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Missing 13-year-old...

Flyer wording changed to broaden scope

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — Finding the right words may get them somewhere.

At least that's what Colorado City City Manager Pete Kampfer said at a press conference here Wednesday morning concerning 13-year-old Hailey Dunn, who has been missing since Dec. 27.

"We certainly want to locate Hailey," Kampfer said. "At this point we want to find Hailey and we have to do something to get us to a new level."

Kampfer said that by re-wording the circulating flyers concerning the reward, new leads may begin to surface. The current flyers state that a reward will be given for information leading to a successful prosecution and for Hailey's safe return.

New flyers concerning Dunn indicate that a \$15,000 reward is being offered for "any information that leads to the whereabouts" of the girl.



Hailey Dunn

"We have a feeling that someone may know where she is, but isn't saying something because they know she won't be returned safely," Kampfer said.

Since the beginning of the investigation, there has been speculation that the missing teen could be deceased.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Forsan High School's Mikael Pappajohn putts on the ninth green while competing in the Coahoma Invitational Golf Tournament Wednesday at Comanche Trail Golf Course. See related story and photo, Page 6.

Annual Powwow just days away

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area residents curious about the customs and traditions of Native Americans will get a chance to see first hand how the first Americans have fun, as the Big Spring Powwow gets ready to once again take over the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday and Sunday.

The Powwow — a Native American tradition that includes competitive dancing and other activities — will begin Saturday with gourd dancing at 10 a.m., according to Big Spring Powwow Committee Treasurer Connie Lesser, and continues throughout the day.

"Gourd dancing will be a highlight of the event," Lesser said. "It's a great way to see the traditions of Native Americans and learn about their culture."

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Water conservation is topic of mini-seminar at Johansen's

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Water conservation has been moved to the forefront of a lot of issues.

Johansen's Nursery is hosting Water Conservation in the Landscape Friday at 6 p.m. for residents who are wanting to find out how to conserve water. There will also be time allotted for a question and answer session.

"It's going to come down to sustaining a good, viable water source," Steve Parish, sales distributor for Gard'n Wise said. "If the water dries up, industry dries up, jobs dry up and people move away. It's a lot more than having green grass."

With the recent drought situation, water conservation has been addressed by many local government entities. The presentation set for Friday is going to focus on the overall landscape philosophy, not specific products, according to Mike Dobrovolsky, Soil Mender Products region 1 sales manager.

"The bottom line is, Howard County people are going to be faced with water restrictions," Dobrovolsky said. "Just because I work for a certain company doesn't mean that's what I'm going to talk about. If you want to buy my products, great, if you don't, that's fine. The important thing is that the price to pay is going to be more than just a few dollars."

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Obituaries

Lee James Freeze



Lee James Freeze, 82, of Big Spring died Monday, March 28, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Keith Wiseman officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lee was born Nov. 25, 1928, at Vinson, Okla., to Walter Lee Freeze and Virginia Maud (Chambers) Freeze. He was the oldest of six children. Lee started school at Vinson. When he was in the fourth grade, his parents moved to Denver, Colo., where his dad started working as a carpenter with his uncle. The family stayed in Denver until his grandfather became ill and Virginia needed to come home to take care of him. He re-enrolled in the Vinson school where he stayed and played both basketball and baseball, both in which he showed tremendous talent.

During the summers when school was out, Lee would help his uncle harvest wheat. Upon graduation from high school he was signed by the Saint Louis Cardinals as a pitcher for their farm team and played for them for several years. He then returned to Vinson and enrolled in college at Southwestern State College, which later became Southwestern State University. There, he majored in industrial arts with a minor in athletics. His first teaching job was at Bradley, Okla., where he taught physical education and coached the high school boys' basketball team and taught industrial arts to high school students. It was at Bradley that he met the love of his life, Rueleen Daggs, who was teaching home economics. They were joined in marriage on June 4, 1955.

Lee and Rueleen later continued their education at the University of Oklahoma where Lee received his masters in counseling. They then moved to Lamesa and taught school there for a number of years. After a while they moved to Brownfield. They taught there until they moved to Big Spring in 1962. Lee worked at Goliad Junior High until he retired in 1991.

Lee was involved in many things besides teaching. He loved to raise bird dogs and hunt. He hunted around the Big Spring area as well as in Oklahoma. He also raised quail and would take them to Vinson to put on his brother's farm so they could hunt them and train dogs.

He loved animals of all kinds, and over the years had raised just about everything, including Cocker Spaniels, pigeons, rabbits and horses. Until recently, he had as many as 40 horses in a pasture at Vinson.

Lee was preceded in death by his brother, Wendell Freeze.

He is survived by his wife, Rueleen Freeze of Big Spring; three sons, James Lee "Jay" Freeze of Big Spring, Jim Dal Freeze and his wife Michelle of Austin, and Tim Hal Freeze and his wife Allison of Plano; two sisters, Patsy Ruth Smith of Mangum and Peggy Larue Pence of Granite; two brothers, Eddie Lynn Freeze of Moore and Ronnie Ray Freeze of Altus; and four grandchildren, Christian, Jordan, Chandler and Harrison.

Pallbearers will be Weylin Wolf, Steve Wolf, Scott Sheppard, Gary Jones, Brad Ingram and Buddy Cochran.

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

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Lupe Lara



Lupe Lara, 64, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at his residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 7, 1947, in Greenville to Frances and Guadalupe Lara. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Vietnam. He owned Lupe Lara's Tire Service. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Catholic.

He is survived by his daughter, Rosie Ovalle of Big Spring; three sons, Billy Yanez and his wife Ana of Midland, Johnny Lara and his wife Sue of Big Spring and Robert Lara of Fort Worth; 22 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; five brothers, Ramon Hernandez of Arizona, Jesus Lara of Kermit, Peter Lara of Big Spring, and Michael Lara and Richard Lara, both of Colorado City; and three sisters, Celia Hernandez of Arizona, Victoria Escovedo of Big Spring and Sandra Lara of South Padre Island.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Bacilisa "Bessie" Lara; one sister, Martha Alvarez; and two brothers, Juan Lara and Ramiro Lara.

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

Eloise Fain Watkins

Eloise Fain Watkins, 90, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 30, 2011, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Billie Strickland



Billie Strickland, 67, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 29, 2011, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 31, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with L.C. "Trip" Gibbs officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Billie was born Jan. 8, 1944, in Big Spring to Earnest E. and Ruth Pauline Langford Blankinship. She married Roy "Gene" Strickland on Oct. 27, 1961, in Forsan and he preceded her in death on April 13, 1995.

Billie was a waitress at the Forsan Cafe, Joe Boys and Cowboys. She loved working in her yard, spending time with her grandkids and fun trips to the casino.

Survivors include two daughters, Genia Phillips and husband Marcus and Connie Strickland, all of Big Spring; one sister, Verna Jo Gray of Odessa; one brother, Larry Blankinship of Brownwood; two grandsons, Andy Neel and Jake Moore, both of Big Spring; one great-granddaughter, Tatum Neel of Big Spring; and several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Raymond Blankinship.

