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U.S. Rep. to visit local enterprises

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Projects are moving right along for the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.

Thursday afternoon, Congressman Randy Neugebauer will be visiting the BSEDC, taking a tour of Desert Tanks — a recent venture supported by the BSEDC — and meeting with a couple of representatives with Transport Handling Specialists.

"Congressman Neugebauer wants to see what's going on out there (at Desert Tanks)," Executive Director Terry Wegman said. "He is also interested in finding out more

about the Big Spring Rail System and will be here for an hour to speak with two representatives from THS."

The project between the EDC and Big Dog Rig Movers has finally come to a close, according to Wegman.

"The deal has been closed and they seem to be very optimistic about this project and the oilfield industry as well," Wegman said.

Another project moving along are the wind energy transmission lines that will be placed across Howard



Neugebauer



Wegman

County. A map of the final proposed route has been submitted to the EDC for approval and it being looked over. An agreement is expected to be signed in the near future, according to Wegman.

"The transmission line agreement deals with the lease presented to the EDC by WETT for the portion of the line that crosses property owned by the EDC," Wegman said. "WETT has been very cooperative in working with

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Courtesy photo
Big Spring High School students Shermila Kher, Caleb Gonzales and Seth Trevino have qualified for the National Forensic League National Tournament in Indianapolis this summer.

Get your weather skills on: Skywarn classes on horizon

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

While the Crossroads area enjoyed a rather tame severe weather season last year, officials with the National Weather Service will once again prepare for the annual period with SkyWarn classes

next month in Big Spring and Stanton.

The classes — aimed at educating and preparing weather spotters for the organization, as well as local organizations and residents — are slated for 7 p.m. March 5 in Stanton at the EMS Building, located at 1101 W. Broadway, and the 7 p.m. March 8 in Big Spring at the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth.

"We had a pretty easy year last year," said Pat Vesper, warning coordination meteorologist for the NWS Midland office. "However, we have to be prepared for severe weather at all times. We live in an area of the state where the weather can become danger-

ous in the blink of an eye, and these SkyWarn classes give us a chance to train weather spotters, as well as offer training and advice for your average family. No matter who you are, knowing what to do in these types of severe weather situations is absolutely vital."

According to local emergency response officials, the course will cover the most common severe weather situations for Howard County and the surrounding areas in hopes of preparing residents for the worst case scenario.

"It's really a lot of good

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"Since we're getting ready to head into the severe weather season ... this is really important information to have. Spring time is when we really get a lot of the severe weather — things like hail and possible tornadoes."



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Guild sets up Graumann scholarship

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

Support of the arts is receiving a little more backing. A new scholarship — Phyllis Graumann Memorial Scholarship 2012 — has been set up in order to further the ventures of seventh through 11th grade students in the musical side of the arts. Applica-

tion deadline for the scholarship is April 1.

"Phyllis Graumann was heavily involved in the beginning of the Big Spring Symphony and the Guild. We wanted to honor her in some way," Guild President Eulaine McIntosh said.

In addition to honoring Phyllis, 2012 marks the 10th year of Dr. Keith Graumann's

leadership as conductor of the Big Spring Symphony. The scholarship also serves as a way of honoring the long-term commitment and involvement of Keith as well.

"He (Keith) has stayed dedicated and strived for quality in our symphony efforts," McIntosh said. "It (the scholarship) is a wonderful way to honor both Mrs. Phyllis and

Maestro Graumann. Keith is a hometown boy and the scholarship would help other young musicians with similar dreams."

Scholarship applicants must be between seventh and 11th grade and once awarded the scholarship must be used between May 15, 2012, and

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Obituaries

Gregory Flynn



Gregory William Flynn, 52, passed away Feb. 18, 2012, at N.E. Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Flynn was born Sept. 3, 1959, in Trinidad, West Indies, to William and Monica Flynn. Greg attended Presentation College, San Fernando, Trinidad. He moved to the United States in 1981.

Greg was known for his unyielding work ethic and could accomplish anything he set his mind to do. Most importantly, he had an undying and unwavering love for family and friends. People knew him best for his zest for life, as well as being the "life of the party." Greg loved animals, especially his numerous birds and dogs, Bruce, Trini and Tobi.

He was married to his best friend, Kelley, for the last 13 years of life. They built their lives together in Cibolo, Texas, where they made many friends and happy memories.

He is survived by his wife, Kelley Flynn; daughters, Alicia Lewis, Crystal Hull and husband Robert and Lauren Williams; his mother, Monica "Monix" Flynn; brothers, Bryan and Eamon Flynn and wife Liz; sisters Moira Miller and husband Robert, Sharon Marfleet and husband Arend, Charmaine Mac Lean and husband Robert, Jennifer Augustus and husband Brent; his precious grandchildren, Avery, Reagan and Robby Hull, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and a multitude of special friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, William "Bunts" Flynn; and brother, Christopher Flynn.

A visitation with rosary will be held Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, from noon until 2 p.m. Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 24, 2012, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Both services will be held at 6500 Interstate Highway 35, San Antonio, Texas 78218.

Paid obituary

Betty Petree Wagley



Betty Nell Petree Wagley, 68, of Bedias, Texas, formerly of Crosby, Texas, died Feb. 6, 2012. Betty was born July 3, 1943, in Brownwood, Texas, to Riley Glenn and Georgia Mae Petree. She grew up in Stanton, Texas.

Before moving to Bedias, she worked for the Crosby Independent School District as a bus driver for 17 years.

She is survived by three children, Paula Parsley, Enoch Wagley and Anthony Wagley; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Caryl Henderson; a brother-in-law, Larry Henderson; and a brother, David Petree, all of Big Spring, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Paul Petree of Midland, Texas.

A time of remembrance was held Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, at Carter Funeral Chapel in Houston.

