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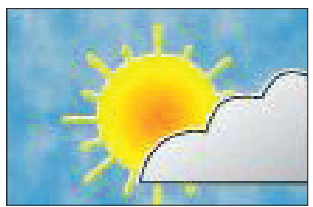


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Tax return deadline draws near AARP Tax-Aide volunteers ready

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

With less than two weeks until the April 15 tax deadline, volunteers with the AARP Tax-Aide program are preparing themselves for the last minute rush.

Volunteers with the program will be assisting those in need of tax filing assistance Monday from 8 a.m. until noon, and again April 12 during the same hours, according to AARP spokeswoman and program coordinator Gloria Hopkins.

"It's hard to believe our time is almost up," said Hopkins, long-time coordinator with the annual program. "Things have gone smoothly this year, despite starting a week late. They've been a little slower this year than I expected, but we still have plenty to do."

According to Hopkins, the service — which is based out of the Big Spring Senior Center — is available to anyone in need of help filing their tax returns.

"The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those who don't speak English and people with



Hopkins



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Saphyra Woolverton gets help from her mother, Jessica, as she participates in the First Church of the Nazarene's Community Easter Egg Hunt at Comanche Trail Park Saturday morning.

SPRING CLEAN Texas Trash-Off set for April 10; you're invited

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

How do you do spring cleaning for an entire community? Just ask Pat Simmons.

Simmons hopes to see hundreds of volunteers fan out across Big Spring during the Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off April 10.

The trash-off, part of a nationwide Great American Cleanup campaign, is usually held the first Saturday in April but was moved back a week this year because of a conflict with Easter weekend, Simmons said.

"The theme for this year's trash-off is 'Green Starts Here,'" Simmons said. "We're just looking to make our community a greener, cleaner, more livable place and we encourage everybody to get involved in this cleanup."

Cleanup volunteers are being asked to show up at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce between 9 a.m. and

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Simmons

Art smart: Student qualifies for state contest



By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

For a self-confessed "doodler," Taylor Calk is getting some high-level recognition of his art work.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Taylor Calk, a senior at Big Spring High School, has qualified for the University Interscholastic League's Visual Arts Scholastic Event, the state contest for public school art students, to be held April 10 at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Calk, a senior art student at Big Spring High School, has qualified to compete in the University Interscholastic League's Visual Arts Scholastic Event, Texas' premier art competition for public school students.

He will compete along with 2,000 other Texas high school art students at the VASE, which will be held next Saturday at the University of Houston-Clear Lake campus.

Calk, the son of Jack and Theresa Calk, qualified for the contest with a print-making entry entitled, "The Jungle."

Although he has been interested in art for years, this marks the first time he's enrolled in a high school art class. Plus, this was the first time he ever tried his hand at print-making.

Earning a trip to the state contest, he noted, was an unexpected cap to an eventful year.

"I thought it would be nice if I made it all the way to state, but it was not something I was expecting," Calk said. "Being a first-year art student, I thought the judges might not think

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Hot check fund investigation continues by Texas Rangers

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The investigation into money allegedly stolen from Howard County's hot check fund that cost a county employee her job is still under way, according to officials with the District Attorney's Of-

rice. Hardy Wilkerson, district attorney for 118th District Court, said the investigation into the theft, which is currently being conducted by the Texas Rangers, has yet to be completed and submitted to his office.

"There are a few documents we

wanted to sit down and go over before we settle into this," said Wilkerson. "However, until the Rangers finish their investigation, we really don't have anywhere to go with it."

Jamie Weaver, who was

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Hawks sweep two from Tejanas for 3-1 series

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

It was a tale of two games at Foundation Field on Friday.

Fortunately, both of those turned out to be Howard wins as the Hawks beat El Paso 19-7 and 5-3, taking a 3-1 series advantage.

The Hawk bats erupted in the first game of the doubleheader as Howard batted around twice, scoring six runs in the second frame and seven in the third.

Jennifer Ringle went 4-for-4 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored. Alexis Beltran notched three hits and an RBI and Melanie Ramos brought the big stick in the game, blasting a home run in the third. Howard notched 15 hits in the contest.

"We put up some runs, and we needed to do that," Hawks coach Kelly Raines

said. "They did a good job coming out and scoring runs."

Beltran earned the win in the circle, going the distance as she gave up six hits and seven runs.

Howard kept its momentum rolling into the second game as the Hawks put up a five-spot in the bottom of the first. Lana Dominguez highlighted the inning with a three-run blast, and Kati Smith added an RBI double.

However, the game settled down from that point as both teams dug in defensively, and just one run was scored the rest of the way as the Hawks hung on for the one-run victory.

Michelle Plum earned the win for the Hawks, allowing seven hits and three runs.

"I thought we might start the same way (as the first game)," Raines said. "But they did a good job of getting their composure. Michelle pitched another

good game, and she earned the win."

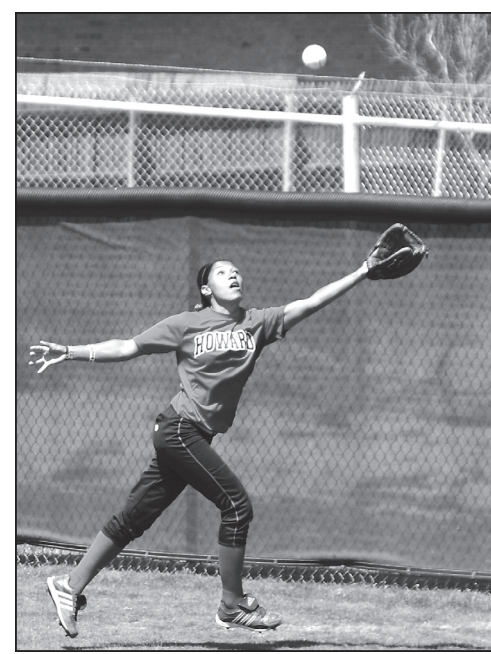
Raines said she would have liked to take four games from El Paso, but the 3-1 decision was still a positive for her team.

"I feel like those games always come back to haunt you," she said. "I hope that we can pick up four next week against Western Texas, but we just have to keep winning as many as we can and hope this one doesn't come back to haunt us."

Western Texas is winless in WJCAC play as the Hawks get two at home next Friday before traveling to Snyder for the final two of a four-game set.

Howard 19, El Paso 7
EP 204 01 -- 7 6 5
HC 267 40 -- 19 15 3
W- Beltran; L- Chavez.

Howard 5, El Paso 3
EP 201 00 0 -- 3 7 1
HC 500 000 x -- 5 7 1
W- Plum; L- Ericson



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton
Olivia Hires runs down a fly ball in the outfield Friday at Foundation Field.

Big Spring takes 2nd at Steer Relays

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

The sun was shining, the stands were full and Steers were on the move Friday at Blankenship Field for the Steer Relays at Big Spring High School.

Big Spring's relay teams were the stand-out performances of the afternoon as the Steers won the 400- and 800-meter races en route to a second-place finish in the team standings, helped by a familiar speedster down the stretch.

"I was impressed by Monte's (Anderson) finishing power," coach Mitch Woodard said. "The 800-meter was a surprise as well. I think our kids ran a little harder because we were at home."

Anderson anchored the sprint relay that qualified for the state meet last year, and said he felt good about the way the team ran Friday.

"We're way ahead of where we were last year," Anderson said. "If we keep making progress, we'll be at state again this year."

Abilene High won the five-team meet with a 217-point total, followed



HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema
Monte Anderson races down the stretch to win the 400-meter relay Friday at Blankenship Field. The Steers took second place in the meet.

by Big Spring with 113 points. Midland Lee came in third with 107, Midland High scored 81 and Frenship brought up the rear with 72

points. Though Big Spring didn't have the amount of depth that the 5A schools brought to the meet, Woodard said

he was happy with the effort.

"I'm proud of our guys for competing hard," he

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Coahoma bats quiet as Bulldogs fall at Wall

HERALD STAFF REPORT

WALL — With the wind blowing straight in Friday night at Wall, the Coahoma Bulldogs' offense had some trouble.

The Bulldogs could only manage a pair of runs against Wall pitcher Mason Rollwitz as they fell 8-2 to the Hawks on the road.

Chance Hart was saddled with the loss in the game. Rey Gutierrez got his first work on the mound since healing from a hand injury.

Coahoma (11-7, 3-1) scored its first run in

the top of the first when Gutierrez scored on a Hart RBI groundout.

The Bulldogs wouldn't score again until the seventh, when a Keaton Martin groundout drove in Dakota Griffith.

Coahoma concluded the first go-round of district play in a three-way tie for first. The Bulldogs get Grape Creek, Jim Ned and Ballinger at home coming up, beginning with Grape Creek at 6:30 Tuesday.

Wall 8, Coahoma 2
CHS 100 000 1 -- 2 6 2
WHS 000 143 x -- 8 7 1
Hart, Gutierrez and Amaro. W- Rollwitz. L- Hart (7-2)

Bulldogettes fall in 8

HERALD STAFF REPORT

WALL — Going into the bottom of the seventh inning in Wall on Friday, the Coahoma Bulldogettes looked destined for another 1-0 victory.

But the Hawks had other ideas as they pushed across a run in the seventh on two Coahoma errors to force extra innings, where the Lady Hawks came away with a 3-2 win.

Shannon Carrico was the player of the game

for Wall as she went the distance in the circle, tripled in the eighth and scored the game-winning run.

Newton struck out 16 and allowed seven hits in the loss.

Kalea Neff scored the lone Coahoma run in the fifth as she singled and scored on a Jordan Martin single.

The Bulldogettes fall to 18-7 and 3-1 in district 7-2A. They get Grape Creek at home Tuesday. First pitch is 6:30 p.m.

Seminole catcher has big day as Indians down Steers at home

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

Caleb Koedyker had a ball against the Big Spring Steers on Friday night.

The Seminole catcher went 2-for-3 with a home run, triple, double, three runs scored and five RBI at the top of the Indians' lineup, and Seminole beat Big Spring 18-3 in five innings at Steer Park.

The Indians outit the Steers 13-3 in the game, but six Big Spring errors didn't help.

After Martin Yanez led off the bottom of the first with a triple, the

Steers managed just one hit the rest of the way — an Andrew Newton RBI single in the fourth.

Seminole scored six in the second and seven in the fourth, batting around twice in the game. It was the second time the Indians beat the Steers on the season, the other a 7-6 decision at the Best of the West Classic in Midland.

The Steers will play Plainview on the road Tuesday. First pitch is set for 7 p.m.

Seminole 18, Steers 3
SHS 362 70 -- 18 13 4
BS 101 10 -- 3 3 6
Gutierrez, Adams, Suarez Johnson and Koedyker. Kennedy, Enriquez, Hensley and Newton. W- Gutierrez; L- Kennedy.



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton
Steven Islas tags out a would-be Seminole base stealer Friday at Steer Park.

Sports in brief

Forsan baseball, softball showcase set for April 9

The Forsan Buffaloes and Lady Buffs will be in action one last time Friday at Forsan High School.

The Forsan Booster Club is giving away free hot dogs and drinks and baked goods will be available for \$1.

The baseball team will play Loraine and the softball team will play Eldorado. The games get under way at 5 p.m.

Seven former Bulldogettes up for UIL All-Century team

The UIL is forming a softball all-century team on its Web site.

On the softball ballot are former Coahoma players Tara Sterling, pitcher; Shana Earnest, first base; Tori Elmore, third base; Brandi Hart and Cassie Tindol, outfield; and Kortney Kemper and Ruby Garcia, designated hitters. Vote until April 27.

The ballot is at: <http://uil100.org/vote-softball.php>

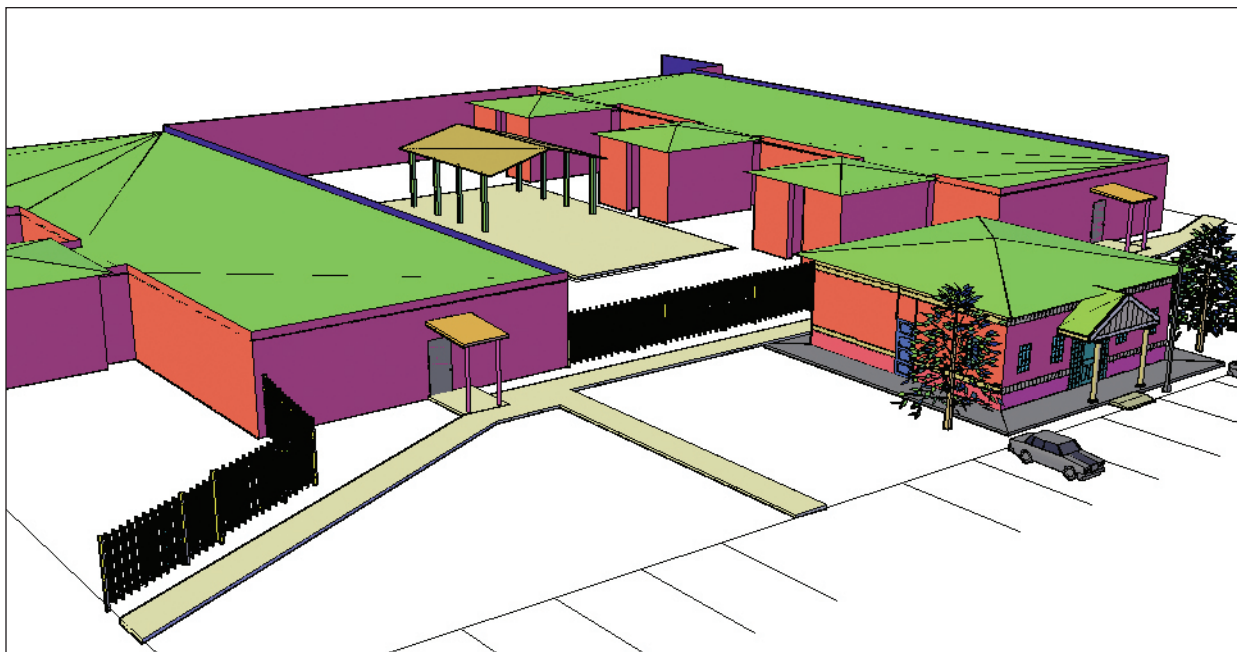
Rotary Club to sponsor golf tournament

The Big Spring Rotary Club is sponsoring a four-person scramble golf tournament April 10 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The cost is \$60 per person, which includes green fees, a cart, a meal and prize money.

Mulligans are \$5 dollars and not included in fees. The tournament will get under way at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

According to BSSH officials, the building located in front of the patient units is the proposed Family Visitation Center. Officials say there are actually plans to build two visitation centers. Each center would be 900 square feet and provide a comfortable and safe space for families who want to visit their relatives who are undergoing treatment at the State Hospital.



BSSH Family Visitation Center

Who: The 18-member board of the Volunteer Services Council and the 92 Big Spring State Hospital volunteers who have logged 6,258 volunteer hours since September 2009 are working to raise money to build two Family Visitation Centers for the patients and their families at Big Spring State Hospital. Council members voted on the proposal in 2008 and are in the midst of major fund-raising projects to construct the Family Visitation Centers.

What: Two proposed 900-square-foot areas for patients and family members to visit while their loved ones are hospitalized. The four-separate, semi-private areas provide ample room for visitation with a vending machine, kitchenette area, and a place for privacy yet supervised by staff. The Family Visitation Center buildings would provide a comfortable and safe space for families who want to visit their relatives who are undergoing treatment at Big Spring State Hospital, said Billie Christie, Director of Community Relations.

Where: Central area located near the patient living quarters.

When: The building idea was proposed in 2002 when it became problematic to supervise patient visitation and the large number of family members who wanted to visit with loved ones. Big Spring State Hospital administrators proposed the project to the Volunteer Services Council board at that time. The Volunteer Services Council approved the project and are now in the throes of raising money for the venture. Construction is expected to take six months after its initiation. Department of State Health Services Commissioner Dr. David Lakey has given approval to the project.

Why: The Family Visitation Center will provide an environment where patients and their family members can sit and talk in a comfortable environment, watch TV, play games, share a meal and just spend time together, said Kathy Salazar, director of Social Work Services at Big Spring State Hospital.

How: Construction will cost \$288,000 — money is still being raised through one of the most successful volunteer-run projects in Cars, Stars and Handlebars. This is the fourth year the volunteers have conducted the fundraiser. Other sources of funds come from the highly successful Chalet and fund-raisers such as the Valentine's Day fund-raiser.

Family to family

Visitation Center sought at BSSH

Friends and relatives of patients at Big Spring State Hospital are limited to visiting loved ones on patient units.

While on the surface, this does not appear problematic, in actuality it is.

"When you have people from outside the hospital visiting family members on the unit, it poses several problems,"

Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon said.

"First, you are violating other patients' confidentiality," he said. "Big Spring State Hospital guards patient confidentiality very rigorously. We are governed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, more commonly known as HIPAA, which has strict guidelines on patient confidentiality."

"However, even before that became law, we took privacy very seriously," Moughon said. "Big Spring State Hospital is just like any other hospital where a patient checks in for treatment, and they expect their whereabouts or their diagnosis to remain confidential. If family members are on the unit visiting with patients, they are able to see who else is being treated at our hospital."

"Right now, patient units are the only places where family members can visit with patients."

Also, many other common-sense factors such as the patient and the visit-

ing family's own level of privacy, the number of family members allowed to visit because of space limitation and the safety of the visiting family become factors, he said.

"And more importantly, a patient unit is not the most private or quiet environment for visiting," Moughon said. "Here you have a person who has been hospitalized and it may be the first time this patient has seen his or her family and there is a regular hospital environment buzzing around them. It's not the best place to spend quality family time."

Families must visit with their loved

ones in an area away from the main patient living environment, said Kathy Salazar, director of Social Work Services.

"This is for the privacy of the visitors and for the privacy of other patients on the unit," she said. "Right now we have very limited areas for patients and family members to use when visiting. The visiting rooms on some of the units will accommodate only two or three people at a time and public restrooms are not easily accessible."