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

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Support groups

Special Parents for Special Children support group meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Elbow Elementary. For more information, contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

Take Note

found on the club website: www.westexags.com

• East Side Baptist Church will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at 1108 E. Sixth St. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Troy McClendon at 267-6025 or go to www.unit-edbloodservices.org and use sponsor code W4561.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for fall 2011. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 15. More information and the application may be

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• The HCV Section 8 waiting list for the Big Spring Housing Authority is open. The authority is accepting new applications. The office is located at 201 NE Seventh in Big Spring.

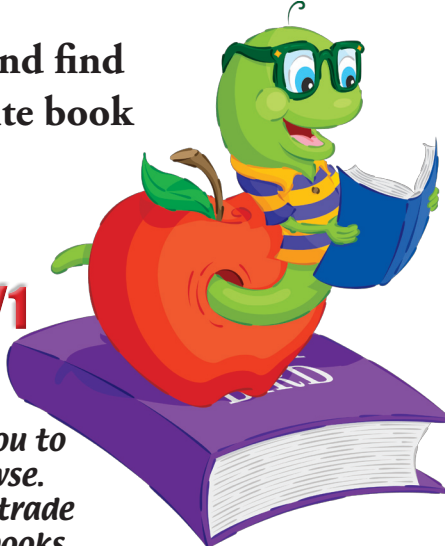
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Police

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

- MIGUEL ANTONIO ARENIVAZ, 21, of 2603 Ent Drive, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- JOLINDA FLORES, 20, of 1603 Hilltop, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram, prohibited substance in correctional facility – takes controlled substance/dangerous drug/alcohol.
- JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON, 48, was arrested Wednesday on charges of soliciting/peddling after hours.
- THEFT was reported in the 1400 block of Wood. In the 400 block of Scurry.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 4200 block of W. HWY 80.
- In the 1300 block of Tuscan.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.

- KENDRA LYNN HARRISON, 40, was arrested by the HCSO on charges of no drivers license; violate promise to appear.
- QUINTEN LEE LITTLE, 22, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief less than \$20,000 but more than \$1,500; unauthorized use of motor vehicle.

- DANIEL P. WHITE, 30, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of class C theft.
- KATHRENE CHAVARRIA, 40, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of class C theft.
- BETTY JEAN MUNIZ, 45, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of BOB/driving while intoxicated with child under 15 years of age.
- ROBERT ELWOOD KOLLAR, 44, was arrested by the DPS on an Ector County warrant for theft.
- EDWARD GARCIA SR., 53, was arrested by the HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated, third or more sentenced.
- NOE SOLIZ, 27, was arrested by the HCSO on a warrant for AG/FTA- Motion for enforcement.
- JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON, 48, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of soliciting after hours.
- GLORIA FLORES, 40, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of parent contributing to non-attendance.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
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Indicted Pecos city manager found shot to death

PECOS (AP) — The administrator of a West Texas city has been found dead just hours after being indicted on a charge of indecency with a child.

A Reeves County grand jury late Tuesday indicted 60-year-old Pecos City Manager Joseph Gilbert Torres over an alleged 2001 incident with a girl.

He surrendered and was released on \$15,000 bond.

City Attorney Scott Johnson said Torres was found dead at home around 9 a.m. Wednesday. Johnson said Torres died of a gunshot wound.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger said Thursday that Texas Rangers are investigating the “questionable death.”

Police Chief Clay McKinney has been named interim city manager.

Man gets life in prison for killing Lubbock woman

LUBBOCK (AP) — A West Texas man who licked the blood off a slain woman's rings before pawning them has been sentenced to life in prison.

A jury in Lubbock on Wednesday convicted 37-year-old Anthony Torres of capital murder.

Prosecutors did not seek the penalty so Torres gets an automatic life prison term over the June slaying of 27-year-old Amanda Moreno.

A coroner determined Moreno died of asphyxia and blunt force trauma. Police say Torres had lived with Moreno.

Investigators say Torres killed Moreno to rob her and get crack cocaine. Torres also told Lubbock police that he licked the blood off Moreno's rings, while stealing the jewelry, to avoid suspicion while pawning them.

Moreno's two daughters, who were 6 and 2, were unharmed when Torres took them along as he sought drugs.

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Kampfer said Wednesday that the girl is most likely deceasedf.

“She is believed to be

deceased or under duress,” Kampfer said, but added, “There is no proof indicating she is under duress or being held against her own will.”

Kampfer said rewording the flyers is simply

an attempt to expand the scope of the investigation, which is beginning its fourth month.

“We are trying to put this case on a different level so that we can get it concluded,” Kampfer said. “We really don't

know how many resources we have left.”

Dunn is listed as being 5-foot, 1-inch tall, weighing 120 pounds, hazel eyes and brown hair with blonde streaks. Anyone having any information is encouraged

to contact the Colorado City Police Department at 325-728-5294 or 1-800 “THE LOST” (843-5678). Tips or information will be treated anonymously.

Contact Staff Writer

Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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begin Saturday at 10 a.m. with grand entry set for 12:30 p.m.,” Lesser said. “We'll break for dinner at 5 p.m., with dancing expected to start back up from 6 p.m. until approximately 10 p.m.

“Sunday morning, we'll begin with church at 9 a.m., then gourd dancing and grand entry at the same times as Saturday. The event will conclude at 5 p.m.”

Lesser said a commodity to the annual

Big Spring Powwow is volunteers, who play a huge role in making sure the two-day event runs smoothly.

“We need volunteers to help us run some of the minor parts of the powwow,” said Lesser. “Things like helping to run the front desk and some of the contests, and monitor some of the different stations. It's a lot of fun, and it gives people a chance to get a birds-eye view of what goes on during the powwow.”

According to committee member Randy McKinney, the powwow

is not a religious event, but will certainly help those in attendance lift their spirits.

“The powwow is a social event and there is no Native American religion involved; there will be no medicine men and no ceremonies,” said McKinney. “A powwow is a wonderful experience; the drum alone will lift your heart and make your feet want to dance.

“Dancing has always been a big part of the Native American culture, as it has in many cultures. Most people think of war dances or rain

dances. However, Native Americans dance for many reasons — a good hunt or harvest, marriage or childbirth, or just for the fun of it. These dances would last for days.”

Vendors offering many different wares will also be available and a food drive is scheduled with all donated canned goods given to local food banks.

“The vendors will be selling all kinds of Native American wares, from jewelry and art to food, like the traditional fry bread,” said Lesser. “There will also be a si-

lent auction, so it should be a lot of fun for everyone in the family.”

Powwow tickets, available at the door, are \$5. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

For more information about the powwow, contact Lesser at 264-7748, or visit the Powwow Committee's Web site at www.powwowbig-spring.com.

Contact Staff Writer

Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

WATER

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watching the grass die if we don't learn to use the water wisely.”

The important factor is to retain water, whether it be provided by Mother Nature or irrigation sources, according to Dobrovolsky. He said he will offer tips on how to help the water go further when it comes to landscaping. The informational part will last about 15 minutes and then the floor will be opened for ques-

tions.

