away at the age of 89 on July 1, 2014. He was born on March 12, 1925, to Ejinio and Paz Bustamante of Barstow, Texas. He married Margarita Vasquez, served in the U.S. Army and worked at Pyote AFB before moving to Big Spring, Texas, in 1954 and worked at Webb AFB in the motorpool until his retirement in 1976.

He was a Crusillista and sang with a mariachi group from Midland, Texas.

He is survived by four daughters and three sons, Rosemary West, Antonio (Isabel) Bustamante, Emelia (Ismael) Paradez, Jose Manuel (Nora) Bustamante, George Bustamante, Monica (John) Rodriguez and Veronica (Chip) Descombs; one brother, Ramon Bustamante of Midland, Texas; 23 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Federico (Freddy) Bustamante; one grandson; and numerous brothers and sisters.

Rosary was held at Ortiz Funeral Home with graveside services and burial at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

Mary Ellen (Werthe) Pope



Mary Ellen (Werthe) Pope, 88, of Big Spring, Texas passed away July 5, 2014. She was born in Tulsa, Okla. on Feb. 28, 1926, and moved to Big Spring from Mauldin, S.C., where she resided for nearly 40 years. She was a long-standing member of the Mauldin United Methodist Church.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death by her husband of more than 50 years, Sam L. Pope, who passed away in December 1997, and her son-in-law, Todd Fulmer, who passed away in August 2012.

Survivors include her brother, Don Werthe and wife Dee (Allison) of Littleton, N.C.; three sons, Jerry Pope and wife Rebecca Williams of Swannanoa,

N.C.; George Pope of Akron, Ohio; and Ken Pope and wife Ann (Crittenden) of Big Spring, Texas; daughter, Nancy Pope and husband John Watkins of Columbia, S.C.; and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Mauldin United Methodist Church, 100 East Butler Road, Mauldin, S.C. 29662, or Compass Hospice, 602 South Main Street, Big Spring Texas 79720, or your favorite charity.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 10, 2014, at 3 p.m. at Marcy Place, 2301 Wasson Road, Big Spring Texas.

A second memorial service and interment will be held July 24, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at Mauldin United Methodist Church.

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

Wesley Charles Carroll Jr.

Wesley Charles Carroll Jr., of Lago Vista, Texas, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 2, 2014, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Chester Coffman

Chester Coffman, 94, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 7, 2014 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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load. Once loaded, the long black cylinders are transported to drilling sites throughout the U.S.

During a tour of the site, an 18 wheeler pulls in to the Hi Crush weigh station. Two transloader technicians, one of which is the first female transloader technician for the company — Ginger Rickter Montgomery — check in the empty truck that weighs 28,000 pounds before being filled with fracking sand just 50 or so yards away. Once filled, the truck will weigh approximately 76,000 pounds.

And because time is of the essence, the process doesn't take long.

"We get them in and out in eight minutes," said Hi Crush Site Supervisor Simon Saldana. "We can process 15 trucks per shift."

The company has been in operation just two weeks and has had 27 rail cars in and out already with 70 or more expected by the middle of July.

"We have been running 24 hours a day," Saldana said. "We have six employees, all local, with two more coming on." Saldana also reported that Hi Crush has orders through the next three years.

The company has invested more than \$1.5

million in the area with the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation investing \$500,000 for additional storage track.

"The EDC is currently in the process of spending another million," Economic Development Corporation Director Terry Wegman explained.

This area is now abuzz with activity 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. But it isn't the only parcel of land that is being utilized. For anyone who has ever taken the shortcut through the airport from Highway 80, you might have noticed the stacks of products behind the fence with the FWP sign on it just south of Hangar 25 Air Museum.

Those stacks are products resembling flour and sand used to aid in drilling oil wells. They are distributed to the drilling sites as well.

But this didn't all happen in a year and a half. It has been just one of 20 projects of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation since 2007.

The biggest and most important has been the rail infrastructure at the air park.

"The rail rejuvenation began six or seven years ago," said Wegman. "We began petitioning Union Pacific about the rail, but they didn't want to service their rail."

Western Container was using the rail at one time to transport supplies and materials, but stopped us-

ing it because of on-time delivery issues, Wegman continued.

Big Spring Rail, owned by Transport Handling Systems LLC, a company owned and operated by retired "high level" executive East Coast rail employees, was looking for an opportunity in Big Spring in 2010 because of the oil boom.

"They said they wanted to revitalize the rail spur but hadn't been having any success," said Wegman. "They saw an opportunity here and contacted me to see about building the rail."

With the EDC director's help and guidance, the company leased the track from the city and obtained an interchange agreement from Union Pacific.

"It took a long time," said Wegman. "And Big Spring Rail spent a lot of money to get the rail up to specifications."

A year had passed before the operation was up and running. "Big Spring Rail also ordered two locomotives and hired three people. They soon began accepting deliveries to COEX pipe, Western Container and NolTex."

During that first year, the train was making deliveries two to three times per week. "It has grown exponentially," said Wegman.

But Big Spring Rail was only the beginning. Soon, other companies followed and the landscape at the

airport will be changing as a result.

The EDC will be building rail that will extend to the airport tarmac. The added rail will be used by the businesses there to load and unload a variety of oil field equipment and promises to become an important distribution hub.

Reaching that state will take time.

"It will be done in three phases," Wegman explained. "The final phase will block off the entrance and traffic will be rerouted." The route will be around Phillips Fabrication, located on Boeing Street onto Apron. The fence along the edge of the taxi-way will be moved to the west to accommodate the new rail and distribution sites.

"The train cars will unload and the trucks will be loaded at these sites," said Wegman. The project has been in production for going on two years. The delays have been myriad with red tape, contractual minutia and unexpected tangential obstacles.

"They discovered a gas pipeline we didn't know about and FWP brought in a double-wide trailer that may be an obstacle for the route," the director continued. However, the site in question is in the process of being surveyed by Bartlett & West to determine how the route can safely be amended.

Although the industrial growth is rather hidden and is therefore unknown to the public, Wegman said the growing industrial projects are essential to the city's future prospects.

"We have to have this before we can have that," he said, explaining that industrial growth will bring retail growth.