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Moughon



File photo

KOSA-TV co-anchor Jay Hendricks jokes with State Rep. Joe Heflin, D-Crosbyton, and Stacy Barr during the 2008 Cars and Stars fund-raiser. Barr is serving as co-chairman for the fourth year. It is the largest annual fund-raising event for the hospital.

Lodge provides housing, but no visitation area

Big Spring State Hospital Volunteers, through the generosity of the Don Newsom family, operate the Don and Marilyn Newsom Family Lodge, which provides temporary, complimentary housing for families visiting patients.

The Lodge was formally dedicated in 1993 as the Marilyn Keaton Newsom Family Lodge but was renamed the Don and Marilyn Newsom Lodge following the death of Don Newsom in 2003.

Don and Marilyn Newsom were early and enthusiastic volunteers, said Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations Billie Christie.

The Newsom family furnished the entire

lodge in 1993, giving families a low-cost opportunity to visit loved ones.



Salazar

lodge was renovated with updated furniture and decorative items and personally chose the décor, including colors and providing on-site, hands-on support.

"The Newsom Family Lodge is where people from out of town can stay overnight without incurring the expense of a motel room," said Kathy Salazar, Big Spring State Hospital

director of Social Work Services.

"It is very helpful for this purpose; many families would not be able to come to Big Spring State Hospital and visit their loved ones if they had to pay for a motel room."

"The Lodge has four bedrooms, a shared living room and a kitchen; it is a beautiful facility that the Newsom family has provided, but it does not have the space for families and patients to visit."

The hospital cares for people with mental illness in 58 counties in West Texas and many families cannot afford to travel long distances and pay for lodging, Salazar said.

"If they are able to come several times dur-



File photo

Members of the Newsom family pose for the remaining of the Marilyn Keaton Newsom Family Lodge to the Don and Marilyn Newsom Lodge after Don's death in 2003.

ing the period of treatment they can see the progression of their loved one and see the importance of complying with a medication regimen," she said.

Family members who want to stay in the Family Lodge should call the Social Work Services Department at (432) 268-7277 to make a reservation.

Stories by Valerie Avery, Public Information Coordinator, Big Spring State Hospital

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• 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.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets

at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY
 • The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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 • Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY
 • AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
 • Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.



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SPORTS IN BRIEF

A-Rod meets with MLB

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez met with three officials from Major League Baseball and told them he didn't receive performance-enhancing drugs from a Canadian doctor under investigation by federal and Canadian authorities.

Rodriguez met Thursday in the Tampa area with Dan Mullin, baseball's vice president of investigations; Victor Burgos, who works in Mullin's department; and Dan Halem, a senior vice president in baseball's labor relations department.

The New York Yankees third baseman was accompanied by lawyers James E. Sharp and Jay Reisinger. Details, including Rodriguez's denial, were disclosed by a person familiar with the meeting who spoke on condition of anonymity because no announcements were authorized.

The Canadian doctor, Anthony Galea, told The Associated Press last month that he only prescribed anti-inflammatories to Rodriguez. Galea said he treated the slugger after he had hip surgery in March 2009.

Former pitcher Cuellar dies at 72

UNDATED (AP) — Mike Cuellar, a crafty left-hander from Cuba whose darting screwball made him a World Series champion and Cy Young winner with the Baltimore Orioles, died Friday. He was 72.

The Orioles confirmed Cuellar's death, but did not release other details.

Cuellar made his major league debut in 1959 and bounced around Cincinnati, St. Louis and Houston for almost a decade before a trade brought him to Baltimore. Wearing the black-and-orange bird logo, he blossomed on one of the most impos-

ing pitching staffs in baseball history — in 1971, he was among the Orioles' four 20-game winners.

A four-time All-Star, Cuellar was 185-130 overall with a 3.14 ERA. He was voted into the Orioles' Hall of Fame.

Feldman to start for Rangers Mon.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Scott Feldman, who in less than a year has gone from long reliever to opening day starter for the Texas Rangers, now has a three-year contract worth nearly \$14 million. The 27-year-old Feldman is guaranteed \$13,925,000 under the deal announced before Texas' exhibition game at Rangers Ballpark, where the right-hander will start the opener Monday against Toronto.

Kobe signs deal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant has signed

a three-year contract extension worth nearly \$90 million that will keep him with the Los Angeles Lakers through the 2013-14 season.

The deal announced Friday will begin after next season. Bryant is making \$23 million this season and is due to earn \$24.8 million next season.

Bryant would earn \$27.4 million in 2011-12, \$30.2 million the following season and more than \$32 million in his final year, when he would be 35.

Roddick beats Nadal in Fla.

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. (AP) — Andy Roddick rallied for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory over Rafael Nadal in the Sony Ericsson Open semifinals.

Once Roddick fell behind, he became more aggressive, even following his second serve to the net on occasion. Momentum turned when he won the last

11 points of the second set, including a 143-mph serve — the fastest by any player in the tournament — for a winner on the final point to even the match.

Roddick kept coming, winning 12 points at the net in the final set. He also put more oomph into his forehand, especially on returns.

He'll face 16th-seeded Tomas Berdych in the final Sunday. Berdych advanced by beating Robin Soderling 6-2, 6-2.

Molder leads Houston Open

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — Bryce Molder birdied four of the last seven holes for a 6-under 66 and a one-stroke lead in the Houston Open, the final event before the Masters next week at Augusta National.

Molder had a 9-under 135 total on Redstone's Tournament Course.

First-round co-leader Cameron Percy (69) and fellow PGA Tour rookie Alex Prugh (66) were

tied for second, and Lee Westwood (68), Anthony Kim (69), Joe Ogilvie (67) and Kevin Stadler (70) were 7 under after another windy day.

Ernie Els, Fred Couples and Phil Mickelson made the cut, but were far off the pace. Els (74) and Couples (73) were even par, and Mickelson (76) was 1 over. Els is trying to win his third straight start and the 50-year-old Couples is warming up for the Masters after three consecutive wins on the Champions Tour.

Kyle Busch wins 1st race as owner

GLADEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Kyle Busch raced to his first NASCAR victory as a team owner, dominating the Nashville 200 at Nashville Superspeedway for his 17th career Camping World Trucks Series win.

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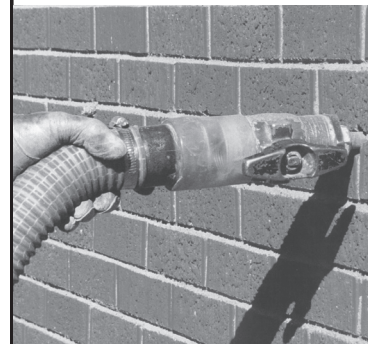
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VISIT

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"Big Spring State Hospital has had an increase in the number of patient families who are actively involved and we have

a pressing need for adequate and comfortable visitation center space," Salazar said.

More than 2,000 people have visited Big Spring State Hospital the first six months of the fiscal year, she said.

"There is clearly a need

for this building."

Research shows the benefit of family support and involvement in patient hope and recovery, said Lorie Couch, Big Spring State Hospital assistant superintendent.

Team members from various specialties at Big Spring State Hospital know the importance of regular family contact, Salazar said.

It's not only important for patients who crave family contact and who miss their parents, spouses or children but to continually update family members on the patient's progress and keep them informed about what to expect when they are released from the hospital.

"It's very important for us to have a strong, safe environment in which to send patients back to, Salazar said. "It does a patient no good to treat them in a hospital environment, give them the tools they need to succeed and then send them home to a place that may not be aware of their needs or have the

tools needed to continue their treatment.

"Mental illness is a life-long disease that must be managed with medications and/or therapy and a strong network of support," Salazar said.

The contact family members show or continue to show during hospitalization is a strong connection in which both sides need to follow through with that continuum of care, she noted.

"Everyone needs support of family and friends," Salazar said. "We all want to know that, no matter what is going on in our lives, we have the love and support of our family and friends while we cooperate. Visits from family and friends help build confidence and give hope to our patients, and that is a big part of what helps us 'get well.'"

Volunteers have funded many necessary construction projects around campus, including the Animal Assisted Therapy building, the greenhouse and the

swimming pool, said Couch.

"Historically, the volunteers have come through for us in providing buildings for Big Spring State Hospital that directly tie into improving the quality of life for the patients," Couch said.

"These are projects that we may not be able to fund without the volunteers assistance as much of our construction project funding is typically dedicated to repair and or maintenance of our existing buildings to ensure that we are compliant with the Life Safety Code.

"This is definitely a 'bonus' project for the patients.

"The improvement would benefit our patients by providing patients and families with a useful visitation space."



Couch

How to help patients at Big Spring State Hospital

Want to help the 200 patients at Big Spring State Hospital, but don't know how? Read the following list and see if any appeal to you. If you have any questions, don't hesitate calling the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office at 432 268-7535. Their office is just inside the south entrance – follow the signs.

Purchasing a ticket for Cars, Stars and Handlebars Goes Hollywood: Tickets are \$100 and gives the ticket holder and a guest entry into the April 17 event at the Big Spring Country Club. The event begins at 5 p.m. and includes entertainment by Adrian Calvino, hors d'oeuvres and a chance to win a new vehicle. Tickets can be purchased at The Community Relations office or from any Cars and Stars Committee member. Tickets also can be purchased at Bob Brock Ford, Pollard Chevrolet, The Harley-Davidson Shop, Citizens Credit Union, Lone Star Bank, Western Bank, State National Bank, American State Bank, Howard County Feed and Wells Fargo Bank. Committee members who have tickets available for sale are: Mark and Stacy Barr, Robin Hallman, Lucy Flores, Erin and Scott MacKenzie, Leslie Elrod, Justin and Sara Myers, Suzanne Markwell, Brenna and Noel Hoff, Quade Weaver, and Jeanne Knocke.

Shopping or donating items to The Chalet Resale Shop: Shopping at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., and donating items to The Chalet. The Chalet takes donations Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during regular business hours. Items should be in clean, usable condition. Small household items are accepted.

Donations: Big Spring State Hospital collects magazines for patient reading material (no older than six months old), toiletry items (those provided at hotels are the best), luggage for patients to use when they pack their belongings when leaving the hospital, fabric to create We Care Bags for patients, and monetary donations. Also, patient clothing – large sizes, and men's clothing is especially needed. We cannot use items that need to be dry cleaned.

Volunteers: Big Spring State Hospital needs volunteers – and that means you! Jobs range from office/clerical work, hands-on work at The Chalet, Volunteer work days, special projects, such as Cars and Stars or Summer Fun Day. No job is too large or too small, said Director of Community Relations Billie Christie. Call (432) 268-7535 or email billie.christie@dshs.state.tx.us

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Obituaries

Moses B. Flores Sr.



Moses B. Flores Sr. 80, of Big Spring went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at the age of 80. He fought a hard battle of Post Polio, Diabetes and Alzheimer's.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 5, 2010. Mass will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, followed by the burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The visitation and rosary will be at Myers & Smith Chapel at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 4, 2010.

He was born in Floresville on Aug. 24, 1929, to Jose Maria and Mary Ann Flores. He married Evelyn Diaz on Aug. 27, 1951, in Georgetown.

Moses was self-employed. He owned Flores Sheet Metal Shop since 1978. He took pride in his work and was a perfectionist in every detail, with excellent organization skills. From the early 1960s to the mid '70s, he worked for CA Gray/The Bosworth Company in Midland. His current shop, which he built, is located on U.S. Highway 87 South.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, and was very devoted to his faith, praying a daily rosary until his illness progressed.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn Flores; two sons: Moses Flores Jr. of Fort Worth and Richard Flores and his wife Mary of Big Spring; three daughters: Mary Ann Leal and her husband Gilbert of Big Spring, Terry Martinez and her husband Freddy of Fort Worth and Martha E. Flores of Los Angeles; three sisters: Mary Helen Santiago and her husband Pete of Moore Haven, Fla., Margie Esparza and her husband Jessie of Kansas City, Kan., and Tina Alley and her husband Ray of San Antonio; one brother: Arthur Flores of Columbia, S.C. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren: Josh Flores, Natalie Alba, Samantha Flores, Michael Leal, Elena Flores, Gabriel Leal and Eli Flores; three great-grandchildren: Alejandro Huerta, Sipriana Alba and Chloey Moore; and many nephews and nieces.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-mom: Enriqueta Flores; a brother: Jose Maria Flores Jr; and four sisters: Mary Lou Martinez, Lilly Lopez, Sabina Martinez and Mary Ann Padilla.

Pallbearers: Josh Flores, Joe Arispe, Tony Arispe, Manuel Arsiaga, Mike Martinez, Andrew Martinez, Leslie Smith and Enez Diaz,

Honorary Pallbearers: Jessie Galindo, Claudio Lopez, Corky Bosworth, Windol Lunsford, Willie Nichols and Jimmy Marin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, P.O. Box 951, Big Spring 79721.

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

Paid obituary

Mark Reeves III



Mark Reeves III, 72, of Katy, passed away Thursday, March 11, 2010.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mittie Reeves; daughter, Betty June Reeves; son, Mark Reeves IV and wife Stephanie; grandchildren, Rebecca Reeves, Katherine Reeves, Margaret Reeves; mother, Elizabeth Reeves; as well as other loving family members and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at the First Baptist Church, in Katy, with the Rev. Elbert White, the Rev. Tom Bolin, and the Rev. Walt Brown officiating. Interment is in Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

Those wishing to make memorial donations may do so to the music ministry of First Baptist Church of Katy, 600 Pin Oak Road, Katy 77494.

Services were under the direction of Schmidt Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Linda K. Dodson

Linda K. Dodson, 58, of Coahoma died Friday, April 2, 2010, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Francis Johns

Francis Johns, 75, of Midland, died Saturday, April 3, 2010. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Karen C. Ervin

Karen C. Ervin, age 63, died Friday, April 2, 2010, at Hospice House of Odessa. Services are pending with Acres West Funeral Chapel.

Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- RANDY TIMOTHY ORTEGA, 32, 704 Johnson, was arrested on two local warrants.
- JANICE RODRIGUEZ, 33, 1425 E. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87 and the 800 block of Owens.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 300 block of Interstate 20.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Langley.
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported in the 200 block of Gregg.
- FAILURE TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY was reported in the 600 block of 10th.
- THEFT was reported in the 100 block of Marcy, the 1100 block of Lamesa and the 1800 block of Gregg.

Lottery

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the Georgia Lottery's "MEGA Millions" game were: 02-17-22-30-31, Mega Ball: 19.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-25-29-32-35.
Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: \$12,931
Winning ticket purchased in: Houston, Harlingen.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-7-3-5. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-1-6. Sum It Up: 16.

TAXES

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low-to-moderate income," said Hopkins. "AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. These volunteers help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them.

"People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including a tax booklet if one was received through the mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms. They also need to bring any forms that show their 2009 earnings and their 2008 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing."

Tax law can quickly become confusing, according to Hopkins, and with so many changes being made from year to year it's easy to miss out on many government programs.

"There's just so much red tape involved, it's almost impossible for people to keep up with all of it," said Hopkins.

"And if they don't have the money to hire a tax professional, they can be missing out on all kinds of deductions and programs the government offers. This program gives them a chance to sit down with someone who is trained to deal with these things."

Participants in the program will be able to e-file their tax returns at no charge, according to Hopkins.

After Monday, area residents will have one last chance to take advantage of the program Monday, April 12, from 8 a.m. until noon at the Senior Center — located at 1901 Simler Dr. in the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark. For more information, contact Hopkins at 267-6733.

STUDENT

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my work was as talented as some of the other students."

He need not have worried, his teacher said.

"The nice thing about Taylor is that he's not afraid to try other (art) mediums," BSHS Art Teacher Judy Tereletsky said. "He's very detail-oriented. Sometimes that backfires ... but he'll give anything a go."

Art is something that's always fascinated Calk.

"It's something I always liked to do," he said. "I used to get in trouble for drawing in class — instead of doing my work, I would doodle."

Several years ago, he started taking lessons from Kay Smith, a local artist who operates the Brushworks gallery, but dropped them during high school, when he got a job and was involved in other school activities such as being a member of the swim team.

"I was doing so much with work and all, I didn't have that much time to devote to art," Calk said. "I probably went three or four years where I didn't put a pencil to a sketchpad."

Entering his senior year, however, he learned he had to earn a fine-arts credit to graduate, so he enrolled in one of Tereletsky's classes.

"I said, 'Well, I can draw' ... so I went back into art," Calk said. "Now, even though I took several years away from it, I think have more artistic ability than I had in

the past."

Although it took relatively little time to complete his state-qualifying work, Calk said he is usually very patient when composing a piece.

"I always have taken as long as I could on an assignment," he said. "I like to work at my own pace ... I would rather take longer to get it right."

Neither Calk or Tereletsky would hazard a guess how he will fare at the state event.

"If I win a medal, I'll be surprised," he said. "It'll be great, but ... it's a fantastic achievement just to be able to go to state."

"I have no earthly idea how he'll do," Tereletsky said. "There will probably be only about 200 works that medal out of the 2,000 entered ... But just to be chosen to be one of those 2,000, those are the cream of the crop."

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Inez Chavarria, 59, died Saturday. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Moses Flores, 80, died Wednesday. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Linda K. Dodson, 58, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Mike Menefield jumps out of the blocks in the 400-meter relay Friday. The Steers won the event.

RELAYS

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said. "Even the fifth-place guys, they were running hard and they weren't going to settle for sixth."

Mike Menefield won the 200-meter sprint and the triple jump Friday, as his time of 23.12 beat Jeret Smith of Abilene High by almost half a second. Menefield jumped only once in the triple jump due to a heel injury, but his 47-6 1/4 was four feet ahead of the next competitor. Anderson also took second in the 100-meter with a 10.87 time, just .15 seconds behind Abilene High's Darius Joseph.

Daniel Segundo took the silver in the 800-meter, his 2:00.83 finishing just behind Abilene High's James Muniz.