“I like to have interaction with the audience because I can talk on a topic for an hour, but if it's not what you are interested in hearing about, you won't get anything from it,” Dobrovolsky said. “With their interaction, they are getting information that they are wanting.”

Parrish, Dobrovolsky and Terri Johansen, owner of Johansen Landscape and Nursery, agreed that residents are about to be faced with severe water restrictions and the issue

needs to be addressed before it is too late.

“When it comes to eliminating irrigation, you begin to get into a lot more problems,” Parrish said. “Without moisture, the soil starts to dry up, foundation issues start to pop up and costs start to add up.”

Dobrovolsky has more than 20 years experience in landscaping.

“I took a high interest in it and got good at

what I do,” Dobrovolsky said. “This program is going to be for anyone who likes to landscape, of any amount.”

He said all anyone needs to bring to the brief seminar is an open mind, lots of good questions and a way to take notes.

For more information, contact Johansen at 267-5275. The program will be at Johnansen Landscape and Nursery, lo-

cated at 700 Johansen Road.

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By Eddy Pitchford

There is an unending supply of house-related television programs. There are shows about selecting the right neighborhood, exterior design and finance company. There are programs about interior design, landscaping and room furnishings. There are shows about repairing, refurbishing and refinancing.

While a lot of attention is given to houses, more attention should be given to homes. A home is more than the building and grounds; a home is the character of the people. A home is to be full of love, patience, laughter, sharing and caring. A home is to be united in heart with common dreams, goals and values.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Something for everyone this weekend

This weekend there is something for everyone. Big Spring is full of events this weekend: dancing, bikers, community service and acting.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be taking all volunteers and hitting the streets of Big Spring. It doesn't matter if you are cleaning up your own area or somewhere clear across town; the point is to make a difference in the appearance of our community. Trash bags can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce on Friday. For those taking part in the trash-off, hot dogs will be provided at the Belaski Pavillion by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club.

Cars, Stars and Handle Bars will provide an evening of entertainment and hors'douvres, Saturday. For the fifth year in a row, the committee volunteers are doing their best to raise funds for the patients of the state hospital. This years funds will go towards the construction of a family visitation center. There's still time to support a good cause and give yourself an opportunity to take home a new set of wheels.

Tena and Company will be hosting a benefit, in hopes of raising funds and drawing awareness to domestic violence survivors. Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) members will be on hand as part of the event. It's a great opportunity to check out unique motorcycles and help out a good cause. There will even be a live band providing entertainment for those attending the event.

After you are done taking part in the trash-off, and supporting the numerous causes, take some time and relax.

The seventh annual powwow will be at the coliseum this weekend. There will be an opportunity to see Native American dancing and tribal music. It's a chance to see a show unlike any other right here in your own backyard.

Put yourself "In the Middle of Grand Central Station." The Big Spring One-Act Play will be performing Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. This is your last chance to see the award winning show before the team performs in area contest April 7 in Midland.

WEEKEND CALENDER OF EVENTS

CARS STARS AND HANDLE BARS - Big Spring Country Club, 5 p.m. Saturday.

KEEP BIG SPRING BEAUTIFUL TRASH-OFF - Saturday
POWWOW - Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 10 a.m. Saturday and starting with church at 9 a.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5, with children 12 and under free.

SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BENEFIT -Tena and Company, 10 a.m. Saturday

IN THE MIDDLE OF GRAND CENTRAL STATION - Big Spring High School Auditorium, 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

No matter what is going on in our life, Lord,
we always need You in our life.

Amen

Remember NFL players: Owners are not your partners

As someone who performs his job quite well, at some point after our busy season concludes, I will sit down with my bosses and attempt to make myself a better deal. I'll ask for more money, more time off and maybe some perks (one of those paper thin MacBooks would be nice).

They will likely counter by offering less of a raise than I asked for, ignoring me on the request for more time off and offering a perk closer to a new set of business cards than a new laptop.

Most likely, we will bounce some proposals back and forth and I will end up getting less than I wanted while they will end up giving more than they intended.

If that does not happen or either side thinks the other is being unreasonable we both have some basic options. I could choose (as I have done many times in my career) to take my talents elsewhere. They, of course, have the same rights and could decide that despite the



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excellent work I deliver, I'm not worth the trouble and they could show me the door.

There's no agreement protecting either one of us. I work for them at my own choice and they employ me at theirs.

The same logic should apply to all workers included the arrogant folks who play professional football. These men have been led to believe that because they have a somewhat unique talent, the rules of free enterprise and capitalism do not apply to them.

For years, in football and every other sport, the owners have submitted to the absurd notion of collective bargaining. Instead of it being every team and every player for itself, we have long labored under the anti-capitalist concepts of salary caps, minimum salaries and other artificial constructs.

Just because their jobs pay well and their industry makes a lot of money, NFL players somehow got the notion that they are partners with the owners. The owners have, of course, encouraged this notion by engaging in collective bargaining and giving their employees a guaranteed percentage of their total income.

The NFL owners should end the lockout and institute a true free market. That means

that owners like Jerry Jones (Cowboys) or Daniel Snyder (Redskins) may very well hoard great players. Similarly Al Davis (Raiders) or Ralph Wilson (Bills) might cheap out and spend dramatically less.

That said, in a free market players would have more, not less choices. With no rookie draft they would be able to decide where they want to go. With no minimum salary a veteran could lower his price to stay in the league or a rookie could work for next to nothing to get his foot in the door. Experienced players would have to decide if they should take big bucks as a backup on one team or less money to start on another.

The free market dictates things for most Americans and our athletes deserve the same system. No more unions, no more collective bargaining – and, of course, no more collusion by owners – just an open market where everyone is free to compete.

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Trusting is sometimes hard

There comes a point in your life when you begin to have more questions than answers. You begin to not be able to ignore the negativity surrounding you.

You just can't help but wonder if you are so blinded by your heart that the obvious distraction that lays before you is being ignored.

There comes that point where you just have to stop....open your eyes to what you don't want to see....evaluate the next step; then you take a deep breath and you jump into a pain you have never known.

No matter what, to live a life of happiness and create a bond with anyone, whether it be friend, family or spouse, there has to be a sense of trust.

There has to be an ability to know the other person isn't going to bring you pain.

The moment the trust is broken or cracked in the least little bit, means it won't be long before it will come crumbling down.

Trust is the building block of so much.

If an employer can't trust his employees, then the business can't be strong and flourish. If a child can't trust her parent, the lack of security continues to grow. If a wife can't trust her husband, the marriage can't survive.

Trust is an area that needs to be handled with velvet gloves. It needs to be cherished, nurtured and respected.

It has to be proven, never expected, but praised; all at the same time.

Samuel Johnson said that when you really trust someone, you have to be okay with not understanding some things.

The thing about trust is you don't have to agree with what you are trusting, and you don't have to support what you are trusting.

To trust, you simply have to believe the person you are trusting is making a choice that will not harm you, will not hurt you, and will not bring negative consequences.

