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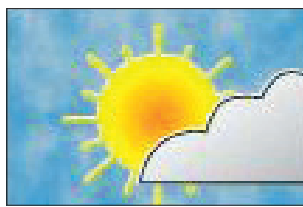
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Hangar 25 plans Young Eagles Flights

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor
Youth of Howard County and the Crossroads area will once again have an opportunity to take to the skies this spring as Hangar 25 Air Museum invites them to participate in the 2010 Young Eagles Flight.
"Through the EEA Young Eagles Program, area children age 8 to 17 will have the opportunity to experi-

ence the thrill of flight. And it's free!" said said Heather Wallace-Weinette, vice president of the museum's board of directors.
Each Young Eagles Flight takes place in an FAA-registered airplane flown by a licensed pilot from the Big Spring area. Flights will take place between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., weather permitting, on Saturday, May 15.
Pre-registration is required and is under way now through May 13 at the museum.
Wallace-Weinette said the Young Eagles Flight Program is a unique one that gives children a special opportunity.
"Kids in a small community are often sheltered from a lot of the things in life. Through the Young Eagles program they are able to experience some of those things that children in

larger communities are more readily exposed to, such as flying," she said.
"Plus, they gain a new perspective of the community by seeing it from the air, locating landmarks and places of interest. It's fun and educational, too."
"After their experience, they can go up on the EAA Web site and log in and see their name, which is pretty

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Crew members of these U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopters make their way into the Big Spring Airport after landing at the facility Friday afternoon. The crews, on their way to a training mission in New Mexico, enjoyed a barbecue lunch before taking off again.

Army helicopter crews enjoy brief stay at Big Spring Airport

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer
U.S. Army troops headed to New Mexico on a training mission got a taste of Big Spring hospitality Friday afternoon, as nearly a dozen Blackhawk military helicopters landed at the Big Spring Airport to refuel and enjoy a complimentary lunch.
Landing in groups of four, the crew members took a break to enjoy a barbecue lunch at the airport — courtesy of Lonestar Aviation — while their aircraft were refueled to continue their trip from Fort Hood to Albuquerque, N.M.
Army Capt. Ben Garcia, the commander in charge of a group out of Sacramento, Calif., said he and his crew were thankful for the hospitality.
"We're in transition right now from Fort Hood to Albuquerque, N.M., to conduct environmental training," said Garcia. "That consists of



A crew member of this U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter leans out of the aircraft as it taxis onto the blacktop in front of the Big Spring Airport Friday afternoon.

Pops in the Park seeking support

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor
The check isn't in the mail, but letters asking for a few of them will be soon.
With just a couple of months to work with before this year's "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation, the event's organizers, have begun the process of raising the approximate \$40,000 needed to stage the event.
Letters will be mailed to former donors and prospective contributors in the next few days, according to Foundation President Jan Hansen.
Crowds have packed the amphitheater each year with between 10,000 and 12,000 attending the concert and fireworks program July 3 and Hansen said committee

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Coahoma advances

*Bulldogettes sweep
Bangs to open
Class 2A playoffs*

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — Bangs had nothing on Heather Newton and Katie Dunn.

The Coahoma pitching stalwarts both hurled shutouts as the Bulldogettes opened the Class 2A state softball playoffs with a 9-0, 1-0 sweep of the Lady Dragons at Abilene Christian University Friday.

The two combined to limit Bangs to three total hits for the series. In the opener, Newton threw a one-hitter and struck out 15 while walking only one batter. Dunn followed that up in the nightcap by tossing a two-hitter, striking out seven and walking one.

Coahoma Coach Tracy Tadlock said the performances were par for the course for the duo.

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Comin' through!



Howard College baserunners Rick Stover (21) and Marcellous Biggens (1) cross home plate during Western Junior College Athletic Conference baseball action vs. Clarendon College Friday. The Hawks concluded their four-game series with Clarendon with a doubleheader beginning at noon Saturday at Jack Barber Field.

HERALD photo/Tony Claxton



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring's Kenzie Hunt tosses a pitch toward home plate during the first inning of the Lady Steers' Class 4A bidistrict softball playoff game against Canyon Randall in Lubbock Friday.

Lady Steers drop opener

*Fall to Canyon Randall,
9-1 in bidistrict playoffs*

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

LUBBOCK — When you're facing a good-hitting team and the wind's blowing out, there's no such thing as a small mistake.

That's the lesson Kenzie Hunt and the Big Spring Lady Steers learned as they found themselves on the wrong side of a 9-1 decision in the opener of their best-of-three Class 4A playoff softball series against Canyon Randall Friday evening.

Softballs were flying out of Lady Westerner Field during the game, but unfortunately for Big Spring (18-14), the Lady Steers weren't the ones doing the hitting. Canyon Randall (21-4) came into the game with a reputation for fielding good-hitting teams, and the Lady Raiders did nothing to dispel that notion Friday.

Randall roughed up Big Spring starter Hunt for 11 hits and scored all its runs

on four home runs. Some of the homers might have been aided by a strong wind blowing out toward left field, but it was also evident the Lady Raiders needed little help from Mother Nature to put the ball in play.

"There's no doubt that when you hit the ball like they do, you're going to score runs," BSHS Coach John Sparks said. "Will they hit the ball (Saturday)? Probably. That's who they are. We just have to do the same thing — and we can."

The Lady Steers got a second shot at Randall at 11 a.m. Today. A third game, if needed followed 30 minutes afterward.

Results of Saturday action were not available at press time.

Friday, Randall wasted little time gaining the advantage, scoring two runs on a two-out home run by

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Sports in brief

Forsan rallies to down Anson

COLORADO CITY — When the Forsan Buffaloes stage a rally, they don't mess around.

The Buffaloes, down 4-2 heading into their final at-bat, struck for seven runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take a 9-4 victory in a Class 1A practice game Friday evening.

The Buffs scored all seven of those runs in the sixth with two outs. Zach Dykes, Patrick Robles and Payton Parker had RBI singles, while freshman Trevor Burchett added a two-run triple.

Evan Burton picked up the win on the mound for Forsan, which will face Lockney in another practice game Tuesday in New Deal.

Steers fall to Lubbock Cooper

LUBBOCK — The Big Spring Steers dropped a 9-3 decision to Lubbock Cooper in a practice baseball

game for both teams Friday.

Cooper scored three runs in the bottom of the third inning off Big Spring starter Gunnar Kennedy and never trailed afterward.

The Steers scored their runs in the sixth inning on a two-run double from Xavian Parnell and a RBI single from Max Poppajohn. Steven Islas also had a pair of hits for the Steers.

"I thought it was a good game," BSHS Coach Bert Otto said. "I was happy with the fact that we only had one error and our pitchers cut down on their walks. That's what we've been looking for all year — fewer walks and fewer errors. I was disappointed with our hitting, especially this close to the playoffs. That's something we'll have to work on."

Big Spring will face either Canyon or Canyon Randall in the first round of the Class 4A baseball playoffs and a site and time to be determined.

CTLGA weekly report

In Monday's Comanche Trail LGA Playday, two

teams tied at 1 over par, forcing a scorecard playoff. The team of Mary Gilbreath, Annie Ward and Gus Leonardi took first via the tiebreaker. Second went to Debra Lusk, Ramona Harris and Daury Booth. Third place went to the team of Dee Jenkins, Linda Dewaters and Patsy Sharpnack, with 2 over par.

The organization sponsored the annual Western Lone Start Mary Ruth Robertson Spring Fling two-day tournament April 27 and 28. There were 32 entrants from 20 cities and 10 golf courses. Texas cities represented were: Abernathy, Alpine, Amarillo, Borger, Bovina, Childress, Clarendon, Dumas, Farwell, Fritch, Hereford, Howardwick, Kress, Lockney, Marfa, Memphis and Sunray. Clovis, N.M., was also represented.

The Tuesday tournament format was individual match play, with golfers placed on the red team or the blue team. The results: Red team over blue team, 12½ points to 3½ points.

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Illustration courtesy of Getty Images

Gadgets *ON THE GO*

Must-have tech for your next trip

Are you planning a quick weekend getaway, a family vacation or a business trip? Here's a round-up of some nifty gadgets that can make traveling easier, more efficient and just plain fun.

LUGGAGE SMARTS

- **Weigh, Don't Pay:** If you can never seem to pack light or you plan on shopping during your trip, get a small digital scale to help you stay under the carry-on weight limit. The Travelon Ergonomic Digital Scale, for example, shows baggage weight up to 75 pounds on a backlit readout. It also includes a tape measure so you know when you're within carry-on size limits.
- **Find It Fast:** Keep track of your luggage with electronic luggage locators. With the Luggage Locator Pro Deluxe, you put a receiver on each bag and keep the remote on your keychain. Touch a button on the remote and the receiver will beep and light up when you are within 60 feet.

CAMERA READY

- **Steady Shots:** Keeping your camera steady is important for taking better pictures. The Gorillapod, by Joby, is a mini tripod with flexible, multi-jointed legs that let you balance it just about anywhere — on hills, tree branches and more. The original is suitable for compact cameras. A larger version can handle the weight of an SLR and a magnetic version lets you attach the camera to metal surfaces.
- **Simple Sharing:** Transfer your travel shots and videos to your computer and sharing sites with the Eye-Fi wireless memory card. Using Hotspot Access, you can upload media from tens of thousands of AT&T Wi-Fi hotspots across the U.S.

BUSINESS TOOLS

- **Keep the Connections:** Having a reliable cell phone signal is a must to stay in touch with the office or loved ones. Cell phone signal boosters like zBoost allow customers to take full advantage of voice, data and Internet services on mobile phones and data devices, including 3G high-speed data and video, instant messaging and pictures. zBoost travel units (www.wi-ex.com), including the zPocket and zboost Dual Band Car Unit, help you take advantage of your smartphone's voice and data capabilities on the road.



Photo courtesy of zBoost
Phone not included

- **Capture Comments:** Take better meeting notes with a smart pen. The Livescribe 2GB Pulse Smartpen records audio and links it to what you write. If you miss something, tap on your notes or drawings with the tip to hear what was said while you were writing. You can transfer your notes to the computer, organize them, search for words and share the finished project with others.

FAMILY TRAVEL

- **Keep Them Close:** If you've got toddlers that like to roam, you need a way to find them easily. The Giggle Bug Toddler Tracker clips onto your child's clothing. To find your wandering little one, press a button on the hand-held unit and the Giggle Bug emits a loud beep until the child is located and you release the unit. The range is 75 to 100 feet indoors and 100+ feet outdoors, depending on environment and obstructions.
- **Keep Them Entertained:** If you have movies or TV shows on your iPod or DVDs, everyone can watch them on a bigger screen. The iLuv i1166 portable multimedia player has a 9-inch widescreen display. It can work as a standalone player or you can use an adapter to plug it in to the car for drive time viewing. It also functions as a digital photo frame, iPod charger and music player.



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Obituaries

Golda Belle Casteel

Golda Belle Casteel, 97, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 29, 2010, in a local nursing home. Interment will be at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

She was born July 16, 1912, in Waynoka, Okla. She was a World War II Army nurse stationed on a hospital ship at Normandy, and then in Italy. Prior to coming to Big Spring, she lived in the San Francisco, Phoenix and Austin area. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a number of cousins, including Mr. and Mrs. Jack Guyer of Elgin, and Kimberly Morgan of Midland.

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



Paid obituary

Joann Tilley

Joann Tilley, 66, of Bay City, Wash., formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, April 23, 2010, at Aberdeen Community Hospital. A private service was held April 27, 2010, at Fern Hill Mortuary in Aberdeen, Wash.

Joann was born to Nathaniel and Fern Durham in Memphis, Texas, on June 19, 1943. Joann graduated from Big Spring High School. After one year of college, she became a deputy sheriff of Howard County.

She was married to Dean Blake in Big Spring in 1960. They and daughter Jana moved to Kodiak, Alaska, in 1965 but were soon divorced. In 1971, she married Jerry Tilley in Kodiak. They moved to Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and later to Edmonds, Wash., where they lived for 25 years.

Joann is survived by Jerry, her husband of 39 years; her brother, Dan Durham and wife Susan of Lacy, Wash.; daughters, Jana Kurtz and husband Joe of Bothell, Wash., Dodie Peterson of Bellingham, Wash., and Kathy Nelson of Vancouver, Wash.; and son Jerry Tilley Jr. of Westport, Wash. She has 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



Lenora A. Willingham

Lenora A. Willingham, 94, of Alvarado, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, April 30, 2010, in Alvarado. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 24, 1915, in Crockett to Roma and Joe Williams. She married Jewell J. Willingham on May 29, 1943. He preceded her in death Oct. 28, 1989. She was a homemaker and a retired bookkeeper. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by three sons, Larry Willingham and wife Diane of Arlington, Tom Willingham of Colorado City and Gary Willingham of Memphis, Tenn.; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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



Violet V. Harrold

Violet V. Harrold, 82, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 3, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born Jan. 30, 1928, in Pontiac, Mich., and married John S. Harrold on Dec. 16, 1967, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Jan. 27, 1972.

Violet started her career in civil service at Red River Arsenal in Texarkana in 1945. She transferred to Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring in December 1955, retiring in September 1977 to be a full-time homemaker. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a sister, Bonnie Maticia of White Lake, Mich., and a nephew, Raymond Witt of Waterford, Mich.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Rae Smith and Patricia Witt; and one brother, George Witt.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. today:

- TRICIA DIANE CASTILLO, 34, of 707 N. San Antonio, was arrested Friday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- JON RAY HERNANDEZ, 38, of 707 N. San Antonio, was arrested Friday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- ANA GARCES RAMIREZ, 28, of 4209 Birch, was arrested Friday on a charge of criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter center.
- HEATHER DAWN MCNEW, 34, of 2703 Cindy, was arrested Friday on a charge of theft – more than \$50, less than \$500.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 1100 block of Wood. In the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 800 block of Lorilla. In the 1600 block of Lark. In the 1500 block of Wood.
- ASSAULT was reported: In the 1300 block of E. 11th Place. In the 300 block of W. 16th Street.
- THEFT was reported: In the 1300 block of Dixie. In the 200 block of W. FM 700. In the 700 block of Tulane.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Sun 5/2	Mon 5/3	Tue 5/4	Wed 5/5	Thu 5/6
 80/46 Abundant sunshine. High around 80F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.	 79/49 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	 91/57 Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 50s.	 95/62 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.	 95/61 Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 6:59 AM Sunset: 8:28 PM	Sunrise: 6:58 AM Sunset: 8:28 PM	Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 8:29 PM	Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM	Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM

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- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.
- MONDAY**
- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
 - Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. Medical lectures and information for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetics and caregivers. Call 267-3806 for information.