On the girls side, freshman Carson Riebe broke a school record in the 300-meter hurdles, running a 48.22 for first place. Riebe took second in the 100 hurdles, running a 16.5.

Cerbi Ritchey turned in a stellar discus throw, capturing first with a distance of 116-4 1/2. Ritchey beat her personal-best total two weeks ago by more than a foot as she went ahead of Frenship's Kenzie Roberts, who threw a 109-10 1/4. Bridgette Tuitt took first in the triple jump, clearing 37 feet for the gold medal.

Lady Steers coach Nick Roberson was impressed with his team's performance, especially in the absence of long-jumper and relay runner Desiree Anderson, who missed the meet due to family reasons. Still, the Lady Steers took second in both the 400- and 800-meter relays and were close down the stretch.

The teams were made up of Andi Deleon, Tuitt, April Turner and Chanel Cuvelio.

"Missing a key runner, Desiree, was crucial, but we ran the best (4x100 relay) time of the year without the second-fastest girl we've got," Roberson said. "We beat a district opponent, and that was very exciting."

Cuvelio said she was excited to run in front of the home crowd.

"I think we competed hard and did well," she said. "It felt great. (The crowd) made us push harder."

Tuitt took third in the high jump and second in the 200-meter with a 25.5, a half-second behind Abilene High's Adriana Rogers.

"She took second, and she hadn't run in four weeks. Look out," Roberson said. "When she gets in shape, she's going to be ready to run with the best of them."

Deleon finished fifth with a 32-foot triple jump. Opal Gonzales turned in a fifth-place finish in the two-mile race and sixth in the mile with a 6:08.7.

Junior high update- Big Spring's eighth grade 400-meter relay team took first at its district meet Thursday. Damiesha McBee, Darshay Vanderbilt, Mary Lewis and Naomi Ellison ran a 53-flat to win the meet.

FORSAN — The seventh and eighth grade Forsan Lady Buffaloes won the district championship at the junior high meet in Stanton on Thursday.

Reagan Haggard set the school record with a 4-9 1/2 high jump. The 400-relay team of Marisol Hernandez, Brittney Hergert, Kenna Colvin and Haggard set a school record with a 54.4 time.

Steer Relays Results

Boys
Team totals - 1. Abilene High, 217; 2. Big Spring, 113; 3. Midland Lee, 107; 4.

Midland High, 81; 5. Wolfforth Frenship, 72.

Shot put - 1. Mitch Brewer, Frenship, 50-9/4; 2. Zach Byars, Midland High, 48-6; 3.

Tim Jakel, Midland High, 45-5 1/2; 4. Luis Hernandez, Abilene High, 41-10; 5. Zane Kuhr, Lee, 41-3/4; 6. Paul Cartwright, Frenship, 40-5 1/2.

Discus - 1. Dutton Watson, Midland High, 157-3; 2. Bryce Beville, Abilene High, 139-2 3/4; 3. Ben Kittley, Abilene High, 135-2 1/4; 4. Jeff Cook, Midland High, 132-6; 5.

Zach Byars, Midland High, 130-8 1/4; 6. Brent Schroeder, Abilene High, 129-11 1/4.

Long jump - 1. Darius Joseph, Abilene High, 21-7; 2. Corey McPherson, Lee, 21-2 3/4; 3.

Zach Kittley, Frenship, 21-2; 4. Tevin Payne, Abilene High, 20-9; 5. Zach Mosley, Abilene High, 20-8 1/2; 6. Dennis Merworth, Big Spring, 20-6.

Triple jump - 1. Michael Menefield, Big Spring, 47-6 1/4; 2. Zach Kittley, Frenship, 43-3; 3. Devonte Taylor, Abilene High, 41-4 3/4; 4. Jeret Smith, Abilene High, 41-2 1/2;

5. Tevin Payne, Abilene High, 40-11 1/2; 6. C.J. Hitch, Frenship, 40-0.

High jump - 1. Zack Kittley, Frenship, 6-4; 2. Chris Veail, Abilene High, 6-2; 3.

Matt Ritchey, Big Spring, 5-10.

Pole vault - 1. Chase Jones, Midland High, 12-6; 2. Chris Veail, Abilene High, 12-0; 3. Austin Winegeart, Abilene High, 11-6; 4. Levi Weddle, Midland High, 10-6; 5. Andy Allen, Midland High, 10-0.

3,200 - 1. Zac Smith, Abilene High, 10:38.30; 2. Paul Garcia, Abilene High, 10:50.40; 3. Christian Farris, Lee, 10:51.42; 4. Patrick Sanchez, Frenship, 11:17.74; 5. David Baker, Frenship, 11:24.13; 6. John Silva, Abilene High, 11:28.49.

400 relay - 1. Big Spring, 43.46; 2. Abilene High, 43.52; 3. Lee, 43.65; 4.

Frenship, 44.62; 5. Midland High, 49.22.

800 - 1. James Muniz, Abilene High, 2:00.06; 2. Daniel Segundo, Big Spring, 2:00.83;

3. Josh Olvera, Abilene High, 2:04.37; 4. Daimon Diemer, Midland High, 2:06.96; 5.

Kenneth Priebe, Midland High, 2:09.36; 6. Bobby Bayes, Big Spring, 2:11.81.

110 hurdles - 1. Logan Chandler, Abilene High, 14.78; 2. Corey McPherson, Lee, 14.87; 3. Roy Ramirez, Big Spring, 15.60; 4. Seth Pearson, Big Spring, 15.90; 5.

Adrian Horton, Lee, 15.97; 6. C.J. Hitch, Frenship, 16.72.

100 - 1. Darius Joseph, Abilene High, 10.72; 2. Monte Anderson, Big Spring, 10.87;

3. Cory Street, Midland High, 10.93; 4. Zach Mosley, Abilene High, 11.05; 5. Dominic Howard, Lee, 11.12; 6. Tony Curtis, Abilene High, 11.14.

800 relay - 1. Big Spring, 1:30.53; 2. Abilene High, 1:31.56; 3. Lee, 1:31.90; 4.

Frenship, 1:35.25.

400 - 1. James Muniz, Abilene High, 51.40; 2. Omar Barnes, Lee, 51.55; 3. Josh Landry, Abilene High, 52.93;

4. Robert Baraza, Big Spring, 53.34; 5. Michael Aguilar, Frenship, 53.90; 6. Bobby Bayes, Big Spring, 54.03.

300 hurdles - 1. Adrian Horton, Lee, 39.96; 2. Logan Chandler, 40.01; 3. Corey McPherson, Lee, 40.84; 4. Roy Ramirez, Abilene High, 41.00; 5. Blake Bynum, Midland High, 42.15; 6. Zach Britton, Frenship, 42.69.

200 - 1. Michael Menefield, Big Spring, 23.12; 2. Jeret Smith, Abilene High, 23.55;

3. Josh Landry, Abilene High, 23.56; 4. Terell Demerson, Big Spring, 23.60; 5.

Parker Ratliff, Midland High, 23.78; 6. Brandon Williams, Midland High, 23.91.

1,600 - 1. Daimon Diemer, Midland High, 4:47.82; 2. Zac Smith, Abilene High, 4:51.69; 3. Paul Garcia, Abilene High, 4:55.69; 4. Kenneth Priebe, Midland High, 4:59.97; 5. Patrick Sanchez, Frenship, time not recorded; 6. Christian Farris, Lee, time not recorded.

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Andi Deleon gets ready for the 400-meter relay Friday. The Lady Steers took second in the race.

High, 16-0 1/2; 5. Makayla Dessivia, Abilene High, 16-0; 6. Carson Reibe, Big Spring, 15-0.

Triple jump - 1. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 37-4; 2. Halie Mitchell, Frenship, 36-11; 3. Jessamyn Curtis, Abilene High, 34-5 1/2; 4. Brielle Watts, Frenship, 33-7; 5.

Andi Deleon, Big Spring, 32-11.

High jump - 1. Riley Downing, Midland High, 4-8; 2. Noelle Davis, Abilene High, 4-8; 3. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 4-7; 4. Callie Teegarden, Frenship, 4-7.

Pole vault - 1. Emily Spencer, Midland High, 9-0; 2. Taylor White, Frenship, 8-0; 3.

Rachel Rice, Midland High, 7-6.

3,200 - 1. Emileigh Willems, Frenship, 12:46.64; 2. Mercedes Sanchez, Frenship, 13:18.05; 3. Micah Valdez, Frenship, 13:23.92; 4. Alie Murillo, Abilene High, 13:37.64; 5. Opal Gonzales, Big Spring, 13:40.20.

400 relay - 1. Abilene High, 49.84; 2. Big Spring, 49.90; 3. Midland High, 51.40; 4.

Frenship, 52.31.

800 - 1. Tori Hale, Abilene High, 2:25.34; 2. Kailey Moorehead, Frenship, 2:26.48;

3. Madeline Jordan, Abilene High, 2:33.37; 4. Victoria Cortes, Abilene High, 2:35.87; 5. Maddy Kinard, Frenship, 2:51.58.

100 hurdles - 1. Rachel Rice, Midland High, 15.72; 2. Carson Reibe, Big Spring, 16.50; 3. Dannelle Kortkamp, Abilene High, 16.55; 4. Sarah Flinn, Frenship, 16.55;

5. Cassidy Green, Abilene High, 17.75; 6. Brittney Ables, Frenship, 18.43.

100 - 1. Adriana Rogers, Abilene High, 11.84; 2. Shay O'Neal, Lee, 12.41; 3. Jade Babcock, Midland High, 12.82;

4. Sarah Welch, Abilene High, 13.34; 5. Nicole Birdsong, Abilene High, 14.09;

6. Dautry Williams, Lee, 14.14.

800 relay - 1. Abilene High, 1:44.74; 2. Big Spring, 1:45.90; 3. Frenship, 1:50.43;

4. Midland High, 1:57.12.

400 - 1. Abria Thomas, Frenship, 59.24; 2. Chanelle Evans, Abilene High 1:03.38; 3.

Dautry Williams, Lee, 1:04.21;

4. Lakyn Childress, Midland Hill, 1:04.34; 5. Noelle Davis, Abilene High 1:04.37;

6. Jessica White, Frenship, 1:05.62.

300 hurdles - 1. Carson Reibe, Big Spring, 48.28; 2. Rachel Rice, Midland High,

48.63; 3. Sarah Welch, Abilene High 49.10; 4. Dannelle Kortkamp, Abilene High, 50.49; 5. Brittney Ables, Frenship, 52.66; 6. Tanya Sherman, Lee, 53.44.

200 - 1. Adriana Rogers, Abilene High, 25.00; 2. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 25.47;

3. Shay O'Neal, Lee, 26.15; 4. Dautry Williams, Lee, 27.09; 5. Madison Scribner, Midland High, 27.09; 6. Halie Mitchell, Frenship, 27.16

1,600 - 1. Victoria Cortes, 5:42.88; 2. Emileigh Willems, Frenship, 5:43.16; 3.

Madeline Jordan, Abilene High, 5:47.73; 4. Mercedes Sanchez, 6:02.38; 5. Micah Valdez, Frenship, 6:05.48;

6. Opal Gonzales, Big Spring, 6:08.66.

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Engagements



Megan Nicole Ward and Benjamin Luke Best

Ward and Best

Megan Nicole Ward of Big Spring and Benjamin Luke Best of Terrell would like to announce their intention to exchange wedding vows in April.

Megan is the daughter of Billy and Sheila Ward of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of James and Barbara Begley of Big Spring and the late J.B. and late Verda Lee Ward.

Megan is a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School and 2007 graduate of Angelo State University with a bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies/early childhood. She is employed as a teacher by the Big Spring Independent School District.

Ben is the son of Jo and Diana Best of Coahoma. He is the grandson of Edward and Flo Kohanek of Shallowater and Raenell and the late Valcus Best of Coahoma.

Ben is a 2000 graduate of Coahoma High School and 2002 graduate of Texas State Technical College. He is employed by Nucor Building Systems.

Megan and Ben will exchange wedding vows April 24, 2010.



Albert Blair Nutting and Lauren Elizabeth Fraser

Fraser and Nutting

Lauren Elizabeth Fraser will marry Albert Blair Nutting on July 10, 2010. Both reside in Dallas and are former residents of Big Spring. The wedding will be held in Horseshoe Bay at the Church of Horseshoe Bay.

Miss Fraser is the daughter of Steve and Karen Fraser of Kingsland. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Lorraine Shirley (deceased) of Kingsland, formerly of Big Spring, and Harold (deceased) and Jo Fraser of Marble Falls. Lauren graduated from The University of Texas at Austin and holds a bachelor of science in communications. She is employed at MarketView360 in Dallas.

Mr. Nutting is the son of Orval Keith and Suzzan Nutting of Midland. His grandparents are Mary Kay and Albert Rattan (deceased) of Midland and Glenn and Zelma Nutting (both deceased) of Carson City, Nev. Blair graduated from Texas Tech University and holds a degree in personal financial planning. He is employed by Baker Hughes.

Weddings



Lisa Ovalle and Jose Gartias III

Lisa and Jose Garfias III

Lisa Ovalle and Jose Garfias III were united in marriage at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 4, 2010, at Comanche Trail Park.

The bride is the daughter of Yolanda Ovalle and Israel Muniz of Big Spring, and the groom is the son of Jose Garfias Jr. of Big Spring.

The bride, attired in a traditional white wedding dress, was given away by her father.

The wedding party included flower girl Kayleigh Muniz, Alison Flores, Anthony Ramirez Jr., ring bearer Alexia Muniz and Carpen Muniz.

Lisa is currently attending Howard College studying criminal investigation and Jose is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School.



Ron Booth and Daury Cockrell

Daury and Ron Cockrell

Ron Booth and Daury Cockrell were joined in marriage in an afternoon ceremony March 8, 2010. They were married in Canadian County, El Reno, Okla.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Alda L. Dorough in the home of the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Roy and Nelda Maynard.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth are both retired. They are active in the local golf associations.

The couple was honored with a dance and reception, given by their children, on March 27, 2010, at the home of Steve and Jana Hector. A host of treasured friends joined with the families to celebrate their marriage.

They will continue to reside in Big Spring.

Menus

Stanton ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Waffles; Lunch: Pizza or pizza cheese sticks, green beans, garden salad, pears, milk, pudding cup, ranch dressing.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Oatmeal; Lunch: Baked fish or chicken sticks, potato puffs, mixed vegetables, apple, bread sticks, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage and gravy; Lunch: Pot roast or baked chicken, mashed potatoes, English peas, peaches, hot rolls, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Coffee cake; Lunch: Beef or chicken fajitas, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, pineapple, cornbread, milk, salsa, cheese.

Friday — Breakfast: Burrito; Lunch: Hamburger or cheeseburger, baked chips, vegetarian beans, hamburger salad, fruit cup, milk, cookie.

Coahoma ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Homemade burritos, chips, baby carrots, pears, milk; Corn dogs.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Pop Tarts, ham, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken and dumplings, peas and carrots, peach cup, milk; Burritos.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Sweetened rice, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Nacho grande, baked beans, apples, chocolate cake, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Baked ham, macaroni, carrot coins, oranges, milk; Grilled cheese sandwich.

Friday — Breakfast: Pancake sausage on a stick, juice, milk; Lunch: Cheeseburger Pockets, potato salad, oranges, milk; Hot Pockets.

Forsan ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Barbecue on a bun, Cool Ranch Doritos, corn on the cob, pickle spears, chilled pears, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch: Pigs in a Blanket, tater tots, ranch style beans, Orange Smiles, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage on a stick, juice, milk; Lunch: Meat and bean chalupa, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato, rosie applesauce, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fruit mix, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken and noodles, cooked carrots, crackers, pineapple tidbits, chocolate cake, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet peas, hot roll, apple, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Cereal, cheddar cheese portion, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza, carrots, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuits, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, green peas, apricots, roll, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit cup, milk; Lunch: Beef taco, corn, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad, Orange Smiles, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: PBJ, juice, milk; Lunch: Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, mized vegetables, pineapple chunks, roll, milk, Rice Krispy Treat.

Friday — Breakfast: Honey Bun, fruit juice; Lunch: Barbecue beef, border beans, french fries, strawberries, fruit, milk.

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Midland
Saturday, April 24th • 2 - 4pm • Midland Center
570-0700

Andrews
Sunday, April 25th • 2 - 4pm • Casabella
524-5139

Names will be read during a memorial service, and butterflies will be released as a way to say thank you for how our lives have been brightened. Individual butterflies are available for a \$25 donation to the Hospice House Foundation 501(c)3, if you would like to release one in honor or memory of your love one.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Let us remember what this holiday is truly all about

Today we celebrate Easter. But we need to remember that this holiday is a holy day and we definitely need to take heed of what it is really about.

Because this holiday is not about the Easter Bunny; or Easter baskets filled with plastic grass; those pastel foil-covered chocolate candies or jelly beans; not even those dyed Easter eggs.

No, at Easter we celebrate the Christian belief that nearly 2,000 years ago a man died, lay in a grave for three days and then got up and began walking around again, telling people that God loves them.

But more than that, he died perhaps the most brutal and cruel death ancient man knew — crucifixion.

He died and was resurrected so that we might be saved from our sins and have eternal life.

Easter should be the most openly joyful time of celebration of the year for Christians.

After all, this holiday is a living expression of the hope that God has given the world, thanks to the death and resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ.

For those of us who believe, there can be no more holy a day.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On Sunday, March 28, my 2-year-old and I were leaving my parents' house at 9 p.m. As I buckled my little one into his car seat, my little brother put our new puppy in the car.

Unfortunately, as I was headed toward the driver's side door, the puppy stood on the armrest of the door to look out the window, which is also where the lock button is located.

I called A-1 Lock & Key for an after hours unlock. He said he would be right over and he proved to be a man of his word! Within 15 minutes, and before the little one got frightened, he arrived and had the door open.

On top of it all, they did so without charge. I would like to sincerely say thank you many times over!