To trust you have to believe that the choice that you are making is right.

Trusting someone can seem like an easy thing to do, but in reality, we have to trust ourselves in order to truly trust anyone.

We have to trust ourselves that the choices we are making are correct. We have to believe that we are not walking into a situation that will get us hurt or cause destruction in our lives.

We trust in ourselves that the person we choose to believe is worth believing.

Another tricky thing about trust is that depending on your outlook. A person either has to earn your trust from the beginning, or they simply have to maintain it.

There are some who choose to see the good in everyone. Those who believe everyone is worthy of trust and lies just aren't reality.

For some people, this is the truth. There are those who choose not to lie and choose to be the betterment in the world.

On the other hand, there are those who have been, have been led through a past of pain and regret; those are the ones who believe everyone has to earn their trust.

As for myself, I tend to trust too easily.

I know the world is surrounded by evil and wrongdoings, but I would like to believe the people I surround myself with are not going to lie to me. I choose to believe there is no reason for them to lie.

Call me misguided, confused or down-right naive, but it's the way I think.

Don't get me wrong, I've had my fair share of heartache and disappointment throughout my life, and looking back I should be very wary of whom I trust, but I think it goes back to my childhood.

My dad always saw the good in people. He always believed that people should be given second chances and for the most part people were good.

As for my dad, he was perfect. I'm not sure he ever told a lie in his life. Being around him, even though he was only around until I was nine, gave me a sense of security – a sense of belief – a sense of trust.

Seeing the way my dad was created an impression that I can't shake.

Despite all the wrong that has been done to me – despite the pain I have felt – despite the fear I have; I trust.

I choose to believe people deserve to be trusted for my own sake.

I believe that trust should be given until proven it should be taken away. I don't do this for other people. I do it for myself.

There is only so much wrong that can happen in a person's life. There is only so long before something good has to happen, right?

I choose to trust simply because I figure I'm reaching the point of the bad having to end and something good will happen.

I choose to trust because if I don't then I know I will eventually lose all hope in the good that lies within everyone.

As Samuel Johnson said, "It is better to suffer wrong than to do it, and happier to be sometimes cheated than not to trust."

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News in brief

NATO chief says alliance against arming rebels

STOCKHOLM (AP) — NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen says the alliance doesn't support U.S. and British suggestions that the U.N. mandate of the Libya operation would allow arming rebels fighting Moammar Gadhafi's troops.

Fogh Rasmussen told reporters in Stockholm on Friday that NATO's position is that "we are there to protect the Libyan people, not to arm the people."

Britain and the U.S. believe that existing U.N. Security Council resolutions on Libya could allow for foreign governments to arm the rebels, despite an arms embargo being in place.

The NATO secretary-general said he has "taken note of the ongoing discussions in a number of countries but as far as NATO is concerned ... we will focus on the enforcement of the arms embargo."

Resignation latest sign of cracks in Gadhafi regime

AJDABIYA, Libya (AP) — The defection of Libya's foreign minister, a member of Moammar Gadhafi's inner circle, is the latest sign that the embattled regime is cracking at the highest levels as the West keeps up pressure on the longtime leader to relinquish power.

In another blow to the regime, U.S. officials revealed Wednesday that the CIA has sent small teams of operatives into rebel-held eastern Libya while the White House debates whether to arm the opposition. Battlefield setbacks are hardening the U.S. view that the poorly equipped rebels are probably is incapable of prevailing without decisive Western intervention, a senior U.S. intelligence official told The Associated Press.

Despite the setbacks and ongoing NATO airstrikes on government forces, Gadhafi loyalists have been logging successes on the battlefield and reversing a rebel advance westward toward the regime's stronghold in the capital Tripoli. On Thursday, the rebels came under heavy shelling by Gadhafi's forces in the strategic oil town of Brega on the coastal road that leads to Tripoli. Black smoke billowed in the air over Brega as mortars exploded.

Radiation slows recovery of dead near troubled nuclear plant

FUKUSHIMA, Japan (AP) — In the shadow of Japan's struggle to stem radioactive leaks from its stricken nuclear complex, police in white moon suits pull bodies of tsunami victims from an evacuated zone in halting work interrupted by radiation alarms.

Authorities are increasingly turning to international help in stabilizing the plant and stemming the tide of

radiation, while simultaneously dealing with the other disaster wrought by a March 11 tsunami: the decimation of hundreds of miles (kilometers) of northeastern coastline, the displacement of tens of thousands and the deaths of an estimated 19,000 people.

"We find bodies everywhere — in cars, in rivers, under debris and in streets," a police official from the hard-hit Fukushima prefecture said Thursday. He spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters.

Efforts to recover the bodies from the 12-mile (20-kilometer) evacuation zone around the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant have been slowed by the scale of destruction and a wasteland of debris, but also by fears of radiation. Police in that prefecture dressed in full radiation suits grabbed 19 corpses from the rubble on Wednesday, the police official said.

Despite rhetoric, 'good progress' on budget talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional negotiators are working on a proposal for around \$33 billion in spending cuts over the next six months and Vice President Joe Biden was reporting "good progress" in budget talks to prevent a government shutdown.

But that's considerably less in cuts than tea party activists demanded.

The tentative split-the-difference plan would end up where GOP leaders started last month as they tried to fulfill a campaign pledge to return spending for agencies' daily operations to levels in place before President Barack Obama took office. That calculation takes into account the fact that the current budget year, which began Oct. 1, is about half over.

The \$33 billion figure, disclosed by a congressional aide familiar with the talks and confirmed by Biden, used a measuring stick tied to Obama's budget instead of a current spending freeze. The number is well below the \$60 billion-plus in cuts the House passed last month, but it still represents significant movement by Senate Democrats and the administration after originally backing a freeze at current rates.

Suicide bomber strikes, killing 12

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — A suicide bomber struck a convoy carrying a prominent hardline Islamist leader in northwestern Pakistan on Thursday, killing 12 people in what was the second attack that targeted the politician in as many days, police said.

Maulana Fazlur Rehman, head of the Jamiat Ulema Islam party, told local TV after the attack in Charsadda town that he was unharmed but his vehicle was slightly damaged. The attack came a day after a suicide bomber blew himself up amid a crowd of Rehman's supporters.

Casual Cooking

...with Kris

Welcoming readers to my world where I enjoy simple, sometimes quick, but always delicious meals.

This recipe was going to be a dessert inspired by Valentine's Day ... to be continued in two weeks.

However, I became inspired by another dish at the last minute and I wanted to share it with you first.

Yes, even I get stuck in a rut when it comes to cooking.

I had set out a package of pork chops to thaw, not really knowing how I was going to cook them. I was thinking about just salt and pepper with a little oil, which I like occasionally. I had been so busy baking lately that my husband called late in the afternoon the other day and asked what he could do to help get dinner started if he beat me home. Yes, that did really happen, because I have a really great husband. He offered to grill them and I said OK, for we would get home around the same time. I still didn't know how I was going to flavor the chops and on the way home this idea came to me. It can also be used with chicken and if you do not have a outdoor grill, use your indoor grill or a fry pan on the stove with a little oil.