Among the many interested companies contacting the EDC, Invenergy, a wind power developer, has shown interest in the northwest area of Howard County situated between Martin and Borden Counties, they are in negotiations with Howard College and Howard County for tax incentives. If an agreement is struck, this project's expected tax revenue would benefit the college as well as the county.

The 120 megawatt project would create 300 jobs in the construction phase and would employ one tech per 10-12 turbines with 55 to 70 possible turbines and \$170 million capital investment.

Although EDC doesn't handle retail business, the agency is often the first to be contacted by companies interested in building in Howard County.

"There is great interest from retail companies who want to come into Big Spring," Wegman said. "So be on the watch for that."

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Participants swim three loops around the lazy river in the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center, ride three loops around the bike course in Comanche Trail park, and run three laps on the Starlight trail which is also in the park, Felty said.

Maps of the race can be found at www.permian-basinevents.com. Entry fee is \$25 and participants receive a goody bag, T-shirt, and a retro style headband. Finisher's also receive a Neon Trucker's hat.

"All you need is a swim suit, a bicycle, a bicycle helmet, running shoes, and a desire to have a great time staying fit," he said.

Races are broken down by age groups. Those groups are ages 7 through 10. That group performs a 100 meter swim, a 4K bike ride and 1K run, or one loop each. The 11 through 15 age group swims 200 meters, an 8K bike race and a 2K run, or two loops each. The age 15 and older (including adults) group swims 300 meters, has a 12k bike race and a 3K run, or three loops each.

"We will be at the Aquatics Center Friday for last-minute sign ups from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.," Felty said. "We also encourage spectators to come and cheer on the athletes."

RICHOUX

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4th holiday on Friday.

According to law enforcement reports, After leaping into the lake's shallow water, Richoux leaped off a dock at the Houston-area lake and briefly surfaced before sinking out of sight, said Lt. Tim Cade of the

Montgomery County Precinct 1 Lake Division. At approximately 4 p.m., divers located his body after searching for about 30 minutes.

Paramedics tried unsuccessfully to revive him, Cade said. Officials are still investigating the cause of death.

"The whole situation is sad," said Howard College head coach Brett

Smith on Tuesday morning while traveling in Atlanta. "I can't imagine how the family feels. He (Elliot) was a great kid and, obviously, he was a great player for us."

Richoux was a second-team NJCAA All-American selection for the Hawks in 2011. He starred as a catcher and designated hitter during his season with the

HC men's baseball program. Prior to joining the Hawks, Richoux was a three-year letterman at The Woodlands, where he earned all-state honors as a senior.

After leaving the Hawks, he played 25 games for Texas Tech in 2013.

"We want to pass on our condolences to his family," said Smith. "Our

thoughts and prayers are with them at this very difficult time."

The loss was extremely tough for several current Tech players, including former HC teammates Todd Ritchie and Dominic Moreno.

Ritchie played for three seasons with Richoux, including a season at HC.

"He always would try to get to me say 'Hawks

fly together,' even after we came to Tech," Ritchie told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "But, I would never say it. I'd always tell him we made it. We are at Tech now. I never would say it."

"But, today, when I heard, I said it for him. 'Hawks fly together.'"

Police/Sheriff/Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- KEITH ALLEN MYRICK, 26, of 1706 Donley, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to 2 ounces in a drug free zone.
- JEFFREY RODOFO ROBLES, 31, of 1102 Lamar, was arrested Monday on two warrants from another agency.
- JOSEPH ANTHONY GUTIERREZ, 24, of 1601 E. 3rd St., was arrested Monday on a warrant for sexual assault of a child.
- EMMITT HOWARD BARTEE II, 48, of 1724 Purdue, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- SAMANTHA DONNELL EVANS, 26, of 1002 N. Main apt. 20,

was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.

- BRITTANY LEE CHRISTIAN, 22, of 2808 Sherman Rd., was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 3200 block of E. 11th Pl.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported at the 200 block of Washington.
- THEFT was reported at the 600 block of E. 15th St. and the 800 block of Andree.
- DRAG RACING/WRECKLESS DRIVING reported at the intersection of Highway 87 and McDonald Rd.
- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1900 block of Martin Luther

King Blvd.

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following activity:

Note: Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 at the time of this report.

- EMMITT HOWARD BARTEE was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation on a possession of a controlled substance 4 less than or equal to 200 grams but greater than 400 grams.
- BRITTANY CHRISTIAN was booked by HCSO to begin sentencing for theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.
- SAMANTHA DONNELL DAWSON was booked by HCSO to begin sentencing for theft

of property greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500.

- JULIAN JAY TORRES was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for terroristic threat.
- STACI RACHELLE COOK was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated 2nd offense and on warrants for expired

drivers license, display expired registration and fail to maintain financial responsibility.

- ANGELA ANN MCGEE was booked by BSPD on charges of failed to signal required distance, driving while license invalid and fail to identify giving false/fictitious information.

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Bird Poop: Ready to welcome the others 'home'

From the moment the man gently placed the male duck in my hands came admiration for its breeding plumage. During October through June, such attire was normal.

For the non-breeding season from July through September, the bird would sport a brownish gray uniform for summer in Canada or Alaska. He would, however, retain his bright wing patches.

His nightly migration had suddenly been curtailed on this twenty-third day of June. Hopefully, the green-winged teal would recover and be a welcoming committee to greet fall's arrivals.

The bird's rusty brown head, with glossy green patches

on each side, was only part of his coloration. Contrasting with surrounding gray feathers, a patch of green iridescent feathers was exposed as I extended his left wing.

Finding no injuries then caused me to examine the right wing. Its green patch and adjoining feathers were punctured as if having been bitten. The wounds appeared to be healing.

Placed on a towel inside one of our carriers, the teal stretched each wing and carefully tucked it against his body. Then he nestled down.

Notable were distinctive white, vertical stripes on each side of his breast in front of his wing feathers. His buff-colored breast was spotted with black.

Finding no fractures, a veterinarian felt the wounds were healing and no nerve damage had been suffered. He suggested enlisting the help of a landowner

that could provide the duck a safe pond or body of water for its recovery.

A phone call received an invitation to give the teal the respite it needed. Soon he was half submerged with his feet kicking in the air. He seemed to appreciate what nature and a friend had given back to him.