Police blotter

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

- JUSTIN CHARLES MELTON, 23, of 1617 E. 17th St., was arrested Tuesday on warrants for failure to display driver's license and failure to appear (three counts).
- HENRY CLAY HERNANDEZ, 31, of 3222 Auburn, was arrested Tuesday on warrants for no driver's license - when unlicensed, failure to appear, speeding and driving when license invalid.
- CHRISTOPHER AARON SALAZAR, 24, of 1602 Sunset, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for failure to appear.
- JOSHUA DAVID MITCHELL, 18, of 4812 Ratliff Rd., was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal mischief - more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.
- ANTHONY HEATH WRIGHT, 24, of 1106 Stanford, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal mischief - more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 6900 block of S. Highway 87. In the 5200 block of Longshore Road. In the 100 block of Rainer.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Runnels.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this

report.

• JOSHUA MITCHELL, 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal mischief - more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

• ANTHONY HEATH WRIGHT, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal mischief - more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

• JUSTIN CHARLES MELTON, 23, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to display driver's license and violation of a promise to appear (three counts).

• HENRY CLAY HERNANDEZ, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on municipal warrants for no driver's license, failure to appear, capias warrant - speeding and capias warrant - driving while license invalid.

• CHRISTOPHER SALAZAR, 24, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for failure to appear.

• ANDY LOPEZ, 36, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY, 49, was booked into the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for no driver's license, failure to appear and charges of immediate report of an accident and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

• SANDRA SMITH TUITT, 53, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault - family violence.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion 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.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

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.

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

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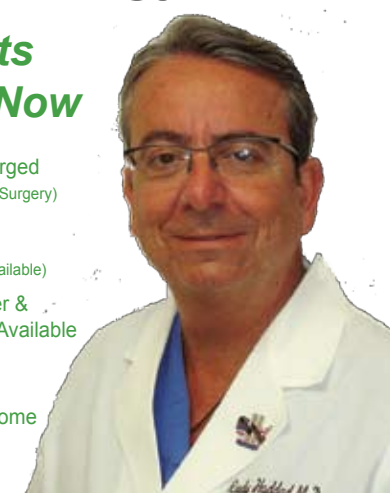
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us to locate the line in an area of our property that will not diminish the use or marketability of the property.”

Wegman presented a spreadsheet regarding money spent on jobs over the past four years. During the last city council meeting, a statement was made that the EDC has spent more than \$40,000 per job in the past four years. According to information provided, the most the EDC has spent per job is \$23,000 and more realistically around \$11,000 per job.

“The difference is in money that was spent on runway upgrades, Western Container sprinkler system and the Settles project,” Wegman said. “All of these were expenditures benefitting the community, but not necessarily job creators.”

For example, an agreement was made with Desert Tanks for \$800,000. In return, Desert Tanks has retained 17 jobs and produced 56 new jobs with the company investing \$2 million.

The next meeting of the BSEDC will be March 20 in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce board room at 5:15 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. For more information about the EDC or their operations, call 264-6032 or visit their Facebook page or their website at www.bigspringtx.com

Several dozen U.S. Army soldiers and Blackhawk helicopters stopped at the Big Spring Airport Tuesday to refuel as part of a military mission. The group enjoyed a barbecue lunch during their stay, courtesy of Lone Star Aviation.

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has earned the honor.

Joining Kher at the National Speech Tournament are fellow seniors Gonzales and Trevino, who qualified in

cross-examination debate.

“I feel like I have learned a lot. I never dreamed when I was a freshman that I would have an opportunity to go to Indy and represent Big Spring High School.” Gonzales said.

“And, to be able to do it with my best friend is a plus,” Trevino added.

This first-time team also qualified

for the University Interscholastic League Cross-Examination State Meet in March.

The Tall Cotton District of the National Forensic League is one of the largest size wise in the nation; Ranging from Rising Star in the east to Monahans in the west and from San Angelo in the south to Dumas in the

north. Also, the district has member schools that range in size from the smallest of 1A schools to giant 5A schools, private and public.

The National Forensic League National Tournament is held every year at different locations in early June. Member students must qualify to be able to attend.

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information for people to have,” said Big Spring Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness. “It gives people a basic knowledge of what severe weather is like in our area. Since we’re getting ready to head into the severe weather

season, which begins in March and lasts until October, this is really important information to have. Spring time is when we really get a lot of the severe weather — things like hail and possible tornadoes.”

There’s no charge for the classes and the public is invited to attend. Those who sign up for the class will receive a certificate from the Na-

tional Weather Service, and those in law enforcement or emergency services may receive credit for it.

According to Vesper, the class will include information on tracking and classifying storms and various weather conditions, but it’s not limited to emergency management officials and storm chasers.

“While the class is designed for storm chasers and those participating in the SkyWarn program, it has a lot to offer everyone,” said Vesper. “We offer a lot of information on safety during storms and bad weather that the average person can use to protect themselves and their family.”

“Our main focus for these classes is safety.

We’ll also look at supercell thunderstorms and the type of weather that can arise out of them. We want our spotters prepared for the kinds of conditions they may see out in the field.”

For more information on the SkyWarn program and the National Weather Service, visit them online at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>

skywarn/, or call 432-563-5006.

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May 31, 2013. The recipient will receive a \$350 scholarship to be used for private music instruction, music camp/school tuition or a music festival attendance.

Eligibility requirements state, the applicant must demonstrate exceptional talent and must be residents of Howard County. Applicants should be between the ages of 12 and 17. There is an application fee of a non-refundable \$5 check made to the Phyllis Graumann Memorial Scholarship fund. Attach a copy of identification or driver’s license or birth certificate to show proof of age.