Correction

Kentwood Elementary second grader Zachary Whitehead's name was misspelled in the area honor roll listing published in Thursday's edition of the Big Spring Herald.

Take Note

- The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications for scholarships from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the following autumn. Students must be Howard County residents who will be enrolling for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is Saturday. For more information, visit the club's Web site at <http://clubs.aggienetwork.com/howardcountyamc/web-home.htm>
- On May 22, the Howard County Road Kill Running Club (HCRK) will host the first Bob Fishback 5K fun run/walk in Comanche Trail Park. The event will start at the Alice Hayes Pavilion which is located by the Kids' Zone play area. All proceeds will be donated to the Fishback family to help pay for medical expenses. Entry fee is \$20 and there will be awards for first through third place female and male participants. You can either pre-register, or register the morning of the event. Registration will open at 6:30 a.m. You can download the flyer at <http://pages.suddenlink.net/hcrk/docs/Annual%20Bob%20Fishback.pdf>

Texas At A Glance



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Beaumont	81	62 t-storm	Lubbock	75	45 mst sunny
Brownsville	87	66 pt sunny	Lufkin	83	55 t-storm
Brownwood	84	51 pt sunny	Midland	79	52 sunny
Corpus Christi	87	65 pt sunny	Raymondville	90	64 mst sunny
Corsicana	79	53 cloudy	Rosenberg	85	60 t-storm
Dallas	81	54 cloudy	San Antonio	87	57 pt sunny
Del Rio	88	57 mst sunny	San Marcos	84	54 pt sunny
El Paso	73	48 windy	Sulphur Springs	76	54 cloudy
Fort Stockton	81	50 mst sunny	Sweetwater	80	48 pt sunny
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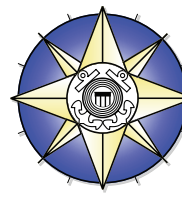
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COAHOMA

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“Heather was her usual self,” Tadlock said. “She threw a good game ... She was really focused and blowing people away with her velocity. Of course, we’ve come to expect that of her.

“Katie was just a wizard with her junk ball — her changeup had them fooled all night,” Tadlock added. “It really made it a tough task for (Bangs), having to face Heather with her fastball, then having to adjust to Katie and her off-speed stuff.”

In the opener, the Bulldogettes rapped out 10 hits and were the beneficiaries of four Bangs errors. Kayli Neff had three hits and drove in two runs for Coahoma, while Jordan Martin and Joanie Gonzales each had a pair of RBI. Four different Bulldogettes scored

twice in the game. The second game was a much tighter affair as Bangs limited the Bulldogettes to only three hits. Coahoma finally broke the deadlock in the fourth inning when Neff, who had reached base when she was hit by a pitch, scored on a two out double by Jennifer Castillaw.

Dunn made the slim lead stand up, with help from an alert Coahoma defense that threw out a Bangs runner attempting to score from third on a double steal late in the game.

The results left Tadlock understandably pleased.

“We played well, especially in the first game,” he said. “Of course, our pitchers did well and we played good defense, and when you do that, good things happen ... Defense will help you win ball games.”

The Bulldogettes advance to the area



Courtesy photo/Claudene Cooper

The Coahoma Bulldogettes pose with their playoff trophy after sweeping Bangs Friday in Abilene to take their Class 2A bi-district softball playoff.

round of the Class 2A playoffs to face Clyde in a best-of-three series at San Angelo Central High School. The first game will be at 5 p.m.

Friday, with Game 2 set for 2 p.m. Saturday. A third game, if necessary, will follow at approximately 4 p.m.

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W — Newton; L — Mullins; 2B — Coahoma (Neff 2).

Game 2
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W — Dunn; L — Sagabol; 2B — Coahoma (Castillaw); 3B — Coahoma (Newton).

BSHS

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Kelby Allen in the bottom of the first, and the barrage only intensified from there. Shortstop Saybra Hahmann was the biggest of the big hitters for the Lady Raiders,

driving in six runs on two homers, while pitcher Jessica Moore helped her cause with a solo shot to left in the fifth inning.

On the mound, Moore scattered four hits while striking out five and walking only one.

After the game, Sparks defended his pitcher.

“Kenzie didn’t do a bad job — they’re just a good-hitting team,” he said. “She was locating her pitches well, but they just went and hit them.”

The Lady Steers scored their only run on — what else? — a home run to left by second baseman Valerie Ross

in the fifth inning.

Big Spring had other chances to score, but base-running mistakes in the second, third and seventh innings snuffed out scoring chances.

“If you’re going to beat a team like this, you’ve got to be aggressive in all phases of the game,” Sparks said. “I applaud

the girls for being aggressive on the bases, but you can’t be too aggressive.”

Results from Saturday’s games will be in Monday’s Herald.

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Hunt, Lo. Yarbar (6) and Womack; Moore and Allen; W — Moore; L — Hunt; 3B — Randall

(Allen); HR — Big Spring (Ross); Randall (Hahmann 2, Allen, Moore); SB — Randall (Allison); CS — Big Spring (Hunt, Torres); Randall (Del Toro); SAC — Big Spring (Lo. Yarbar, Womack); Interference — Randall (Allen).

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COAHOMA — Coahoma Elementary School is offering parents the opportunity to pre-register children for kindergarten from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

To be eligible for the kindergarten program, a child must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2010. The district provides full-day kindergarten from 7:55 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Kindergarten registration will take place at the Coahoma Elementary School Office, located at 400 Ramsey Avenue in Coahoma.

To register, parents must provide the school with the following items:

- An original, state certified copy of the child's birth certificate. These can be obtained from the Howard County Courthouse or state the child was born in. The Howard County Clerk of Court states that a hospital issued certificate of

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expects the same kind of turnout this year.

"The committee has managed to expand the show ... making it bigger and better every year, and that's our plan for 2010," Hansen said. "Over the years, the crowd has continued to grow. The amphitheater is always packed and lots of families spread out through the park and hundreds more line U.S. Highway 87, listening to the radio broadcast of the concert.

"I expect we'll have an excellent audience again this year," she added. "I know I say this every year, but we truly hope it will be the biggest crowd we've ever had."

Before that can happen, however, the organizing committee must raise the money it needs.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

"It is the entire com-

munity's celebration, that's something we stress stress every year," Hansen said. "It's a chance to gather with friends and family at the park and join our neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the greatest country on earth. That's something else I say every year, but that's something everyone on the committee believes.

"Something else we have to stress every year is that to the show possible, we have to get the community's help," she added. "The people and businesses in this community always come through, and we really had a tremendous year last year.

"We know we can't rest on our laurels, though," Hansen continued. "We have to receive the community's backing every year, so we'll be contacting prospective donors and asking for their help."

Hansen said committee members are already hard at work trying to streamline this year's show.

"There's no question in our mind that nobody celebrates the Fourth of July holiday like Big Spring does," Hansen continued. "In fact, the show brings visitors from outside our com-

munity and we think it's important to make sure we continue to have a quality show for everyone to enjoy."

Presenters of the event thus far include the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Symphony, and KBST — each providing donations of \$5,000 or more in funding or in-kind services. Last year's list of providers also included Cornell Companies Inc.

For those unable to serve as "Presenters," Hansen noted that the committee is also seeking support at different levels — "Stars and Stripes" sponsors that donate \$3,000 or more, "Texas Star" sponsors that donate \$2,000 or more and "Rocket" sponsors, donating \$1,000 or more. Last year HEB was the only Stars & Stripes sponsor for the show, while Medicine Center Pharmacy and KBYG were Texas Star sponsors. Alon USA, the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, the Worthy Company, Partee Enterprises, Porter Henderson Implement Co., Robinson Drilling of Texas, T. Blackshear Interiors, TLC Property Management and Walmart were

Rocket sponsors.

Hundreds of others provided donations of smaller amounts, each of them vital to the success of the 2009 show, according to Hansen.

"We really want to thank those who support us, no matter how much people are able to contribute," she said.

While committee members have begun their fund-raising effort, Becky Crane, who is co-chairing the organizing committee with Hansen, is coordinating the list of businesses and organizations wanting to operate vendor's booths during the show. She can be contacted at 267-5449 or at 517-0373.

Vendor packets are already available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices.

Those interested in

making a donation to the project can do so by contacting Debbye ValVerde at the Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber of office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

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Garcia said things at Fort Hood are busy right now as units prepare to mobilize to various parts of Afghanistan.

"We have many units processing

through and getting ready for mobilizations. It (Fort Hood) is a mobilization platform," said Garcia. "So we're in the mindset of mobilizing and continuing our mission downrange in Afghanistan.

"The overall morale right now is very high. We love what we do," he added. "We have a passion for what we do, which is aviation medivac. We have a lot of experienced pilots and medics onboard that do this full-time, even when they aren't doing the Army thing. For us it's a very real and honorable mission to go and save lives of American troops."

Garcia said he and his men weren't necessarily surprised when they heard Lonestar Aviation was picking up the tab for their barbecue lunch, but

said that doesn't make them appreciate the gracious gesture any less.

"We actually get that quite a bit," said Garcia with a grin. "We call ahead and schedule everything, that way they know how many helicopters are coming and what we'll need. They usually have some sort of treat for us, which is really nice. We never ask for it, it just sort of happens, but we're not going to turn down hospitality like this. As the commander for this group here, out of California, I'm very thankful they do that, that they help take care of our troops."

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neat," said Wallace-Weinette.

She said the program also introduces children and parents to Hangar 25 Air Museum.

"Community involvement is very important to us," she noted.

In addition to the EEA Young Eagles Program, Hangar 25 Air Museum has a workshop for youth during the summer, offers tours for schools and civic groups, honors a service man or woman through its Veteran of the Month program and participates in other commu-

nity activities throughout the year, such as the local Memorial Day celebration.

The EAA Young Eagles Program is sponsored by Hangar 25 Air Museum with the assistance of McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park. Parents interested in obtaining more information about the May 15 flights can obtain packets as well as registration forms at the museum.

The facility's hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Hangar 25 Air Museum is located at 1911 Apron Drive.

For other questions or to inquire more about

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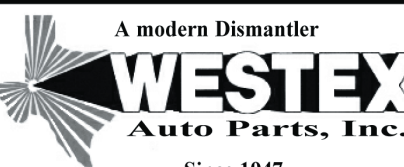
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Lucky 7? Spurs comfortable as seventh seed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Calling the Spurs perhaps the best No. 7 seed in NBA history is growing into a fashionable opinion.

“That’s not a compliment, is it?” Tim Duncan shot back.

Doesn’t mean it might not be true.

The Spurs rested Friday while awaiting the Phoenix Suns in the Western Conference semifinals that begin Monday. The Spurs advanced as just the fifth No. 7 seed to win a play-off series — and the first since the opening round became a best-of-seven in 2003.

But San Antonio resembled no underdog while booting Dallas in six games.

It sent the second-seeded Mavs into an off-season that will likely be wrought with uncomfortable questions about their diminishing window for a championship, difficult roster decisions and looking back on swelling the payroll this year for a run that

quickly fizzled out.

In other words, the summer San Antonio was careening toward most of the year.

“First 60 (games), I tell you, I was hesitant,” Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. “I wasn’t sure that we had it in us. We were not having our best season. We were not approaching the games the right way.”

Almost everything the Spurs did looked wrong until March.

Richard Jefferson’s early disappointment after trading for his big contract. A winning record inflated by victories over losing teams. Twenty different line-ups before Tony Parker broke his hand in March, when the Spurs finally stumbled into a Ginobili-driven combination that worked.

It’s why the Spurs couldn’t do any better than the No. 7 seed, and even after finishing off the Mavericks on Thursday night, Duncan maintained that the Spurs deserved to be there.

Heyward leads Braves past Astros

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves turned to their youngest stars to end their longest losing streak in four years.

Jason Heyward hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer and Tommy Hanson pitched eight innings to help the Braves end their nine-game losing streak by beating the Houston Astros 4-2 Friday night.

Heyward homered for the second consecutive night to break a 2-all tie and Nate McLouth also went deep against Brett Myers (1-2).

The 23-year-old Hanson (2-2) gave up two runs in the second inning and then retired 20 of his last 21 batters. He allowed four hits and struck out seven without a walk.

“Two young guys really came through,” said Braves manager Bobby Cox.

Billy Wagner pitched a hitless the ninth for his second save. He walked Pedro Feliz with one out before Carlos Lee hit into a double play.

The Braves snapped their longest losing streak since dropping 10 straight from June 11-22, 2006. This season’s streak included an 0-7 road trip, the Braves’ first winless trip of at least seven games since 1949, when the franchise was based in Boston.

The Astros have lost four straight.

Hanson, in his first full season, has allowed no more than two runs in each of his first five starts and has a 2.17 ERA. He

said he relished the chance to stop the losing streak.

“I like when I get the ball in big games, in big situations,” he said.

Hanson, who had not lasted more than six innings in his first four starts, took a more aggressive approach to stick around longer.

“I wanted to come in and just throw a lot of strikes and go deep in the game,” Hanson said, adding he felt strong enough for the ninth after throwing 99 pitches.

“We were trying to get him as much as we could, but he was awesome,” said Houston manager Brad Mills. “We were trying not to get behind him. He pitched a really good game, no doubt about it.”

McLouth walked with one out in the third inning and scored on Heyward’s sixth homer.

The homer cleared the center-field wall, bouncing off a fan in the first row and falling between the stands and the outfield wall.

“I made one mistake to Heyward,” Myers said. “One mistake can beat you.”

Heyward just missed another homer in the eighth when right fielder Hunter Pence reached over the top of the wall in right-center field to catch Heyward’s drive.

Heyward turned around on the basepath close to second base and tipped his helmet toward Pence in recognition of the catch.

Heyward smiled when asked if he raised his helmet because he

was frustrated.

“I was tipping my cap,” Heyward said. “Frustration is throwing it down.”

Heyward’s homer in the Braves’ 10-4 loss at St. Louis on Thursday ended the team’s eight-game homerless streak.

Cox gave the slumping Heyward a day off on Wednesday in hopes the rookie would come back with a more aggressive approach at the plate.