In Big Spring, we had often noticed green-winged teals bobbing on the surface of Beals Creek during fall and winter months. Diving under the shallow water, they probed the mud for aquatic insects, larvae and worms. Surfacing, only to dive again, these dabbling ducks also enjoyed tender bites of water plants.

After their flocks had fed insatiable appetites, they often lifted en masse. Bunched closely together, their leaving displayed the epitome of nature's precision flying as they twisted and turned in



Courtesy photo

From summers in Alaska to fall and winter on inland lakes, rivers, and the Texas coast, the Green-winged Teal is a little over a foot in length, with a wingspan of about two feet. An expert diver, the small bird can swim long distances underwater.

unison.

As we moved away from the active little duck, we anticipated that with the first cold blasts of fall he could welcome other teals. His breeding strut, as he stood up in the water with extended wings, would compensate for

his having been left behind.

thor of *The Scoop from Bird Poop*. She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Bebe McCasland is au-

We need to hear more good news

I was watching the news the other night and began to think about what kind of news I was hearing. It was all bad. It was all about robbery, murder, drive by shootings, drug abuse, road rage and child abuse.

I began to wonder, why don't we hear the good things, or has it always been this way? Have we conditioned ourselves to listen to only the bad or have the different areas of media programmed us to only want to hear of bad things?

I turned the TV off and began to think about the things I had heard and then began to think about the people I know, right here in Big Spring. I am convinced that ninety five percent or more of the folks I come in contact with each day would never make today's news because they are too good and their lives are lived appropriately. They are not out there doing bad things.

Then I read of a military man who had served in Iraq and became acquainted with a little boy from that country who was badly wounded from a land mine explosion. This soldier began searching for assistance for this young, orphaned boy and even spent much of his own money to assist him.

There are so many wonderful people in this country who do such things as this every day. Why don't we hear more about these folks? There are stories of those in our military who, throughout the years, have sacrificed their lives or their bodies for our country. Where are those stories?

When is the last time you heard of the person who, through their own physical discomfort, got up and went to serve the needs of others? They are all around us, right here, and a lot of them should be praised.

Let's begin to revamp our thinking and be thankful for the things and the folks we have. Let's begin to treasure our moments and take notice of the good.

Speaking of treasuring moments, sometimes you hear a story that is so true that you can't help but laugh and hope that, even though it could happen at any time, you hope against hope it won't happen any time soon.

If you have ever misplaced your car keys you will identify immediately with the story that follows:

Several days ago, as I left a meeting at a hotel, I began searching for my keys and noticed they were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the door, I came to a terrifying conclusion that his theory was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police, gave them my location and confessed that I had left my keys in the car and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," I stammered; (I always call him "honey" in times like these.) "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me," he barked, "I dropped you off!" Now it was my time to be silent.

Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop I didn't steal your car."

Darrell Ryan is director of safety for the Big Spring Independent School District.



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Youngsters dress up Quail Dobbs style for Saturday's Freedom Parade in Coahoma.

Sudoku Answer on Page 3

sudoku

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

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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Rationale of Good Defense

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 9 8
♥ 7 3
♦ K J 10 6 2
♣ K Q 5

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

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 5 2
♥ K 10
♦ Q 9 8
♣ A J 7

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

Opening lead — queen of hearts.
To defend well is difficult, but certainly not impossible. It's mostly a matter of gathering clues available from the bidding and/or play, and taking advantage of them.

Assume you're East and win partner's queen-of-hearts lead with the ace. What should you return? Considering all the factors, your best return is a low diamond! If you make this play, the contract goes down one.

Declarer wins in his hand and leads a trump. Following your line of

defense, partner rises with the ace and returns a diamond. You win with the ace and play a diamond, and partner ruffs to score the setting trick.

How can you be expected to find this extraordinary defense without seeing all four hands? Actually, it makes a lot of sense — if you stop to reason things out.

To begin with, you should conclude that you have virtually no hope of defeating the contract unless partner has the ace or king of trumps. You therefore assume that he has a trump trick coming. You also know from the queen-of-hearts lead that partner does not have the king, so that a heart return is futile.

Finally, you know from South's three-diamond bid that he has either three or four diamonds. If South raised with four diamonds, your best defense is to play the ace and another diamond. But if South raised with three diamonds, your best defense is a low diamond at trick two.

In trying to solve this problem, you make the reasonable assumption that if South actually has four diamonds, your partner, who is presumed to hold the trump ace or king, would have led his singleton diamond. Therefore, you say to yourself, partner must have two diamonds, so the best chance to beat the contract lies in a low diamond return.

Tomorrow: Steeplechase.

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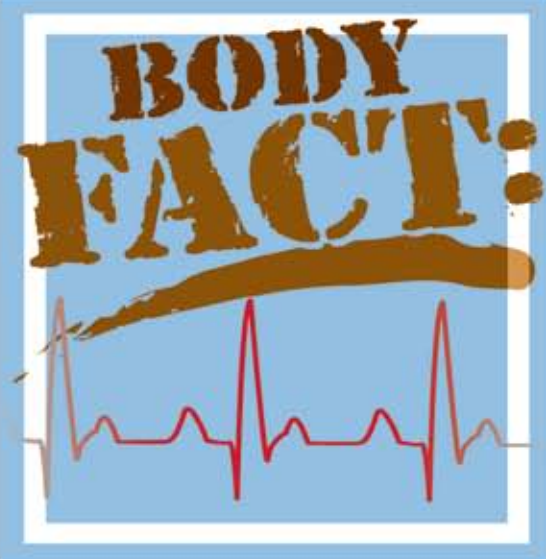


THIS DAY IN...



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ANSWER: SUNSCREEN



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How they SAY that in...

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- SPANISH:** Lago
- ITALIAN:** Lago
- FRENCH:** Lac
- GERMAN:** See

Did you know?