HEATHER DEL VALLE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

It's been a grand adventure — nearly six decades living in Big Spring. The menu of mayors and leaders passing in front of the eyes has been long, interesting and informative. Most appeared to have intended good works. Some wore the banner of only a single purpose; some left the community no better than when they entered; some were inspirational; some accomplished limited change; and sometimes, in rare instances, a visionary leader came along, transformed the city and made dramatic changes touching every fragment of the way we live in this community.

A few examples: Mayor Pickle in the 1930s assembled much of Comanche Trail Park during the Great Depression and 20 percent unemployment; Dr. Malone founding and supporting Howard College, and then with this partner, Dr. Hogan, establishing and building Scenic Mountain Medical Center; Mayor Dabney and leaders that established and nurtured the Big Spring-based Colorado River Municipal Water District through miraculous circumstance; the noble spirited and magnanimous Dora Roberts and her family legacy; and the YMCA builders. Certainly there were and are others. The absence of any of these would have left all of us with a lesser life.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by **K. Rae Anderson**

With You, Lord, our life is limitless.

Amen

Talk about the wrong message...

What's happening in this country? I simply don't understand the hatred and violence that seems to almost be a given in our society today.

No, I'm not talking about threatening telephone calls to members of Congress that supported the health care reform bill, and not those who with differing political views decided to damage the offices of Republicans that opposed that bill.

I'm not thinking about the teens arrested the other day for the "bullying" of a teenager that ultimately led to her taking her own life.

And I'm not even really thinking about the nine members of the para-military, Christian militia group that were arrested last week and have been charged with plotting to kill police officers and then ambush the resulting funeral procession.

Well, maybe I kind of am thinking about them.

But, as I was getting ready to go to work Thursday morning, I was reminded again of just how stupid hate is.

While I dressed that morning, ABC's Good Morning America program had an on camera interview with Albert Snyder, the father of Marine Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder, who was killed in action in Iraq.

Mr. Snyder is in the news because the United States Supreme Court earlier this month announced that it will review whether anti-gay protests at funerals of American soldiers are protected by the First Amendment, taking up Snyder's appeal of an appellate court's reversal of a \$10 million verdict he won in a lawsuit against the small Kansas

church that conducts the demonstrations. After emotional testimony that he had "one chance to bury my son, and they took the dignity away from it," a Baltimore jury awarded Snyder more than \$10 million in damages. A district judge cut the amount in half, and then the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit in Richmond threw out the verdict and award. While the case will seek to balance a group's free speech rights with the rights of private individuals to be protected from unwanted demonstrations and defamatory remarks, yours truly can't even begin to understand why people who call themselves Christians would protest at the funeral of a Marine killed in combat.

Lance Cpl. Snyder wasn't a gay Marine. He wasn't from Kansas, either. Members of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka had to travel from the Midwest to Westminster, Md., in 2006 to picket at the funeral. The signs they carried, made in the church's on-site sign shop, included, "God Hates the USA/Thank God for 9/11," "Semper Fi Fags," "Thank God for Dead Soldiers" and "Priests Rape Boys."

We can only assume the last of those signs was used because Cpl. Snyder's funeral was being held at a Catholic church. Westboro pastor Fred W. Phelps Sr. contends that the deaths of American soldiers are punishment for our nation's tolerance of homosexuality. According to its Web site, the church has organized nearly 43,000 protests since 1991.

Phelps and church members — primarily members of his extended family — say they were not targeting Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder in 2006, but say they've learned that demonstrating at funerals gets the most public and media attention for their message that the nation's

church that conducts the demonstrations.

After emotional testimony that he had "one chance to bury my son, and they took the dignity away from it," a Baltimore jury awarded Snyder more than \$10 million in damages. A district judge cut the amount in half, and then the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit in Richmond threw out the verdict and award.

While the case will seek to balance a group's free speech rights with the rights of private individuals to be protected from unwanted demonstrations and defamatory remarks, yours truly can't even begin to understand why people who call themselves Christians would protest at the funeral of a Marine killed in combat.

Lance Cpl. Snyder wasn't a gay Marine. He wasn't from Kansas, either. Members of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka had to travel from the Midwest to Westminster, Md., in 2006 to picket at the funeral. The signs they carried, made in the church's on-site sign shop, included, "God Hates the USA/Thank God for 9/11," "Semper Fi Fags," "Thank God for Dead Soldiers" and "Priests Rape Boys."

We can only assume the last of those signs was used because Cpl. Snyder's funeral was being held at a Catholic church.

Westboro pastor Fred W. Phelps Sr. contends that the deaths of American soldiers are punishment for our nation's tolerance of homosexuality. According to its Web site, the church has organized nearly 43,000 protests since 1991.

Phelps and church members — primarily members of his extended family — say they were not targeting Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder in 2006, but say they've learned that demonstrating at funerals gets the most public and media attention for their message that the nation's

tolerance for gays has resulted in punishment, especially the deaths of American soldiers.

Wait a minute! Somebody's got to run that by me again. They're protesting America's supposed tolerance of homosexuality — I'm sure a lot of gays and lesbians would disagree — by protesting at military funerals of soldiers, they'll admit were not gay, that died in the service of their country?

Thanks to Darrell Ryan's column in Tuesday's paper, I now know how to describe those folks: "Some people drink at the fountain of knowledge, but those folks just gargled."

The appeals panel said the signs carried by the picketers could not be reasonably understood to refer directly to Snyder and his son. And the court said that, as offensive as it found Phelps' rhetoric is, it's protected as speech concerning issues in the national debate.

"Notwithstanding the distasteful and repugnant nature of the words being challenged in these proceedings, we are constrained to conclude that the defendants' signs . . . are constitutionally protected," the court said, adding that the signs contained "imaginative and hyperbolic rhetoric intended to spark debate about issues with which the defendants are concerned."

Really? Well, to me it sounds simply like hate.

What I learned in the Baptist churches I grew up in was that Christ's last commandment was that we should love the Lord with all our heart, mind and soul; and that we should love one another.

Apparently Phelps and his followers read the Bible a little differently than I do.

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Saying goodbye in stages

I have long since given up trying to explain why I find my cat so fascinating and why I consider him such a wonderful companion. When it comes to pets in general — and cats in particular — either you're totally on board with the love or you aren't.

And that's fine. Everybody loves something. Some people love dogs, some people prefer cats. Heck, some people love fish and I think those are the most useless pets ever put on the planet.

Some people maintain an emotional distance from their pets. Some go all in. I went all in.

Needless to say, I'm a cat man and have been for the past 20 years. That's how long Sylvester, my faithful tuxedo cat, has been a member of my household.

When any pet reaches the two-decade mark, you realize on a rational level that they won't be around that much longer. On

an emotional level, however, you see no reason why they can't hang around for another 20 years.

I fell into that trap with Sylvester. Despite a litany of ailments and illnesses, he just kept chugging along all these years and I saw no reason for that trend to change.

But back in December, I noticed a lump growing on his neck. At first, I didn't think much of it, because it looked like swollen glands, a problem Sylvester's had many a time over the years.

When I took him to the veterinarian, however, it took him about 15 seconds to recognize that my kitty had a problem far worse than an infection.

A biopsy confirmed my vet's initial suspicions — it was a tumor. A malignant tumor.

A nice thing about having a 20-year-old cat is that you've had great company for a long time. The down side, however, is that when its health goes south, treatment options are limited, to say the least.

Such was the case with Sylvester. The vet said he could per-

form surgery, but he doubted he would be able to remove all the tumor, plus the procedure would likely be fatal for my old cat.

Given that information, my options narrowed to just one — take Sylvester home and let him enjoy what quality time he had remaining.

"How much time does he have?" I asked.

"About two months," my vet said.

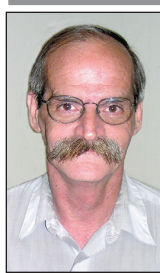
Taking him home that day, I took stock of the situation and made a decision: There was no way on earth I was going to turn the next few months into some sort of maudlin death watch. As long as Sylvester could go about his daily routine, as long as this affliction did not cause him undue pain and suffering, each day would be cause for a mini-celebration.

Normal became extraordinary; routine became special. Several of Sylvester's more irritating habits became endearing: That cold nose in my face at 6 a.m.? Special. Those "accidents" I would find in the middle of the

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JOHN A. MOSELEY



STEVE REAGAN

Stats revolution: Data gives baseball new language

Associated Press

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From the fringes of fantasyland to the highest ranks of the front office and the front rows of the press box, the revolution is almost complete. Baseball is now obsessed with an alphabet set of stats, the new language of the sport.

A process that started more than a half-century ago with Branch Rickey, gained traction in the 1980s with devotees of Bill James, and was elevated seven years ago in the book "Moneyball" is now so prevalent that it no longer is considered cutting edge.

Acronyms such as OPS and WARP are becoming part of the sport's lexicon, statistics like Fielding Independent Pitching are playing a bigger role in choosing Cy Young winners than the old staples of wins and losses, and numbers like Ultimate Zone Rating and Batting Average on Balls in Play are influencing personnel decisions.

Nearly every team relies on sabermetrics analysis to some degree. The debate no longer centers on whether there is a place for statistical analysis in the game. Instead, it's how prevalent it should be.

"The shift has been monumental," said John Perrotto, the editor in chief of Baseball Prospectus. "Some teams were

into it in the late '80s, but you could count them on one hand. I think when Theo Epstein and the Red Sox won the World Series, it gave credence that you can analyze statistics and use that with your scouts' eyes and win a championship."

For those who ignored "Moneyball," stay away from Web sites such as Baseball Prospectus and Hardball Times and still rely on the holy trinity of statistics — batting average, home runs and RBIs for hitters; wins, losses and ERA for pitchers — the sign of the transformation may have come in last season's awards voting.

Two days after Zack Greinke tied the record for fewest wins in a full season by a Cy Young-winning starting pitcher with 16, Tim Lincecum won the award in the National League with only 15 victories in voting by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

That introduced many fans to stats like Fielding Independent Pitching, which tries to separate a pitcher's performance from his team's fielding ability by measuring factors that are only in his control — home runs allowed, strikeouts, walks and hit batsmen — or BABIP, which measures an opponent's batting average on balls in play to determine which pitchers get the most help from their

defenders.

While Lincecum benefited from that analysis, he isn't quite a believer in the modern stats.

"They say: 'What would his true ERA be like? What would his fielding independent percentages be?' All these stupid things," Lincecum said. "I don't know if they're stupid, I just don't quite understand them all yet. They're there and we're going to become more aware of them as the years come. I think I'll become more educated on it because they are becoming more and more important."

While the use of statistics has played a role in baseball ever since Henry Chadwick invented the box score more than 150 years ago, the field of sabermetrics was not always embraced.

Some of the findings made by James in his "Baseball Abstracts" of the 1980s were summarily dismissed by baseball's old guard.

As recently as the mid-1990s, then Red Sox general manager Don Duquette was widely mocked for his use of stats guru Mike Gimbel. It didn't help that Gimbel bragged about his influence and kept pet alligators and other reptiles in his New York City apartment.

As eccentric as Gimbel was, the idea of relying on a numbers cruncher to make decisions instead of old-

time scouts was seen as equally unusual. The dichotomy of stats versus scouts only grew with the publication of Michael Lewis' book "Moneyball," which detailed the Oakland Athletics' reliance on hard numbers over subjective scouting to fuel their success in the early 2000s.

"I think it's overblown, the scouts vs. stats thing," Mariners assistant general manager Tony Blengino said. "It's been going on a lot longer than people might realize, the marriage of numbers with scouting information. It just became a little more public and mainstream after 'Moneyball.' I think every club to some degree has a balance. Some organizations are much more scouting oriented and some organizations are much more numbers oriented than we are."

Blengino's mere presence in a major league front office speaks to the growing influence on statistical analysis in the game. The CPA and former financial executive used his numerical expertise to write the acclaimed annual "Future Stars" before joining the Milwaukee front office in 2003.

After six seasons with the Brewers, Blengino followed newly hired Mariners general manager Jack Zduriencik to Seattle and helped put his imprint on the team.

After a disastrous first season when the Mariners became the first team to lose at least 100 games with a payroll of at least \$100 million, the changes soon followed.

Seeing the success Tampa Bay had by acquiring undervalued defensive players, the Mariners added center fielder Franklin Gutierrez and then made a midseason trade to bring in the top-fielding shortstop in Jack Wilson.

While neither player has ever won a Gold Glove, they are both considered at the top of the game in the modern metrics that try to quantify how many runs a given player saves defensively. That played a big role in Seattle going from 61 to 85 wins.

There are many new stats that have taken the place of fielding percentage or subjective scouting to measure defense, such as Ultimate Zone Rating or plus-minus. Some teams also have their own formulas that might differ slightly but come up with similar results.

While stats like OPS are gaining wider acceptance, the new fielding metrics are still in their early stages. Suffice to say, the people who trust those defensive numbers don't exactly agree with all of Derek Jeter's Gold Gloves.

"Offense is more a science and defense

is more of an art," Blengino said. "With defense, we're a little earlier in the learning curve in terms of developing the metrics while for offense the metrics are pretty mature."

"I don't know if defensive metrics are ever going to get as granular and specific as offensive metrics are. I don't think there's a heck of a lot of difference from method to method as to whom the best defenders are. I do think there is a fairly big divergence from club to club in terms of how much they trust these numbers," he said.

While defensive metrics are gaining wide play in the sabermetric community in terms of valuing current fielders, there are limitations because the detailed tracking system necessary for these statistics has only recently been available.

"Very few people really understand how much of sabermetrics is inherently historical," said James, who has been a senior adviser to the Red Sox since 2003. "No matter what question it is you're asking, in a practical context you have to look at historical comparisons to study it. Since we don't have the same data that we have now even for Ken Griffey Jr. when he was a young player, there's really no history to this data. That quite severely limits its use."

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Wolf to be honored for poster



Erin Wolf

Special to the Herald

Erin Wolf, Goliad Intermediate School student, will be honored as the second place Conservation Poster winner in the Texas soil and water conservation program at the Conservation Awards Banquet for Area II on May 4.

The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. in Wall. Area II consists of 17 counties in Southwest Texas.

Categories in which awards will be presented include Outstanding Conservation District, Resident Conservation Rancher, Resident Conservation Farmer, Absentee Conservation Rancher, Water Quality Management Plan, Conservation Teacher, Wildlife Conservationist and Conservation

Homemaker. Awards will also be presented to other youth winners of the poster and essay contests.

The purpose of the conservation awards program is to recognize and honor Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and individuals who have dedicated their time, efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Sponsors of the Area Conservation Awards Program are the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the 216 SWCDs in Texas.

Art exhibition opens Tuesday

The public is invited to attend a Howard Cottage art exhibition and reception showcasing "The Future of Howard College."

Children of the Cottage, a child development facility on campus, created the original artwork.

The opening reception will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, in the gallery hallway of Hall Center for the Arts. Parents, children, friends, students and the community are encouraged to attend and celebrate "future Hawks" and enjoy the artwork and refreshments.

Who's Who

Allison Johnson, daughter of local attorney Mike Thomas, will be receiving her doctorate in English literature from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla., on May 13, 2010.

She is currently teaching English literature at the University of Miami.

Johnson's dissertation is entitled "Virtue's Friends: The Politics of Friendship in Early Modern English Women's Writing."

Johnson is also a former employee of the *Big Spring Herald*.



The National Society of High School Scholars has announced that Forsan High School student Hope Anntoinette Cimino of Big Spring has been selected for membership.

The Society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice and commitment that Hope Anntoinette Cimino has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Nobel. "She is now a member of a unique community of scholars — a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items and publicity honors.



Rebecca Bryant of Big Spring was named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall 2009 semester.

The Dean's list requires a student to be taking a minimum of 12 hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the semester.

Bryant is senior organizational management major at LCU.

APRIL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

Governor Rick Perry designated April 2010 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) in Texas. Victim Services joins rape crisis centers across the state in commemorating Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month to promote awareness and encourage support of this issue.

According to a 2003 study conducted by the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work, approximately 1.9 million Texans have been sexually victimized.

- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 20 men are victims of Sexual Assault.
- Most victims are sexual assaulted by someone they know.
- Less than 20% of sexual assaults are ever reported to the police.
- Sexual assault is never the victims fault.

Last year our agency served a total of 68 Victims of Sexual Assault:
50 were child victims 39 Primary and 11 Secondary
18 were adult victims 14 Primary and 4 Secondary

Sexual violence is a persistent and pervasive problem in our society, one that requires attention year-round. In order to foster healthy communities, all citizens of Big Spring, must support the effort to end sexual violence every month of the year.

LAST YEAR VICTIMS SERVICES SERVED:

Child Victim Of Physical Abuse	4
Child Victim Of Sexual Abuse	50
Victim of DUI/DWI	0
Victim of Domestic Violence	203
Adult Victim of Sexual Assault	18
Elder Abuse	0
Adult Molested as a Child	4
Survivors of Homicide Victim	11
Robbery	9
Aggravated Assault	16
TOTAL	388

"The U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victim of Crime states in their Crime Clock:"

- 2 People are murder every hour.
- An average of 24 people are raped each hour.
- 510 people are assaulted each hour.
- 1,622 thefts are committed each hour
- 67 women are victimized by an intimate partner every hour
- 391 homes are burglarized every hour
- 103 children are abused every hour
- There are 2 alcohol-related deaths every hour
- 1062 people are victims of identity fraud every hour.
- 157 people are stalked every hour



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Big Spring ISD Pre-K & KG Registration

April 8, 2010
8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Dorothy Garrett
Coliseum
@ Howard College
(ramp entrance - East parking lot)



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

- will be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2010
- reside within Big Spring ISD borders
- AND meets one of the following eligibility criteria
 - Unable to speak & comprehend English
 - Family qualifies for free/reduced lunches
 - Child is homeless
 - Parent is active member of armed forces
 - Child has been in foster care (proof of eligibility is required)

Children who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2010 and reside within the boundaries of Big Spring ISD may register for the Kindergarten classes for the 2010-2011 school year.