“He’s swinging a little earlier in the count now,” Cox said. “He’s taking to it pretty good. We want McLouth to swing some, too. You can’t feel for the ball all the time. You’ve got to let it go once in a while.”

McLouth, the leadoff hitter, had two hits and a walk.

Martin Prado singled and scored from third when a hard grounder by Troy Glaus took a bad hop and hit Astros shortstop Tommy Manzella in his throat in the first inning.

Manzella remained in the game after a long visit from the Astros’ trainer, but his neck was red after the game and he had difficulty speaking.

The Astros tied the game at 2 in the second on run-scoring singles by Pence and J.R. Towles. Pence’s single drove in Carlos Lee, who was hit by a pitch from Hanson to lead off the inning.

Myers gave up six hits and four runs, three earned, in seven innings. He walked four and struck out five.

Hanson matched his longest start of his career.

Lewis sharp as Rangers down Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Cliff Lee was as fabulous as advertised in his Seattle debut. His curveball dipped and dazzled. Fastballs clipped each side of the plate. And a diving slider showed why he was the Mariners’ prized acquisition from Philadelphia this winter.

“This team is known for pitching and defense,” Lee said after he returned from injury to strike out eight Texas Rangers in seven scoreless innings Friday night. “And tonight was a perfect example of it.”

Too true for Seattle.

Elvis Andrus scored on a wild pitch by Brandon League to break a scoreless tie in the 12th inning and Texas beat

the offensively inept Mariners 2-0, spoiling Lee’s sterling season debut.

“Lee was probably as good as you can ask,” Mariners manager Don Wakamatsu said.

Julio Borbon’s RBI groundout against League (3-2) came after moments after a throwing error by shortstop Matt Tuiasosopo, an extra-innings replacement for defensive whiz Jack Wilson.

Wilson came out when pinch-hitter Mike Sweeney hit into a rally-killing double play to end the 11th.

League had retired all six Rangers he’d faced in the 10th and 11th. But he had to keep pitching because Eric Byrnes,

another late-game replacement, botched a suicide squeeze.

Frank Francisco (3-3) pitched the wild 11th for Texas before Neftali Feliz finished for his fourth save.

Texas starter Colby Lewis matched Lee, who allowed three hits in seven scoreless innings, and then exceeded him with nine scoreless innings in all. Lewis retired 21 consecutive batters and struck out 10 for the third time in five starts this season.

Lee, the 2008 AL Cy Young Award winner with Cleveland, struck out eight. He walked

none, went to a three-ball count just twice in 25 batters and threw a first-pitch strike 19 times.

He made 98 pitches, two below the limit the Mariners set for him. It was his first start against a major league team since March 15 — the day he strained his abdomen in a spring training collision behind the plate with Arizona’s Chris Snyder during a scoring play.

“It went really well,” Lee said. “To give the team a chance and not give up any runs, I’ve got to be happy with that.”

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Wednesday’s format was team play, which was also won by the Red team.

Fifteen couples competed in Thursday’s Couples play. A 7-under par by the team of

Paul and Dee Jenkins, Marvin and Debra Casey and Howard and Trish Gabbard took first place.

Jerry Roach, Annie Ward, Nick Dewaters and Tammy DePauw won second place with a 5-under par.

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Consider today’s deal where South is in three notrump. West leads a spade, and declarer can count seven sure tricks — two spades, two hearts, two diamonds and a club. His other possible winners depend on the location of the king of spades, queen of diamonds and K-Q of clubs, as well

as on the distribution of the two minor suits.

One way of finding out where the king of spades is located is by playing dummy’s queen at trick one. When East follows low, it is reasonable to assume that West has the king. Next comes the crucial decision. Two extra tricks must be developed in the minor suits, and the natural inclination is to tackle the longest and strongest suit — diamonds.

But this would be the wrong thing to do. Suppose you led a diamond to the ace and another one to dummy’s jack. If the finesse lost, you’d be up to only eight tricks. A spade return through the A-J would then put you out of commission.

Under the circumstances, it’s far better to tackle clubs first rather than diamonds, because this is a constructive step that protects your spade position at the same time. Accordingly, you lead a low club from dummy at trick two and finesse the ten. West wins but cannot afford a spade return, so he shifts to a heart.

You win with dummy’s ace and lead a club to the nine. When it wins, you cash the ace, but the king does not fall. Now you play the ace and another diamond to the jack. The finesse loses, but your fourth diamond becomes your ninth trick.

As happens so often, the correct order of plays makes the contract.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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► Wedding

Huckabee and Garcia

Saint John and Josephine Garcia announce the wedding of their son, Christopher John Garcia, and Dana Lynn Huckabee.

The couple exchanged wedding vows at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2010, at the Word of Life Church in San Angelo. A reception followed at “The Venue” in San Angelo.

The groom is a 2001 graduate of Big Spring High School. He is the grandson of the late Charley E. and Lucia



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Garcia

Garcia of Snyder and Madaleno and Elvira Castillo of Hermleigh.

The bride, a 1997 graduate of San Angelo Lake View High School, is

the daughter of Curtis and Darlene Strickland, and the granddaughter of Roy and the late Betty Huckabee of San Angelo.

► Who's Who

The Texas Tech University Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering announced two of its graduate students, one of them from Big Spring, have been awarded National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowships.

Jonathan Foster, a graduate student from Big Spring; and Cameron Hettler, a graduate student from Lubbock, were awarded the fellowships by the Department of Defense.

Foster and Hettler's applications were selected by the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force, respectively, from more than 2,600 applicants. Their fellowships will cover full tuition and fees and a stipend every year for three years.

Jon Strauss, interim

dean of the college, said Foster and Hettler are among an elite group of graduate students at Texas Tech.

“This prestigious award is an acknowledgement of the quality of our graduate students and is a recognition of the significant research activities in the Center for Pulsed Power and Power Electronics in the Whitacre College of Engineering,” Strauss said.

Foster will continue his research at the Center for Pulsed Power and Power Electronics at Texas Tech before completing his doctorate. His focus is in the area of high-power microwave breakdown, which is a phenomenon similar to lightning, except it is induced by an electric field that chang-

es directions rapidly.

After finishing at Texas Tech, he hopes to work for the Department of Defense or the Department of Energy.

“Receiving this fellowship means a great deal to me,” he said. “In terms of conducting scientific research, I think this shows that Texas Tech can compete with anyone in the nation.”

Foster and Hettler were also recipients of the Texas Tech Doctoral Fellowship during fall 2009.

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Drew Lynn Wells of Big Spring is among the candidates for graduation from Eastern New Mexico University with a bachelor of fine arts degree. He is also expected to graduate summa cum laude.

► Engagements

Steward and Olson

Michelle Steward and Charles Olson Jr. of Weatherford will exchange wedding vows July 24, 2010, at the North Side Baptist Church in Weatherford.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Terry and Jan Hansen of Big Spring and Mike and Vicki Steward of Lubbock. She is a music teacher for Peaster Elementary School in Weatherford.

The prospective groom is the son of Martha Olson and the late Charles Olson Sr. of Las Vegas, Nev. He is customer solutions manager for Best Buy in Weatherford.



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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Pops in the Park fund-raising bid now under way

Members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation will begin mailing solicitation letters to past supporters in the next week or so, as they make plans for this year’s Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park.

As we’ve noted before, it’s not too early to be thinking about July the Fourth, because such programs don’t just come together by themselves. And they don’t happen by themselves — especially not when they carry a price tag in the neighborhood of \$40,000 — money that comes from donations and sponsorships provided by local businesses and individuals.

Now heading into its 13th year, Pops in the Park has become a tradition — one the entire community looks forward to, as do many living in other cities.

“It is the entire community’s celebration. That’s something that is on every committee member’s mind,” noted Jan Hansen, who serves as the foundation’s co-chairman for Pops. “It’s a time to get together with friends and family at the park, join our neighbors and celebrate the birth of our nation.”

Organizers have begun the process of contacting previous donors, as well as soliciting contributions from new sources — money that makes it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

To make donations, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

The *Big Spring Herald* will again be among the presenters for the show. Those committed as presenters to date are the Big Spring Symphony, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, city of Big Spring and KBST, which broadcasts the concert for those who are unable to get into the amphitheater.

The *Herald* is proud to be a part of such a spectacular event and we encourage others in the community to do the same. Help us make sure Big Spring can keep celebrating our nation’s birthday in impressive fashion.

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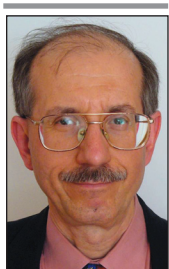
by K. Rae Anderson

May heavenly patience, Lord, be one of our virtues.

Amen

Greed gets a new yardstick

During the Great Depression, a pay package for the top executive at National City Bank — the Wall Street giant we know today as Citigroup — scandalized the nation. It clocked in at more than \$1 million, sparking an angry Congress to make corporations disclose their top executive salaries.



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Today, CEOs regularly rake in more than \$20 million a year. But another landmark leap on executive pay disclosure could be around the corner. Congress may shortly shine the brightest light yet on executive pay excess, thanks to a simple little amendment introduced by Senator Bob Menendez (D-N.J.).

Menendez’s amendment would require all U.S. companies to disclose, for the first time, the gap between what they pay their CEOs on an annual basis and what they pay their average workers.

Until now, we’ve only had broad “average” data on corporate pay gaps. We’ve been able to compare national CEO pay averages with national worker pay figures. But we’ve never been able to specify pay gaps within individual companies or compare the gaps between one corporation and another.

This amendment would let us do that. Corporations would be required to compute “the median annual total compensation of their employees (excluding the CEO)” and reveal “the ratio between CEO and employee pay.”

We already know, via required

federal filings, how much top executives make. If this amendment becomes law, we’d know how much more than their workers these top execs bring home. This information, once publicly and widely available, could reframe — and recharge — the CEO pay debate.

That debate has been revolving rather listlessly around give-and-takes over “performance.” Mainstream reformers regularly rail against the huge paychecks that go to top execs who run their companies into the ground. Top execs who don’t “perform,” the mainstream CEO pay reform movement pronounces, simply don’t deserve windfall earnings.

How can we prevent these “undeserved” windfalls? Mainstream reformers — mostly pension funds and other institutional investors — argue that if lawmakers gave shareholders more rights and power, these shareholders could start holding corporate boards to a much more rigorous “pay for performance” standard.

In a corporate America filled with empowered shareholders, the argument goes, only executives who really do perform — by increasing corporate earnings or raising the corporate share price or meeting some other performance metric — would find themselves amply rewarded.

But this mainstream case against “undeserved” executive pay cruises past a fundamental question that clearly deserves asking. In our current economy, ample rewards for successful corporate “performance” only seem to go to the power suits who sit at the corporate summit. Why shouldn’t ample rewards go to everyone within an enterprise who contributes to enterprise

success?

In fact, point out experts on the factors that make enterprises effective, rewards most definitely should go to everyone who contributes to enterprise success — because we need to encourage these contributions. In our Information Age economy, the effective enterprise research tells us, enterprises only truly succeed when they tap the creativity of everyone who labors within them.

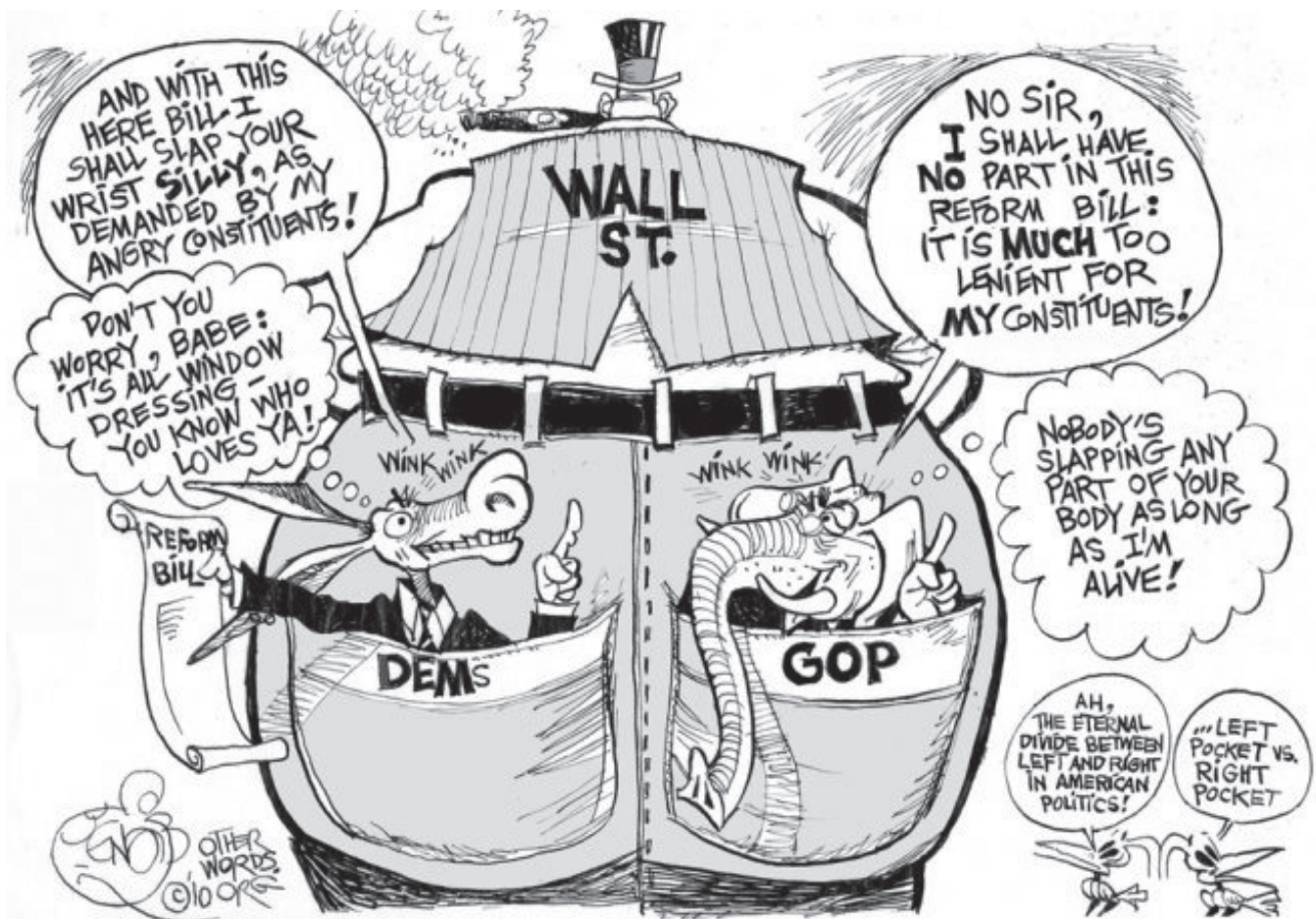
The bottom line: Corporate compensation practices that lavish rewards at the top, and the top only, nurture defective enterprises. These practices don’t give us enterprises that efficiently provide goods and services that people value. They give us enterprises that overcharge and cut corners, downsize and outsource, and, if all else fails, cook the books to “prove” they’re “performing.”