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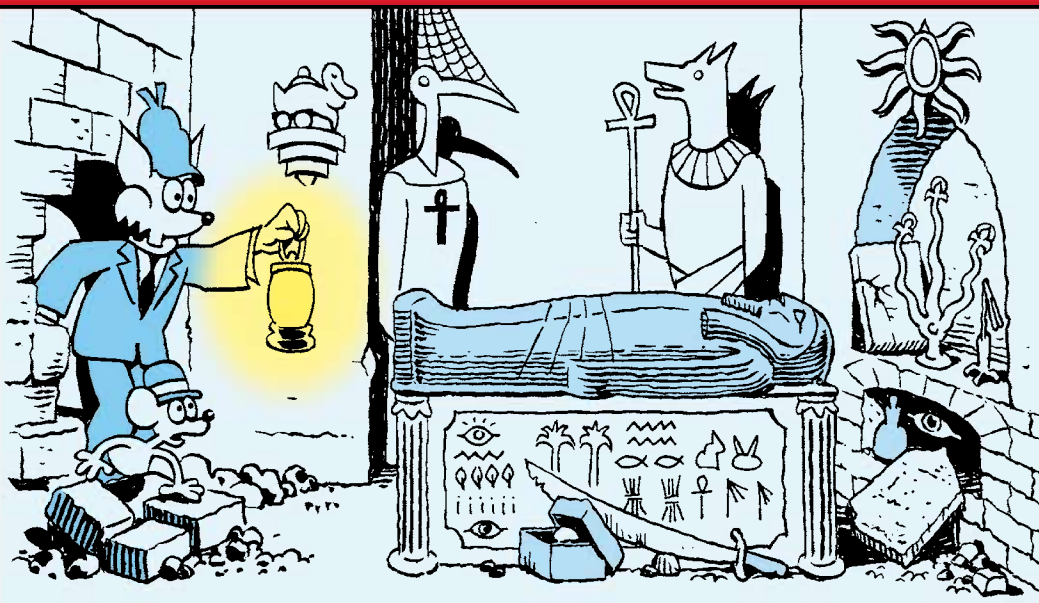
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ANSWER: BEACH BAG

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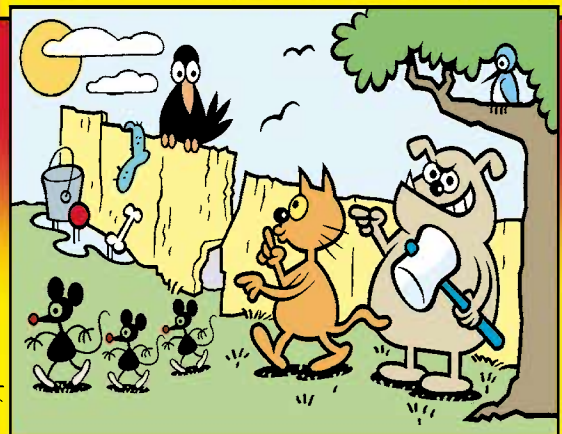
BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slylock Fox discovered this ancient tomb deep inside an Egyptian pyramid. After observing evidence in the tomb, Slylock concluded that someone else discovered the tomb and resealed the bricks before he arrived. What evidence did Slylock see?



Solution -- Slylock saw eye-glasses on the shelf above his lantern. Eye-glasses were not invented after this tomb was sealed.

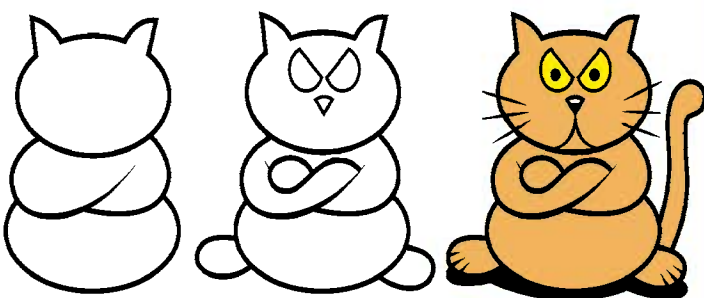
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Singleton, Gonzalez lead Astros past Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Jon Singleton's debut against the Texas Rangers turned out nicely for him and the Houston Astros.

Singleton homered among three hits and drove in four runs, Marwin Gonzalez had a bases-loaded triple and the Astros snapped a seven-game skid with a 12-7 victory over the Rangers on Monday night.

The 22-year-old rookie

ended an 0-for-10 slump that had dropped his average to .168 with his second three-hit game of the season and helped boost the Astros to 4-3 this season against their Texas rival.

Houston was 2-17 against the Rangers in its first season in the AL West last year.

"When you look at the work when he's putting in day in and day out, it's good to see him get some

results on the field," manager Bo Porter said. "He has a chance to be a really special middle-of-the-lineup bat for a long time in the big leagues."

Gonzalez's triple followed five consecutive singles in a six-run second inning, and Singleton's towering flyball landed two rows above the Texas bullpen in right-center for a three-run shot and a 9-2 lead in the fourth.

"It's a work in progress every day," Singleton said. "Today I tried not to think too much. I was about the ball. That's seeing it."

Jarred Cosart (9-6) won for the first time in 12 career starts against AL West opponents despite allowing nine hits and six runs — five earned — in five innings.