Required Documentation for all students:

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

Texas Dept. of State Health Service will be on site administering **FREE** shots to students who qualify for enrollment.

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We have the opportunity to re-elect a mayor who, even if you believe is not in the company of those previously mentioned, has had accomplishments that have been transforming.

Despite our personal differences, and we've had them, I'm aware he absolutely loves and adores this Big Spring community in which he was born and raised under the influences of its great pioneers.

He has the unusual native ability to reduce complex issues to best understandings. Saving the VA Medical Center in Big Spring began in El Paso as dozens of Big Spring citizens and state representatives watched while he reasoned the injustice and economic error of governmental plans to federal representatives. In Washington, congressmen, senators and statesmen lent him their ears, and often, about a place called Big Spring. History recorded his success at persuasion when the VAMC remained and expanded.

Next he dealt successfully with the assault on the Big Spring State Hospital, and then followed that with the success of our community's taking in Hurricane Katrina refugees.

He would not accept that the Settles Hotel was destined for dust and de-

struction, and now, due to his vision, patience and strong personal intervention, the Settles is a local economic anchor and job generator.

A significant steward of taxpayer interest, he protected city funds from liability and loss when a major animal problem was addressed that had caused great suffering, expense and near fatality.

In practical terms, he promoted an annual system of replacing a portion of Big Spring's water and sewer systems, along with promoting street maintenance and sealing on rotation basis in the city's districts.

He's done tremendously more, though space does not allow all of it to be discussed here.

At a gathering of thousands of Texas cities during the Texas Municipal League meeting, as well as at any industry/economic opportunity conference, there is always a familiar chant. Something like this: "A community of today must distinguish and differentiate itself from other cities — be the best of what it is — and develop reasons for others to come to it."

Qualifying for state retirement recognition was a good example. Nature gifted Big Spring with topography above any other Permian Basin community. From state park heights, historic features and outstanding volunteer events, visitors already enjoy a list of Big Spring's exceptional features. Mayor McEwen has been

constantly and consistently building and adding to these, working to distinguish and differentiate this city.

Big Spring didn't reach the 80,000 population envisioned in the 1950s. The end of the steam engine era, cheap Saudi oil, Interstate 20 rerouted the Dallas-to-El Paso highway from downtown, the closing of Webb Air Force Base and other events had their impacts. They left us with an enormous, physically oversized city that has a tough chore competing with surrounding metropolitan cities where we "leak" the talent, experience, resources and retail that could fill in Big Spring's boundaries.

Big Spring needs a proven leader with a strategy that can lighten debt burden through growth. From building a better Big Spring, he can now concentrate his abilities on the continued effort of building a better Big Spring.

With personal respect to most of the other mayoral candidates, and with history as a guide, I believe we need strong leadership that's certified by accomplishment and not single purpose governance at this time.

I'm going to vote for Mayor Russ McEwen and hope you will too.

BOBBY McDONALD
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
"Judge says city of Big Spring vio-

lated Open Meetings Act." This is absolutely degrading to our town.

Mr. Mayor, you lied to us when you said this meeting was legal and within your power to hold it. Obviously the judge ruled against you. In my opinion, since it was illegal, everything that was decided upon at that meeting should be null and void.

You are taking more than \$6 million out of the taxpayers' money without our overall consent. What is wrong with letting the voters decide?

You want everyone to remember your name? Is that your goal? Well, you've done it. And I can assure you that the majority of citizens believe that the \$12,000 plus that you cost us from this lawsuit should come out of your own pocket. Why should we have to pay for your blatant disregard of the law? I would like to see you resign immediately and let someone else make town decisions.

DALTON LEWIS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
From your Sunday op-ed: "No, virtually all Republicans opposed both Social Security and Medicare." Yes-siree, those are the facts. I know, cause I double-checked that on both the DNC Web site and Democrat Underground sources.

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REAGAN

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hallway? Amusing.

You might consider this a form of denial on my part, but my reasoning was that my cat has brought me so much joy for so many years that to treat what little time he had left as a funeral dirge would be grossly insulting to him.

Having said that, the first day home was tough. Sylvester was still feeling the effects of the anesthesia, so his motor control functions were, to put it mildly, impaired. It broke

my heart to see my cat take a couple of steps before toppling over like a broken toy.

The next morning, however, I felt his cold, wet nose on my face at 6 a.m. — his cue for me to drop everything and feed him — signaling that my world had resumed its normal orbit. And every normal, boring day since then has been a gift.

But there's a catch. As anyone who has ever watched a loved one suffer from a wasting disease knows, words like "normal" and "routine" are mere mirages. Despite Sylvester's continued good appetite and ability to go about his daily rounds, that lump is still there

— larger now, even — and his weight is dropping despite him eating twice a day. The most heartbreaking thing is that when I am home, he refuses to leave my side, as if he realizes the jig is just about up and he wants his daddy to comfort him.

That's when it hit me — I may have been celebrating my cat's life, but I'm also saying goodbye to him, a little bit at a time.

Back in December, I asked the vet when I would know when to put an end to things.

"Sylvester will let you know," he answered.

Sylvester has surpassed my vet's two-month estimate, but I'm not

taking any bets on how much time he has left. Someday soon — much sooner than I'd like — Sylvester will let me know. And then we'll take one last trip to the vet.

But that time's not here yet. There's still a tuxedo cat prowling the halls of my house who likes nothing better than to awaken me too early in the morning and eat me out of house and home.

And that's just the way I like it, thank you very much.

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However, if you go to ssa.gov/history/tally.html, you will find that the Republican house vote on Social Security was 81 for and 15 against. The Senate vote was 16 for and 5 against. Medicare house vote was 70 for and 68 against. Senate was 13 for and 17 against. That sounds bipartisan to me.

I understand this was the opinion page, but don't you think your readers deserve a correction in the paper? Health insurance reform is needed. We didn't get reform. The jobs situation will only get worse from all the regulations and taxes being imposed. If drastic health care changes aren't made, in five years check out how much greater is the usage of the ER and count how many doctors are still practicing here.

I'm afraid the newly insured are going to be very disappointed when they still can't find a doctor to treat them.

Medicare is broke, Social Security is having to draw on those IOUs, the Post Office is operating in the red and we want to give the government another huge program to administer? The only jobs coming out of this will be federal jobs, such as the 16,000 IRS employees and the staffing for the over 100 new agencies that will be formed to administer this program.

OLETA CARTER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

In sports it is said that a good offense is the best defense. Managing Editor John Moseley, being a Democrat that he is proud to announce, uses this technique to its fullest when he penned "Doing their best to let us down." I immediately wondered who "they" and "us" are. You might say that it was like President Clinton wanting to know the definition of what "is," is.

After admitting that "both sides of the aisle have been absolutely ridiculous..." he immediately uses a wide paintbrush to infer that all Republicans and conservatives are rich racists who want to destroy the "little man."

First, nowhere in the Constitution is any reference to any political party. Why, you might wonder? Scholars tell us that the founding fa-

thers recognized the potential of what we see today where the attitude is the citizens be damned, the party knows what is best for you and we are going to make you pay (literally) for not supporting our will.

Case in point: The Democratic Party has a majority of members in both houses of Congress, yet it has taken more than a year to legislate the so-called health care reform bill which few citizens, if any, of the United States have any idea of what it does or does not contain.

Like most legislation, it is left to the bungling appointed hack to proclaim what the legislation really means and how it will be administered. While anyone with an ounce of brain realizes that, if our country survives, a heavy tax will be taken from our children and grandchildren. Ms. Polosi has stated, "We need to work toward the goal of equalizing income in our country and at the same time limiting the amount the rich can invest." I wonder how many rank and file members of the Democratic Party approve of this socialistic mentality?

Back to Mr. Moseley" column: He has to wonder why medications are so much costlier here than "the exact" same medications sold in Canada. I'm no authority on such matters, but my experience and limited knowledge makes me wonder what protection a person has against a placebo being sold as "the exact medicine." Additionally, in addition to the expensive cost of research, the FDA (a government body) takes years before releasing a drug in the United States.

According to the column, "...virtually all Republicans opposed both Social Security and Medicare ... they were wrong in their fears." It has been said that the Social Security program will be out of funds in the near future. From the beginning it was a pyramid scheme, where the funds retired people are receiving are paid mostly by the present taxpayers. When the baby-boomers retire and start drawing Social Security, the tax burden added to the other taxes that are now being legislated will reach a point of being too much of a burden for the taxpayer to supply.

I find it interesting, yet typical, that a 1936 pamphlet issued by the Social Security Administration states, "...beginning in 1949 ... you and your employer will each pay 3 cents on each dollar you earn, up to \$3,000 a year." Now get this! "This is the most you will ever pay."

Next, Medicare. We are told that by cut-

ting out the waste in Medicare, we will save enough tax money to pay for the federal giveaway programs. It is admitted that since only about 5 percent of the Medicare claims are audited, fraud is easily accomplished. Additionally, many mean old doctors are not filing with Medicare because of the long delay in payment.

While on the Republican bashing train, why weren't Amtrack (excuse the pun), the Post Office, Fannie Mae and Freddy Mack sited as being opposed by the "mean spirited" GOP?

Some historians, I know not how many, credit President Roosevelt as being the father of the socialistic trend in U.S. politics for having promoted a large number of welfare programs. From 1933 through 1945, the Democrats held a majority of members of both houses of Congress, so that it was easy to pass the Civilian Conservation Corps, National Recovery Act, Railroad Retirement Act, Agriculture Act and many other like programs.

I will not belabor the merit of each of these programs, but the United States Supreme Court declared many of these programs to be unconstitutional. Attempting to get his way, FDR proposed the Judicial Reconstruction Act of 1937, in which he wanted the number of Supreme Court justices to be increased, so he could appoint judges sympathetic to his demands. Fortunately, this failed.

Although I realize it is ridiculous, I would rather see a newspaper editorial staff explain legislation, instead of playing party politics.

Of course, I would guess that Mr. Moseley, like most of us, does not know what is included in the bill.

In closing, let me answer the question as to why he couldn't get U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, a minority member of Congress, to agree that members of Congress should be covered by the same plan as is being forced on the U.S. citizens. Surprise, the Democrats have the votes. Why don't they propose it? Ask one of your Democrats in Congress or eve the president and let us ignorant taxpayers know what their answer is, if you can get one.

CAD WINGERT
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

On March 13 my mother celebrated her 101st birthday. The center of the celebration was the cake. This masterpiece was constructed by the H-E-B bakery here in Big Spring.

Let me describe it to you.

The bottom layer was German chocolate with German chocolate filling between it and a layer of yellow cake that was decorated with daffodils and green leaves — absolutely beautiful!

The taste was divine and enjoyed by at least 100 guests. Many asked for a second piece. It was a sure fire winner.

JOANNE NORRED
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am directing this letter to the city of Big Spring, since they fail to respond to letters sent to their office.

For several consecutive months, residents of Big Spring have received notices informing us that our water is dangerous if it is ingested. Why can this not be fixed and why are we being charged for bad water?

Our R/O filters have to be changed far to often than they are suppose to from filtering out these parasites, bacteria and viruses. Is the city going to pay for us some extra filters since it is their fault. No indeed!

And are our R/O filters getting all this junk out of our water? I don't know. We stopped using ours and now go buy R/O water.

I am sick and tired receiving less than quality water. I have children in this house and don't want them sick just because our fine city can't provide quality water. Do your job, City Of Big Spring Water Department. Provide decent water. Fill in all the holes you dig up to fix lines. Repair lines and holes properly, so the repairment lasts longer than two months. Thanks a bunch (for the parasites).

KANDACE BAUCUM
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I fully agree with the ladies who wrote the letter in the Sunday paper about the trees in front of the annex.

Why does our city buy trees and plant them, then a few years later dig them up?

Does our mayor sit around and think of ways to spend our tax dollars, for instance the water park? Our city could never have enough kids to pay for a water park. Why not just the swimming pool like it was first discussed?

Gregg Street is really nice and so is Main, except for the islands. How is a parade going to go down Main? Has the mayor tried driving in front of the post office when there are a lot of cars parked in front? It's quite a tight squeeze and it's not good, common sense.

First you spent millions fixing up a golf course that didn't need it, now the water park.

I believe it's time to get rid of our mayor and elect one that has some common sense and doesn't want to spend so much of our tax money on useless things.

I was born here in Big Spring, I'm 78 years old and I don't believe our city has ever been in such a mess financially. I will be willing and able to elect a new mayor when the time comes for an election.

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Groundwater conference set for April 17

Special to the Herald

SAN ANGELO — Groundwater Management Area 7 will conduct The Texas Groundwater-Your Future Conference beginning at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, April 17, in the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center auditorium at San Angelo.

The center is located north on U.S. Highway 87. The meeting is free and open to the public. A noon meal will be served.

One issue that will be addressed — one that will have an effect on all the people

within the area beginning Sept. 1 — is the legislative mandate requiring every state groundwater management area to establish goals for the pumping of groundwater.

By law, the groundwater conservation districts within Area 7 are required to establish the a desired future conditions of the aquifers within the area by the Sept. 1 deadline.

Currently, that means that the district must set goals for the condition of each aquifer at the end of a 50-year period.

The law requires the groundwater districts to establish a desired future conditions for all aquifers within their management area, including those areas not located within a groundwater district.

Once the recommended conditions are approved, they are submitted to the Texas Water Development Board.

The board then notifies each district concerning the amount of groundwater that can be permitted for pumping to meet the 50-year goal.

The implemented plans must then be reviewed and

updated every five years.

Groundwater Management Area 7 covers 32 West Texas counties and includes 20 groundwater conservation districts.

Program speakers will include Dr. Bill Hutchinson, director of groundwater resources for the Texas Water Development Board; Greg Ellis, attorney and executive director of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts; Dr. Archie Ruiz, West Texas Weather Modification Association consultant; and former State Rep. Bob Turner.

Presentations will include talks on water issues, policy, law, legislation, geology, water quality, weather, riparian areas and brush control.

By hosting the conference, the groundwater districts hope to give the general public the opportunity to better understand the water issues we're facing now and in the future.

For more information about the conference or the groundwater district, contact the Permian Basin UWCD at 432-756-2136 or by e-mail at permianbasin@sbcglobal.net



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Tractor Supply has been selling 4-H stickers to raise money for the youth organization. Store employee Sally Grisham looks over some of the stickers Friday morning.

Howard County youth to get boost from Tractor Supply's campaign

Special to the Herald

The Tractor Supply Co. store in Big Spring has joined the TSC Paper Clover Campaign, a national in-store fundraising effort to benefit state and local 4-H programs.

Continuing through Sunday, April 18, shoppers at the Tractor Supply store in Big Spring have the opportunity to support 4-H in Howard County by purchasing paper closers at the checkout stand for just \$1.

All fund raised though the campaign will be donated to 4-H and

will support local camps, after-school programs and other 4-H youth development efforts locally.

"Many of our stores have been involved with 4-H clubs for years," said Jim Wright, Tractor Supply's chairman of the board and CEO. "Now Tractor Supply Company is proud to have an official chain-wide relationship with 4-H. For us, this is an outstanding way to support our current and future customers and future team members, and it's a way to give back to the 900-lus unique

communities we serve."

Donald T. Floyd Jr., president and CEO of the National 4-H Council, said the organization is excited to have the Tractor Supply campaign's support. "This new partnership will help provide funding to 4-H programs in more than 900 Tractor Supply Company communities across the nation, providing opportunities for youth to participate in activities that will in turn help them make positive contributions and become strong, confident adults."

Alfalfa seminar, tour is Thursday in Stanton

Special to the Herald

STANTON — The Alfalfa Management Seminar and Tour will be held at the Martin County Library in Stanton beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday. Registration starts at 8:45 a.m., and there is no cost to attend the educational program.

Dr. Mark Muegge, an Extension specialist in integrated pest management from Fort Stockton, will start the conference. He will be discussing insect damage and control strategies for Permian Basin alfalfa producers.

Dr. Calvin Trostle, an Extension specialist in agronomy from Lubbock, will discuss alfalfa varieties, weed control, proper cutting strategies and fertility.

At the conclusion of Trostle's presentation, the participants and speakers will tour several Martin County alfalfa fields. Further production and management issues will be discussed on site during the tour. The program will adjourn at noon.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

The Alfalfa Management Semi-

nar and Tour is the result of efforts from the Extension offices in Martin, Howard and Midland counties. Topics for the program were derived from local input from each of the three counties' agriculture program committees.

For any further information, contact a local Texas AgriLife Extension Office: Gary Earhart, Martin County, Stanton, 432-756-3316; Tommy Yeater, Howard County, Big Spring, 264-2236; and Dr. A. Zan Matthies Jr., Midland County, Midland, 432-686-4700.

Energy Watch



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Well, like it or not, we are living through historic times. The passage of President Obama's health care bill will affect 310 million Americans and 17 percent of our economy. Some believe parts of the bill may be unconstitutional, so expect much more on this over the coming weeks and months.

Now, back to the reality of the stock market today. No question, the very positive action of the stock market for over a year and during the last six weeks in particular has many scratching their heads. We are often told by serious investors that the market shouldn't be going up. Well, this is where humility comes in and is critical to successful investing.

In our opinion, what you see is what you get, and what we have seen for a year is a solid market advance that is saying we are just starting a global economic recovery. The economic data supports this opinion. Last week, the February leading economic indicators index increased 0.1 percent, following a 0.3 percent gain in January. This marks the 11th straight monthly increase in the index and suggests the recovery will likely continue at least through the summer. Both China and India have taken steps to cool off their strong economies. Yes, economic expansion is happening, and the stock market knew it before the data showed up.

The economic recovery in the United States is slow but fairly steady. The Federal Reserve said we are in an economic recovery but there will be no near-term hike in interest rates as inflation remains low. This was music to the ears of investors. This news helped spark a rally in the S&P 500 last week for a third week in a row of advance for that index. The Fed appears to believe the economy will achieve a gradual increase in resource utilization and growth. A "steady Eddie" economic recovery is preferable to rapid growth as it does not build up the excesses that can cause its early demise.