America’s corporate titans have reaped excessive rewards for over a generation now. Our major corporate CEOs used to average 30 times more pay than average workers. CEOs today make over 300 times average worker pay.

Menendez’s amendment, if enacted, would zap a laser focus on that gap. With boards of directors required to reveal their CEO-worker pay ratios, we would see exactly which corporations are building a foundation for real performance and which are endangering our economic future.

And if we had this information, we could start acting upon it.

Institute for Policy Studies associate fellow Sam Pizzigati writes Too Much, a weekly newsletter, from which this op-ed is adapted.



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to publicly thank Thomas Padilla for performing the Heimlich maneuver on me and saving my life.

Recently I was at a local restaurant and choked on my food. Mr. Padilla came to my rescue. I will never forget his kind deed. May God bless you, Mr. Padilla.

MELITA STONEHAM
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to thank the many acquaintances, friends and Walmart Associates for their concern and prayers during my recent health crisis.

The doctor has advised me that I have no major health problems at the present time.

CAD WINGERT
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The citizens of this community are about to have the opportunity to vote on persons to oversee the operation of our local government. I hope they will think of the current council’s past actions/decisions.

I doubt if many, or any, of the citizenry remembers a statement made by our current mayor in a

city council meeting immediately after the majority of those who voted approved the issuance of bonds to pave some of the city’s streets. Potential issuers of the bonds asked if the city had any plans to ask for any additional bonds during the duration of bonds to provide for the paving. The mayor responded by saying that no new bonds would be requested unless some emergency arose such as dire problems with our potable water system, our wastewater disposal system, etc.

He has obviously forgotten that pledge, for now he has obtained the issuance of a certificate of obligation to build an “aquatic center.” There is no way in the far reaches of the imagination that this could be considered an “emergency.” In essence, he has misled the taxpayer.

The current council has also not been upfront and honest with the taxpayer. When approval was given to issue bonds for street improvements, the premise was that the full length of Lancaster would be resurfaced, with Scurry and Main to be repaved from First Street to FM 700.

Instead, only a portion of that has been accomplished, with much of the money spent on flourishes in the downtown area at the expense of the streets.

Scurry from 18th to FM 700 has had trenches cut across it with the idea that this portion would be repaved as part of the bond issue. This portion is now a rough road.

The mayor was insistent that the contract be given to a local company, though it was not the lowest bidder. As anyone can see, we did not get a very good job. Portions of the new pavement are bumpy and not smoothly joined.

The contractor was, in places, messy, dropping bits of asphalt on the new pavement and not removing them, creating bumps. This has been followed with portions of the new pavement being removed because of faulty installation. There seems to have been no oversight to this job, with the contractor doing what it pleased.

The mayor brags about Big Spring having received an award for being the “Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas,” and is a recognized senior citizen retirement community. Perhaps we should go for another title: “Worst streets in Texas.”

The mayor also brags about the fact that we now have more than \$8 million in a reserve fund. What is that being held for? Emergencies? Could not some of this

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4-H members shine at district level

Special to the Herald

What a successful year it has been for 4-H, and its only April. Since January, many 4-H members and their families hit the road traveling to various cities to participate in many of the major livestock shows. Members have also, or are currently participating in the photography project, clothing and textiles, veterinary science, livestock judging and foods and nutrition.

The District Food Show took place March 27 in Fort Stockton. Yanci Yeater won first place in the main dish category with her chicken lettuce wraps. Brynn Workman placed second in the breads category with her broccoli corn bread recipe. Faith Parum placed fifth with her millionaire muffins in the breads category

and Aubrey Parum participated with her cranberry apple salad.

April 10, the Howard County livestock judging team competed at the district level in Lubbock. In the Junior Beef Division, Brynn Workman placed fifth, Braxton Coor placed second, Blaze Yeater took first and the team placed first overall.

In the Swine Division, Coor placed fifth, Workman was fourth, Yeater placed third, Reagan Hamlin was first and the team was first.

In the Sheep Division, Workman placed fifth, Coor placed third, Reagan Hamlin was second and Yeater first. Overall, the junior team placed first in the district and Yeater was the high individual. Mason Coor was the county's lone Intermediate partici-

pant, and he placed second in the beef division, sixth in the reasons and seventh overall.

The veterinary science group has been meeting and learning various skills such as checking heart rates, respiration and temperatures; proper record keeping; and restraint techniques. The group has also traveled to Midland College to tour the Vet Tech facilities there and to Alpine to tour the Vet Tech and equine science facilities at Sul Ross State University.

Those members who participated in the clothing and textiles project, photography and Molly Walker in music and vocal events, participated at the district level in Garden City. This is the biggest district event that the kids can participate in.

Judson Chevalier was chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Texas Extension Educators Association. He competed against seniors from 23 counties. He has also been selected to take part in the interview process at the State 4-H Round-up, where he will be interviewing for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$20,000.

The Howard County Extension office is very proud of each one of the 4-H members and is dedicated to see each of them succeed.

The 4-H program is always looking for new members. If you have any questions, contact the Extension office at 264-2236. The office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.

SMITH AWARD PRESENTED



Courtesy photo

Marvin Callahan of the American Business Club poses with Edna Faye Smith, Steve Smith, Linda Heflin and Ed Moughon following the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council luncheon Wednesday at the state hospital. Callahan accepted the Jack Y. Smith Award from the Smith family during the awards luncheon on behalf of the American Business Club for hosting bingo on the hospital campus for the past 48 years. The club hosts bingo the second Thursday of each month for the hospital's patients and provides the prizes, which has been estimated at about \$14,000 during its history. The Jack Y. Smith Award is the most coveted award presented by the volunteers at the state hospital.

Workforce Network receives regional cooperation grant

Special to the Herald

SAN ANGELO — The Rural Workforce Network has received a \$447,410 regional cooperation grant from the Texas Workforce Commission to build skilled workforce capacity for eight biotechnology/life science-medical industries.

The eight targeted industries are electrical instrument manufacturing, medical equipment and supplies manufacturing, architectural and engineering services, management and technical consulting services, scientific research and development services, medical and diagnostic laboratories, home health care services and general medical and surgical hospitals.

The Rural Workforce Network,

representing a 75-county region, serves employers and job seekers in five local workforce development board areas of West Central Texas, South Plains, Permian Basin, North Texas and the Concho Valley.

The grant project, ending April 30, 2011, is a collaborative effort among workforce developers, employers, educators, community and economic developers, as well as other regional partners.

The Rural Workforce Network is working closely with the RWN Biotechnology/Life Sciences-Medical Consortium members and project consultant, Worldwide Interactive Network Inc. (WIN) to successfully complete the multi-phase project.

The Rural Workforce Network

will seek regional partnerships and build long term working relationships during and after the grant project.

Project results will include Employer Needs Assessment Survey, Career Pathway Analysis, Regional and Targeted Industries Economic Reports, Curricula Assessment, Sustainability Plan and Financial Plan. The Rural Workforce Network will release project updates on a monthly basis to encourage regional partnerships and activities.

The first crucial step is to survey employers within the eight targeted industries to determine current and projected workforce skills needs. For example, the

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Five local farmers join One Ton Club

Special to the Herald

LUBBOCK — Five local farmers — Charles Braden, Duane Braden, Kenneth Braden and Eric Seidenberger, all of Garden City, and Vance Smith of Big Spring — were inducted into the FiberMax One Ton Club in April.

The growers qualified for the award by producing between 2,065 and 2,974 pounds of lint cotton this year. In addition to yield, the various varieties of seed produced a high-quality fiber with USDA loan values ranging from 53.22 to 57.40 cents per pound.

Seventy-six growers achieved one-ton yields in five states to bring the total number of members to 308 since the club was established in 2005. These growers overcame seasonal challenges and a shorter growing season in much of the Southwest.

According to Jeff Brehmer, U.S. marketing manager for FiberMax cotton, growers have produced One Ton Club yields with 21 FiberMax varieties.

"We are pleased to honor growers like Charles, Duane, Kenneth, Eric and Vance for their success, and we recognize their hard work

and success in the 2009 season," Brehmer said. "These growers are dedicated to innovative production practices that produce high-quality, high-yielding FiberMax cotton. We commend these growers for their efforts."

One Ton Club members achieve these benchmark yields from FiberMax cotton by implementing a variety of best management practices from preplant through harvest.

For many growers, drip irrigation and proper fertilization significantly improve yield, leading to increased profitability.

Energy Watch



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

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



May prospects look like new correction coming

Friday, April 16, 2010, the stock market was hit very hard and the media blamed Goldman Sachs as federal regulators filed civil fraud charges against the company. Yes, the stock market was "sacked" that Friday, but Goldman Sachs was not the real reason in our opinion.

The stock market can be very similar to human beings. Doctors tell us that when our bodies are run-down, we are vulnerable to disease.

Well, when the stock market has rallied 14 percent in only 10 weeks and the bulls' energy is run-down, it also is vulnerable to "dis-ease." The Goldman Sachs news provided the catalyst, but the preconditions for a pullback were already in place.

A pause-to-refresh was likely in the making. Friday the 16th's big sell-off probably reversed the upside momentum and started an overdue correction. With good reason, the news also further hurt folk's opinion of Wall Street and enhanced the general negative mood about the financial sector.

So what should investors do now?

The most critical task is to remain long-term bullish. The economic fundamentals show that the economy is continuing to recover and inflation remains low.

Manufacturing continues to expand and retail sales showed the strongest monthly increase since last November. The prospect is still one of moderate growth as the labor market remains soft, housing is weak and consumers and small businesses continue to have limited access to credit.

One new positive is that the federal deficit is improving.

The flip side is that this might increase complacency about reducing the deficit. Another result of the Goldman Sachs situation is that the odds of financial reform have probably increased.

The big bull run that started on March 9, 2009, was fueled by institutions and not the general public. Institutions can't watch the market go up without doing some buying.

In like fashion, they do some selling when others do — the old lemming syndrome.

Thus, we look for Friday the 16th's drop, and the somewhat tired market action the prior week, to herald the start of a moderate correction.

We advise withholding some buying power for better opportunities several weeks out. Our caution is short-term, not long-term, so we will be looking to do selected buying as prices improve.

In short, we believe April showers will bring May flowers.

We do not believe in that old bearish advice to "sell in May and go away" — it sure didn't work last year. So, we don't look for the stock market to be "sacked" big time, but we do see a normal correction that will improve the bull's health.

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LETTERS

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money have been spent to improve current problems with the infrastructure of this community?

The city is close to closing the existing landfill and reopening a new one. The mayor states that the city has more than \$2 million dedicated to that closure. No mention has been made of the money necessary to open a new one. That evidently will come from a bond issue. More debt.

The school system is proposing a bond issue that will carry it through the next 15 to 20 years, after which a new high school might be necessary — another bond issue.

It seems that the next generation will still be paying for the expenses generated by the current taxing entities with no end in sight unless changes are made in the manner in which the city is governed.

Bells and whistles do not make a good community, but that seems to be all the current government can come up with. Very few of the current citizens had the opportunity to live here 50 to 60 years ago when Big Spring was a great town.

ARDIS McCASLAND JR.
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The Thursday, April 22, Big Spring Herald stated, “Water is safe, officials assure local residents.” The article continued, “According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, a great deal of concern has been expressed during the past several months by local residents regarding the safety of the city water supply. Much of the concern has been generated by notices mailed out to residents regarding the water’s failure to meet Texas Commission on Environmental Standards guidelines for quality.”

This is followed by Butch David, an engineer and vice president of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper of Lubbock, who stated, “The notices are required because the water failed to meet the turbidity measurements that are required by the TCEQ. Turbidity measures the clarity, how well you can see through a particular sample of water. It is not unsafe to drink. It just has slightly more particles in it than they (TCEQ) would like to see.”

I received several of these notices and called the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in Austin and the regional TCEQ office in Midland for information. The regional office informed me that the city of Big Spring must notify its customers by mail of the violation of the turbidity readings being above the acceptable level and post a public notice in the

local newspaper of the unacceptable quality of water.

On April 28, I spoke with a representative of Water Quality Team, TCEQ, in Austin. He informed me they had received unacceptable reports on the water in Big Spring for five months — September 2009, December 2009, January 2010, February 2010 and March 2010. The report for April is not due until May 10. He further stated that by EPA rules, any city in violation for four or more months — which Big Spring is — would now have to answer to the Enforcement Division of the TCEQ. He explained the maximum allowable turbidity level is 0.3 NTU. In February, Big Spring reported 168 turbidity readings and 157 readings were above 0.3 NTU — a percentage of 93.5 percent. The report form March, which was sent April 9, shows 185 turbidity readings with 212 readings above 0.3 NTU — a percentage above the limit of 65.4 percent. Turbidity is an indicator of a particular amount of settlement in the water and there is the potential of organisms, so it must be corrected.

Now we have the Big Spring Herald, April 28, saying “Officials say altering reservoir source means better water quality on the way — Tests show city back in compliance with standards.”

The article states “City Manager Gary Fuqua delivered the news to the Big Spring City Council, saying a recent switch in reservoirs from the Colorado River Municipal Water District has the city’s water treatment plant putting out a much higher quality product.”

Wow — can you believe that a city election is producing a miracle?

If you compare this article with what Butch Davis said in the April 22 article, “They (CRMWD) are in the process of making some changes in their valving and pump repairs. I believe they said it would be approximately 30 days before they will be able to make some changes. It’s a slow change in their process because they have to move water long distances and through different pipeline configurations. However, in the next 30 to 45 days we’ll begin seeing a mixture of different water sources for the city.”

Wow — in just six days — Darden said the quality of the water leaving the treatment plant is the best he’s seen in several years. Why wasn’t this prompt action taken last September?