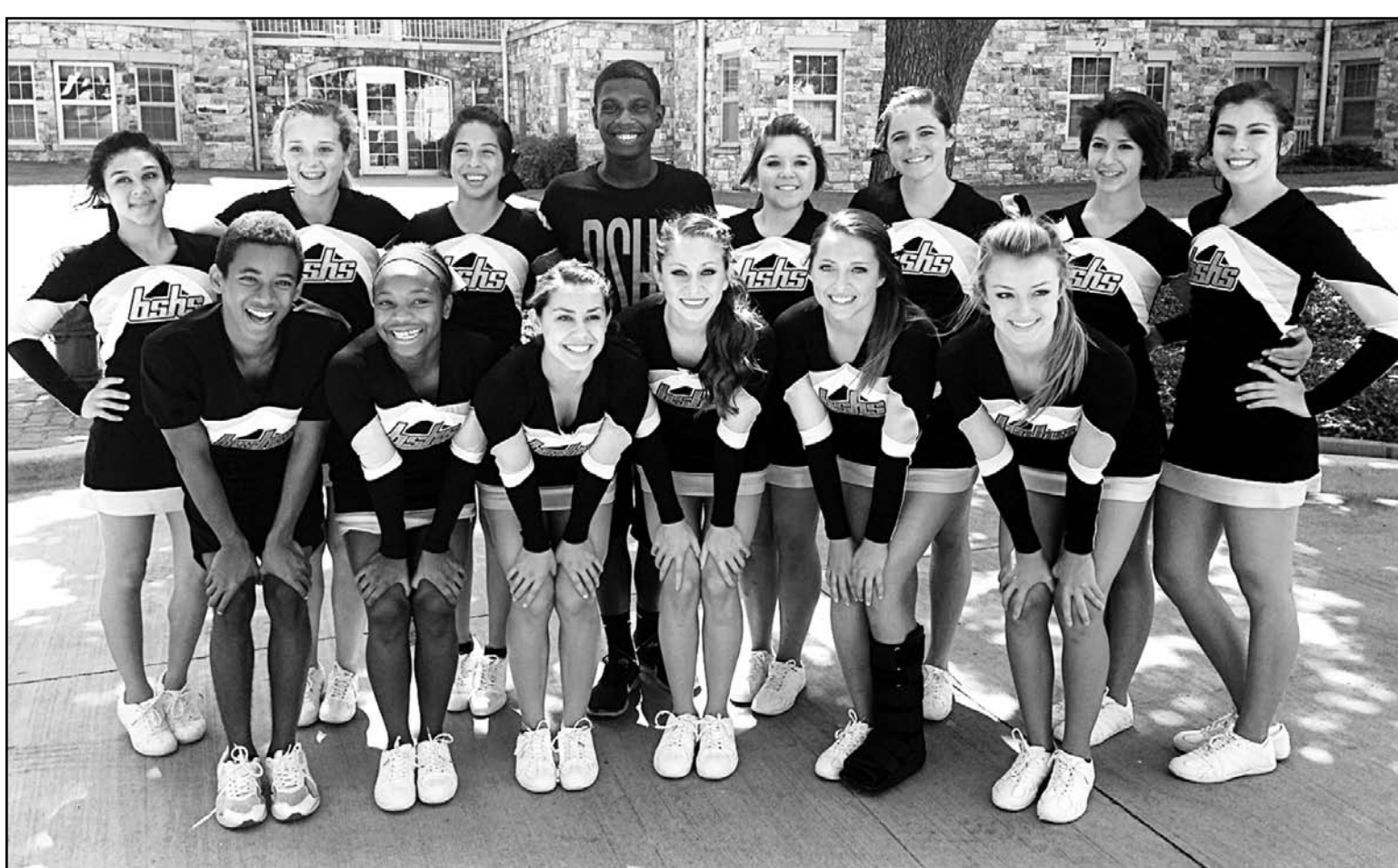
Every Houston batter had at least one hit after George Springer's in-

field single with one out in the fourth. Singleton followed with his sixth homer to knock out Texas starter Givels Mikolas (0-1), who gave up 12 hits and nine runs in 3 1-3 innings.

It was the second career start for Mikolas, who was strong for five innings before fading in the sixth last week in Baltimore. He struck out five and didn't walk a batter.

"There were strikes, but you have to throw quality strikes," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "They just found a way to put the ball in play and find the grass out there. And then Gonzalez was the big blow."

Adrian Beltre extended his hitting streak to 10 games with an RBI double in the third inning and a solo homer in the fifth.



The Big Spring High School varsity cheerleading squad earned several major awards at the recent NCA camp at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. The BSHS cheer squad earned a certificate of excellence in stunts and "Smart Award" and garnered an invitation to the national contest. BSHS mascot Carlos Ross was awarded a certificate of excellence in the mascot division. Members of the BSHS cheer squad are (back row, left to right) Brittanie Clay, Hannah Alsobrooks, Alexis Garcia, Ross, Morgan Flores, Emilie Smith, Aliscia Brorman, Katie Wash, (bottom) seniors Josh Long, Autumn Minter, Karina Alvarado, Julianna Rodriguez, Alyssa Armentrout and Stevi Ward.

BSHS cheerleaders earn berths at national cheerleading meet

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Shout it out and shout it loud for the Black and Gold.

Big Spring High School cheerleaders will have their moment on a national stage if they can get a little help from the community.

The Big Spring varsity, junior varsity and junior high school squads all received a bid to attend the National Cheerleaders Association Sr. and Jr. National competition recently while attending a NCA cheerleading camp at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

"It's very prestigious," said high school cheerleading sponsor Ashley Phinney, who with co-sponsor Meredith Skaggs is in charge of the high school program. "It was a really big accomplishment. There were some bigger schools at our camp. We have our nomination, and we are planning on going. We are going to have to work really hard."

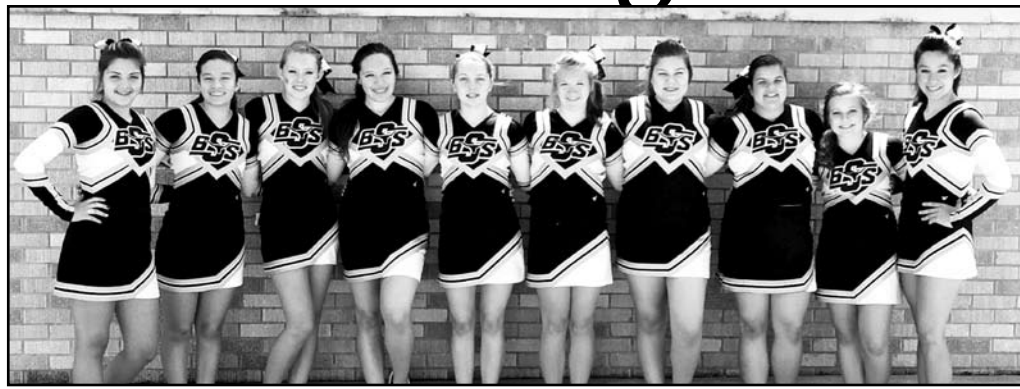
And the squads have already shown they have the dedication to compete, Phinney said.

"They worked very, very hard," she said. "We woke up early in the morning. Any downtime we had, we were practicing. If they weren't with the camp stuff, I had them outside working on their own over and over. They worked really hard with getting along and encouraging each other."

Twenty schools were represented on the camp which was held, June 27-July 1, but only six schools in the high school competition were nominated to attend the national contest set for January 2015 in Dallas, Phinney said.