No one knows for sure what our nation's health care system will look like long term. The big question is its impact on the economy. James Carville, President Clinton's campaign strategist, got it right when he said, "It's the economy, stupid." He was talking about the election cycle, but it describes the stock market to a tee. The reason the market has done so well during the past year despite many serious problems and uncertainties is that the market saw good economic recoveries ahead. If the economy does well and corporate earnings go up, the stock market historically has done well long term. The stock market is never a one-way street for very long. After all, if stocks only went up, no one would sell, and there could not be a stock market. The future is always unknowable, so we will stick with what we see, and for now that remains positive.

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Happy Easter from the Big Spring Herald's Bunnies! From left are: Ellen Talbot, Angela Pace, Samantha Whitehead, Rachel Martinez and Danelle Castillo.

Texas briefs

Erykah Badu charged over Dallas nude video shoot

DALLAS (AP) — Neosoul singer Erykah Badu faces a disorderly conduct charge for her nude music video shoot in downtown Dallas' Dealey Plaza, officials announced Friday.

Badu, a Dallas native, performed a walking striptease in front of tourists and pedestrians during the March 13 shoot for Badu's "Window Seat" music video. The performance ended with a nude Badu acting out receiving a fatal gunshot to the head at the spot where President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963.

Sgt. Warren Mitchell said Friday the decision to cite Badu for disorderly conduct — a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500 — came after witness Ida Espinosa, 32, of Vernon, offered a sworn statement to police Thursday. Espinosa declined to comment to The Associated Press on Friday.

"Having a fact witness that was there is what let us file the charges," Mitchell said. "After much discussion, we feel that these charges best fit her conduct. She disrobed in a public place without regard to individuals and small children who were close by."

Mitchell said the department has had "people calling from all across the country to express their concern."

Mitchell said Badu can either fight the charge or pay the fine. He said a citation would be mailed to the singer.

Carla Sims, a spokeswoman for Badu, had no immediate comment Friday.

House explodes in Dallas suburb

McKINNEY (AP) — One person is dead after a house explosion in the Dallas suburb of McKinney.

The explosion and resulting fire spread to an adjacent two-story home. Both were heavily damaged in the Friday incident.

McKinney police Lt. Scott Brewer says officers responded about 3:40 p.m. to the report of a suicidal person. Officers arrived and made telephone contact with Tab Brewer inside the house and persuaded him to let a woman and five children leave. He says an explosion then tore through the house, setting fire to it and the neighboring house.

Brewer's body was found inside. No other injuries have been reported.

Texas man gets 10 years after wife drowns baby

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Texas man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for leaving his baby alone with his psychotic wife, who drowned their son in a hot tub.

Michael Maxon appears to be the first husband held criminally responsible in Texas cases involving mentally ill women who have killed their children, said prosecutor Alana Minton.

Maxon, 56, was convicted earlier this year of intentionally abandoning his 1-year-old son when he left the couple's Mansfield home in 2006 to run errands. According to trial testimony, doctors and relatives had warned him not to leave his son Alex alone with his wife, who had been having delusions that her son was the anti-Christ who would be tortured before causing the Apocalypse.

In 2008, a judge found Valeria Maxon innocent by reason of insanity in the baby's death. She was sent

to a state mental hospital, as required by Texas law with such verdicts.

During Michael Maxon's sentencing Thursday, state District Judge Wayne Salvant said he was disturbed that Maxon still believed he was not responsible for the baby's death. Maxon faced from two to 20 years in prison.

Officers in El Paso motorist shooting identified

EL PASO (AP) — A 20-year-old El Paso man shot by an off-duty police officer remained hospitalized Friday.

Officer Jorge Gonzalez shot Andres Elias Cortes in the neck Thursday after Cortes allegedly hit another off-duty officer with his car, Detective Mike Baranyay said.

Cortes is accused of hitting Officer Michelle Gonzalez while trying to flee the scene of a minor car crash involving the officers, Baranyay said. Cortes, who remained hospitalized in critical condition, could face a charge of aggravated assault.

Michelle Gonzalez, who is not related to Jorge Gonzalez, suffered minor injuries and was released from a local hospital Thursday night.

Jorge Gonzalez is on administrative duty pending the outcome of an investigation of the shooting, which Baranyay said is standard practice following an officer-involved shooting.

UT recalls exchange students from northern Mexico

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas at Austin, citing the raging violence in northern Mexico, has ordered its foreign exchange students in Monterrey to return home, officials confirmed Friday.

It's the first time UT, which had more than 2,200 students in study-abroad programs around the globe in the 2008-2009 school year, has ever recalled students, officials said.

UT Executive Vice-President and Provost Steven Leslie issued the order March 23, said Christian Clarke Casarez, director of international public affairs. The order only applies to students enrolled at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education.

"Due to the deteriorating security situation in Monterrey, the university recalled students in the program," Clarke Casarez said. "The university is committed to securing the safety of our students wherever they are in the world."

At least two other schools — Michigan State University and the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire — also have canceled programs in Monterrey in recent days, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

UT officials cited a U.S. State Department travel advisory issued March 14. It warns of violence in the states of Chihuahua, Coahuila and Durango, along the border and in Monterrey.

Ex-south Texas teacher guilty of drug trafficking

McALLEN (AP) — A former south Texas fifth-grade teacher who coordinated the transportation of tons of marijuana from the border to Houston faces at least 20 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy.

Federal agents arrested David Rey Ramirez, 30, at Rio Grande City's General Ricardo Sanchez El-

ementary School in late January, a month after his indictment, stunning officials in the district where he'd worked for six years.

He admitted in a plea agreement signed last Friday to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute at least 1,000 kilograms of marijuana.

The plea agreement says Ramirez, nicknamed Devil, recruited truck drivers and scouts and supervised the transportation of tons of marijuana at a time from Rio Grande City to Houston. In all, prosecutors attributed 44 tons of shipped marijuana to Ramirez and his co-defendants.

Among the shipments Ramirez is alleged to have overseen was more than 10 tons of marijuana seized by Houston police from a tractor-trailer on Dec. 27, 2006, and more than four tons of marijuana seized by Texas state troopers from a tanker truck near Hebbronville on April 9, 2007.

The tanker had been used successfully to carry loads to Houston at least three prior times in 2007 with Ramirez involved each time, the plea agreement said.

Ramirez also recruited a driver and supervised transportation of 10 tons of marijuana in a tractor-trailer seized by Border Patrol agents at a south Texas highway checkpoint on June 2, 2007, according to the document.

Texas border agent kills Mexican

LAREDO (AP) — A Border Patrol agent shot and killed an unarmed man on the banks of the Rio Grande following a foot chase and a struggle, authorities said Friday.

Border Patrol agents found several men carrying five bundles of marijuana, weighing about 260 pounds, onto the river bank in Laredo near a residential neighborhood late Wednesday night, said Laredo police spokesman Joe Baeza Jr.

The men scattered when the agents approached.

An agent caught up with one of the alleged smugglers, and the pair struggled in the brush before the agent shot the man once in the chest, Baeza said.

"The paramedics tried to revive him, and but he was already gone," he said.

Investigators do not believe the man, a Mexican citizen in his 30s, was armed.

Authorities are working with the Mexican consulate to notify the man's family before releasing his name, but he is believed to have previously been apprehended by Border Patrol while allegedly trafficking drugs into the United States, Baeza said.

The other men who allegedly crossed the Rio Grande Wednesday night escaped by swimming back across the river into Mexico, he said.

Vodka company pleads no contest in pollution case

AUSTIN (AP) — A central Texas distiller has pleaded no contest to polluting an Austin-area creek with production waste.

Fifth Generation Inc. entered its plea Friday and was ordered to pay a \$50,000 fine. The maker of Tito's Handmade Vodka must also pay a neighboring landowner \$11,728 for property damages and \$1,120 to the state for sampling analysis.

Travis County Attorney David Escamilla told the *Austin American Statesman* that the company could have been fined \$100,000.

In September, prosecutors accused the business of illegally draining production waste into a creek. They say refuse from the distillery violated state environmental quality laws and rules.



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Property: Lot 20, Block 2, Colonial Hills
Date: March 24, 2010
Grantor: Terry Don Fryar
Grantee: Keith Crane and Rebecca Crane
Property: Lot 14, Block 1, Wiley Terrace Addition
Date: March 24, 2010
Grantor: Glenn R. Sanders
Grantee: Michael Marquez
Property: Lot 9, Block 5, Monticello Addition
Date: March 24, 2010
Grantor: Jack Ellis Giese
Grantee: Earl Thomas Diddle
Property: Lot 20, Block 26, Monticello Addition No. 7
Date: March 26, 2010
Grantor: Ramona R. Calderon
Grantee: Sara Martinez
Property: Lot 4, Block 1, Belvue Addition
Date: March 26, 2010
Grantor: Chad P. Williams and Angie Williams
Grantee: Kerr Management Inc. dba Hillside Properties
Property: Lots 24A-24B, Block 8, Capehart Addition
Date: March 29, 2010
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Grantee: Ronald Wesley Bureson

Property: Lots 5-8, Block 19, Jones Valley Addition
Date: March 30, 2010
Grantor: Annie Chaney
Grantee: Kenneth R. Johnson and Mary Beth Johnson
Property: A 10-acre tract out of Section 20, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: March 31, 2010
Grantor: Eric Johnson and Linda Johnson
Grantee: Ronnie Taylor and D'aun Taylor
Property: A 1.235-acre tract out of Section 19, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Grantee: Marcelino Luna
Property: Lot 15, Block 8, Douglas Addition
Date: March 23, 2010
Grantor: Albert Eugene Kelley
Grantee: Marcelino Luna
Property: Lot 10, Block 19, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
Date: March 23, 2010
Grantor: Albert Eugene Kelley
Grantee: Marcelino Luna
Property: Lot 1, Block 37, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
Date: March 23, 2010
Grantor: The Estate of Dickie C. Partlow
Grantee: Michael Belt and Suzanne Belt
Property: A .74-acre tract out of Section 31, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey; and a tract out of Section 31, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Grantee: John Paul Allred and Isabel Allred
Property: Lot 13, Block 1, Mittel Acres Addition
Date: March 25, 2010
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Grantee: Benjamin Deleon and Brenda Deleon
Property: Lot 9, Block 4, Highland South Addition
Date: March 26, 2010
Grantor: Ronald L. Howell and Patricia Howell
Grantee: Benjamin Valerio and Maria Valerio
Property: Lot 16, Block 2, Monticello Addition
Date: March 29, 2010
Grantor: Polly Speaker
Grantee: Mark Hazelwood and Veda Mezick
Property: Lot 4, Block 4, Hall Addition
Date: March 31, 2010
Grantor: Buddy Owens
Grantee: Christopher L. Hollingsworth
Property: Lot 10, Block 14, North Parkhill Addition
Date: March 31, 2010

Employers added most jobs in 3 years in March

CHRIS RUGABER
AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON — The nation's economy posted its largest job gain in three years in March, while the unemployment rate remained at 9.7 percent for the third straight month.
The increase in payrolls is the latest sign that the economic recovery is gaining momentum and healing in the job market is beginning. Still, the healing is likely to be slow, and most economists don't expect new hiring to be fast enough this year to rapidly reduce the unemployment rate.
The Labor Department said employers added 162,000 jobs in March, the most since the recession began but below analysts' expectations of 190,000. The total includes 48,000 temporary workers hired for the U.S. Census, also fewer than many economists

forecast.
Private employers added 123,000 jobs, the most since May 2007.
"It's just the beginning of a rise in private hiring that will help sustain the recovery," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC

Financial Services Group. "They're not big numbers, but they're welcome numbers."
Still, there are 15 million Americans out of work, roughly double the total before the recession began in December 2007. More Americans

entered the work force last month, which prevented the increase in jobs from reducing the unemployment rate.
The economy began recovering in the middle of last year, but is only now showing modest job gains.

"It is still disappointing that it took roughly nine months before we started to see any meaningful rebound" in jobs, Paul Ashworth, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, wrote in a note to clients.
The stock market was

closed for Good Friday but stock futures edged up in an abbreviated session of electronic trading. Dow Jones industrial average futures rose about 0.3 percent.
Interest rates rose in the bond market after the report.

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Annie's Mailbox

house. He thought Emily would get a job and be able to find her own place, but she's still there after four years. We pay the upkeep and utilities, because Emily never finished high school and can't find a better paying job. She tried to get her GED but couldn't pass the test (which we paid for). We also pay for the kids' doctor appointments.

My husband gets upset about the situation, but feels bad because they have no money. We are both in our 70s and struggling to pay our bills. I have told Emily and Beth that we can't keep doing this. We go without in order to keep our heads above water, and it's starting to affect our health. We also have two

other grown daughters. They have great lives and never ask for anything. They are angry about what's going on. Our friends have told my husband to "just say no," but he can't seem to do it. How do we get out of this mess and have a peaceful few years? — Desperate in Indiana

Dear Indiana: You are not helping Beth, Emily or yourselves by making them dependent on you. One day, you won't be here, and if they haven't learned to be self-sufficient, those great-grandchildren may be living on the street. The best thing you can do is look into local resources that could lend a hand and possibly provide job training. Contact the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Family Support Services (in.gov/fssa) at 1-800-622-4932.

Dear Annie: My wife's brother has visited us twice in the past year, along with his family.

On both visits, after enjoying cocktails, wine, dinner and dessert, he has initiated an argument with my wife that ends with her going upstairs in tears. He seems to look for something that will get a reaction (politics, our daughter's behavior, etc.), and once he gets my wife going, he will not let up.

I love our niece and sister-in-law, but I'm at the point where I no longer want any visits from him. How do we avoid this in the future? — Blindsided in Vermont

Dear Vermont: Some siblings are bullies, and it takes time and effort to change the relationship. First, your wife must learn not to respond to his verbal jousting. She should practice nodding, smiling and ignoring him, no matter what offensive remarks he is spouting. He is counting on her to get agitated.

Second, you must be

her advocate. When the conversation becomes antagonistic, step in. Change the subject. Ask your brother-in-law to calm down and knock it off.

Third, stop serving him alcohol. Cocktails plus wine may be more than he can responsibly handle.

Dear Annie: I'd like to respond to the letter from "Concerned Parents," whose married daughter has gained a lot of weight.

When I was a senior in high school, I weighed 200 pounds. One day, my father said, "Let's you and I go on a diet," even though he only needed to lose 15 pounds. He and I weighed in every day, and within six months, I was down to 130. In addition, Overeaters Anonymous helped me keep on track. OA meetings are free, and the group discussions are never about food, but rather what people are dealing with in their lives. It's a wonderful organization.

I'll never forget the day someone called me "skinny." — Skinny

Dear Skinny: We're delighted for you and happy to recommend Overeaters Anonymous (oa.org), P.O. Box 44020, Rio Rancho, N.M. 87174-4020.

Happy Easter to all our Christian readers

Dear Annie: I am a 7th-grade girl. There's this guy I like — and I know he likes me, too. The problem is, we're both too shy to ask the other out. But I'm scared that if I don't do anything, nothing will ever happen. If I ask him out, will I sound desperate? — Just Wondering

Dear Just Wondering: No, but you might want to hedge your bets. You don't need to be dating exclusively in 7th grade. Instead of asking him out, perhaps you and some friends could organize a group outing and you could invite him to join you. That will take the

pressure off.

Dear Annie: I'd like to respond to "Confused in Phoenix," who asked what to call the past decade. In Hawaiian, the word "puka" means a small hole or void. During WWII, Gen. Mark Clark led the men of the 100th Army Battalion, made up mostly of Pacific natives, including Sen. Daniel Inouye, a member of the "Go for Broke" 442nd company. The 100th Battalion soon became known as the "One Puka Puka" Battalion.

Today, we have puka shell necklaces and puka dogs, so it seems only natural for us to have the puka decade, puka kids and the puka generation. It may be regional, but it does warm the heart, and I would rather call my grandkids little puka kids than zeroes, aughties or Oh's. — Puka Grandparent

Dear Grandparent: Very cute — as long as they pronounce it right (or maybe not). Our readers seemed to enjoy weighing in on this topic. Read on for more:

From Tallahassee: It is obvious to many in the U.S. that the truest name for the past decade is "The Oughts," for we didn't do the things we ought to have done and did plenty of things we ought not to have done.

Northern Calif.: I've heard people call the years since 2000 "the early 2000s." However, considering that this decade has given us the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, outbreaks of swine and avian flu, Hurricane Katrina, the Great Recession, sexting, and a gaggle of ridiculous shorthand and combo words (BFF, LOL, frenemy, ginormous), a more accurate name would be "The Oh No's." In addition, it will solve the problem of naming the next decade by giving us "The Oh No Not Again's."

Oxnard, Calif.: Why do people insist that the decade has ended? It will end in December 2010. Can't people do

the math? There is no year zero. Our calendar starts on year one. The new millennium started Jan. 1, 2001, not 2000. The decade will end on Dec. 31, 2010. Don't rush it.

Chicago: For years, I've tried to get people to call the decade the "Double Oh's." It only happens once in a thousand years. But when I think back on how bad it got in Double-Oh Eight, I wonder whether "Zilches" might be better.

Grand Island, Neb.: For the previous century, we used "Nineteen hundred" whatever. The most logical way now would be to say "Twenty whatever." So this year would be "Twenty Ten," next year would be "Twenty Eleven" and so forth. Since for the first 10 years people should have been saying "Twenty Oh One," "Twenty Oh Two," etc., I think the past decade should be called "The Twenty-Oh's."

Boston: The 1970s were named the "Me" decade. The 2000s could be the "My" decade, since it brought the launch of social networking sites like MySpace. An alternative name could be the "I" decade, because the iPod, the iPad, the iPhone and iTunes all emerged.

Florida: I think the perfect name should be the "Uh-oh's" because of all the messes that began in this decade.