We ate this with a side pasta dish from a package and a vegetable. Enjoy!

Apricot and Honey Mustard Glazed Porkchops

4-6 porkchops
3 tbs of stick butter
3 tbs of apricot preserves (I used my own, homemade)
1/4 cup of apple cider vinegar
2 tbs of honey mustard dip sauce
2 garlic cloves finely chopped
salt and pepper

In a small sauce pan on medium/high, com-

bine butter, apricot, apple cider, honey mustard and garlic. Whisk it together, breaking down the preserves. It will begin to thicken and boil. Turn down to medium/low and continue for a little longer. Salt and pepper your pork chops well on one side and cook about 3 minutes until no longer pink. Brush with thickened sauce and turn over and cook other side. When it is cooked, brush with glaze and set glaze aside for more use at table. Reminder to not overcook your chops or they will be dry and no amount of glaze can help that.



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GCHS girls take trophy

Lady Bearkats winners at Coahoma Invitational

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

All together now.

The Garden City girls golf team took top team honors at Wednesday's Coahoma High School Invitational, held at Comanche Trail Golf course in Big Spring.

GCHS had four girls shoot within eight strokes of each other — Britni Cook led the way with a score of 90, followed by Katelyn Hoelscher with 91, Ashley Halfmann with 92 and Rachel Hirt with a 98 — and this "Xerox" approach was more than good enough to give the Lady Bearkats the tourney title.

Garden City shot a team total of 371, six strokes better than runner-up Kermit. Idalou was third with a 405 score, Denver City (446) was fourth and Slaton (453) and Lubbock Roosevelt (478) rounded out the girls' field.

"Britni usually plays better ... but a big key for us was we had some other girls lower their scores," GCHS Coach Koby Abney said. "They had lower scores than usual, so that balanced everything out."

Garden City almost pulled off a double team victory, but the boys' squad narrowly lost to Denver City, which took team honors with a 327 score, one stroke better than the Bearkats.

Leading the way indi-

vidually for Garden City was Hayden Halfman, who finished third in the medalist standings with a 76. He was followed by teammates Brian Hirt with a 79, Austin Hoelscher (83), Colton Belew (90) and Corbin Davis (97).

"I thought the boys played extremely well," Abney said. "This is by far the toughest tournament we'll play in all year, with all the Class 2A teams in the field."

Colorado City finished third in the boys' standings with a team total of 337, followed by Stanton with a 340 and Kermit at 345.

Coahoma A finished in 10th place in team standings, while Forsan was 11th.

For Coahoma A, Adrian Grant led the way with an 88, while Reagan Reid shot 91, Kaleb McAdams 95, Alex Hill 104 and Morgan Luce 101.

Forsan's individual scores included a 93 from Covan Davidson, followed by Mikael Pappajohn with a 97, John Breyman with 100, Tyler Evans at 108 and Brady Mikeska at 123.

"It was almost a district preview for us," Coahoma Coach Kim Nichols said. "Every team in our district was there except Post ... We played better than we have

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Corbin Davis tees off on the 10th hole during action from the Coahoma High School Invitational, held Monday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Sports calendar

TODAY

Track — Coahoma and Forsan at Lone Wolf Relays, Colorado City.

FRIDAY

Baseball — Big Spring at Andrews, 7 p.m.

Baseball — Western Texas at Howard College (DH), noon.

Baseball — Colorado City at Forsan, 7 p.m.

Softball — Big Spring vs. Alpine (at Monahans), TBA.

Softball — Midland College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m.

Softball — Colorado City at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.

Track — Big Spring boys and girls at Indian Relays, Seminole.

Tennis — Big Spring at Snyder tournament.

Tennis — Forsan at Wink tournament.

SATURDAY

Baseball — Howard College at Western Texas College (DH), noon, Snyder.

Softball — Howard College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m., Midland

To submit a calendar item, contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 235, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Opening day forecast: High hopes

BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

Grab the parka, ski cap, mittens and galoshes. It's time for baseball.

From Dodger Stadium to Yankee Stadium, there was a flurry of activity as teams got ready for opening day. At Great American Ball Park, meanwhile, actual flurries.

Ryan Braun, Prince Fielder and the Milwaukee Brewers worked out as snow flakes fell Wednesday, a day before they were to play Cincinnati. The conditions were better suited for snowballs than baseballs, too, when the Reds later took the field.

"I love it. I love the weather," Reds second baseman Bran-

don Phillips deadpanned. "The weather is beautiful."

The forecast for the six openers Thursday wasn't much better, either. Rain with temperatures in the 40s in Washington, New York and Kansas City, downright chilly in Cincinnati.

"If you're playing golf and it's 33 and windy, you take it into the clubhouse and play cards. Unfortunately we have to keep playing," Yankees star Mark Teixeira said, set to face Detroit in the Bronx's first March game. "It's not easy playing in the cold but the good thing is both teams have to do it."

Said Tigers catcher Alex Avila: "It's going to be perfect weather, 40s and rain. A good day to

pitch."

At Nationals Park, Washington players came out to practice in red-hooded sweat shirts. Their workout ended in the rain when the grounds crew pulled out the tarp, and no telling if it'll be any better for Thursday's game against Atlanta.

"We'll show up ready to play. And if we don't, we'll play Friday. We have that off-day leeway, so that's smart," Nationals third baseman Ryan Zimmerman said. "We knew it was going to be a little chilly — coming from Florida, we won't be used to it. But we'll be so excited to play, I don't think it'll matter."

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An unexpectedly exciting Final Four

HOUSTON (AP) — Connecticut was supposed to be too young, Kentucky too immature, Butler too old news and Virginia Commonwealth too far off the radar.

This is some kinda Final Four, huh?

After two weeks of games even the most astute prognosticators couldn't have predicted, we're finally at a Final Four unlike any other.

After all those brackets around the country hit the shredder, Kentucky and Connecticut will play in the blue blood bracket, while Butler and VCU face off in the up-and-comers division. Winners get a

chance at the really big stage at really big Reliant Stadium.

Whatever happens, it's sure to go down as one of the more memorable NCAA tournaments in history.

Heck, it already has been.

So, to get you geared up, we've pulled together a little something that's part history lesson, part roundup of this year's teams and, hopefully, an entertaining look at this are-these-really-the-teams-foursome.

THE UNDERDOGS

In honor of underdogs Butler and VCU getting to the Final Four, we'd

thought it'd be interesting to look back at some of the all-time upset teams in NCAA tournament history:

North Carolina State, 1983. Lorenzo Charles dunking, Jim Valvano running, 'Pack beats Phi Slamma Jamma. Doesn't get much better than that.

Indiana State, 1979. So what if Magic and Michigan State took down the Sycamores?

What Larry Bird and his batch of underlings did was incredible stuff.

George Mason, 2006. The trendsetter for the current mid-major runs. The Patriots took down big boys Michi-

gan State, North Carolina and No. 1 overall seed UConn to get to the Final Four.