Include a DVD or video tape of the student playing an instrument or singing, approximately two-minutes long. If an instrument is being played, show aq view of the student that will allow an examination of technique. Include a recommendation from the student’s music teacher and have it mailed as well. Recommendations should be mailed by the music teacher and not the applicant.

“The goal of the scholarship is to encourage young people with

music talent to get the professional training they need. The financial burden of music training can often keep the door closed on those possibilities,” McIntosh said. “This may open their eyes to the possibilities they hadn’t thought of and encourage their hard work in their field.”

According to McIntosh, with the continued donation of monies to the scholarship, it could be viable as a yearly scholarship and perhaps eventually grow to include several scholarships. Donations for the scholarship are accepted at concerts, to the guild members or

by mail. To mail a donation send to: Phyllis Graumann Memorial Scholarship Committee, Big Spring Symphony Guild, P.O. Box 3711, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

To find out more information about the scholarship, contact McIntosh by email at eulainemc@yahoo.com. Applications should be

mailed to Phyllis Graumann Memorial Scholarship Committee, Big Spring Symphony Guild, 2800 Crestline Road, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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OUR VIEWS

Show your red and support of heart health

February isn't just about focusing on the one you love, but the foundation of that love ... the heart.

The heart isn't only a symbol for the month of February and the most romantic day of the year, it's a part of the body that shouldn't be forgotten or ignored.

February is heart health month and in recognition of that, Scenic Mountain Medical Center is going Red with their Go Red Healthy Woman event and luncheon.

The luncheon is set for Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. A heart healthy meal will be provided for attendees and doctors Chris and Rudy Haddad will be the featured speakers. Both are interventional cardiologists and their speakers will cover cardiovascular disease and a variety of topics.

Promoting awareness of the toll that heart disease can take on women is going to be the driving force behind the luncheon, but it will also be a time for women (and men) to escape from their busy work day and enjoy a good meal and fellowship with other attendees.

Even though the event is being hosted by Healthy Woman, men are not going to be stopped from enjoying the lunch and the discussion. Some topics may be a bit touchy for men to sit through, but this is a topic men and women can reap benefits from.

Take the time, find out the facts and start making the simple changes that can lead to a healthier you and a healthier heart.

If you plan on attending the luncheon Thursday, call and RSVP with Kim Howell at 268-4842. Congressman Randy Neugebauer has made plans to attend the event as well.

Don't miss the chance to be healthier and support heart health month.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we give in, Lord, to Your heavenly grace.

Amen

Bumper sticker inspirations

Those of you who have become loyal readers of my weekly ponderings know that I have an affinity for thought-provoking and stimulating words, phrases, and epigrams, and one particularly fruitful source for my treasure hunting is bumper stickers.

I can't remember the last one that ever found its way onto the chrome of any vehicle whose title contained my name, but I surely do enjoy them on other folk's modes of transportation. One that comes to mind was spotted on a car in Desloge, Missouri a few years back that read "Acupunctureists have a point". A few more that have put a smile on my face are ones that read "I hate bumper stickers", "Sorry for driving so close in front of you", "I'm not speeding; I'm qualifying", and perhaps my all-time favorite, "Oh no! Not another learning experience!"

I would seriously consider putting that last one on my car because I have had enough "learning experiences" to last a lifetime. Everybody has them and nobody enjoys them. Life's challenges are brutal sometimes and we have no choice but to bear the weight of it and stay on course.

It starts early in life, when even as small children we are taught there are consequences to our behavior. We were told as youngsters not to throw the ball in the house and when we chose to do it anyway, we ended up in trouble for breaking the lamp and had to pay the price for our poor choice.



EDDY PRINCE

Some actions that result from poor decisions naturally have consequences that teach the foolishness of the deed. I recently broke a perfectly good Taylor-Made 6 iron swinging it in my living room when the head of the club made contact with something stronger than the graphite shaft. Mercifully and miraculously, the club head flew onto my couch instead of through the patio door or the TV.

Natural and logical consequences can teach very valuable lessons if we choose to learn from our mistakes. Speaking without thinking is one of the most common mistakes we make that provide "learning experiences" for us. How many times do we wish we had not said that? And yet the consequence of our verbal indiscretion leaves a scar that can remain for a long, long time.

The Psalmist said it better than anyone ever has when he prayed "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips". I have prayed that same prayer many times because I know the hurt that results is speaking words that can never be retrieved, both as the speaker and the spoken to.

I recently read this on someone's blog and thought it was worth repeating and remembering; "Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny."

We are living in a selfish and narcissistic society that cares very little about anything except getting whatever is personally gratifying, and too often the feelings of others are trampled in the process. But never doubt

that there is a price tag attached to every action and if one is not prepared to pay the fiddler, they shouldn't dance.

The important thing is that we become better, not bitter, when we are required to suffer the consequences of our actions. Mark Twain said "The man that sets out to carry a cat by its tail learns something that will always be useful and which will never grow dim or doubtful".

The writer of Hebrews made it crystal clear when he penned these words; "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

Everyone makes mistakes and poor choices in life. We must learn how to gracefully accept the inevitable repercussion of our choices and allow the pain of consequence to move us to higher ground. It's a common saying, but so true, that we will either be victors or victims by our response to life's challenges.

I'm reflecting today on times in my life when I was either the pigeon or the statue and I want to be a better man than I have ever been by living in such a way that I will owe no one an apology and have no un-forgiveness in my heart toward anyone when I come to the end of my journey.

Maybe I should print a bumper sticker that says, "Yea! Another learning experience!"

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

Eddy Prince is the senior pastor at Grace Fellowship Church in Big Spring, Texas. He can be reached by email at pastor-prince@msn.com.