Another question: How can Fuqua say “the most recent tests have shown it is back into compliance with state standards?” This is the 28th day of April. Even if you have good turbidity readings for April 27-30, you will not be in compliance with state standards for the month of April. We will all have to wait and see how May reflects the tur-

bidity and that report won’t be due until June 10.

JOYCE CROOKER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

A few weeks ago I became deathly ill. It was double pneumonia and within 24 hours, the infection was in all my organs and I had septic shock. The doctors and nurses at Scenic Mountain Medical Center didn’t think I would live, but they worked hard and diligently. God is still a God of miracles, because thanks to Him and their excellent care, I am alive, talking and walking.

My oxygen level was so low at times that they were afraid I would have brain damage if I did survive. I know you have to have a brain for it to be damaged. See, I still have a sense of humor. That was the second miracle.

My muscles did not respond as before. I couldn’t open or close my hands and could barely wiggle my toes. Physical therapy and lots of care was given me by Health South Rehab. That was the third miracle.

I have been told that I am not the only miracle. Two other people were in the hospital and as bad off, if not worse than I was. They are also home.

I was asleep and unaware, but my family said the SMMC staff was good to me and kind to my friends and family. One of the nurses shaved my legs and one of the Respiratory staff washed my face and ears very well. She said she hoped if she were in my situation someone would do that for her.

Big Spring has a lot to be grateful for and SMMC is one of those things. Thank you, Big Spring, for all the prayers that were said for me.

God is good. He hears our prayers.

ANNA MARIE AVANT
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Why would an out-of-town person pay more than \$20,000 in advertising for the mayor and councilman to get re-elected unless he has something to gain? Is he using part of the \$3 million tax money given by the Economic Development Board, at the insistence of the mayor, to help pay for this advertising? I wonder if the mayor has reserved office space in the Settles? If so, that will leave a vacant office elsewhere.

I find it amazing that now that we have an election going on, our water is beginning to meet state standards. Did our water facilities make a miraculous recovery? According to the city budget, our water treatment and delivery/recovery systems are outdated and in dire need of replacement. Maybe if we get a new mayor and council, we will finally correct those problems, rather than build-

ing water parks.

If an A1 credit rating is so good, why did we have to pay \$50,000 for insurance to get a good interest rate? I think bond rating companies want us to have debt. I don’t. If we have \$8.5 million in savings and \$18 million in debt, aren’t we still passing on \$9.5 million debt to our kids?

Also, to whoever has been ripping off political signs, please do not burn them, as they could possibly be toxic.

COTTON MIZE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

In viewing editorial pages over the past few weeks and months, it seems there has been very little discussion concerning the school bond issue that is being currently voted on. As one who was previously voted against the previous school bond for issues I made public, let me now say that the new administration has developed a plan that I strongly support.

We have reached a point in this community where we can’t be against everything, or we will never have anything. Our elementary and middle school children are currently attending schools that were built in 1930, 1951, 1958, 1960, 1962 and 1965. The youngest of these buildings was built 45 years ago and of these, all but one of these schools (Moss) has reached the end of their useful lives.

I was skeptical of this plan when I first heard of it; however, I received a phone call from Dr. Stevens inviting me to come to his office and discuss a proposal that had been designed and to get my input and opinion.

One of the first questions I had for him was “Are gymnasiums being planned for all schools?” I was assured each school would have its own gymnasium and was shown the plans in detail.

Why was this important to me? First, there are many times during the year when the weather in this area is not suitable for children to be outdoors for physical activity. Second, as the spouse of a teacher who has had to “help” children across the puddles we have when it rains and goes home to change clothes during her lunch period as she is soaked to the knees, we need facilities that are enclosed.

Several of my other concerns were discussed in detail with excellent answers to the questions. Location of the schools to be more targeted where the population of children live, traffic flow, size of the school, design, security and functionality of each campus was discussed. In answering each question, I could tell that Dr. Stevens had done his job in researching and finding the best solution for our current needs.

Now comes the big issue — what is this project going to cost, and can we afford it?

The project cost will be \$60 million and that is a substantial amount of money to spend at one time.

In a perfect world, we would have had these new schools built every 10 to 20 years and we wouldn’t be faced with such a large amount of at one time to pay for them. We are not in a perfect world and there is no efficient way to break up this package and accomplish what we need for the children. This package will carry us forward for the next 20 years, when we will need to address our high school. The primary reasons I support this project are as follows:

- This project is well thought out and planned, with input from the community.
- This project addresses all the current needs of our schoolchildren, and alleviates future borrowing requests for the next 20 years.
- Security on campuses will be much better. Currently, our elementary campuses have very little way of controlling who can come on campus. With classrooms having exterior doors, anyone can just walk in and cause injury to our children and teachers.
- Interest rates on bonds are at a historically low rate. Investor’s appetites are good and they are looking for bond projects to purchase. The rates the school will receive are rates that are some of the lowest in history.
- Construction costs will be much lower now. At every bid letting there are many contractors bidding on these projects, not just a few contractors. These contractors need work and are willing to price projects at or near cost to stay in business.
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County Court Decisions:
Judgment and Sentence: Beverly Rynel Armstrong, theft of property - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$332 court costs, 45 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Cindy Renae Alexander, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Miguel Reyes, assault causing bodily injury, \$3,000 fine, \$332 court costs, 120 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Kendra Michelle Matthews, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Jennifer Rose Perez, theft of property - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Johnny Ray Viera Jr., assault causing bodily injury, \$2,000 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Schemickia Marie Crosby, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution, \$282 court costs, three days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Raymon Ramirez Rodriguez, evading arrest or detention, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Beverly Rynel Armstrong, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 45 days in jail.

District Court Filings:
R.O. Pomroy Equipment Rental Inc. vs. Alon USA, accounts, notes and contracts.

Target National Bank vs. Merian C. Franco, accounts, notes and contracts.

Monica Ortega vs. Rudy Ortega Jr., divorce.

The State National Bank vs. Gary Nieman, accounts, notes and contracts.

Brittany Chance Roberts vs. Spencer Ryan Roberts, divorce.

CACH LLC vs. Rose Hernandez, accounts, notes and contracts.

Iryna V. Morgan vs. William L. Morgan Jr., divorce.

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Montie Dee Daniels IV, 30, and Ashley D'Ann Casbeer, 25, both of Big Spring.
Michael John Vega, 19, and Veronica Victoria Ruiz, 17, both of Big Spring.

Richard P. Elder, 42, of Scotland, and Kristen N. Marshall, 36, of Virginia.

Orville Steven Brant, 56, of Big Spring, and Carla Ann-York McCurdy, 54, of Coahoma.

Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Jeff Kester dba Royalty Supply
Grantee: Anjack Inc.
Property: Lots 5-18, Block 28, original Town of Forsan
Date: April 23, 2010

Grantor: Troy Koenig
Grantee: David Canales Sr.
Property: Lot 4, Block 30, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
Date: April 23, 2010

Grantor: B.J. Barnes
Grantee: Carl W. Lancaster
Property: Lots 6-7, Block 13, South Haven Addition
Date: April 26, 2010

Grantor: Citimortgage Inc.
Grantee: Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Property: Lot 6, Block 30, College Park Estates
Date: April 27, 2010

Grantor: Pete Rosenbaum
Grantee: James A. Soles and Amie Soles
Property: A tract out of Section 14, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 28, 2010

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
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Grantee: Harold Peckenpaugh
Property: Lot 11, Block 12, Douglass Addition No. 2
Date: April 23, 2010

Grantor: The estate of Alton Warren
Grantee: Dillon Mark Phernetton
Property: An 8.5-acre tract out of Section 33, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: April 23, 2010

Grantor: Everett M. McDaniel and Cathy McDaniel
Grantee: Edgar Dale Whitt and Tamara Whitt
Property: A tract out of Section 13, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P Rr Co. Survey
Date: April 23, 2010

Grantor: Juanita C. Wood
Grantee: Alex Trevino and Rhonda Holguin
Property: Lot 10, Block 1, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date: April 26, 2010

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employer survey results identifying skills gaps will be used to assess community colleges' programs to align with employers' needs.

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BSSH volunteers recognized for service

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

The American Business Club of Big Spring was named the Jack Y. Smith Award winner Wednesday during the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council luncheon.

The hospital hosts the luncheon each year to honor the approximately 100 volunteers who donate thousands of hours each year to raise money for the hospital's 200 patients.

The Jack Y. Smith Award is given to the hospital's top volunteer and is given in memory of Jack Y. Smith — one of the hospital's earliest and most dedicated volunteers.

Jack Y. Smith presented the first award in 1973, and since his death his son, Steve, and Jack Y. Smith's widow, Edna Faye, have announced the award.

The American Business Club began hosting and furnishing prizes for monthly bingo games for Big Spring State Hospital patients in 1962.

During the past 48 years, American Business Club members

have donated more than \$14,000 and thousands of volunteer hours operating bingo games for the hospital's patients, Smith said.

"They volunteered the second Thursday of every month for 48 years," Smith said. "They are very caring and they are a great example for all of us to follow."

Three volunteers were presented with the State Hall of Fame Awards — Robin Hallman, JoBeth Corwin and Ruth Nanny. The Department of State Health Services awards volunteers with the Hall of Fame recognition after 15 years of volunteer service.

Laura Gutierrez was recognized as the Texas Department of State Health Services Rookie of the Year award and ALON USA was named State Group Award Winner of the Year. Gutierrez was recognized for her contributions during her first year of service, donating numerous hours at The Chalet Resale Shop.

ALON USA was chosen for providing many hours of assistance each holiday season for the



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Big Spring State Hospital Rehabilitation Tech Jose Villagrana, who works in the hospital's greenhouse, plants a pink-flowering desert willow in the patient courtyard as part of the hospital's Arbor Day celebration. The volunteers and Johansen's Nursery have provided a number of trees for planting each year during Arbor Day. The desert willow was chosen because it is drought-resistant and native to West Texas. The patients helped prepare the area and assisted with the planting and later enjoyed refreshments and participated in activities revolving around Arbor Day.

past seven years.

KOSA-TV Reporter Jennifer Samp gave the keynote speech and thanked the volunteers for recognizing a need

in the community and reaching out to patients who need assistance.

Volunteers raise money for many of the patient needs that aren't

funded by the state, Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon said. The money they raise has funded the construc-

tion of the Animal Assisted Therapy building, the Natatorium, the meditation garden and

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The moon shifts from restless, excitable, adventurous Sagittarius to industrious, driven, methodical Capricorn. The Taurus sun welcomes this fellow earth-sign influence. Capricorn and Taurus folks are hardworking, so even if you don't have to show up to a job today, you'll likely be going strong on projects all day long.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There will be a great deal of debate about who is going to take on what job and whose responsibility it really is. When in doubt, take on more instead of less. Later, this move will prove beneficial.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Excellence takes hard work. Don't be fooled by those who make great achievements look easy. Anything that's worth accomplishing is done through blood, sweat and tears.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are loved. Believe it and act accordingly. Try not to require reassurance from those you love — it only tires them out today. Instead,



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do the things and think the thoughts that make you feel secure.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Commitments are in store. You'll consider whether you are ready to take a relationship to the next step. Maybe you'll never be ready, but you are nearing the point where you just have to decide either way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If there's any question about whether to save or invest, opt for saving. Only invest if you are absolutely certain you must do it and if you're so passionate about the prospects that you'd rather lose all than miss the opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Maybe you feel somewhat shy, but make contact anyway. If it makes your heart beat faster and you feel like running the other way, that's a good sign. Run toward your fear and you'll get over it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are a balancing expert. You'll make the necessary adjustments to your life in order to maintain equilibrium in the areas of health, love, money and spirit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You might interpret an event in a way that casts a pensive and somber mood over your scene. This will

pass quickly when you realize that you can choose to extract a different meaning from the event.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It is extremely lucky to catch up with friends and relatives, even if you feel there is no news to share. The contact will restore your spirit and will also be meaningful for the other person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Time spent doing what you don't want to do is sometimes good for you, but not today. Today it's a waste. Show up to the events you want to be a part of or have agreed to attend. Skip the rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Give yourself a pep talk. Do this in private, perhaps in the mirror or in a journal. If you feel funny praising yourself, here's a good reason to get over it: How you see yourself is how others will see you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When it comes to feeling fulfilled in life, everyone has dif-

ferent criteria. You'll be thinking about what it would take to make you feel great about every area of your life. You'll discover a new want in the process.

T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY (May 2). Whatever you did before, you do it better this year. You'll take your talent seriously and put in the effort to become truly great. A mentor will help you leap ahead in a competitive game. Even if you have to pay this person, it'll be worth it. August brings terrific news for you and your family, and September boosts finances. Aquarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 25, 44, 3 and 19.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Mercury is a mischief-maker on his retrograde journey through Taurus this week. He's sure to provide some quirky and unexpected snags in the action. With the right attitude, the kinds of mishaps that Mercury inspires can be extremely fortuitous. For

instance, you could hear a knocking in the engine of your car and take it in to the mechanic only to find out that you had an additional problem with the tires or the brakes. Maybe you initially don't like what this means for your pocketbook, but it's ultimately good news because you have the chance to fix it before it turns into something more serious or causes an accident. Mercury retrograde in Taurus focuses on finance and luxury items, too, sometimes making us think we need expensive things that really won't make a big difference in our lives. So before you go out and upgrade your computer, trade in your phone for the new model or investigate the house with the bigger yard, take a breather. None of these purchases should be approached impulsively. In the beginning of the week, the moon will be in Capricorn, and that's an excellent time to review contracts and ask plenty of questions before you commit

to any purchase or commitment.

C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES: Taurus is the sign of the bull -- powerful, strong and deliberate. These qualities are hard to miss in Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, whose body-builder physique shows his hard work, discipline and natural looks. This Venus-ruled entertainer moved from wrestling to feature films. His natal Venus, Mars and Saturn are all stationed in the sign of communication — that's Gemini.

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Local leaders preparing for National Day of Prayer

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

“In God we trust” — is a message we see and hear almost every day. But, that message will be even stronger early Thursday afternoon when hands will be joined and prayers lifted to the heavens as area Christian leaders come together for the National Day of Prayer.

Slated for 12:10 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall, the National Day of Prayer has become a Big Spring tradition.

Local Day of Prayer coordinator the Rev. Sharon Wiese said she hopes area residents will use their lunch break to help lift their voices in prayer.

“We're having it between 12:10 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. so people can come out on their lunch hour,” she said. “And we'll do everything we can to start and finish everything right on time so they can get back to work within that one hour period.