Butler, 2010. The Bulldogs set their own standard just last year, coming within a nearly-banked-in halfcourt shot by Gordon Hayward of becoming the ultimate Cinderella against Duke.

Villanova, 1985. First year of the 64-team field and the Wildcats made it a memorable one, becoming the highest seed to win a national championship as a No. 8.

Louisiana State, 1986. First No. 11 seed to reach the Final Four.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Plan ahead for tomorrow's antics, as this April Fools' Day promises to be a doozy. Yesterday, Mercury, the prankster of the zodiac, went retrograde in Aries, the sign of youthful folly. And since tomorrow's moon will be void-of-course in creative Pisces for the better part of the night and day, silliness and absurdity will reign supreme.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The omens suggest that it may be just as easy to make a big change as it is to make a small one. So, as long as you are envisioning a change, it may as well be dramatic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Once you accept the way things are, you have power over the situation. So consider dropping your resistance. Why struggle? Come to terms with the way things are, and you'll be instantly influential.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your creativity and intelligence will stretch into new realms. You'll apply what you learned in one area of life to a completely different subject and have success.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes the prize goes to the one who deserves it most. Other times the prize goes to the one who thinks to ask for it. Take a chance, and ask for what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A relationship is improving. It may feel like you are coasting along together. Enjoy this mellow, harmonious state. You have an especially easy time getting to know Gemini and Libra people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have an excellent eye for what is going right in the world. Share your upbeat observations with anyone who will listen. Your optimism will have far-reaching repercussions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you don't have a mentor yet, this will be a fine day to find one. Others are receptive to your charm and will find it easy to spot your talent and take note of the rich potential in you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Consider changing the rules of a game or agreeing to different terms in a relationship. It's also an auspicious time to make new arrangements with a boss, colleague, client or customer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will benefit from self-parenting. For instance, you may make a deal with yourself that you can "play" after you've cleaned your room or finished your "homework."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Let your inner confidence show in your style of speaking. If you are too self-effacing, your credibility may be called into question. Talk with certainty, and others will be certain of you, as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will effectively integrate two parts of your life that don't always fit nicely together — for instance, your work with your family life, or your leisure with your work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Research an influential person you would like to know. The future holds an encounter. If you say the right thing, this person will not only show you the ropes, but will also pull a few strings.



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 31). You'll be highly motivated, and once you get in motion, you will be determined to succeed one way or another. Through the next three months, your social life will bustle along at a busy, happy clip. April is romantic, and May brings a financial bonus. In July, you'll alternate between tranquility and adventure. Capricorn and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 42, 14, 3, 10 and 17.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an 85-year-old Pisces, and I have a granddaughter who is a 5-year-old Aquarius. Her parents give her so many things that it seems to take a lot to impress her. As much as I would like to, I don't have the financial means to travel with her to a theme park or buy her fancy toys. I want her to remember me always. What can I do with her that will create the most impact?"

The experiences you create with her do not have to be expensive to be memorable. As a soulful, creative Pisces, you shouldn't doubt your ability to make a deep familial connection. You naturally

put your heart, soul and imagination into your interactions. Your loving presence alone will create a memory. And you can enhance that memory by giving it some sensory impact. Do you like to cook? The smells, tastes, textures and sights of what you make together will stick with her for a lifetime. Pisces are also quite musical. Playing music, either on an instrument or music recordings, will engage your Aquarius in lasting ways — especially if you sing and dance along. Also, consider creating special nicknames for each other.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: He is Scotland's biggest movie star since Sean Connery, and he draws big box-office dollars worldwide. But fame is not the goal for Aries actor Ewan McGregor. Driven by the challenge of doing the best possible work, McGregor makes admirable professional and artistic choices. McGregor's natal Venus in creative Pisces complements Mars in the industrious and responsible sign of Capricorn.
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Annie's Mailbox ®



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putting on fresh clothes and combining his hair before taking the dog for a walk. As soon as Jennifer saw him, she'd come running out of her house, dressed in tight mini-skirts and revealing tops.

I told my husband this was too much and that the e-mailing had to stop. His initial reaction was to open a new, private e-mail account. I finally gave him a piece of my mind, and he promised not to walk by Jennifer's house again.

Apparently, he kept his word, because she asked where he's been. I told her she was to have no further contact and threatened to speak to her husband about it.

We have heard no more from her. I think I nipped something in the bud, but my husband tells me I'm crazy. My son thinks Jennifer was playing games with his father. Should I have handled it differently? — Kentucky

Dear Kentucky: Jennifer was flirting with your husband, who was flattered and infatuated. It may not have

gone any further, but your aggravation levels would have shot through the roof. We think you handled it just fine.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are in our 70s, retired and on an extremely low fixed income. We have no savings. We barely have enough money for food and medicine.

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However, every month, we have to help with her utilities. In the past, we've given her large sums of money that we had to borrow.

With medical costs going up, how can we get her to stop relying on us financially? — Drained Dry

Dear Drained: You must close the Bank of Mom and Dad. Tell your daughter you are so sorry, but you cannot afford to give her any more money.

She will learn to take care of her own finances only when she is forced to. There is no reward for putting yourselves in the poor house so she

can remain irresponsible.

Dear Annie: I have a simple solution for "Forgotten in California," whose co-workers forgot her birthday when she returned from vacation. In our office, we all take turns with this responsibility.

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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 31, the 90th day of 2011. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 31, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson shocked the country by announcing at the conclusion of a broadcast address on Vietnam that he would not seek re-election.

On this date:

In 1811, German scientist Robert Bunsen, who helped develop the Bunsen burner, was born.

In 1889, French engineer Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1917, the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

In 1933, Congress approved, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed, the Emergency Conservation Work Act, which created the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1943, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway.

In 1949, Newfoundland (now called Newfoundland and Labrador) entered confederation as Canada's tenth province.

In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that Karen Ann Quinlan, who was in a persistent vegetative state, could be disconnected from her respirator. (Quinlan, who remained unconscious, died in 1985.)

In 1991, the Warsaw Pact spent the last day of its existence as a military alliance.

In 1995, Mexican-American singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi, Texas, by the founder of her fan club, Yolanda Saldívar, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

In 2005, Terri Schiavo, 41, died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Peggy Rea is 90. Actor William Daniels is 84. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Gordie Howe is 83. Actor Richard Chamberlain is 77. Actress Shirley Jones is 77. Country singer-songwriter John D. Loudermilk is 77. Musician Herb Alpert is 76. Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is 71. U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., is 71. Actor Christopher Walken is 68. Comedian Gabe Kaplan is 66. Former Vice President Al Gore is 63. Author David Eisenhower is 63. Actress Rhea Perlman is 63. Actor Ed Marinaro is 61. Rock musician Angus Young (AC/DC) is 56. Actor Marc McClure is 54. Actor William McNamara is 46. Alt-country musician Bob Crawford (The Avett (AY'-veh) Brothers) is 40. Actor Ewan (YOO'-en) McGregor is 40.