Occupy Oakland; The use of violence completely optional

Occupy Oakland activists have filed a lawsuit against the city and are seeking damages. The American Civil Liberties Union-backed suit argues that protesters are engaged in "peaceful expressive activity" and that Oakland police have used "excessive force" that has inflicted "mental stress" on activists. The lawsuit also complains that police have not warned activists sufficiently before dispersal orders. Thus, Occupy protesters "did not have an opportunity to gather their belongings and leave the camp without being arrested or harmed."



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Of course, participants are aware that when they trespass on others' property or block streets to keep people from getting to work, police are supposed to arrest them. Yet they whine that they aren't given enough warning to get away — with all their stuff.

It's no problem when Occupy is violent. Its website has announced that certain protests will be "militant" and that those who "identify as peaceful" may want to stay home. Occupiers describe their mix of peaceful and hostile protesters as a "diversity of tactics" — which is double-speak for violent anarchists hiding behind clueless lefties.

It's asymmetrical warfare. In the rest of the world, the dissident who fights City Hall is the hopelessly outgunned underdog. In Oakland, City Hall is the underdog.

When activists first pitched their tents on Frank Ogawa Plaza in the first half of October, members of the Oakland City Council welcomed them. After two weeks, the illegal encampment was a health nightmare — as well as toxic for local merchants. Mayor Jean Quan finally told police to remove the tents

in front of City Hall. After Iraq War veteran Scott Olsen was injured and out-of-town liberal wags chastised the mayor, Quan invited Occupy back.

Since November, Occupy protests have been both peaceful and lawless. Police generally have refrained from making arrests unless a protest turns ugly. On Jan. 28, authorities arrested 400 protesters.

Quan's office estimates Occupy's cost to city coffers to be close to \$3 million. The unquantifiable cost is the diversion of an understaffed police department in a city that last year saw 103 homicides — more than four times the rate in San Francisco. Quan spokeswoman Sue Piper laments that on one night in January, when police were busy with Occupy protests, there were 482 calls to 911.

No worries.

The City Council essentially handcuffed the police this month when it failed to pass a resolution to beef up law enforcement against those who assemble without a permit and block streets. Thus, Occupy protesters know they can close down the Port of Oakland and infringe on the rights of other people to go to work without much hassle from the authorities.

Oakland has few defenses. Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley charged eight people with misdemeanor counts and four with felony offenses relating to the Jan. 28 demonstration. In addition, her department has sought and won stay-away orders against 14 protesters believed to be responsible for "violent conduct or conduct that involved destruction," Deputy District Attorney Teresa Drenick explained.

Drenick says the district attorney's office is serious about winning prosecutions. That's great, but trials take a long time.

So on one side you have hundreds, at times thousands, of individuals who know they can trample Oaktown and provide cover for anarchists who throw

things at police — with little downside.

On the other side are a gaggle of flower-power appeasers, flanked by a hobbled police department with a checkered history and prosecutors who have to preface every statement about enforcing the law with an homage to free speech.

ACLU attorney Linda Lye told me that the suit is intended to enforce existing policies. And: "As a matter of constitutional law, there is a difference between engaging in illegal activity — such as trespass, for which you can be arrested because of conduct — and engaging in activity that presents a real risk of substantial harm, for which police can use some force on you." Which sounds like: Oakland PD is supposed to beg on bended knee until protesters taking over buildings turn themselves in.

The future of Oakland, then, will be Phil Tagami. On Nov. 2, as masked vandals ran through Oakland setting fires and vandalizing property, the developer and active Democrat stood with a shotgun to keep the rioters from breaking in to Oakland's iconic Rotunda building. At great personal risk, he saved the building.

Just weeks ago, Tagami reminded me, an armed robber tried to hold up taco truck owner Omar Casillas in the Fruitvale neighborhood. Casillas was armed. The two shot each other.

"I don't want to have a gun locker in my office," Tagami told me. But he has been threatened.

And unlike Oakland City Hall, Tagami is free to defend himself.

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► State

Amarillo doctor, wife dead

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A Texas Panhandle physician and his wife have been found dead in their home and police have recovered a gun believed used in the shootings.

Amarillo police say no suspects are being sought in the deaths of 71-year-old Dr. Henry Norrid and his 53-year-old wife, Carolyn.

Police located the bodies Tuesday after a friend reported that the Norrids had not been seen for several days.

Autopsies have been ordered. Police have not released further details on the shootings.

Vaquero sculpture to keep gun

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A bronze sculpture commemorating Mexican cowboys and their role in Texas ranching will keep its gun.

The Fort Worth City Council on Tuesday agreed not to tamper with the design. The 10-foot tall artwork called "Vaquero de Fort Worth" is expected to be installed this spring.

Council members also agreed to pay nearly \$31,000 to the artists and a foundry, plus \$5,000 toward legal fees.

Manuel Valdez with the Vaquero Project Core Committee had objected to including a gun. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram (<http://bit.ly/zFCdCN>) reports the group's initial research found no illustrations of vaqueros with guns.

Sculptors Tomas Bustos and David Newton of Dallas worked on the project, which includes a bullet belt and a holstered pistol. Bustos says the revolver is accurate to the period.

PD: Boy, 4, fatally shot brother, 3

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — Police have determined that a 4-year-old boy found his mother's gun and fatally shot his 3-year-old brother at their Central Texas home.

Killeen police on Tuesday identified the victim as 3-year-old Jordan Kenneth Jones.

Investigators believe Saturday's shooting was an accident. No one has been charged and the investigation continues.

Police say the youngsters were in their mother's bedroom while she was in another part of the house. Police say the woman had put the handgun on top of a chest of drawers, thinking the weapon was out of the children's reach.

Police say the 4-year-old boy managed to get the gun and shoot his little brother.

Warming may lure vampire bats

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Texas biologist says recent milder winters may attract some new, blood-thirsty wildlife to South Texas.