"We are going to have to do a lot of funding raising," Phinney said. "Businesses are welcome to donate to the cause. I don't have a number on how much it will cost right now, but we are definitely going to need some community help to get there."

Besides receiving a nomination to nationals, the varsity squad was awarded a certificate of excellence in stunts and a stunt smart award



The BSHS junior varsity cheer squad also shined at the camp. The JV squad earned a certificate of Excellence for Crowd Involvement and was selected the Game Day Top Team and the Most Improved honors. The squad also earned an invitation to the national meet. Freshman Bekah Pearson was named an "All American" cheerleader, the highest individual award given out at camp. Members of the BSHS JV squad are (left to right) Kloee Gang, Mia Oliva, Courtney Berringer, Meagan Magallanes, Courtney Myers, Pearson, Rayna Rodriguez, Kiowa Lesser, Jori Hanlan and Addie Jimenez.

"Carlos Ross, our mascot, was award-

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Ashley Phinney

ed a certificate of excellence in the mascot division," Phinney said.

Members of the varsity squad are sophomores Brittanie Clay, Katie Wash; juniors, Hannah Alsobrooks, Alexis Garcia, Carlos Ross, Morgan Flores,

Emilie Smith; Aliscia Brorman; seniors, Josh Long, Autumn Minter, Karina Alvarado, Julianna Rodriguez, Alyssa Armentrout, and Stevi Ward.

The junior varsity squad was awarded a certificate of excellence for crowd involvement, most improved, and game day top team in the JV division.

"Bekah Pearson was named an 'All American Cheerleader,' the highest individual award given out at camp," Phinney said.

Junior varsity squad members are: ninth graders, Kloee Gang, Courtney Myers, Bekah Pearson, Jori Hanlan, sophomore, Meagan Magallanes, Addie Jimenez; juniors, Mia Oliva, Courtney Berringer, Rayna Rodriguez, and Kiowa Lesser.

Fund-raising for the trip will be just another added duty as the cheerleading squad starts to prepare for fall sports.

"We are looking forward to a good (athletics) year," Phinney said.

"We are going to be playing some tough teams in sports this year. In communities that have a lot of school spirit, everyone shows up for the games and everyone come ready to rally, so Big Spring needs to be prepared. We need to step up our rally and support for these athletes. Bring your spirit."

Hernandez can move closer to Boston

(AP) — Former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez can transfer to a jail closer to Boston for easier access to his lawyers while he awaits trial on a murder charge, a judge ruled Monday.

Hernandez was in court for the hearing, which addressed mostly procedural issues. He smiled and mouthed messages to his family before the hearing began. His mother and brother were among those in court, as were family members of Odin Lloyd, the 27-year-old Boston semi-professional football player Hernandez is accused of killing in June 2013.

Hernandez is also charged in Boston in the 2012 killings of two men. He has pleaded not guilty in both cases.

Prosecutors did not object to moving Hernandez from the Bristol County House of Correction in Dartmouth, which is about an hour and 20 minutes' drive south of Boston. They called baseless defense lawyers' claims that the former tight end's privacy and due process rights were violated by the jail administrator. Judge Susan Garsh ordered the move without addressing his complaints.

It is not clear when Hernandez will be moved or where he will be going. Garsh did not specify a jail when she approved the request, other than saying it should be closer to Boston.

Football gear to be distributed

Big Spring High School football athletes will be able to get their hands onto football equipment for the first time on months later this month when the school's coaches begin distributing equipment.

Players will be fitted for equipment beginning with the seniors on July 28. Seniors will be fitted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Incoming juniors will be fitted on July 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., while sophomore can pick up their gear on July 30 during the same time frame. Freshmen will be fit for equipment on July 31, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Players unable to make their respective slots can be fitted on Aug. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Contractor must be properly licensed/certified to perform necessary work. Information showing necessary work for renovation is available in the Martin County Hospital Administrative offices, located at 600 Interstate 20 East, Stanton, Texas.

The criteria that will be used for selection of the contractor, as well as the weight assigned to each criteria, are as follows: Prior construction experience in general and prior construction experience in physician, Hospital, or clinical settings (50%); prior experience on construction projects within 25 miles of Stanton, Texas (5%); prior experience working with a healthcare facility (20%); experience of individuals who will be involved on project (10%); references from Healthcare facilities/entities (15%). The district shall accept the bid that offers the citizens of the District the best value, based on experience, cost, reliability, references, and the criteria above.

The submitted proposal should address all the criteria above, as well as the contractor's proposed fees and prices for fulfilling the project requirements.

Sealed bids will be accepted at Martin County Hospital until 4:00 CS July 11, 2014. Bids will be opened publicly at the MCHD Board room starting at 4:30 p.m., July 11, 2014. Bids received after 4:00 p.m. CS July 11, 2014 will not be accepted.

Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I've been friends with "Louise" for 35 years. She sees the same doctor I do.

Apparently, at her last appointment, Louise talked about my grown children and how much they weigh and insinuated that my grown son is too ugly for her daughter. She told this to the entire office staff with the exception of my youngest daughter, who is the office manager. My daughter was on a break when this took place, but her co-workers told her about it when she returned.

Needless to say, I was very hurt by what Louise said. I don't understand why she chose to make such horrible comments about my children, especially to people who know them, and I'm not sure I can forgive her. The friendship certainly will never be the same. Should I confront her? -- *Disappointed in My Friend*

Dear Disappointed: Louise should not be discussing your children negatively with anyone,

let alone someone who knows them. And the co-workers should not have repeated these

malicious comments to your daughter, who repeated them to you. Now you are forced to reevaluate your friendship with Louise, and no matter the outcome, this incident has poisoned the well. Please talk to Louise, but do so calmly. Tell her that the office staff repeated the unkind words she said about your children, and you'd like to know why she felt the need to disparage them in public. Let her explain herself and, hopefully, apologize. How (or whether) you choose to maintain the friendship after that depends on your comfort levels.

Dear Annie: One of my best friends constantly bites her nails. She has cats and dogs, occasionally babysits a toddler and does a lot of gardening. This is a lot of dirt and germs under her nails. Doesn't she know she could make herself sick?