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ACROSS

1 Starting point

6 Llama land

10 Shady deal

14 Jiggly dessert

15 Funds for some retirees

16 Choice word

17 Notary public's device

18 Money, proverbially

19 Some House votes

20 Editor's dramatic cry

23 Not ordained

24 Like much Tex-Mex cuisine

25 Ill will

29 Ladybug's prey

32 Face-to-face exam

33 Spotless

34 Mug filler

37 Ignore wrongdoing

41 Photo (campaign events)

42 Hayloft locales

43 Move like molasses

44 See 57 Down

45 Drove, slangily

47 Like most Turks

50 SSE or NNW

51 Heed sound advice

58 Twiddling one's thumbs

59 "That's terrible!"

60 Really, really want

62 Zig or zag

63 Big road runner

DOWN

64 River of Tours

65 "Piece of cake!"

66 Be mindful of

67 _ a happy note

1 HOP beverages

2 Brings home

3 Part of a blind

4 Ticklish Muppet

5 Force from office

6 Concise, as a saying

7 City not far from Buffalo

8 Turnpike turnoff

9 Utility customer

10 Just knew

11 Art or Shop

12 Up until now

13 Tough to sort out

21 Bronzed from the beach

22 Web mag

25 With no help

26 Play thing

27 Vietnam neighbor

28 Bugling beast

29 With no help

30 No-nos at some motels

31 "Told you!"

33 Random House cofounder

34 Boot-camp truant

35 Hang in the hammock

36 Took notice of

38 Steak selection

39 2001... computer

40 Aussie boulder

44 Overly diluted

45 Trash-bag closer

46 Prophecy source

47 Full of energy

48 Hit-containing half of a 45

49 Falklands, e.g.

50 iPhone alternative

52 Reason for a refrigerator raid

53 Quaker's "you"

54 Round-buyer's phrase

55 Any day now

56 Ancient Roman poet

57 With 44 Across, literary sleuth

61 Perfect score, sometimes

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FINAL

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NUMBERS

33-5-11 — Age in years, months and days of Butler's Brad Stevens, making him the second-youngest coach to reach the Final Four since 1972 (Bob Knight, 32-4-29).

3 — Number of No. 11 seeds to reach the Final Four: LSU in 1986, George Mason in 2006, VCU this year.

5 — NCAA tournament games won by VCU, most ever to reach the Final Four.

14 — Final Four appearances by Kentucky, eight more than the other three teams combined.

19 — Games decided by three points or fewer in this year's NCAA tour-

namment, tied for second behind the 24 in 1990 for most since the field expanded to 64 teams.

26 — Combined seeds of Connecticut (three), Kentucky (four), Butler (eight) and VCU (11), highest in Final Four history. The previous high was 22 in 2000.

40 — Games played by VCU and Connecticut (once they play Saturday), matching the modern-day (since 1948) record, set seven previous times.

ONE-MAN SHOWS

UConn's Kemba Walker has put on a virtuoso performance, not just in the NCAA tournament, but also in the Big East tournament. He may be a slender 6 feet 1, but he has carried the Huskies through nine straight elimination games.

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

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

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In honor of his play, here are a few other impressive one-man shows through the years:

Stephen Curry, Davidson, 2008. The king of mid-major mayhem.

Danny Manning, Kansas, 1988. The Jayhawks were known as Danny and the Miracles, but they might be considered The Untouchables when it comes to one leading the many in NCAA tournament history.

Larry Bird, Indiana State, 1979. Larry Legend could have led Moe and Curly to the title game the way he was playing.

Bill Bradley, Princeton, 1965. Led the underdogged Tigers to the Final Four, set a national semifinal record with 58 points against Wichita State.

Bill Walton, UCLA, 1973. Big Red had some help but was as dominating as perhaps anyone in NCAA tournament history, capping it with 44 points in the title game.

Jerry West, West Virginia, 1959. He set an NCAA tournament record while averaging

32 points and took the no-name Mountaineers into the title game against California.

Lew Alcindor, UCLA, 1967. The man who would later become Kareem helped the Bruins set a tournament record for average margin of victory on their way to 10 straight Final Four wins.

Bill Russell, San Francisco, 1956. Twenty-six points, 27 rebounds in the title game alone.

Austin Carr, Notre Dame. 1970. Just three games, but went for 61, 52 and 45. Nice.

DID YOU KNOW?

Butler is the first Division I school from Indiana to reach consecutive Final Fours. Five-time national champion Indiana, Purdue and Notre Dame had never done it.

Kentucky coach John Calipari joins Rick Pitino as the only coaches to lead three different schools to the Final Four. Calipari also took Massachusetts and Memphis, while Pitino did it with Providence, Kentucky and Louisville.

GOLF

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been, but we're young."

Coahoma and Forsan both return to action Monday when the teams return to Comanche Trail Golf Course for the first round of the District 3-2A tournament.

Garden City's squads return to action Monday when they host the first leg of the District 10-1A tournament at Big Spring Country Club.

Nelson, 107; Brea Serna, 110; Rebecca Sanchez, 114; Victoria Salazar, 115

Slaton (453) — Kelsey Copeland, 105; Ava Bentancourt, 108; Victoria Arguello, 120; Kaylee Foster, 120; Courtney Hudleston, 123.

Roosevelt (478) — Alani Chock, 100; Taylor Faulkner, 123; Mariah Torres, 125; Patricia Gomez, 130; Alyssa Davis, 130.

GIRLS MEDALIST STANDINGS

Kyla Stanton, Idalou, 85; Allison Michel, Kermit, 87; Lindsey Nutt, Kermit, 88.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

Denver City, 327; **Garden City, 328**; Colorado City, 337; **Stanton, 340**; Kermit, 345; Tahoka 350; Roosevelt, 361; Idalou, 365; Stanton, 369; **Coahoma A 375; Forsan 398; Coahoma B 447.**

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

Garden City, 371; Kermit, 377; Idalou, 405; Denver City, 446; Slaton, 453; Roosevelt, 478.

GIRLS INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Garden City (371) — Britni Cook; 91, Katelyn Hoelscher, 91; Ashley Haley Halfmann, 92; Rachel Hirt, 98; Katy Multer, 123.

Kermit (377) — Lindsey Nutt, 88; Alliston Michel, 87; Megan Easley, 101; Gali Pineda, 101, Kaitlin Baker, 120.

Idalou (405) — Kyla Stanton, 85; Alyssa Tullis, 103; Kylie Cervantez, 104; Brandi Fulcher, 113.

Denver City (446) — Brandi

BOYS INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Denver City (327) — Tyler Brown, 71; Marcus Brown, 84; J.J. Dougherty, 86; Christian Morales 86; Chase Gibson, 98.

Garden City (328) — Hayden Halfman, 76; Brian Hirt, 79; Austin Hoelscher, 83; Colton Belew, 90; Corbin Davis, 97.

Colorado City (337) — Tyler Hammond, 74; Bailey Spencer, 86; Andrew Alvarez, 88; Will McKinney, 89; Kody Wood, 110.

Stanton (340) — Eric Garza, 79; Taylor Spinks, 82; Drew Snellgrove, 87; Aaron Montez, 92; Seth Gonzales, 112.