Vampire bats are native to South and Central America and Mexico. Texas State University biologist and wildlife disease expert Ivan Castro-Arellano tells the Austin American-Statesman that if the mild winters continue, colonies of the nonmigratory species could resettle in Texas in 50 years or less, and the state should prepare.

The biologist is one of more than 40 scientists working with the Institute for the Study of Invasive Species in Huntsville grappling with the potential threat.

The concern is the cost to livestock, since the bats feed off the blood of mostly sleeping mammals. Castro-Arellano says Vampire bats cost Mexican ranchers millions of dollars in losses annually.

Texas death row inmate begins quest for new trial

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A hearing is set to determine whether a Texas man sentenced to death for killing his pregnant ex-girlfriend and her 7-year-old son should get a new trial.

Attorneys for Stephen Barbee plan to argue Wednesday that the 44-year-old death row inmate received ineffective counsel when he was convicted in a 2006 trial that lasted less than three days.

They claim Barbee's court-appointed attorney, William H. "Bill" Ray, had a "secret deal" with the trial judge, Bob Gill, to move cases quickly through the judge's court.

Gill retired in 2007 and now works as an assistant district attorney in Tarrant County.

State District Judge Louis Sturns, Gill's successor, will preside over the hearing and recommend whether a new trial is warranted.

The hearing is expected to last two days.

► Nation/World

NYPD built secret files on mosques, businesses outside NY

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Americans living and working in New Jersey's largest city were subjected to surveillance as part of the New York Police Department's effort to build databases of where Muslims work, shop and pray. The operation in Newark was so secretive even the city's mayor says he was kept in the dark.

For months in mid-2007, plainclothes officers from the NYPD's Demographics Units fanned out across Newark, taking pictures and eavesdropping on conversations inside businesses owned or frequented by Muslims.

The result was a 60-page report, obtained by The Associated Press, containing brief summaries of businesses and their clientele. Police also photographed and mapped 16 mosques, listing them as "Islamic Religious Institutions."

The report cited no evidence of terrorism or criminal behavior. It was a guide to Newark's Muslims.

According to the report, the operation was carried out in collaboration with the Newark Police Department, which at the time was run by a former high-ranking NYPD official. But Newark's mayor, Cory Booker, said he never authorized the spying and was never told about it.

GOP voters split between Romney, Santorum; Obama tops all 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — A surging Rick Santorum is running even with Mitt Romney atop the Republican presidential field, but neither candidate is faring well against President Barack Obama eight months before Americans vote, a new survey shows.

Obama tops 50 percent support when matched against each of the four GOP candidates and holds a significant lead over each of them, according to the Associated Press-GfK poll. Republicans, meanwhile, are divided on whether they'd rather see Romney or Santorum capture the nomination, with Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul lagging behind. It's a troubling sign for the better-funded Romney as the GOP race heads toward crucial votes in his home state of Michigan, in Arizona and in an array of states on Super Tuesday, March 6.

"I'd pick Santorum, because it seems Romney may be waffling on a few issues and I'm not sure I trust him," said Thomas Stehlin, 66, of St. Clair Shores, Mich. He thinks the Detroit-born son of a Michigan governor is facing a strong challenge from Santorum in his home state because of his tangled answers on the auto industry bailout.

Also, he says, there's this: Romney, the self-described can-do turnaround artist of the corporate world and the troubled Salt Lake City Olympics, with his millions of dollars, has been unable to vanquish his political opponents.

"That may be the reason right there," said Stehlin, a retired government worker and a Republican. "He spends lots of money and he doesn't get anywhere."

Government identifies journalists killed in Syria: France's Remy Ochlik, American Marie Colvin

PARIS (AP) — The French government spokeswoman has identified two Western reporters killed in Syria as French photojournalist Remy Ochlik and American Marie Colvin.

The spokeswoman, Valerie Pecresse, provided details of the killing to reporters after Syrian government forces shelled the restive central city of Homs.

Hosting campaign debate, Arizona gets attention of GOP hopefuls

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Rick Santorum is looking for another upset or two, while Mitt Romney is hoping to keep his leading rival at bay in the run-up to the 20th debate of the race for the Republican presidential nomination.

"I wouldn't be here if I didn't think I could do well," the former Pennsylvania senator told supporters Tuesday after arriving ahead of any of his rivals for pre-debate campaigning in Arizona, a state that has long been assumed safe for Romney.

Both Arizona and Michigan hold primaries on Feb. 28, but until recently, at least, the similarities seemed to end there.

Polls have long shown Romney with a solid lead in Arizona, where all of the 29 delegates at stake are reserved for the top vote-getter in the primary. As a result, neither he, Santorum, Newt Gingrich nor Ron Paul has devoted much time to the state.

Television ads have been scarce, as well. None of the candidates has run commercials, and Restore Our Growth, an outside group that has played a major role in Romney's success so far in the cam-

paign, is the only organization to pay for ads.

Obama seeks to cut corporate tax rate to 28 percent, eliminate dozens of loopholes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Laying down an election-year marker in the debate over taxes, the Obama administration is proposing to cut the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 28 percent, and to seek an even lower effective rate for manufacturers, a senior administration official says.

In turn, corporations would have to give up dozens of loopholes and subsidies that they now enjoy. Corporations with overseas operations would also face a minimum tax on their foreign earnings.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner on Wednesday was to detail aspects of President Barack Obama's proposed overhaul of the corporate tax system, a plan Obama broadly outlined in his State of the Union speech last month.

Chances of accomplishing such change in the tax system are slim in a year dominated mostly with presidential and congressional elections. But for Obama, the proposal is part of a larger tax plan that is central to his re-election strategy.