“This year's featured speaker is Evelyn Bender, and I can't think of anyone in this community better to bear witness to the power of prayer,” she continued.

The event, Wiese said, will actually be a concert of prayer. “We'll be fasting in prayer. We'll have coffee and tea for people to drink and some snacks for people that might wind up

needing them as a result of diabetic conditions and the like, but our focus for a little more than a half hour will be on prayer.”

Homer Wilkerson will provide a special vocal presentation, Wiese added, and several local pastors and community leaders will be leading the group in prayer.

Although the National Day of Prayer didn't become a government declared event until 1952, when a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, made it official, it's been a part of America's heritage for more than 200 years. The first call to prayer came in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation. The call for prayer has continued through history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of “humiliation, fasting, and prayer” in 1863.

Like Thanksgiving or Christmas, the National Day of Prayer has become a national observance placed on all Hallmark calendars and observed annually across the nation. In 2004, local, state and federal observances were held from sunrise in Maine to sunset in Hawaii, uniting Americans from all socio-economic, political and ethnic backgrounds in prayer for the nation.

For more information on the local prayer presentation, contact Wiese at 267-6394.

SMMC asking its clients to nominate top nurses for Patient Choice Award

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is once again seeking to honor one of its nurses with the Patient Choice Award, which recognizes the quality care, comfort and compassion demonstrated in his or her daily work.

Continuing the tradition of the last few years, the hospital is asking for input from the community, and one nurse chosen from the nominations will receive the Patient Choice Award at SMMC during Nurses' Week, May 6-12.

Scenic Mountain asks former patients and family members to be involved in spotlighting an exceptional nurse because patients are the ones directly impacted by outstanding care.

“Sometimes it's just too hard to spot one nurse when there are so many nurses in our hospital doing such an incredible job caring for our pa-

tients,” says Judy Roever, SMMC's chief nursing officer. “That's why we are asking patients to help us make the choice. They see the little things that matter so much on a very personal level.”

If you or a family member have come to Scenic Mountain for inpatient, outpatient or emergency care in the last year and you have a nurse you'd like to thank for going the extra mile, don't miss this chance. Nominations for the 2010 Patient Choice Award will be accepted until Monday. To nominate a nurse, send the nurse's name and a few paragraphs explaining your nomination, along with your own name (and the name of the patient) address and telephone number. E-mail nominations to: Kim_Howell@chs.net, mail to: Kim Howell, Marketing Director, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 West Eleventh Place, Big Spring 79720, or fax to: 268-4732.

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walking track, and patient trams.

“They are invaluable to the hospital and our patients, and we appreciate you all so much,” Moughon said to the volunteers and their families who were in attendance.

Pins and thank you gifts were presented to each volunteer to mark the number of hours donated.

Volunteer receiving pins for donated hours were: Lane Bond, 131; Carol Leggett, 111; Laura Gutierrez, 261; Joy Harrison, 205; Lucy Griffith,

322; Velta Lloyd, 324; Lee Emerson, 400; Dorothy Gilbreath, 667; Dorothy Jones, 673; Nancy Kimble, 609; Neva Green, 734; Carol Hardin, 785; Theresa Anderson, 872; Mary Lopez, 840; Lupe Barraza, 914; Vicki Pitman, 1,043; Cyneather Woodruff, 1,312; JoAnn Hernandez, 1,589; Betty Lee, 1,849; Pat Dickenson, 1,902; Lucy Flores, 2,030; Connie Rodriguez, 2,083; Helen Crandall, 2,594; Sharon Gutierrez, 2,810; Suzanne Markwell, 2,828; Gay Smith, 2,977; Tommy Corwin, 3,195; Doris Huibregtse, 3,433; Jobeth Corwin, 3,838; Doris Smith, 4,323; Shirley Bodin, 5,931; Ruth Nanny, 6,719; and Robin Hallman, 7,521; and Murlene Williams, 27,647.

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utility bill/deposit; deed/mortgage/lease papers; or a notarized letter confirming residency when living with another household.

Students currently enrolled in the district's pre-kindergarten program are automatically registered for kindergarten. New information sheets will be sent home on the first day of school. The student's permanent folder, which contains the student's birth certificate and immunization record will be moved to the next grade level. Therefore, there is no need for parents of current pre-kindergarteners to attend the kindergarten registration.

If you have a new pre-kindergarten student, call the school and officials will get you on the registration list.

The district will have the new federal forms in this summer and officials will call parents when they come in.

For additional information regarding kindergarten or pre-kindergarten registration, contact the elementary school at 394-5000, ext. 200.

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS:

Abilene police officer killed in traffic crash

ABILENE (AP) — Funeral is scheduled for Monday for an Abilene police officer who died when his motorcycle slammed into a car.

According to police reports, Officer Rodney Holder was pursuing a speeder on his police motorcycle near the McMurry University campus about noon Thursday when a car turned in front of him. The motorcycle slammed into the car, then tumbled for about 30 yards before hitting a tree. The 50-year-old police officer landed under a parked van. He was pronounced dead at Hedrick Medical Center about 15 minutes later.

The driver of the car was not injured. No charges have been filed.

Assistant Police Chief Doug Wrenn says Holder was using his lights and siren when the crash happened.

Ex-bank VP gets sentenced to prison

McALLEN (AP) — A former south Texas bank vice president has been sentenced to more than four years in prison for stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from her clients' accounts.

U.S. District Judge Randy Crane sentenced Emma Vigil to 51 months in prison on bank fraud charges Friday. The 47-year-old McAllen resident also must pay nearly \$590,000 in restitution to her victims.

Prosecutors said Vigil not only debited her clients' accounts, but also made sure her fraudulent

Dear Margo: Dad asks payment for childhood!

Dear Margo: At the age of 40, I've been disowned by my father and his wife of 10 years. I ran a successful business, which I sold recently and made a lot of money. My father called to ask that I pay him a sum of money so that he and his wife can retire shortly — odd, being that he is a prominent attorney and well off.



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My father and his wife travel extensively, make extravagant purchases and are always adding to their home. I was shocked to be asked for money and said no.

My father said that I am disowned, and I am hurt beyond belief. He said "I owe him" for a wonderful childhood, plus the best university money could buy. (Never mind that my father and my mother fought constantly.)

Do I owe them for all those childhood expenses? Do I need to help two very self-sufficient people out of their debts, which were accumulated by their wild spending?

I would help my father if he held a low-paying job or was ill. Now I will find ways to use my money to help those who need it. Was my father out of line? — *Distressed, Disowned and Dumbfounded Daughter in the Northeast*

Dear Dis: Out of line? How about nuts? The only time I've ever heard of something like this is never.

The second wife sounds like she's had a hand in the spending, if not the request for a handout.

For a prominent lawyer to spend himself into a hole and then tell a successful child she "owes" him for her childhood so that he can retire is chutzpah with a capital "CH."

I would tell him you did not realize you were running a tab while you were growing up, and that he ought to be ashamed of himself. (You might suggest that he engage a financial person to consolidate his debt.) — *Margo, flabbergastedly*

When less is more, and more comfortable

Dear Margo: I am a 27-year-old attorney. I own my own home, have a wonderful circle of friends and, all in all, feel I have a relatively successful life.

My problem stems from my family situation. I'm an only child, and while growing up, I felt very much like the conservative odd man out with my two free-spirit hippie parents.

My father died when I was 12, and my mother became quite unhinged after that.

During high school, I bounced around between aunts and uncles, and then back with my mom, etc.

My mother died when I was a teen. After high

loan application for \$179,500 was approved.

Vigil had been an employee of Lone Star National Bank for 14 years before she was fired in 2008.

Bill White gets backing from GOP mayor

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — Democrat Bill White picked up an endorsement in the Texas governor's race on Friday from a Republican mayor in suburban Dallas who crossed party lines to offer his support.

White and Grand Prairie Mayor Charles England emphasized the need for moderate leadership and bipartisan action while portraying Republican Gov. Rick Perry as a divisive politician.

"We need people from different political views, people from different backgrounds, to find common ground to get things done," White said. "Every single day, people are introducing themselves to me ... who say they are crossing party lines to support me for governor."

England, mayor for 18 years, cited White's track record in Houston, the city's finances and the broad support White enjoyed in getting elected by large margins. England said White is a political moderate and "that is what this state needs."

"We need a change in Austin," England said. "Bill White ... can bring both sides of the aisle together. In the past few years, that hasn't always been the case."

Perry spokesman Mark Miner dismissed the endorsement, saying it would not "hide the fact that Bill White is a liberal trial lawyer." Miner also said Perry would unveil endorsements in the com-

school, an aunt and uncle really stepped up to the plate and became like parents to me — visiting me at college, having me live with them during breaks and summers, and being a huge support system.

They have continued this relationship for the past 10 years, and I really think of them as my "second" parents.

However, I am still confused as to how to talk about my family. I'm unsure of how to answer questions like, "What did your parents say about this or that?" or "What do your parents do?" What can I say that isn't some long, drawn-out story but is appropriate? — *Wanting To Say the Proper Thing*

Dear Want: I think in casual conversations you can shortcut involved explanations by regarding your aunt and uncle as your parents. With close friends, the explanation you outlined for me shouldn't be too much of a megillah: At the death of your parents, a loving aunt and uncle stepped in and raised you. Simple, yet factual. I, by the way, have friends where this is the case. — *Margo, directly*

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to dearmargo@creators.com. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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ing months that reflect "wide support" throughout Texas.

"We're confident that we'll have support from many people who support the governor's policies," Miner said.

England crossed party lines in 2007 to support his son, Grand Prairie Rep. Kirk England, when he left the GOP to run for his seat in the Legislature.

Perry rejects health insurance risk pool

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry told U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on Friday that Texas will not submit plans to operate a temporary high-risk insurance pool.

The high-risk insurance pools are part of the federal health care overhaul and Sebelius had asked states to submit their plans by Friday.

The high-risk pools will offer coverage to people with pre-existing health conditions who have been uninsured for 6 months, at a cost similar to what everybody else pays. In states that decline to run the pools, the federal government will step in and run them. Perry said the state can't commit to the new program due to the "lack of program rules or reliable federal funding."

"As we've seen in federal education and stimulus programs, the administration is again asking states to commit to a program without knowing the rules of engagement," Perry wrote. "I do not believe that the aggressive implementation and the lack of assurances on financial solvency of the program are in the best interest of Texas taxpayers, families, patients or health care providers."

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I Support: Safe, High Quality water for Big Spring

I Oppose: Large expenditures of our tax revenues on non-essential items, while postponing meaningful improvements of water quality until a new bond issue is proposed in 2014

I Support: Improving local streets and roads throughout Big Spring.

I Oppose: Lavish and expensive changes to one particular area of Big Spring, that destroy historical Trees and create driving and parking hazards.

I Support: Attracting new business and industry by taking advantage of our geographical locations, our "West Texas Work Ethic" and our Christian values.

I Oppose: High property taxes, poor water quality and unsafe streets that discourage new business and industry.

I Support: Recreation including swimming, for our youth.

I Oppose: Increasing bond debt to \$17.8 million for a non-essential "water park" without voter approval.

I Support: Fiscal responsibility by "Living within our means," managing our budget and paying off bond debt.

I Oppose: Bankrupting our children's future, by continuing to increase property taxes and bond debt.

Vote Tommy Duncan for Mayor on May 8th, and early voting is April 26 to May 4th

Pd. Pol. Ad Tommy Duncan for Mayor, Frances Kay Hobbs, Treasurer

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Legals

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HOWARD §
By virtue of a ORDER OF SALE issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 26th day of April, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 1st day of June, 2010, being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO. _____
STYLE _____
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
CITY OF BIG SPRING,
HOWARD COUNTY

T-5782
Howard County, et al vs. Floyd Clifford Coates
All of Lts 5 & 6, Bk 9, Brown Addn (1600 W. 3rd)
T-5719
Tony Carl and Christina Carl
All of Lt 8, Bk 8, McDowell Heights Addn (113 E. 14th)
T-5582
Jeremy R. Grant and Deanna R. Grant
Being a 0.27 acre tract out of a 2.0 acre tract of land in the NW/4 of Sc 44, Bk 31, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey (9507 E. Midway Rd)
T-5711
Sirilo Nieto and Norma Alicia Nieto
Lts 9 & 10, Buckner Place Addn (1400 & 1402 Virginia)
CAUSE NO. 5784
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS LOUISA BAUER, ET AL
EXHIBIT NO. _____
DEFENDANT NAME
PROPERTY DESCRPTION
BIG SPRING,
HOWARD COUNTY
ADDRESS _____

No. 1
Louisa Bauer
Lt 3, Bk 7 Bauer Addn
704 NW 5th
No. 2
Martha E. Birdwell
Lt 11, Bk 60, Original Town of Big Spring
703 Nolan
No. 3
Earnest Byrd and Addie Byrd
W/2 of Lt 12, Bk 99, Original Town of Big Spring
619 Sargent Paredéz
No. 4
Lee Canales, Jr.
W/20 of Lt 2, all Lt 3, Bk 24, Boyd-stun Second Addn

1206 E. 5th
No. 5
Jessie Cervantes and wife, Jessie Cervantes
S/50' of NE/4 of Bk 30, Bauer Addn.
907 N. Scurry
No. 6
Dorothy Cope, Bob Bowland, Tara Bowman, Julie Ann Cope, Bill Jay Cope
Lt 6, Bk 17, Monticello Addn
1211 Blackmon
No. 7
John A. Currie
Lts 2, 3 and E/2 of Lt 4, Bk D, Moore's Heights Addn
1005 NW 4th
No. 8
Billie May DeBarra
N/2 of Lt 9, and all of Lt 10, Bk 1, Porter Addn
405 Owens
No. 9
C.A. Gore
Lt 12, Bk 4, Lakeview Addn
211 Hillcrest
No. 10
N. Graham and Josie Graham
N/10' of Lt 10, Bk 14, McDowell Heights Addn
n/a
No. 11
Grace Grandstaff
A tract of land being part of NE/4 Sec. 44, Bk 32, T-1-N
1625 E. 3rd
No. 12
Clara Creak, Individually and as Ind. Exec. of the Estate of Annie Pachal, Deceased, John Creak, Henry Pachal, Lola Pachal, Olga Lamkin, Alva Lamkin, Hulda Thuman, Adolf Thuman, Louise Schweke, Fenton G. Schweke, Hattie Lamkin and Louis Lamkin
1.25 acres out of the E/2 of Sc 18, Bk 31, T2N, T&P Ry Co Survey
n/a
No. 13
C.R. McHenry
Lt 9, Bk 21, Jones Valley Addn
n/a (1104 W. 6th)
No. 14
Ralph Pierce
Lt 3, Bk 21, Jones Valley Addn
n/a
No. 15
Ruth Marie Pierce
Lts 1 & 2, Bk 8, Brown Addn
1610 W. 2nd
No. 16
Gayland Pitman
Lt 5, Bk 25, Bauer Addn
409 NW 9th
No. 17
Plainsmen Corporation
Lt 1, Bk 2, Douglas Addn.
3800 Hamilton
No. 17
Plainsmen Corporation
Lt 2, Bk 2, Douglas Addn.
3802 Hamilton
No. 17
Plainsmen Corporation
Lt 3, Bk 2, Douglas Addn.
3804 Hamilton
No. 17
Plainsmen Corporation
Lt 4, Bk 2, Douglas Addn.
3806 Hamilton
No. 18