I've tried talking to her about her habit, but she says she can't quit and that nothing bad has happened. But, Annie, she

doesn't even try. How can I make her stop biting her nails? -- *Concerned Friend*

Dear Friend: If your friend washes her hands thoroughly after gardening, lying with the dogs and cats, and changing the baby's diaper, etc., she is probably OK. The bigger problem is how far down she bites her nails and whether she bites the cuticle. This would make her susceptible to infection.

Nail biting is an obsessive-compulsive disorder. The simplest solution is to coat the nails with a bitter-tasting polish. If that doesn't help, the next step is therapy. But your problem is, you cannot make her do anything she isn't willing to do. Inform her of the likelihood of infection and direct her to some material on the subject. Then leave her alone.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Just Venting," whose two sisters never helped care for their 90-year-old father. I was impressed that one of them had actually cared for him for six weeks in three years. That may not sound like much, but often

siblings who still have issues with parents or who are scared to death of this physically and mentally exhausting job want nothing to do with any of it.

"Venting" can be consoled by the fact that even if she had discussed this with her siblings before Dad moved in with her, it likely would have made no difference. I have talked with my siblings until I am blue in the face, and in return, I've been criticized and ignored, because this is a job no one wants.

It's better to forgive people who let you down rather than hold on to resentment. She can feel satisfied that she did the right thing for her father. -- *Been There, Still Doing That*

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Intense Scorpio Moon

Relationships intensify under this Scorpio moon. Emotional water-sign energy seems to form a swirling waterspout capable of pulling us into relationships too deep and too fast. Some react with abandon; others become private and protective of the status quo. Whatever your style, own it. This is no time to let yourself be unduly influenced.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your physical strength today will be greater than that of yesterday. You'll love how this feels and make efforts to keep the trend going. The magic formula is: more rest, less stress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be exposed to the multilayered behavior of those with an agenda. It may take days or weeks to understand exactly what's going on here, so don't be too quick to make a move.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Vibrant health is the goal, and diet is the key. The first thing to ask is: Is this food? Most definitions of "food" center on a nutritious substance. If it's not nutritious, consider that it might not really be food.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Our command of space is what makes others see us as either a leader or a follower. Dare to take

up room and do what no one else is doing. Move to your own beat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You could be the savior for yourself and for all of the others who are in your boat. How do you do it? Row, row, row. Only one person has to row, but everyone will get there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you're wondering why all of these people are around you now, it has something to do with your big heart. It sends out signals, and you'll be impressed by who and how many respond.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's like you're in a high-pressure poker game deciding how to play your cards. If you're going to pull this one off, there will have to be some bluffing involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The old ways are back, and there's a fresh hipness to customs like canning and backyard chickens. You'll find joy in an activity that your great-great-grandparents probably relished a century or so ago.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you enter the scene, everyone will wonder who you are and what you do, so go ahead and answer their questioning minds with the things you think they should know about you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll feel like keeping the outer world at bay so you can concentrate on sorting through your inner world. However, you're better off getting feedback. Too much time alone

is distorting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As you daydream about your next lifestyle evolution, you start to realize what needs to happen for the mental picture to become reality. There are some sacrifices to be made, and you're feeling ready to make them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). So much seems to be riding on one decision. Actually, this is an illusion. The truth of the matter is that all roads lead to the same juncture of destiny; therefore, you cannot choose wrong. So don't agonize.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 8). A beautiful relationship blossoms over the next six weeks and will continue to fortify your heart throughout the solar year. Take an inventory of your best attributes because you'll apply them to gain money and status in August. September is for giving to society in a way that only you can. November brings new business. Leo and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 17, 44, 38 and 19.

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In your case, the issue is the price point. Consider that if you were to devote some time to creating a ritual for bringing your desire into the world, you could probably make your own intention-infused candles, too. And because they would be so specific to you, they would probably be even more effective. As you decide what to believe in, don't forget to believe in yourself.

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

From "Footloose" to "The Following," Kevin Bacon uses his Cancer intuition to tap into the soul of the role and deliver performances that go straight to the heart. Bacon was born when communication planet Mercury and Uranus, the planet of surprises, were both in Leo. These placements suggest a natural drive to capture and hold the attention of an audience.

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Scoreboard

BASKETBALL

WNBA

Eastern Conference

W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	12	5	.706 —
Connecticut	9	10	.474 4
Chicago	8	10	.444 4½
Indiana	8	10	.444 4½
New York	7	11	.389 5½
Washington	7	12	.368 6

Western Conference

W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	13	3	.813 —
Minnesota	13	6	.684 1½
San Antonio	10	9	.526 4½
Los Angeles	7	10	.412 6½
Seattle	8	12	.400 7
Tulsa	7	11	.389 7

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

BASEBALL

American League

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	49	40	.551 —
Toronto	47	44	.516 3
New York	45	43	.511 3½
Tampa Bay	41	51	.446 9½
Boston	39	50	.438 10

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	48	37	.565 —
Kansas City	46	42	.523 3½
Cleveland	43	45	.489 6½
Chicago	43	47	.478 7½
Minnesota	39	49	.443 10½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	56	33	.629 —
Los Angeles	52	36	.591 3½
Seattle	49	40	.551 7
Texas	38	51	.427 18
Houston	37	54	.407 20

Monday's Games
Baltimore 8, Washington 2, 11 innings
N.Y. Yankees 5, Cleveland 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Boston 0
Kansas City 6, Tampa Bay 0
Houston 12, Texas 7
Oakland 5, San Francisco 0
L.A. Angels 5, Toronto 2
Seattle 2, Minnesota 0

Tuesday's Games
Baltimore (B.Norris 7-5) at Washington (Fister 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 12-3) at Cleveland (Bauer 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 9-4) at Detroit (Verlander 7-7), 7:08 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Joh. Danks 7-6) at Boston (Workman 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Vargas 8-3) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Peacock 2-5) at Texas (Irwin 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 9-6) at Oakland (Gray 8-3), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 6-8) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 4-4), 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota (P.Hughes 8-5) at Seattle (C.Young 8-4), 10:10 p.m.