The corporate tax plan dovetails with Obama's call for raising taxes on millionaires and maintaining current rates on individuals making \$200,000 or less.

Across Europe, cutbacks have caused economic pain without lightening burden of government debt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Europe has endured the pain of layoffs, wage cuts and tax increases designed to bring government debt under control.

So where's the gain?

Far from falling, debt burdens are rising fastest in European countries that have enacted the most draconian austerity programs, according to The Associated Press' Global Economy Tracker, which monitors the performance of 30 major economies.

The numbers back up what many analysts say: Austerity isn't just painful. It can be counterproductive and even make a country's debt load grow.

Many fear the cutbacks will cause Europe to sink into a self-defeating spiral: Higher debt leads to harsher austerity, growing social instability and deeper economic problems. Governments could find it even harder to pay their bills.

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Stressed is desserts spelled backwards

Are you stressed? Most of us get bogged down and we seek comfort in food. And before you know it, this leads to overeating and you know the rest, thus the term s-t-r-e-s-s. Have you tried to make yourself feel better by taking a walk in the park, going outside to rack the leaves (yeah right) or getting on the bicycle out and going for a ride in the neighborhood. These are all healthy ways to combat the stress and avoid the intake of foods that comfort us and ultimately result in weight gain. The days are getting longer and the weather will be changing. Spring is in the air. So, I ask the question again — Are you stressed? If so, what are you going to do about it! Grab a friend and take a walk and enjoy the sunshine.

Chow
Ms. Diva RD.

Landroop to hold Town Hall meeting Tuesday in Big Spring

State Rep. Jim Landroop of Plainview, who serves House District 85 in the Texas Legislature, will be in Big Spring at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus to conduct a Town Hall meeting. The main purpose of the meeting is to address the concerns of constituents regarding redistricting in Texas.



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

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Vigilance — the Price of Victory

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ A K Q 5
♦ A Q J
♣ Q J

WEST
♠ K Q J 10 5
♥ 9 4
♦ 7 3
♣ 7 6 4 2

EAST
♠ 9 2
♥ J 10 6 3
♦ K 8 4
♣ K 10 9 3

SOUTH
♠ A 6
♥ 8 7 2
♦ 10 9 6 5 2
♣ A 8 5

The bidding:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
2NT Pass 3NT
Opening lead — king of spades.

The secret of good card play is the ability to read how the unseen cards are divided. Once you know the location of the missing cards, your task is much easier to accomplish.

If you're a defender, your knowledge of declarer's hand comes first and foremost from the bidding. Declarer is certain to have described his hand to at least some extent, and any further information you require

will ordinarily come from either your partner's plays or declarer's plays.

For example, suppose you're East on this deal and your partner leads the king of spades, which wins, and then the ten of spades, taken by South with the ace. At this point, you should have an excellent idea of what declarer's hand looks like. You should also know that he will be unable to avoid going down one if you defend correctly.

It is not difficult to pinpoint South's values. He has no high cards in spades except the ace, and he is also sure to have the ace of clubs, based on his bids of one and three notrump, as there is nothing else left for him to have. So when South leads a diamond at trick three and finesses the jack, you should win with the king and return the king of clubs!

This play knocks South out of the box. Whatever he does, he ends up with only eight tricks — assuming you defend correctly thereafter. But if you fail to pay attention to the bidding, or to the significance of the plays to the first two tricks, you might not shift to the king of clubs at trick four. And if you return any other card — a heart, a diamond or a low club — declarer easily makes the contract.

Tomorrow: What can defeat me?

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What can you do at the county library?

This is a reprise of a column that Reference Librarian Johnny Schafer wrote some time ago. However, it certainly deserves to be read again. I am also going to sing his praises; he is an important part of the library staff.

Johnny is the person who handles the webpage. If something needs changing, he is the man who does it.

Signs for the library — he is on it. Inter-library loan requests — that is jelly to his bread. You may have noticed some paint changes around the circulation desk — he is the painter. He is ferrying our chairs back and forth to the upholsterer; soon you will see fresh, clean chairs to sit in.

There is little that Johnny is not willing to do. I have told him that if he retires, then I am

right behind him! And no, we aren't retiring any time soon!

What you can do at the library:

The obvious comes to mind ... read. You can settle into a quiet place to read or study. You can check out, return, renew, or reserve books. (You can also renew or reserve books over the phone.) You can read magazines and newspapers. You can do research on anything from a class assignment to a personal hobby. You can surf the Internet or check your email. You can read a bestseller or any book from our collection which includes children's books, young adult books, mysteries, westerns, science fiction, romances and classics, to name a few.

But did you know there are a multitude of additional things available for you to do at the library? For instance, you can get wi-fi access for your laptop. You can exchange paperback books. You can check out audio books if you



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If research is your need, you can scroll through rolls of microfilm of the Big Spring Herald — dating back to 1908. You can search through one of our 160 Texas phone books to find a number or an address. You can get access to TexShare Databases — The TexShare Databases are a program of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in partnership with your local library. This program allows you to search multiple information resources in one setting. You can research business, health, literature, current events, history, science, education, professional journals, encyclopedias, newspapers and magazines. Contact your library for information on how to access TexShare.

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even pick up free magazines at our "For Free" table.

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Still need more to do? Bring your young child to our Wednesday morning story time program. The kids enjoy the stories read to them, and they are involved in fun activities. The current class is almost at capacity.

And last, if you cannot find the book or article you need in the library, ask for an Inter-library Loan. Normally, these loans can be filled in one to three weeks. Ask for details at the reference desk.

What can you do in the library? Find out first hand — visit, explore and experience the library for yourself. You may just discover a whole new realm of things you can do.

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BSHS bows out of playoffs after loss to Burkburnett

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

EASTLAND — The Big Spring Steers' trip through the 2012 basketball playoffs was brief and, at times, painful.