Isabel Ramirez
W/2 of Lt 6, Bk 99, Original Town of Big Spring
622 NW 3rd
No. 19
Trannie Randle
Lt 2, Bk F, Moore's Heights Addn
809 Sargent Paredéz
No. 20
Johnny Rangel and Clara Rangel
Lt 7, Bk 31, Bauer Addn
306 NW 9th
No. 21
Melton Rangel aka Melton Montelongo Rangel and Dominga Rangel aka Dominga Correa Rangel
E/60' of Lts 19 & 20, Bk 2, Wright's Airport Addn
n/a
No. 22
Precilla B. Reyna
Lt 2, Bk 7, Lakeview Addn
108 Algeria
No. 23
Joey D. Roberts
A tract of land beign part of Tract 42, William B. Currie Subdivision out of SE/4 Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey
108 NE 10th
No. 24
Willie Robinson
Lts 1 & 2, Bk 2, Sunset Addn
401 Sunset Blvd
No. 25
Casimiro Rodriguez and Rosa Rodriguez
A tract of land being part of Tract 24, William B. Currie Subdivision out of SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey
502 NE 9th
No. 27
Juanna Rodriguez
Lt 1, Bk 7, Lakeview Addn
110 Algeria
No. 28
Luisa Rodriguez aka Maria Luisa Rodriguez and Gertrude Rodriguez
Lt 7, Bk 24, Government Heights to Bauer Addn
510 NW 8th
No. 29
Joe Rogers, Joe E. Rogers and Mary Rogers
Lt 12, Bk 14, Jones Valley Addn
910 W. 8th
No. 30
George M. Rojo and Carolina Rojo
Lt 7, Bk 116, Original Town of Big Spring
200 NE 3rd
No. 31
Eddie Ross, Willie Albert Elkins Ross, Rickey Lee Ross, Jacqueline M. Ross, Theresa Ann Ross and Barbara Denise Ross
A tract of land being part of Tract No. 22, William B. Currie Subdivision out of SE/4 Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry Co Survey
210 NE 9th
No. 32
Isabell Runyan
East Fifty-Five feet (E/55') of Lt 9, and East Fifty-Five feet (E/55') of the South One-Half (S/2) of Lt 10, Bk 5, Tennyson's Addn
201 N. Nolan
No. 33
Cleto Salinos and wife
Lt 12, Bk 8, Jones Valley Addn

1611 W. 1st
No. 34
Robert Shannon
Lt 8, Bk 2, Sunset Addn
413 Sunset
No. 35
Jose J. Silva
Lt 22, Bk 7, Wright's Airport Addn
1305 Lindbergh
No. 36
Edith W. Simmons
Lts 5 & 6, Bk 102, Original Town of Big Spring
n/a (corner of N. 3rd & N. Bell
No. 37
C.W. Smith
Lt 9, Bk 2, Lakeview Addn
200 Algerita
No. 38
W.L. Smith and Rosa Allene Smith
Lt 4, Bk 3, Mountain View Addn
1311 Mesa
No. 39
Jerry Stevens aka Jerry Stephens
Lt 11, Bk 4, Bowser Addn
100 Dillworth
No. 40
Dewey Stewart and Rosa Lee Stewart
W/25' of Lt 8, Bk A, Moore's Heights Addn
808 Sargent Paredéz
No. 41
Earnest Sturgeon
N/2 of Lt 1, Bk 8, Banks Addn
810 Cherry
No. 42
M.S. Thetford and Emmie Thetford
Lt 11, Bk 25, Governments Heights to Bauer Addn
411 NW 9th
No. 43
J.W. Trantham
Lt 19, Bk 9, South Haven Addn
Sterling Rd.
No. 44
Edgar Ray Van Kirk
Lt 26, Bk 6, South Haven Addn
Dawson Dr.
No. 45
Tomas Vela
W/2 of Lt 10, Bk 99, Original Town of Big Spring
627 Sargent Paredéz
No. 46
Jose Esteben Velasquez
Lt 4, Bk 7, Brown Addn
1604 W. 1st
No. 47
Marcello Vera, Marcello I. Vera
N/part of Lts 11 & 12, Bk 9, Jones Valley Addn
509 Galveston
No. 48
Florinda Viera
Lt 5, Bk 60, Original Town of Big Spring
710 Goliad
No. 49
George A. Weatherall
Lt 7, Bk 2, Denton Addn
806 NW 5th
No. 50
Peggy Brown Weatherall
Lt 8, Bk 2, Denton Addn
808 NW 5th
No. 51
E.R. Weatherman
N/100' of NE/4 of Bk 13, Bauer Addn
n/a (corner of N. Scurry & N 7th
No. 52

Frank Weaver, Jr.
Lt 4, Bk 1, North Park Addn
912 Ohio
No. 53
Ramona Lee Lawson White and Rory Jay Lawson
S/2 of Lts 7 & 8, Bk 12, Jones Valley Addn
610 San Jacinto
No. 54
Dee Scaggs and Bobbie L. Williams fka Bobbie Scaggs
A tract of land being part of the N/2 of Tract No. 25, of the Wm B. Currie Subdivison SE/4, Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey
616 NE 9th
No. 55
V.P. Wilson
Lt 1, Bk 2, Sunset Addn
415 Sunset
No. 56
Joe Willie Wrightsil aka Willie Wrightsil
Lt 1, Bk I, Moore's Heights Addn
1001 NW 2nd
No. 57
Prospero Yanez
Lt 2, Bk 7, Bauer Addn
700 NW 5th
No. 57
Prospero Yanez
702 NW 5th
No. 58
Juan Zubia aka Juan Subia
Lt 6, Bk 7, Bauer Addn
710 NW 5th
Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.
Witness my hand this 26th day of April, 2010.
Stan Parker
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BY: Deputy
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#6519 May 2, 9 & 16, 2010

Legals

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
HOWARD COLLEGE and LEE GEORGE CONSTRUCTION, INC., will receive competitive sealed proposals for construction of the Howard College Bond Program **PHASE III SCIENCE BUILDING RENOVATION** located on the academic campus in Big Spring, Texas. Sealed proposals (prepared according to the Instructions to Bidders) may be sent to the Construction Manager at Risk, **LEE GEORGE CONSTRUCTION, INC., P.O. Box 3298-79721, 1400 w. 4th St, Big Spring, TX 79720.** Proposals will be opened and publicly read at **3:30 P.M., local time, May 20, 2010** in the Tumbleweed Room, Student Union Bldg., Howard College. All proposals received prior to this time will be securely kept, unopened. Proposals received after the deadline for submissions will not be considered. A **Pre-Proposal Conference** and site visit will be conducted **May 5, 2010 at 10:30 A.M., local time** in the Tumbleweed Room, Student Union Bldg., Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. Construction Documents are available for a refundable deposit of \$100.00 per set beginning April 22, 2010 and may be secured from **LEE GEORGE CONSTRUCTION, INC., P.O. Box 3298-79721 or 1400 w. 4th St, Big Spring, TX 79720.**
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Howard County Water Control & Improvement District #1 accepting bids for the following work to be done. Replace 1100 ft. of 6" cast iron pipe with 6" C-900 PVC pipe. Install 6" valve. Eliminate crossing under Interstate. Install 8" valve. Contact (432)270-8964 or (432)393-5233 (office) for more details on project. Bids will be Received until May 10, 2010. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
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15 Encouraging word
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17 See 64 Across
18 Salient
19 British pie ingredient
20 Shrill sound
22 Kisser
23 Society-page fodder
26 Suspicions
27 *Entourage* character
28 Dairy designation
30 Professional questioners
31 Pulitzer Prize dramatist of '53
32 Dictators
34 Oldest Indy 500 winner
35 "Dark, amid the blaze of ____": Milton
36 Garden ornaments
38 "You bet!" opposite
41 Body type
46 Highly regarded, so to speak
47 TV debut of '75
48 Salt source
49 NBA nickname
50 Catchy parts of songs
52 1000
53 You may see it before long
54 Average boosters
56 Concentration breaker

57 Betraying lack of brightness
59 *My Life in 'toons* author
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63 Risk
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65 Ruins

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3 Brilliant
4 __ seat
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6 Comics homemaker

7 Harmony
8 Muffin flavor
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10 Major bashes
11 Locale of Office Depot's HQ
12 They are ruled by the Leader and Guide of the Revolution
13 Blow up
14 Less well-drained
21 Heckle
24 Pretty boy
25 Latin title
29 Past
31 Part of a pump
33 Calliope relative
34 Still to be achieved
37 Dungeons & Dragons flier

38 England's St. George's, for one
39 Literally, "little goose"
40 From C to B
42 Undesirably solid
43 Performs
44 Much of Manitoba
45 Mass-market big sellers
47 Water-polo position
50 Kissinger's real first name
51 Big name in immunization history
55 Aforementioned
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60 DVD-drive stat
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Lemon Raspberry Pie

Fresh Berry Cream Tart

8 servings
Prep time: 15 minutes
Start to finish: 2 hours 55 minutes

- Crust**
- 1 Pillsbury refrigerated pie crust (from 14.1-ounce box), softened as directed on box
- Filling**
- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
 - 1/3 cup sugar
 - 1 tablespoon orange-flavored liqueur or orange juice
 - 4 cups assorted fresh whole berries (small strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, and/or blackberries)
 - 1/3 cup red currant jelly, melted

Heat oven to 450°F. Prepare pie crust as directed on package for one-crust baked shell using 9-inch tart pan with removable bottom. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool completely.

In small bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar and liqueur; beat until smooth and well blended. Spread cream cheese mixture evenly in cooled baked shell. Top with berries; brush berries with melted jelly to glaze. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving. Store in refrigerator.



Fresh Berry Cream Tart

Lemon Raspberry Pie

8 servings
Prep time: 45 minutes
Start to finish: 3 hours 45 minutes

- Crust**
- 1 Pillsbury refrigerated pie crust (from 14.1-ounce box), softened as directed on box
 - 1 teaspoon flour
 - 2 tablespoons finely chopped pecans
- Filling**
- 1/2 cup sugar
 - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
 - 1 egg yolk, beaten
 - 1/4 to 1/3 cup lemon juice
- Topping**
- 2 3-ounce packages cream cheese, softened
 - 1/4 cup powdered sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract
 - 1 8-ounce carton frozen whipped topping, thawed
 - 1 tablespoon milk
 - 3 cups fresh raspberries or frozen raspberries without syrup, thawed, dried on paper towels
 - Mint sprigs, if desired

Heat oven to 450°F. Prepare crust according to package directions for unfilled one-crust pie using 9-inch pie pan. Press pecans into bottom of pie crust-lined pan. Generously prick crust with fork. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool completely.

In small saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch; blend well. Stir in water, margarine and egg yolk. Cook over medium heat until mixture boils and thickens, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in lemon juice. Pour into cooled crust. Refrigerate 1 hour.

In small bowl, beat cream cheese, powdered sugar and lemon extract until smooth. Beat in whipped topping at low speed until well blended. Add milk; mix until smooth and of spreading consistency. Spread thin layer of topping mixture around edge of crust. Reserve 4 raspberries for garnish. Arrange remaining raspberries over top of filling. Spread remaining topping over raspberries. Garnish with mint sprigs and reserved raspberries. Refrigerate 2 hours before serving. Store in refrigerator.

Make Crusts Extra Special

When making a top crust for pies, these tips can help you make them look extra special.

Glossy Upper Crust: Brush the dough with slightly beaten egg white (if desired, sprinkle with sugar, too) before baking.

Sweet Glazed Top: Brush the top pastry with a small amount of water, and sprinkle with granulated or coarse sugar before baking.

Pretty Cutouts: Cut shapes from the top crust with a canapé cutter or a knife before placing the top crust over the filling. With water or beaten egg, moisten the back of each cutout and set the design, moistened side down, on the crust.

Three-Berry Pie

8 servings
Prep time: 20 minutes
Start to finish: 2 hours 30 minutes

- 1 package (14.1 ounces) Pillsbury refrigerated pie crusts, softened as directed on package
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 5 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups fresh or frozen (thawed and drained) blackberries
- 2 cups fresh or frozen (thawed and drained) raspberries
- 2 cups fresh or frozen (thawed and drained) blueberries
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 2 teaspoons sugar

Heat oven to 450°F. Make pie crusts as directed on package for two-crust pie using glass 9-inch pie pan.

In large bowl, stir together 1 1/2 cups sugar, cornstarch, tapioca and salt; gently toss with berries. Let stand 15 minutes. Spoon into crust-lined pan. To make lattice top, cut second crust into 1/2-inch-wide strips. Arrange strips in lattice design over filling. Trim and seal edges. Brush crust with milk; sprinkle with 2 teaspoons sugar.

Place pie on middle oven rack; place large cookie sheet on rack below pie pan in case of spillover. Bake pie 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 375°F. Cover edge of crust with strips of foil to prevent excessive browning. Bake about 40 to 45 minutes longer or until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Let stand 2 hours before serving.



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Secrets of a former fat girl... by Lisa Delaney

Lisa Delaney is one of the rare souls who know what it's like to be an "after." This journalist, author and mom shed 70 pounds — and six dress sizes — and has kept it off for 20 years.