Kermit (345) — Lucas Gordon, 84; Adrian Carrasco, 85; Tyler

HOPES

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Sure is a change from last year. There wasn't a single rainout or snowout for more than 2½ weeks, the longest any season had gone from the start without a weather postponement in 25 years.

Either way, quite a change from the sunny spring training fields in Arizona and Florida.

"We came in from like 90 degrees. We flew back last night and there's snow today. It's kind of different," said Edinson Volquez, the opening day starter for Cincinnati.

Leave it to LA to provide the perfect setting. Two-time Cy Young winner Tim Lincecum, Rookie of the Year Buster Posey and the World Series champion San Francisco Giants open at Dodger Stadium, where it's supposed to be sunny and near 80 degrees.

Plus the Giants-Dodgers rivalry, right from the get-go.

"It's going to be a little fire," Giants center field-

er Andres Torres said. "That's part of it."

So are familiar faces in new places. Angels outfielder Vernon Wells, Tigers slugger Victor Martinez, Nationals outfielder Jayson Werth and Braves second baseman Dan Uggla are among the stars set to make their debuts.

Old pros Chipper Jones, back from a knee injury that almost finished his career, and Derek Jeter, coming off a down year, also get fresh starts.

"There's a twinkle in his eye, there's something there," new Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez said about Jones.

"Maybe it's getting a taste of the playoffs and a chance we can do it again this year."

At Kauffman Stadium, where the Royals host the Los Angeles Angels, and other ballparks there will be a collection for the relief efforts in Japan after the earthquake and tsunami.

Stadium workers in Kansas City bundled up against the cold as they got logos, banners and signs ready for the opener.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Tough Nut to Crack

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 7 2
♥ Q 8 6 5
♦ A 9 8 6
♣ 9 5

WEST
♠ 9 8 4
♥ 9
♦ J 10 7 5 4 2
♣ 8 6 4

EAST
♠ 6
♥ J 10 3 2
♦ K Q
♣ A Q J 10 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 5 3
♥ A K 7 4
♦ 3
♣ K 7

The bidding:
South 1♣ Pass 2♠ 3♣
West Pass 5♦ Pass
North 2♠ 5♦
East 3♣ Pass

Opening lead — nine of hearts.

It is not at all easy to make six spades on this deal — even if you look at all four hands. If you doubt this, try it and see how you fare. Despite the difficulty, the actual declarer made the slam without seeing the East-West cards!

West led the heart nine, which South immediately identified as a singleton, since East had overcalled in clubs. Although this gave declarer a positional advantage over East in

both hearts and clubs, the actual mechanics of avoiding two losers posed a problem because of a shortage of entries to dummy.

After thoroughly digesting the situation, South found the answer. He won the heart nine with dummy's queen, being very careful to play the seven from his hand instead of the four!

He then drew three rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, and next led the eight of hearts. East was forced to cover with the ten to protect his potential heart trick, and declarer won with the king.

Now a diamond to the ace was followed by the six of hearts from dummy, placing East squarely on the horns of a dilemma. If he followed low from the J-3, the lead would remain in dummy and allow declarer to play a club to the king to wrap up the slam.

If East instead covered the six of hearts with the jack, South would win with the ace and lead the four of hearts to dummy's five, again putting him in position to lead a club toward his king.

A very delicate operation, you could justifiably say, but one that proves that concentration and determination can make all the difference in what it takes to win at bridge.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Fiesta Bowl put on notice by BCS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The head of the BCS put the Fiesta Bowl on notice Wednesday: “Follow the letter of the law” or lose its place in college football’s lucrative championship system.

BCS officials challenged the Fiesta Bowl to persuade them that extravagant and improper spending behind

the firing of longtime CEO and President John Junker will never happen again.

Otherwise, the BCS said it can kick out the Fiesta Bowl altogether. There are plenty of others eager to jump in.

“They know that if they want to do business with us, they need to follow the letter of the law,” BCS executive director Bill Hancock told The Associated Press. “If they fail to do so, they do it at their own peril.”

The Fiesta Bowl released an internal report on Tuesday that uncovered hundreds of thousands, perhaps even millions of dollars, in “excessive compensation, nonbusiness and inappropriate expenditures and inappropriate gifts.”

Arizona prosecutors are looking into possible criminal charges, focusing on accusations that top officials pressured employees into donating money to favored political candidates and then reimbursed them with bowl funds.

Fiesta Bowl officials placed the blame squarely on Junker, who made \$600,000 a year as the affable face of the organization. Over the past two decades, he led the upstart bowl from just another postseason game to one of the largest and most prestigious.

“I must say that the actions undertaken and orchestrated by John Junker and others are shocking and completely unacceptable,” said Duane Woods, the Fiesta Bowl chairman. “Their actions, unfortunately,

have tainted the stellar reputation that the Fiesta Bowl has worked so hard to maintain for more than 40 years.”

The Bowl Championship Series also includes the Rose, Orange and Sugar bowls, and draws tens of millions of dollars a year in television revenue, ticket sales and merchandise. Frito-Lay, whose product “Tostitos” is the Fiesta Bowl’s title sponsor, said it was “disappointed” and was monitoring the situation.

The scandal rekindled long-standing criticism of the BCS, one of three organizations whose polls crown national champions.

Matthew Sanderson, co-founder of Playoff PAC, a group advocating a playoff system to determine a national

college football champion, accused the BCS of making the Fiesta Bowl a scapegoat.

“Any BCS effort to expel the Fiesta Bowl would be a hypocritical act, given the documented irregularities at these other BCS bowls,” he said. “And who’s to say we won’t find the same type of shockingly questionable behavior when the curtain is peeled back at (other bowls)?”

Hancock said he had “absolutely no indication” of similar behavior by the BCS’ other three bowls.

The BCS set up a task force to help determine if the leaders of major college football want to continue doing business in Arizona.

The Fiesta Bowl, played at University

of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., is in the second season of a four-year deal to be one of the four bowls that rotate hosting the national championship game.

Asked if he was confident there is nothing in the contract to stop the BCS from ending the relationship immediately, Hancock replied: “Yes, I am confident.”

Of the \$4.8 million charged to Junker’s American Express card over the 10 years he was president and CEO, investigators deemed less than half the expenses “appropriate.”

Tuesday’s report said the bowl spent \$33,188 for a birthday bash for Junker in Pebble Beach, Calif., and \$13,000 for the wedding and honeymoon of Junker’s assistant.

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ANSWERS

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8	5	1	4	7	6	9	3	2
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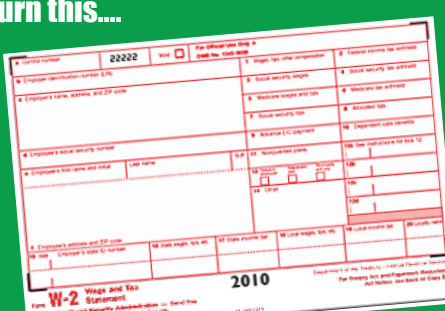
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