The Burkburnett Bulldogs unleashed an offensive and defensive storm in the first quarter en route to a 64-42 victory over the Steers in their Class 3A bi-district playoff game at Eastland High School Tuesday night.

The first eight minutes of the game was a nightmare clad in orange — orange being the predominant color of Burkburnett's jerseys — for the Steers. Quite simply, the Bulldogs did little wrong, while Big Spring couldn't establish a rhythm on either side of the court.

Burkburnett established its dominance early, sinking its first four field goal attempts —

including three straight from Mario Garcia, who led the Bulldogs with 19 points — to go up by 11 points only three minutes into the game.

But Burkburnett's shooting was only part of problem facing BSHS — the Bulldogs' full-court trapping defense overwhelmed Big Spring in the early going, forcing 11 turnovers and limiting the Steers to only two points in the first quarter.

"During practice, I told our guys to just assume they'd make their shots, because they're very good on offense," BSHS Coach Cliff Thompson said. "But you can't practice that kind of defense. There's no way you can simulate the speed and tempo Burkburnett plays at."

After the first quarter, which ended with the Bulldogs holding a 20-2 lead, the Steers played Burkburnett



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring High School Coach Cliff Thompson talks to his team during a timeout of the Steers' Class 3A bi-district playoff game with Burkburnett Tuesday night in Eastland.

on fairly even footing, but by then, the damage had been done. Still, both coaches were impressed with the way Big Spring picked itself off the mat after the Bulldogs' opening blitz.

"We just got off to a terrific start, but after that, I thought

Big Spring's defense made a difference in the game," Burkburnett Coach Danny Nix said. "They made us do some things we didn't want to do."

"The only way this ended up a 20-point game instead of a 50-point game is that the

guys stepped up," Thompson said.

Chazzell Robinson led the Steers (15-18), with 21 points.

Afterward, Thompson expressed pride in the accomplishments of his team,

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Work crews began removing the grass field from Memorial Stadium this week in preparation of installing artificial turf. The project should be completed by early May, Big Spring Independent School District officials said.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Golf

Forsan boys at Denver City tournament.

Softball

Howard College at Weatherford College (DH), 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

Baseball

Big Spring at Lubbock Cooper tournament (vs. Hereford at 11 a.m.; vs. Canyon at 3:30 p.m.).
Forsan at Albany tournament, TBA.

Softball

Big Spring at West Texas Classic, Midland, TBA.
Coahoma at West Texas Classic, Midland, TBA.
Forsan at Lubbock Christian High School tournament.

Women's basketball

South Plains at Howard College, 5:45 p.m.

Men's basketball

South Plains at Howard College, 7:45 p.m.

Golf

Forsan girls at Denver City tournament.

Tennis

Big Spring at Tall City Invitational, Midland.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 235, or e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com

K-State upsets No. 3 Missouri

By **ALAN SCHER ZAGIER**
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Forget any talk of Kansas State as a team teetering on the NCAA Tournament bubble. After yet another convincing win over a Top 20 team, the Wildcats' bubble has burst — and coach Frank Martin couldn't be happier.

Rodney McGruder scored 24 points as Kansas State upset No. 3 Missouri 78-68 Tuesday night,

the Wildcats' second win this season over the Tigers and their first at Mizzou Arena since 2007. It's also the second straight win over a Big 12 bruiser and national power, following a one-point weekend win over No. 13 Baylor in Waco, Texas.

"A week ago, I was trying to find a building that's more than six stories height-wise so I could jump," Martin joked after the game, though he wasn't smiling.

"And these guys, they gave me energy to come in and coach them in practice because they were so positive even though we had just lost two tough games at Texas and (against) Kansas. They've been awesome and I couldn't be happier that they've been rewarded these last two games."

Kansas State (19-8, 8-7 Big 12) led 40-30 at halftime and by 16

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Top-ranked Baylor women win outright Big 12 crown

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Basketball Writer

WACO — There was no big celebration for top-ranked Baylor after claiming the outright Big 12 title in Brittney Griner's 100th career game.

The Lady Bears, who had a full-scale celebration after gaining at least a share of the title over the weekend, wrapped up the conference championship with an 80-59 victory over Texas on Tuesday night. The clincher was soured by another injury to

guard Shanay Washington in the closing seconds.

"It's a big downer, a big downer," coach Kim Mulkey said. "You just won a conference championship outright, you clinched it, you played dominating, everybody played. And to have something like that happen in the last seconds of the game, life's not fair."

Washington, who returned just a month ago from a torn ACL in her left knee after playing only five games last season, crumbled to the floor

with 16 seconds left after contesting a shot. The sophomore guard grabbed the bulky brace protecting her knee and could be heard crying as the home crowd went silent.

Mulkey said Washington heard a pop after coming down with most of her weight on that knee and that the player believed she re-injured the knee. Washington had a combined four ACL surgeries, two on each knee.

"I guess her prognosis is that she thinks it's torn again," Mulkey said. "Shanav

knows what she feels."

Washington remained down for several minutes before getting up with help and walking gingerly off the court. She was taken to the hospital after the game.

Griner, who arrived at Baylor with Washington, had 18 points and 10 rebounds for her 40th career double-double.

After a pregame ceremony when the 6-foot-8 junior phenom was recognized for becoming Baylor's fourth 2,000-point career scorer earlier this season, Griner out

the Lady Bears (28-0, 15-0 Big 12) ahead to stay with a layup only 31 seconds into the game.

The Lady Bears had clinched a share of the title with a win over Texas Tech on Saturday night, when they cut down the nets and got championship T-shirts for their second consecutive Big 12 regular season title, and third overall.