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KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: We have a 42-year-old daughter who is on drugs. "Beth" always claims to need money for "doctors, dentists and medicine." She has conned us plenty of times. Beth has a 20-year-old daughter, "Emily," who now has two little boys, and my husband let them move into my late mother's

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♥ 10 8 6 3
♦ K 3
♣ A Q 8

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

EAST
♠ —
♥ A Q J 5
♦ 8 7 6 4
♣ 10 9 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 3
♥ 7 4 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ K 5 3

The bidding:
South 1 NT West Pass North 2 ♣ East Pass
2 ♣ Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — seven of spades.
In this deal from a rubber-bridge game, South got to four spades as shown, and West led a trump, taken by South with the ace. East's low-club discard on the first spade revealed the 5-0 trump division and left declarer with several ways to attempt to get home with 10 tricks.
Declarer decided at once that it would be dangerous to play three more rounds of trumps and then try to cash the A-K-Q of both minor suits, since if West ruffed any one of them with his last trump, the contract would automatically be defeated.
South therefore postponed drawing trumps and played the K-Q-A of diamonds, discarding a heart from dummy before trying to cash the A-K-Q of clubs. Unfortunately, West ruffed the third club and played the king and another heart to put a quick end to the proceedings.
However, declarer would have made the contract had he adopted what is surely the best method of play. He should have cashed only two top tricks in both minors and then led the queen of diamonds. When West follows suit, South can assure four spades by simply discarding the queen of clubs from dummy!
Declarer next plays the five of clubs and ruffs it with dummy's jack to finish with 10 tricks consisting of the A-K of clubs, A-K-Q of diamonds and five trump tricks.
Observe that this line of play would have been equally successful had West held two diamonds and two clubs. Only if West had a singleton diamond or club would the contract have failed, but in that case all other approaches would have suffered the same fate.
In bridge, there are many hands where something unexpected occurs, and the 5-0 trump break in this deal is certainly a good illustration of what can sometimes happen. The secret of trying to overcome such misfortunes is to keep your cool while seeking an effective counterstroke. There is quite often an answer if you search hard enough.

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noon on Friday, April 9 to pick up free trash bags. They can either volunteer to clean up an area or have one assigned to them, Simmons said.

After participating in the trash-off that Saturday, volunteers will be treated to a hot dog lunch at the Belaski Pavillion at Comanche Trail Park, where a 30-yard-long trash container will be set up to de-

posit the collected garbage.

Those who do not want to take an active part in the trash-off can still participate, Simmons said — the Big Spring city landfill will accept residential items free of charge that day.

“We’d like to get all the schools, everybody involved in this cleanup,” she said. “We want our town looking spiffy.”

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employed as the secretary for County Judge Mark Barr’s office, recently became the focus of an investigation alleging tampering with government records and theft from the county’s hot check fund, which is administered and supervised by County Attorney Joshua Hamby’s office.

Barr terminated Weaver’s employment March 4, shortly after the money — estimated at \$4,000 — was discovered missing and allegations of tampering with governmental records emerged.

“My understanding is the charge that could come out of this is tampering with government records,” said Barr shortly after Weaver’s dismissal. “So this is most certainly a serious matter, and the county is doing everything it can to get it resolved. However, it’s very important to remember at this point no charges have been filed and the investigation is ongoing, so there’s really no way for me to know what will come out of it. There could be criminal charges and there may not be any charges. It’s just too early to tell.”

Weaver — who is represented by local attorney Mike Thomas — maintains she is innocent of the theft.

“These funds were kept in an unlocked drawer in the judge’s office — where the secretary sits — and Jamie would have to be out of that office at different times throughout the day,” said Thomas. “There were people working off their community service, people coming in to see the judge and other secretaries who were also responsible for that fund and handled them going in and out of the office. So, there were all sorts of people that had access to the money.”

“What the authorities have done is taken the blame and placed it on the low man on the totem pole, and she had the least authority to do anything about it. All sorts of people could have taken that money, and they have no proof whatsoever that she (Weaver) took that money.”

Not all of the allegations against Weaver are without merit, Thomas said. He confirmed she had not entered a pair of her own returned checks into the system when they found their way to her office.

“They allege she (Weaver) borrowed \$20 from petty cash, which she immediately repaid,” said Thomas. “They are also alleging she held out two of her own returned checks because she was going to pay them, so she didn’t immediately enter them into the system. This is something little, and they are trying to use this to lean on her. If she were guilty that would be just fine. However, she’s not guilty. She later entered them into the system and paid them, so there’s no harm. These are their allegations, and we certainly aren’t admitting to any of it. They are alleging she entered them into the system and took care of them after the allegations were made, however. Again, these are just minor offenses they are trying to build up into felonies to force her to confess to a crime she didn’t commit.”

Wilkerson declined to comment on the details of the investigation, but did say the criminal charges — should the investigation yield any — will most likely be a state jail felony or a third-degree felony.

If convicted of a state jail felony, Weaver could face between 180 days to two years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. If convicted of a third-degree felony, the local woman could face between two to 10 years in prison with a similar fine.

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Deposition: Levada in 2006 defended not telling faithful of sex allegations against priest

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — In a newly released court deposition, a top Vatican official who is a former Portland archbishop defends not telling Oregon parishioners about the sex abuse allegations against a priest he restored to duty.

The deposition also shows that the official, Cardinal William Levada, insisted he had given complete information to the pastor of the parish about the history of Father Joseph Baccellieri. Documents provided by the archdiocese show his position was parochial vicar, an administrative, not pastoral post.

The archdiocese says there were limits on his ministry that no other abuse allegations against him arose. However, there was nothing in records e-mailed by the archdiocese to The Associated Press on Friday showing there was any explicit prohibition on contact between Baccellieri and parishioners. The documents also show that over the years Baccellieri had also been named pastor and co-pastor, before retiring in 2002.

Levada was archbishop of the Portland Archdiocese from 1986-95. He now is head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome and has become a central figure in defending the Vatican in its handling of abusive priests.

In 2006, Levada gave a deposition as dozens of Oregon sex abuse lawsuits were pending against the church.

In a transcript of his testimony released Friday by one of attorneys in those cases, Levada said Baccellieri had gone through therapy and the recommendation was that “he was not at risk for reabusing and that it would be prudent to reassign him.”

GOP lawmaker says financial overhaul too costly, will make it harder to revive economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taxpayers should no longer be used as a lifeline for large financial institutions, Republicans said Saturday as a Democratic-led Congress inches toward a regulatory overhaul of the financial industry.

The GOP is trying to beat back many of the changes that President Barack Obama and Democratic lawmakers seek for the financial industry. The legislation would give the government authority to split up big financial firms and force the industry to pay for its most spectacular failures.

Republicans have offered alternative legislation that calls for new bankruptcy proceedings to dismantle failing institutions. Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California, a member of the House Financial Services Committee, said that creating more federal agencies and putting taxpayers on the hook for more bailouts will not help revive the economy.

“It will only compound the pain for struggling small businesses and for families who played by the rules, lived within their means and acted responsibly,” McCarthy said in the Republicans’ weekly radio and Internet address.

At Easter, Obama urges ‘family of man’ to embrace common hopes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama issued an Easter address Saturday urging people of all faiths, along with nonbelievers, to embrace their common aspirations and “shared spirit of humanity.”

Obama used his weekly radio and Internet address to touch lightly on some of his administration’s top priorities: expanding health coverage, creating jobs and improving education. But his comments were more spiritual than political in tone.

“On this Easter weekend,” he said, “let us hold fast to those aspirations we hold in common as brothers and sisters, as members of the same family — the family of man.”

Obama noted that Jewish families recently celebrated Passover, and on Sunday, “my family will join other Christians all over the world in marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

He also embraced a broader, more ecumenical audience. “While we worship in different ways,” the president said, “we also remember the shared spirit of humanity that inhabits us all — Jews and Christians, Muslims and Hindus, believers and nonbelievers alike.”

Gunmen in Iraqi army uniforms kill 24 people execution-style in village

BAGHDAD (AP) — Gunmen wearing Iraqi military uniforms raided homes in a Sunni village south of Baghdad, killing 24 people, including five women, execution-style, officials said Saturday.

At least seven people were found alive and bound with handcuffs, according to a statement from Baghdad’s security spokesman, Maj. Gen. Qasim al-Moussawi. In the hours after Friday night’s shootings, Iraqi officials cordoned off the area to search for suspects and helicopters swarmed overhead.

Twenty-five people were arrested, al-Moussawi said.

Most of the dead were members of local Sahwa, or Awakening Councils — one of several names for the Sunni fighters who changed the course of the war when they revolted against al-Qaida in Iraq and joined the Americans in late 2006 and 2007, officials said. The fighters also are also known as Sons of Iraq.

The victims were handcuffed and shot, said a police official who asked that his name not be published because he is not authorized to speak publicly.

Al-Moussawi said 24 people were confirmed dead, although other officials put the toll at 25.

German troops accidentally kill soldiers in northern Afghanistan

KABUL (AP) — German soldiers traveling to the scene of a deadly firefight with Taliban insurgents accidentally killed six Afghan troops, the Afghan military said Saturday.

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5 dead, 2 hurt in blast, fire at Wash. refinery

GEORGE TIBBITS

Associated Press Writer

ANACORTES, Wash. — A Tesoro Corp. oil refinery blast and fire that claimed five lives is now the subject of state and federal investigations. The company has also launched its own probe.

The refinery was recently fined for safety violations amid what federal watchdogs call a troubling trend of serious accidents at refineries.

Three men died at the scene early Friday and two women died later at a Seattle hospital.

Two other men were badly burned. Matt Gumbel, 34, and Lew Janz, 41, were hospitalized in critical condition at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

The blast shook houses and woke people miles away at about 12:30 a.m. Friday, shooting flames as high as the refinery's tower before the blaze was extinguished about 90 minutes later.

Anacortes is about 70 miles north of Seattle on Puget Sound.

"We could tell this was horrific, this was huge," said Jan Taylor of La Conner, Wash., who felt the blast rock her motorhome at the RV park across the bay.

It was the largest fatal refinery accident since a 2005 explosion at a BP American refinery in Texas killed 15 people and injured another 170.

Six investigators with the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board were dispatched to the scene, and the Washington Department of Labor and Industries launched an investigation.

The company said employees were

doing maintenance work on a unit that processes highly flammable liquid derived during the refining process.

Killed were Matthew C. Bowen, 31, of Arlington; Darrin J. Hoines, 43, of Ferndale; and Daniel J. Aldridge, 50, of Anacortes, according to the Skagit County coroner. A 29-year-old woman died of her burns at the hospital; she was identified as Kathryn Powell of Burlington.

Tesoro identified the fifth victim as 36-year-old Donna Van Dreumel, employed at the plant since 2001. The Oak Harbor woman died Friday night at Harborview.

The blast occurred in a unit that was in the dangerous process of returning to operation, turning up heat and pressure, said Tesoro spokesman Greg Wright.

"It's a volatile process," Wright said. "We are diligent about being safe."

Michael Silverstein, an assistant director at the state labor department, described the explosion and fire as occurring in a bank of boilers.

Since the boilers heat fluids to high temperatures under great pressure, they are "inherently vulnerable to events like this unless they are maintained and operated in a safe manner," Silverstein told a Friday afternoon news conference near the state capital of Olympia.

"It's going to take us quite a while to really develop the full chronology

and to look at the details," Silverstein said. "We want to do everything possible to help prevent this from ever happening again."

The agency fined the San Antonio-based company \$85,700 last April for 17 serious safety and health violations, defined as those with potential to cause death or serious physical injury.

Inspectors found 150 instances of deficiencies and said the company didn't ensure safe work practices and failed to update safety information when changes were made to equipment.

In November, the state reached a settlement with Tesoro, requiring in part that the company correct the hazards and hire a third-party consultant to do a safety audit. The settlement reduced the total penalty to \$12,250 and lowered the number of violations to three.

"We don't know if any of those hazards were involved in the incident that happened today," said Hector Castro, a spokesman for the state labor department. The company was also fined \$6,000 for two serious violations in 2005, and another \$6,000 for two serious violations in 2007, Castro said.

Jeff Haffner, associate general counsel for Tesoro, said the third-party audit was completed in the past few weeks, but the consulting firm hired had not yet issued its report.

Most of the items involved requirements for managing safety, he said.

"There's no way for us to know whether the subject matter of any of those items were related, if at all, to this incident, because we don't know what caused the incident," Haffner said.

The state inspections were part of a national effort to examine all petroleum refineries in the United States after the 2005 explosion in Texas.

Of the 18 major accidents the U.S. chemical safety board is currently examining, at least seven are at refineries, said Daniel Horowitz, spokesman for the board. Yet there are only 150 refineries in the country and tens of thousands of other chemical plants.

"Our board is extremely concerned about safety in this sector," Horowitz told The Associated Press. "There's been a lot of accidents in the refining sector. There's been a lot of safety violations."

Parts of the refinery continue to operate, Wright said, and any loss in production can likely be made up by ramping up production at Tesoro's other West Coast refineries or buying from others.

Tesoro is an independent refiner and marketer of petroleum products. The Anacortes refinery, which Tesoro has owned since 1998, can refine about 130,000 barrels of crude daily, according to the company. It mainly processes Alaska North Slope crude and makes gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, mostly for Washington and Oregon.

There are four large refineries in northwestern Washington.

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Feds: Homes with Chinese drywall must be gutted

CAIN BURDEAU

Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS

— Thousands of U.S. homes tainted by Chinese drywall should be gutted, according to new guidelines released

Friday by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The guidelines say electrical wiring, outlets, circuit breakers, fire alarm systems, carbon monoxide alarms,

fire sprinklers, gas pipes and drywall need to be removed.

"We want families to tear it all out and rebuild the interior of their homes, and they need to start this to get

their lives started all over again," said Inez Tenenbaum, chairwoman of the commission, the federal agency charged with making sure consumer products are safe.

About 3,000 homeowners, mostly in Florida, Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana, have reported problems with the Chinese-made drywall, which was imported in large quantities during the housing boom and after a string of Gulf Coast hurricanes.

The drywall has been linked to corrosion of

wiring, air conditioning units, computers, door-knobs and jewelry, along with possible health effects. Tenenbaum said some samples of the Chinese-made product emit 100 times as much hydrogen sulfide as drywall made elsewhere.

The agency continues to investigate possible health effects, but preliminary studies have found a possible link between throat, nose and lung irritation and high levels of hydrogen sulfide gas emitted from the wallboard, coupled with formaldehyde, which is commonly found in new houses.

U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., said now the question is who pays to gut the homes.

"The way I see it, homeowners didn't cause this. The manufacturers in China did," Nelson said. "That's why we've got to go after the Chinese government now."

Southern members of Congress have sought to make it easier to sue

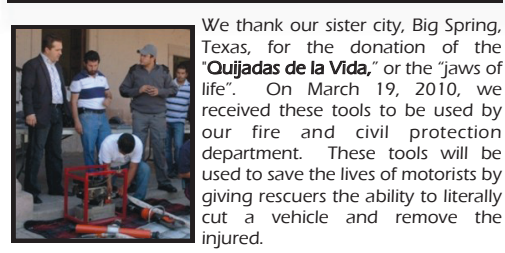
Chinese manufacturers and to get the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help homeowners pay for costs not covered by insurance. They also say the U.S. needs to pressure the Chinese government, which allegedly ran some of the companies that made defective drywall.

About 2,100 homeowners have filed suit in federal court in New Orleans against Chinese manufacturers and U.S. companies that sold the drywall. U.S. District Judge Eldon Fallon is expected to rule soon in a pivotal case against the Knauf Plasterboard Tianjin Co., the only Chinese company that has responded to U.S. suits.

Separate claims by thousands more homeowners against Chinese manufacturers are pending, said Jordan Chaikin, a Florida lawyer whose firm represents about 1,000 homeowners.



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As April begins, City Code Officers will be concentrating our cleanup efforts on District 2 in conjunction with Large Item Pickup. Even though District 2 is our target area, the officers will continue working all areas of the community. If a citizen receives a letter from our office they will be given ten days to comply. If, upon re-inspection, the nuisance has not been removed a citation can be issued with the Municipal Court. The minimum fine for a first offense is \$250.00, but can reach up to \$500.00. If a citizen has received a citation in the past for a weedy lot the citation can reach as high as \$2000.00.

Large Item Pickup for District 2 will be done on April 30th. In conjunction with Large Item Pickup, Code Enforcement will be concentrating our efforts in District 2. During April, we are extending our due dates for new complaints. A seven to ten day grace period has been given in the past to anyone out of compliance with City Code. During the month of April, all new cases will be given until the last day of the month to comply. Citations will be issued to all non compliant cases on May 1st. Our hope is that, with the extra time given to comply, in conjunction with Large Item Pickup, we can begin to see a noticeable difference our community. Please contact our office with any questions and we will be glad to assist in any way we can. If we come together as a community we can truly make Big Spring a clean, beautiful and safe place to live work and play. Let's take pride in our community and show that we are a community and not just individuals living in the same area.