National League

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	49	40	.551 —
Washington	48	40	.545 ½
Miami	43	46	.483 6
New York	40	49	.449 9
Philadelphia	38	51	.427 11

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	52	38	.578 —
St. Louis	48	42	.533 4
Pittsburgh	47	42	.528 4½
Cincinnati	46	42	.523 5
Chicago	38	49	.437 12½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	51	40	.560 —
San Francisco	49	40	.551 1
San Diego	40	49	.449 10
Arizona	38	53	.418 13
Colorado	37	53	.411 13½

Monday's Games
Baltimore 8, Washington 2, 11 innings
N.Y. Mets 4, Atlanta 3, 11 innings
Cincinnati 9, Chicago Cubs 3
Philadelphia 3, Milwaukee 2
St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 0
San Diego 6, Colorado 1
Arizona 9, Miami 1
Oakland 5, San Francisco 0

innings
Frisco 6, Northwest Arkansas 1
Corpus Christi 6, Tulsa 5
Midland 6, Arkansas 3

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled

FOOTBALL

Arena Football League

National Conference

West Division

W	L	Pct	PF	PA
z-Arizona	14	1	.933	970 721
Los Angeles	3	12	.200	567 841
San Antonio	1	14	.067	624 902

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Jose	11	4	.733	855 595
x-Spokane	8	7	.533	784 685
Portland	4	11	.267	677 824

American Conference

South Division

W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Orlando	8	7	.533	813 810
Tampa Bay	8	7	.533	760 790
Jacksonville	6	9	.400	771 728
New Orleans	2	13	.133	635 868

East Division

W	L	Pct	PF	PA
x-Cleveland	14	1	.933	823 666
x-Pittsburgh	13	3	.813	892 688
Philadelphia	8	8	.500	945 865
Iowa	6	9	.400	716 849

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 42, Orlando 35
Pittsburgh 48, New Orleans 43

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Canadian Football League

East Division

W	L	Pts	PF	PA
Montreal	1	1	2	32 38
Toronto	1	1	2	69 60
Ottawa	0	1	0	28 36
Hamilton	0	2	0	34 59

West Division

W	L	Pts	PF	PA
Edmonton	2	0	4	55 44
Winnipeg	2	0	4	81 49
Calgary	1	0	2	29 8
Saskatchewan	1	1	2	46 50
B.C.	0	2	0	29 51

Friday's Games
Winnipeg at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Major League Baseball

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Oakland OF Herschel "Boog" Powell (Stockton-Cal) 50 games after he tested positive for an amphetamine in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

ALTIMORE ORIOLES — Selected the contract of RHP Julio DePaula from Bowie (EL). Optioned RHP Kevin Gausman to Norfolk (IL).

BOSTON RED SOX — Activated 1B/OF Mike Carp from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF

Jonathan Herrera to Pawtucket (IL). Signed RHP Kevin Steen.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Designated C George Kottaras for assignment. Acquired OF Chris Dickerson from Pittsburgh for a player to be named or cash and selected his contract from Columbus (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Cristofer Melendez and OFs Angel DeLeon, Ronny Rafael and Hector Martinez on minor league contracts.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Assigned INF Pedro Ciriaco outright to Omaha (PCL). Sent OF Nori Aoki to Northwest Arkansas (TL) for a rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with C Wade Wass on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled RHP Shane Greene from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Designated LHP Brad Mills for assignment. Claimed OF Kenny Wilson off waivers from Toronto and optioned him to Sacramento (PCL). Assigned OF Nick Buss outright to Sacramento. Traded International Slot No. 57 to Milwaukee for RHP Rodolfo Fernandez.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent SS Yunel Escobar to the GCL

Rays for a rehab assignment. Optioned 1B Vince Belnome to Durham (IL). Signed SS Adrian Rondon.

TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned OF Michael Choice to Round Rock (PCL). Designated INF Donnie Murphy for assignment. Recalled RHP Roman Mendez from Round Rock. Selected the contract of OF Jake Smolinski from Round Rock.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed 1B Edwin Encarnacion on the 15-day DL. Activated OF Nolan Reimold.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Traded 3B Cesar Carrasco to Houston for LHP Alex Sogard.

CHICAGO CUBS — Sent RHP Kyuji Fukujawa to the AZL Cubs for a rehab assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Dylan Cease on a minor league contract.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned LHP Marco Gonzales to Memphis (PCL). Recalled LHP Tyler Lyons from Memphis.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

DETROIT PISTONS — Named Brian Wright assistant general manager.

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Signed a contract extension with F Zach Randolph. Signed G Jordan Adams to a multiyear

contract.

NEW YORK KNICKS — Named Kurt Rambis associate head coach.

FOOTBALL

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed WR L.J. Castile and DB Markus Smith to the practice roster.

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS — Traded DB Dwight Anderson to Toronto for a conditional 2015 draft pick.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed LB Teague Sherman and DT Jake Thomas to contract extensions.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

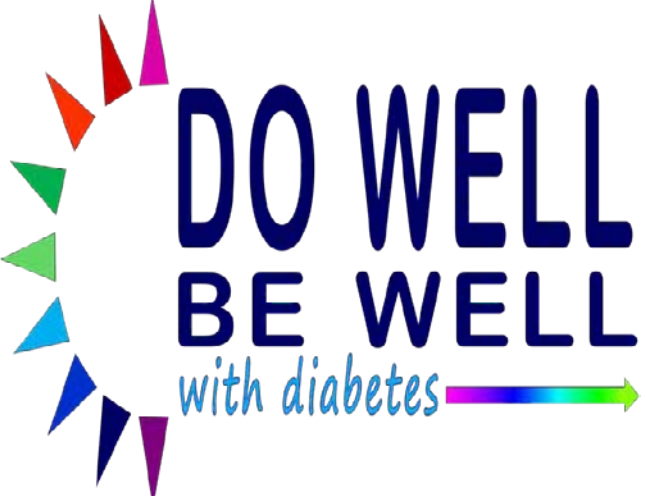
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Named Jimmy Waite goaltending coach.

DALLAS STARS — Signed G Jussi Rynnäs to a two-year contract.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed D Anton Volchenkov to one-year contract.

SAN JOSE SHARKS — Agreed to terms with Tommy Wingels on a three-year contract.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Named Doug Lidster assistant coach.



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