DEAR LISA: I am a Former Fat Girl too. Four years ago, I weighed 321 pounds. Today, I am a very exciting 135 pounds. While I was losing weight, I did not have a regular exercise program, and now I can see why it would have been good for me to have one. I want to run at least one 5K race before the end of this year, but I don't have the strength in my legs to do it. Right now, a mile on my treadmill totally exhausts me. I know if I can conquer my weight loss, I know there's a way to do this. Help! — Amy

DEAR AMY: Very exciting indeed! Wow. You're less than half the woman you used to be! What an amazing accomplishment. And it's great that you're continuing to challenge yourself in healthy ways. Running was one of the ways I managed to lose my 70 pounds, and it's done so much for me mentally and physically that I'm happy to help you love it as much as I do.

Running is a combination of strength and endurance, and I think you need to work on both. A basic strength training program for upper and lower body (because upper body strength does help propel you forward as you're running) is key. I would do a program that includes leg extensions, calf raises, squats and/



loway's method of training (so much so that I've mentioned him in this column before!). The linchpin of his program are the "walk breaks" he includes during training runs until you've built up enough strength and endurance to run the distance completely. For instance, you may run three minutes/walk 1 minute, for a total of 30 minutes one day. His site, JeffGalloway.com, features training programs for several distances, including a 5K. On the days when you're not working out, either rest completely or walk leisurely. You obviously have the willpower and persistence to work hard, so I know you can reach your running goal! Go, girl!

Lisa Delaney is editor of Spry magazine and author of Secrets of a Former Fat Girl. Send your questions to lisa@formerfatgirl.com. And sign up for Lisa's bi-weekly email newsletter, The Big Weigh-In, at spryliving.com/newsletter.

or lunges at twice a week. Include a short warmup of 5-10 minutes walking at a moderate pace.

Then, three times a week, try a walk-run program to build your running endurance. I'm a big fan of running coach Jeff Gal-

Who's Who

Valerie Petrowski, a student at Big Spring Junior High School, has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy. She was nominated by Vickey Bloodworth.

To earn All-American Scholar status, students must earn a 3.3 or higher

grade point average and can only be nominated by a teacher, counselor or other qualified sponsor.

Petrowski is the daughter of Joe and Lisa Petrowski of Big Spring and the daughter of Judy Via of Big Spring and Merlin Kirk of Brazil, Ind.

Menus

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Hamburger, lettuce and tomatoes, baked potato chips, pineapple cake, milk, V8 juice.

Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, buttered noodles, green beans, bread sticks, cheese cake with blueberries, milk, V8 juice.

Wednesday: Baked chicken breast, buttered potatoes, Harvard beets, spinach salad with dressing, rolls, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Cheeseburger pie, yellow squash with onions, tossed salad, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday: Roast beef and brown gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, rolls, strawberry shortcake, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: No. school.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Cheese Omelet, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, sun chips, baby carrots with ranch dressing, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - French toast, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - Pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, Orange Smiles, applesauce cake, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk. Lunch - Corn dog, pinto beans, tater tots, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cereal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, peaches, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Cereal, juice, sausage patty, milk. Lunch - Beef tamale pie, refried beans, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage roll, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, green peas, apricots, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Tortilla, cheese omelets, fruit cup, milk. Lunch - Beef taco, corn, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad, Orange Smiles, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Ham/cheese biscuits, juice, milk. Lunch - Sweet and sour chicken, rice, mixed vegetables, pineapple chunks, roll, milk, Rice Krispie Treat.

Friday: Breakfast - French toast sticks, juice, milk. Lunch - Sloppy Joe on a bun, french fries, strawberries, fruit, milk.



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News in brief

Obama to tell Michigan Class of 2010 to shape America’s destiny, not its partisan squabbles

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has some advice for the class of 2010: Don’t get caught up in the partisan trench warfare that often consumes Washington and use your talents instead to help America confront its biggest challenges.

Obama’s homily on the imperatives of citizenship comes in a speech Saturday at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

At the same time, 45 miles away, Sarah Palin is set to denounce the president as a big-government Democrat whose free-spending ways will bankrupt the country.

The former GOP vice presidential hopeful is headlining a Clarkston, Mich., forum hosted by the anti-tax Americans for Prosperity Foundation. Officials expect more than 1,000 to attend.

Palin’s been on a nationwide speaking tour as she considers a 2012 White House bid and promotes her book.

Obama pledges to fight for new campaign finance rules, says integrity of U.S. democracy at stake

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Saturday pressed Congress for swift action on measures to restrict political advertising by corporations and labor unions, saying that “no less than the integrity of our democracy” is at stake.

Legislation introduced in Congress this week would require that corporations and unions identify themselves in political ads they pay for and that the chief executive or other top official state that “I approve this message.”

The measures are in response to a 5-4 Supreme Court ruling in January that upheld the First Amendment rights of these groups to spend money on campaign ads, thus enhancing their ability to influence federal elections.

Obama slammed the decision at the time, saying the court had given a “green light to a new stampede of special-interest money in our politics” and pledging to work with Congress on a “forceful response” to the ruling.

Health care bill schooled White House, Democrats on need for speed, message control

WASHINGTON (AP) — After pursuing bipartisan talks for months on health care and deflect-

ing rather than challenging Republican critics, President Barack Obama and his Democratic allies are deploying a more aggressive approach in their attempt to push financial overhaul legislation through the Senate.

Wall Street, Obama proclaimed in Illinois this past week, is little better than “a big casino” playing with “Monopoly money.”

“Those irresponsible practices came awfully close to bringing down our entire economy and millions of dreams along with it,” the president thundered.

In the Capitol, Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., explained it bluntly.

“Bottom line, on the health care bill, we allowed too many lies to get out there without rebuttal, because we thought they were so obviously untrue,” he said. “But we’ve learned our lesson.”

“And the minute these things come out of the mouths of some of our Republican colleagues, we rebut them. And we rebut them again and again. And fortunately, these lies are not taking hold.”

Republicans dispute that, saying Democrats are the ones mischaracterizing the legislation and that they want reform as much as anyone. “Everyone agrees that we must rein in Wall Street,” Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said this past week as she and others in the GOP sought to prolong talks on the bill rather than start voting on it.

Kennedy cousin Skakel says appeal will challenge effectiveness of trial attorney Sherman

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel turned to attorney Mickey Sherman more than a decade ago to defend him against a murder that had haunted his wealthy family for a quarter-century. Now Skakel, the nephew of Ethel Kennedy, is turning against Sherman, saying the media-savvy attorney blew the trial.

Skakel was convicted in 2002 of fatally beating neighbor Martha Moxley with a golf club in wealthy Greenwich in 1975 when they were 15-year-olds. His lawyer says Skakel will file an appeal in coming weeks, challenging Sherman’s effectiveness. Skakel’s supporters say Sherman was distracted by the limelight and financial troubles, even though he was paid more than \$1 million in legal fees.

“He was very open that he wanted to be a TV lawyer, he wanted to be famous,” said Skakel’s cousin, Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

Kennedy said that Sherman allowed a police officer to be picked for the jury and failed to prepare witnesses for testimony about a 25-year-old crime. Sherman also conducted an inept cross-examina-

tion of a witness who challenged Skakel’s alibi, Kennedy said.

“It’s a hard trial to win,” Kennedy said of the new appeal. “It’s as good a case as you get.”

Sherman did not return telephone calls seeking comment, but said of Skakel in 2007, “I believe I did everything humanly possible to persuade a jury that he was not guilty.”

Skakel is serving 20 years to life in prison.

Knock, knock, who’s there? Census workers get ready to start nationwide, door-to-door count

NEW YORK (AP) — It sounds simple enough. Knock on some doors, ask some questions, get some answers.

But for the more than 600,000 people going door-to-door to reach those who haven’t mailed in their census forms, it’s not.

When census enumerators set out this Saturday, they could encounter a range of responses at the 48 million addresses they need to check. People who never seem to be home. People who don’t speak English. People who say they’re too busy. People who swear they mailed in their responses. People who want to know what business is it of the government how many people live in their house, anyway. People who question what will happen to the information that gets collected.

Census workers around the country have spent most the last week getting trained in all the things they need to know to get the job done, from how to deal with people who are reluctant to answer to what to do at homes with guard dogs.

Official: 1 dead, about 2 dozen injured as tornadoes rip through Ark., destroy several homes

CLINTON, Ark. (AP) — Tornadoes ripping through central Arkansas killed at least one person and injured about two dozen others Friday, and more bad weather was possible Saturday, authorities said.

The death was reported in Van Buren County — about 75 miles north of Little Rock — where at least three mobile homes were destroyed, state Department of Emergency Management spokeswoman Renee Preslar said.

About two dozen people were hurt during the storms, but local officials who reported the deaths and injuries to the state agency did not immediately release the severity of the injuries or details about how the individuals were hurt, Preslar said.





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My name is Chad Wash. I would appreciate your vote on May 8th for the District 5 Trustee seat of the BSISD. I am a life long resident of Big Spring and a 1987 graduate of BSHS. After graduating from Texas A&M, I married Kellie, then returned to Big Spring where we chose to raise our 3 children who are currently students of the school district. I believe in the community of Big Spring, and I have complete confidence in our school district and administration. Through my experience of coaching children for the last 10 years, I have developed a sense of the needs the children in the district should be entitled. Dedication, passion, and fairness are the strengths that I will bring to the District 5 School Board Trustee seat of the BSISD.



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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I have a beautiful, outgoing younger half-sister. "Emma" is 25 and has had a hard life. Her father left us when Emma was small, and my mom struggled financially to raise her.

A year ago, after a whirlwind courtship, Emma married an extremely wealthy Italian businessman, "Gino," who is 30 years her senior. I really like Gino. He's friendly and kind and generous to my family. He adores Emma, and she loves him.

The problem? Although Gino calls Emma by the usual pet names, she calls him "Papa" and "Daddy," and it makes me really uncomfortable. I spoke to her about it, and she thought it was funny. But she also said she calls him those names because he makes her feel safe and protected. She mentioned that she even uses those names when they make love.

When I worked up the courage to ask Gino, he said those names comfort Emma. He is amused by them and claims these pet names aren't hurting anyone. He was totally dismissive of the idea that it's not normal. My mother is so thrilled that Emma is happy that she doesn't care one way or the other.

I realize Emma probably sees Gino as the father figure she never had. My husband says it's none of our business, but the names just don't sit well with me. His two grown sons and

their wives love Emma and think she's good for Gino. They don't blink at her choice of pet names. Could this be a cultural thing? Am I off base for thinking her pet names indicate an unhealthy relationship?

— Prudish Sis

Dear Sis: This seems OK to us. Emma may see Gino as a father figure, but that is not necessarily unhealthy. A century ago, it was not uncommon for husbands and wives to address each other as "Mama" and "Papa," even without kids. The names don't seem to bother Emma or Gino, who apparently love and care for each other. Your husband is right. It's not your business.

Dear Annie: My husband and I attended a wedding last fall. It was a second wedding, and although we weren't enthused about going, we did in order to keep peace in the family. It was a three-hour drive, and we arrived only to discover the chapel was too small to accommodate all the invited guests.

Since we were unable to see the ceremony, we signed the guest book, left our present and returned home. A week later, my husband received a text message on his phone from the bride, thanking "everyone who made our day so special." It was a mass text. Is this the newest way of blowing off thank-you notes? — Just Curious in the Midwest

Dear Midwest: Based on that text message, it would seem so. It's still early enough for the bride and groom to have the consideration to write each guest a personal note once they've returned from their honeymoon and had an opportunity to go through the gifts. Let's hope so.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Kentucky," who asked what to do with her mother's vintage wedding dress.

Threads of Love (threadsoflove.org) can use donated or recycled wedding gowns to make into bereavement gowns for premie babies who die. The organization also sews, knits and crochets blankets, caps, diaper shirts, burp cloths, positioning aids, love dolls and much more. It's very rewarding for those who love to share their talents with others. — Jan in Alabama

Dear Jan: That is a lovely and comforting suggestion. We also heard about the Mary Madeline Project (mary-madelinproject.org), which also turns wedding gowns into burial gowns for families that have suffered the loss of

an infant. Our thanks to all who mentioned these worthwhile projects.

Dear Annie: My patience is running thin with my 92-year-old mother's rude and hurtful behavior.

When I talk to her about it, she just laughs and brushes it off.

I wasn't around my mother through most of my marriage, but a few years ago, she moved in order to be closer to me. My husband and I are now retired, and I see to Mom's needs.

I don't know if she's been like this for years, if it's her age or if she has become bitter since my father died, but she is truly difficult to be around. If my husband and I take her out to dinner, she will complain that the food isn't as good as she could have made at home. If I bring her a home-cooked meal, she will tell me it was OK, but would have tasted better if I'd added this or that.

My brothers live out of state and, as a gift, had a ramp installed on her front porch, thinking this would make her life easier. She told me it was "nice," but believes they did it only to increase the home's value and not for her benefit. Yet, she uses it every day. Of course, I

wouldn't tell this to my brothers, because I don't want them to be hurt.

Her friends and other family members think Mom is just great. And truthfully, she can be caring and generous, but she is so negative around me. What can I do? — Need Patience

Dear Patience: It is unlikely that you are going to change your mother at this stage of the game, so we urge you to find a way to ignore her chronic complaining, which, by the way, is not unusual between parents and children. We recommend you learn to sigh and say, "Yes, Mom." She isn't trying to hurt you. She simply wants to be important and the focus of your attention.

Dear Annie: Last week, I purchased a new wig because my hair is thinning. While trying it on, I complained that it didn't fit properly, but the salesperson convinced me it was fine, and stupidly, I bought it. Upon arriving home, I discovered it was a medium-sized wig, not the petite size I require.

The wig is not refundable, so there's no point in returning it. I thought I might donate it instead. Could you provide me with the address of an agency that would want my synthetic wig? It has never been worn. I'm hoping to pass it on to someone who could use it and would feel lovely wearing it. — H.

Dear H.: Call the American Cancer

Society at 1-800-227-2345. They are delighted to accept new and gently used wigs, which are then given to cancer patients free of charge. Someone there will tell you where you can donate your wig locally. Thank you so much for asking.

Dear Annie: I'd like to offer suggestions for "Son of a Portly Pop." There may be other avenues the family could explore regarding Dad's current inactivity.

One might be to hire a personal trainer to find a level of exercise he is capable of doing. Even a little upper body movement could be a beginning. Often, someone from outside the family can have more influence.

Also, the family might consult with Portly Pop's doctor to see how they could best assist him, including working on meal preparation, exercise, therapy, whatever. — No Stone Left Unturned in Boston

Dear Boston: It's definitely worth a try, but keep in mind, Pop must be willing to make the necessary changes.

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