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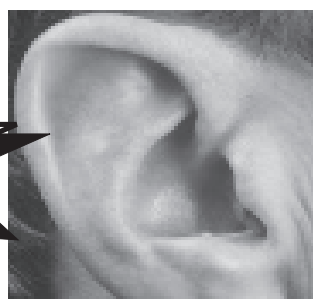
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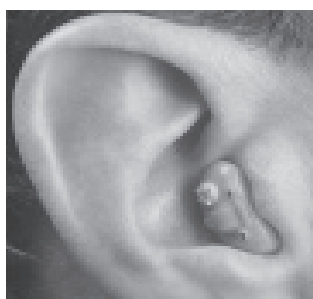
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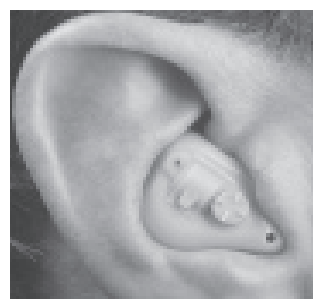
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TO: Angela Denise McMullen, Individually and as Independent Administratrix of the Estate of Leslie H. McMullen, Deceased and Nona Jean McMullen

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lt 9, Bk 78, Original Town of Big Spring, also known as Lt 9, Bk 78, Birdwell Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,597.17, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ANGELA DENISE McMullen, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF LESLIE H. McMullen, DECEASED AND NONA JEAN McMULLEN and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on November 24, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ANGELA DENISE McMULLEN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF LESLIE H. McMullen, DECEASED AND NONA JEAN McMULLEN, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5760 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of May, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of March, A.D. 2010. Brandie Martinez Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #6485 April 4 & 11, 2010

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GLADYS VANITA MATTINGLEY EVERS, Deceased, were issued on March 3, 2010, in Cause No. P-13824, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: EDGAR LEON MATTINGLEY

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: EDGAR LEON MATTINGLEY 11 Sunset Cove Watsonville, California 95067 DATED the 19th day of March, 2010. Joshua Hamby Attorney for EDGAR LEON MATTINGLEY State Bar No.: 24034471 306 Scurry Street P.O. Box 2199 Big Spring, Texas 79721-2199 Telephone: (432)263-8395 Facsimile: (432)263-4798 #6474 April 4, 2010

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Robert Earl Mesker, David Lee Mesker, Barbara Jo Stroud, and Norma Jean Clark, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Lucille Roberta Mesker, deceased

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

All of Lot 6, Blk 5, College Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$4,997.29, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against TONY G. CASTILLO AND GUADALUPE CASTILLO and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 30, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. Tony G. CASTILLO AND GUADALUPE CASTILLO, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5357 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of May, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of March, A.D. 2010. Brandie Martinez Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #6484 April 4 & 11, 2010

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RICHARD H. REYES, Deceased, were issued on March 22, 2010, in Cause No. P-13836, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: MEGAN SUMMERS.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration were issued on March 29, 2010, in Cause No. 13,838 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Sheila Watts, Administratrix of the Estate of Charlie Dodson.

The mailing address of the Administratrix is in Taylor County, Texas, as follows: Sheila Watts c/o S. Clinton Nix P.O. Box 59

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Abilene, Texas 79604 All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED March 30, 2010. BRADBURY & NIX P.O. Box 59 Abilene, Texas 79604 (325)673-7317 phone (325)673-3833 fax By: S. Clinton Nix State Bar No. 15043300 #6478 April 4, 2010

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On March 23, 2010, CTB Spectrum Services, LLC filed an application with the FCC for a construction permit for a new low power TV station to serve Lamesa on channels

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Joe Hernandez 1015 E. 20th St. Big Spring, TX 79720 Morgan Marion Sole Trustee of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lts 1 & 2, Subdivision "A", Bk 27, Fairview Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,510.06, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JOE HERNANDEZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 29, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOE HERNANDEZ, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and 5741 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of May, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of March, A.D. 2010. Brandie Martinez Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #6488 April 4 & 11, 2010

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Francis Cantu, Felicia Cantu and Rebekah Lewis

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A tract of land out of Sc. 45, Bk 31, T1N, Howard County, Texas Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$8,082.90, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Intervenor, against JIM TRAVIS COKER, ANNETTE COKER AND JIM JASON COKER and others, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on March 30, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JIM TRAVIS COKER, ANNETTE COKER AND JIM JASON COKER, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and 5519 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of May, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of March, A.D. 2010. Brandie Martinez Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #6486 April 4 & 11, 2010

Legals

On March 23, 2010, CTB Spectrum Services, LLC filed an application with the FCC for a construction permit for a new low power TV station to serve Ackerly on channels 19, 24 and 28 with 1 kW ERP, transmitting from a 2702 County Road 31 tower location in Lamesa, not rebroadcasting any other station. #6482 April 4, 2010

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ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

HOMEOWNERS Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2010, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2009, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now received all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below)

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2010. Over -65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their area. Over -65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

DISABLE VETERANS

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops, livestock, or is used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser or if ownership has changed.

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or through the State Comptroller's Office at 1/800-252-9121.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of the State Property Tax Code, Section 33.06 styled:

DEFERRED COLLECTIONS OF CERTAIN TAXES

(a) An individual is entitled to defer or abate a suit to collect a delinquent tax if he is 65 or older; or disable Person and he owns and occupies as a residence homestead the property on which the tax subject to the suit is delinquent.

(b) To obtain a deferral, an individual must file with the Chief Appraiser for the Appraisal District in which the property is located an affidavit stating the facts required to be established by Subsection (a) of this section. The Chief Appraiser shall notify each taxing unit participating in the District of the filing. After an affidavit is filed under this subsection, a taxing unit may not file suit to collect delinquent taxes on the property until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.

(c) To obtain abatement, the individual must file in the court in which suit is pending an affidavit stating the facts required to be established

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the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday 3rd day of May, 2010, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Big Spring Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 18th day of March, A.D., 2010, in this case, numbered 44866 on the docket of said court, and styled, In Re Michael William Massingill A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: (Family)

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DUENO DE HOGAR

Usted califica para una exención general, si es dueño de su hogar el día primero de enero, 2010. La solicitud para la exención es necesaria si el dueño de la residencia cambio de hogar efectivo el primero de enero, 2009, o califica para exenciones adicionales desde el año pasado. Un dueño de hogar mayor de 65 años puede aplazar el pago de una porción de sus impuestos si el valoracion de su hogar de residencia aumento mas de 5% que el valor del año anterior. Un aplazamiento de impuestos sin embargo, solo pospone su deuda impositiva. Se aplica un interés de 8 por ciento al año y se mantiene una garantía sobre la propiedad. Para aplicar por el aplazo, contacte al distrito de valoración de su condado y complete la aplicacion.

PERSONAS INCAPACITADOS

Personas incapacitadas bajo la Administracion del Seguro Social califican para las exenciones de dueño de hogar. Personas incapacitadas deben aplicar con su distrito de valoración con su prueba de incapacitado del Administracion del Seguro Social. Personas incapacitadas reciben todos los beneficios en su hogar igual que personas mayor de 65 años.

PERSONAS MAYORES DE 65 AÑOS

Personas mayores de 65 años o deshabilitados pueden aplicar para mas exencions. Usted tambien obtiene un tope de impuestos para el total de sus impuestos escolares si usted cumple 65 años de edad durante 2010. Personas de 65 años o mas tienen que registrar una solicitud por la exencion en su distrito de valoración en su area. Usted puede aplazar algunos de sus impuestos sobre su hogar de residencia si lo desea. Los impuestos continuan a pesar del aplazo con interés de 8% anual, pero no se hace esfuerzo de abrir un juicio hipotecario durante el aplazo. La Contraloria de Cuentas Publicas de Texas le podra dar mas informacion.

VETERANOS INCAPACITADOS

Usted puede calificar para una exención del los impuestos sobre su propiedad. Debe tener documentos del Administracion de Veteranos que muestran el porcentaje de su incapacidad relacionada a su servicio militar. El distrito de valoración solamente necesita documentacion el primer año de calificación o si su porcentaje de su incapacidad cambia.

TERRENOS AGRICOLAS O GANADEROS

La valoración/tasacion como terreno agricola disminuye el valor imponible del terreno. Se valora el terreno basandose en su capacidad para producir cultivos, ganado, o vida silvestre en lugar de su valor en el mercado de bienes y raices. Obenga un formulario de solicitud en la oficina local de su distrito de valoración. El tasador principal puede requerir que usted someta una nueva aplicacion. Tambien si el dueño del terreno cambia, el tasador principal puede requerir una aplicacion nueva.

SOLICITACIONES PARA EXENCIONES

Copias de solicitudes se pueden conseguir en el distrito de valoración mas cerca de usted o del La Contraloria de Cuentas Publicas de Texas. en el 1/800-252-9121 Tambien se incluye solicitudes para exenciones totales para organizaciones religiosas. #6405 April 4, 2010

by Subsection (a) of this section. If no controverting affidavit is filed by the taxing unit filing suit or if, after a hearing the court finds the individual is entitled to the deferral, the court shall abate the suit until the individual no longer owns and occupies the property as a residence homestead.

(d) A tax lien remains on the property and interest continue to accrue at a rate of 8% per year during the period collections of taxes is deferred.

(e) NEW LAW ENACTED BY 1997 LEGISLATURE SENATE BILL 841 SEC. 33.065: DEFER PAYING TAXES ON THAT PART OF THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THEIR HOMES THAT IS MORE THAN 5% ABOVE THE PRECEDING YEARS APPRAISED VALUE, EXCLUDES THE VALUE OF ANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE.

Application forms are available at: Howard County Appraisal District Courthouse Annex, 315 Main Street P.O. Drawer 1151 Big Spring, TX 79721-1151 Authorized by 1989 Texas Law Section 33.06 #6407 April 4, 2010

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring, Texas this the 18th day of March A.D. 2010 COLLEEN BARTON, District Clerk 118th District Court, Howard County, Texas By Brandie Martinez, Deputy #6466 March 28 and April 4, 11 & 18, 2010

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Firefighters with the Big Spring Fire Department run a hose to the second floor of the old Runnels Junior High building Friday morning after construction workers reported smoke coming from the structure. According to BSFD officials at the scene, the smoke is believed to have been caused by an electrical problem in the second-floor ceiling, but the matter is still under investigation. No injuries were reported as a result of the smoke scare.

Texas offers free SAT/ACT tests to high school juniors

Special to the Herald

Texas high school juniors have a one-time opportunity to take a free college admissions test this year.

With funding from the Texas Legislature, the Texas Education Agency has contracted with ACT and The College Board, which oversees the SAT testing program, to make free tests available this spring and early summer.

High school juniors may register for either the June 5 administration of the SAT or June 12 ACT, and the state will pay the cost of their regular registration fee.

Registration deadline for the June 5 test is May 5. The deadline for the June 12 ACT is May 7.

Officials with the SAT and ACT testing pro-

grams are contacting students, parents and counselors directly to provide information about how to access this program.

"This program provides a great opportunity for our high school juniors. It saves their families money and erases one of the financial hurdles that could keep some students from pursuing their college dreams," said Commissioner of Education Robert Scott.

The standard fee to register for the ACT plus its writing exam is \$47. The standard fee for the SAT is \$45.

Registration information for the SAT is available at www.sat.collegeboard.com. ACT information is available at <http://www.act.org/aap/texas/>.



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At least one person was injured as the result of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Goliad and 24th streets Friday afternoon.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury and Mars square off, producing a volatile balance between saying and doing. People will expect one another to put money where their mouths are, so this is no time to talk about actions that you really have no intention of taking. Also, it's easy to see the flaws and point them out, but it's far better to offer up solutions instead of a critique.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your signmate Leonardo da Vinci created some of his great works in bed, in the dark. He explained that going over his work with his imagination was useful, and that he could fix things in memory. You'll do the same tonight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may not be a professional singer or speaker, but your voice has resonance, strength and music in it. People like to listen

when you use your voice well. It's something to be aware of today, because your message is important.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Someone owes you, and it's more than a trivial amount. Whether it's favors, money or something else, consider letting this one slide. Just because it can be counted doesn't mean it counts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're attracted to a friendship or a professional or romantic relationship with a person who is more talented than generous. You'll have to put a lot in to get anything back. Still, it might be worth it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A loved one made a request of you some time ago, and the task still lingers undone. You have the energy to do it, but you lack the desire. Find a motivation, before your loved one finds it for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be presented with more than the usual choices — maybe too many! You may, in fact, wish fewer options were open to you.

However, your course is easily navigated in three steps: ask, decide and act.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll wonder where you fit in with a social group. Don't worry about blending. Your spin on things is interesting and lively. You being you is the best contribution you could make.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Procrastination can be a blessing, preventing you from rushing in a certain direction without giving yourself a chance to think it over. What does your hesitation tell you? There may be wisdom in waiting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've been putting out a lot of effort and energy, and it's time for you to take in new fuel. Feed your body with good nutrition; your soul, with inspiring words, songs and human connections.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have the time to do whatever it is you want to do. It's a matter of prioritizing. It will help you to block your life out on paper.

The exercise teaches you what is really important to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be sensitive to social currents. You'll lead the way, setting a tone and a direction. To some degree, you control the flow of conversation by asking questions and listening carefully to the answers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You swing from moments of self-assuredness to bafflement. You can never know yourself completely. You're always learning and relearning. Strip away what you've been taught and start again.

T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY (April 4). You take quick, decisive action again and again in the next four weeks. You stop energy leaks and suddenly have the power to do something you've wanted to do for years. You'll travel in May. June breathes social excitement into your world. Something beautiful and unexpected happens in your home life. Gemini and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers

are: 29, 13, 24, 30 and 18.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Maybe it was nothing personal. When the International Astronomical Union defined the term "planet" for the first time, they couldn't help it that Pluto didn't exactly make the cut. They also couldn't help it when data came in to suggest that the scattered disk object called "Eris" happens to be significantly more massive than Pluto, bumping the dwarf planet down even further on the solar system size chart. But astrology doesn't discriminate so much, realizing that, more than often, the greatest forces come in relatively small packages. Such is the way with the legendary lord of the underworld, ruler of unseen forces and mysterious powers of transformation. Pluto goes retrograde in Capricorn this week and will continue to backtrack until Sept. 13. This brings on a sense of déjà vu, especially on the global level, as mankind seems to react to adverse circumstances the same wrong way

over and over. Some lessons must be presented several times before we can finally get them right. It's easy enough to gripe at the state of things. The harder thing is to realize one's own part in them and take personal responsibility for as much of it as you can.

C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES: Robert Downey Jr. appeared in one of his father's films at age 5 and the love affair began — the camera loves him, and he returns the affection by giving one stellar performance after another. A hotheaded Aries with Mercury and Venus in the passionate sign, as well, Downey has limitless energy. Saturn in Pisces indicates that many of his life lessons come to him through his acting work.

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Dear Margo: Prospective employers and improper questions

Dear Margo: Lately, I have been interviewing with prospective employers who are middle-aged men, and they've been asking inappropriate questions.

Just because it is a bad economy right now does not mean bad manners are acceptable.

Within the first five minutes of these interviews, I am being asked about my marital status, whether I live with someone and have kids, and, the worst: "How are you paying your bills right now?"



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I almost walked out of the interview on that one.

So far I have told them these are not questions they are allowed to ask, and that my financial situation is private.

Of course, I did not get these jobs. Please advise on how I might react to these questions in a better way.

I rarely mix work with home life or even tell many employees about my life. Thanks for your time and consideration. — Sick of It

Dear Sick: I would say the appropriateness of such questions depends on the industry and the job description. For example, if traveling were part of the job, a prospective employer would legitimately need to gauge the family

responsibilities you have.

The "living with someone" question is definitely out of bounds.

I can't tell whether you think, by the nature of these questions, that these men are hitting on you. If you are drop-dead gorgeous, the answer is probably yes.

Your mentioning the tough economy does suggest that you might want to consider answering questions you do not care for, unless you feel strongly that the answer is nobody's business.

Should such a question be asked, however, you might, yourself, ask: "And how is this relevant to the position we're speaking about?"

This question does two things: It signals that it may be an improper, if not illegal,

question to ask, allowing it to be withdrawn.

And it permits the interview to keep going. — Margo, alternatively

Another Way To Say MYOB

Dear Margo: I am a 5-foot-7-inch male in my mid-40s. Recently, my employer had a health fair where I had the chance to get my cholesterol, sugar and weight checked.

I weighed 174 pounds! I decided to implement some changes to get back to my preferred weight range of 155 pounds to 160 pounds (and stay there).

The problem is the "food police" around me.

When I am at work or at a social event, I choose my food and por-

tion sizes carefully.

Why do people feel the need to "evaluate" and comment on what is on my plate?

I have heard remarks ranging from "Is that all you're eating?" to "Don't tell me you're on a diet!" — usually accompanied by a sarcastic tone.

People who offer unsolicited advice are not necessarily the ones in a position to offer it (if you know what I mean).

Could you help with a response that is respectful and polite but at the same time assertive? — On My Way to a Healthy Weight

Dear On: Remarkable, isn't it, how some people think everything is their business? I don't think "respectful" and "polite" are necessary

when you're putting someone in his or her place.

I would simply suggest to people taking an inventory of your plate that a better opening gambit for social chitchat is "How's it going?"

Nowhere is it written that every question deserves an answer. — Margo, correctly

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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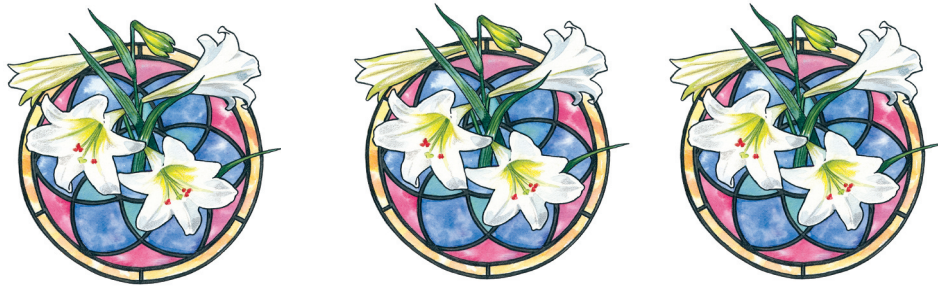
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Friday, April 2nd
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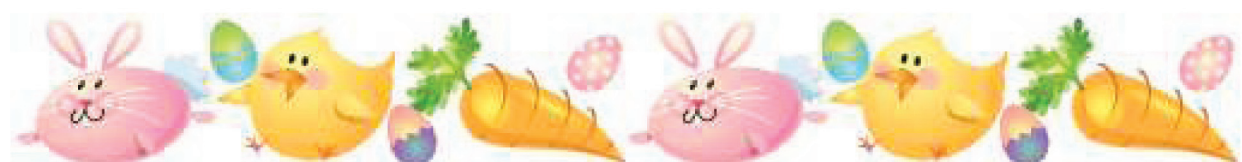
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Happy Easter Mom & Dad
Love Always,
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Happy Easter
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Happy Easter
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