After beating Texas (15-12, 5-10) to ensure they wouldn't

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Trailblazers rout San Antonio, 137-97

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A win is a win to the Trail Blazers.

Portland faced the San Antonio Spurs, playing without resting stars Tim Duncan and Tony Parker, and led by as many as 48 points on the way to a 137-97 victory.

"It still counts, right?" said LaMarcus Aldridge, among six Blazers who had with 16 points or more.

Jamal Crawford scored 20 points, shooting 5 for 7 on 3-pointers, and had eight assists. Gerald Wallace and Nicolas Batum each had 19

points before Portland sat its starters for most of the fourth quarter.

Kawhi Leonard had 24 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Spurs, who saw the end to 11-game overall winning streak and an eight-game streak on the road.

San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said before the game that he was resting Parker and Duncan because the Spurs were playing three games in four nights. Parker, who had not missed a game this season, is averaging 19.5 points per game, while Dun-

can's averaging 19.9 points and 8.6 rebounds.

San Antonio was also without guard Manu Ginobili for the second straight game because of a strained left oblique. Ginobili is expected to miss two weeks. Brazilian forward Tiago Splitter was also out for a second straight game with a right calf strain.

"It would be great if I would still be able to play Manu and Tiago tonight and still rest Tony and Tim, but that's not the case," Popovich said. "Those guys are out, but I can't run our guys into the

ground when it's time for them to rest based on the schedule and the time they've been playing.

"That's what's going to happen if you want to put some money in the bank for later."

The Spurs are on their annual rodeo road trip which keeps them away from home for an extended period while the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo takes over the AT&T Center. The team was coming off a 106-102 victory at Utah on Monday night. They travel to Denver on Thursday for their final game before the

All-Star break.

In addition to Leonard, San Antonio also started rookie guard Corey Joseph, who had five points. Danny Green finished with 16 points.

The Spurs had not lost by 40 or more points since March 5, 1997, when they fell 111-69 at Chicago.

The Blazers were also playing the second of a back-to-back, after a tough 103-92 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. In the loss, the Blazers had just seven points in the first quarter. Against the Spurs, they had 41.

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points with 12:32 left in the second half after a twisting McGruder layup before a late run by Missouri (25-3, 12-3) got the Tigers within 63-60 with six minutes remaining.

Missouri trailed by 4 after two free throws by Michael Dixon with 2:21 left, but Jordan Henriquez answered with an alley-oop dunk following a Tiger timeout. The Wildcats extended the lead on two free throws by Henriquez after a Steve Moore foul on a missed Michael Dixon 3-pointer and built a cushion from the foul line in the final minute.

Thomas Gipson added 13 points for Kansas State, which connected on 53.8 percent of its field goals for the game. The Wildcats were even better in the second half, converting 14 of 24

for 58.3 percent.

Dixon scored 21 and Marcus Denmon added 19 for Missouri. The Tigers' made just 38.3 percent of their field goal attempts after entering the game hitting more than 50 percent, tops in the Big 12 and third-best nationally. Missouri was 8-of-26 from 3-point range, while Kansas State made six treys but took 17 fewer attempts than their opponents.

The K-State loss was Missouri's first home defeat of the season and just the fourth career loss at Mizzou Arena for the Tigers' 5-man senior class. It also kept Missouri from standing alone with the best start in school history. The previous two Missouri teams to start 25-2, in 1990 and 1994 under coach Norm Stewart, also lost.

"We had a lot of confidence," McGruder said. "And we felt like, 'Why not come in here and get

a victory?'"

Kansas State had already throttled Missouri 75-59 in Manhattan in early January, one of the few blemishes on an otherwise charmed season for Missouri and first-year coach Frank Haith. And while Tuesday night's game remained in doubt until late, the Wildcats and Martin again relied on physical defense and a deeper roster to prevail.

K-State goes 10 deep, with each player averaging at least 10 minutes a game. McGruder entered as the leading scorer at 14.5 points a game, but got strong support from the beefy Gipson, a 6-foot-7, 275-pound freshman who now comes off the bench after eight straight starts. Gipson hit six of seven shots in 19 minutes.

Missouri, by contrast, uses a four-guard starting lineup and a 7-man rotation. The Tigers and coach Frank Haith have

succeeded with that mix, but when reserve forward Steve Moore picked up his second foul late in the first half, Haith had to turn to Andrew Jones, a little-used former football tight end who joined the basketball team early in the season, primarily as a practice player.

Missouri led by six points early in the first half but soon struggled to both make shots and defend Kansas State. The 10-point halftime deficit was their second-largest of the season. Their biggest? Falling behind 44-25 in the first meeting in Manhattan. Missouri made 10 of 29 shots in the first half on Tuesday.

In one uncharacteristically out-of-sync sequence, Henriquez swatted Phil Pressey's driving layup attempt out of bounds. Ricardo Ratliffe then missed an open 10-foot jumper off the in-bounds play, and

after a K-State miss, Denmon bobbled the ball out of bounds on a fast-break. Minutes later, the ball again glanced off his hands on a similar pass by Phil Pressey for another Tiger turnover. In between, English missed two consecutive free throws.

English was also hit with a technical foul late in the first half for slamming the ball to the court in frustration, which sent him to the bench with his third personal foul. He would later foul out and was held to 9 points. He averages 14.2 points, second on the team in scoring.

"We didn't punch back early," English said of the Tiger's first-half struggles. "When you do that and play good teams, it's an uphill battle all the way."

"We didn't defend the way we usually defend, the way we need to defend," he added. "That will be fixed. That won't

happen again."

Jamar Samuels added 9 points and 11 rebounds for Kansas State. With his four blocks, all in the first half, Henriquez set a school record for career rejections with 125.

Ratliffe scored 9 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for Missouri but made just 3 of 7 field goals after entering the game making 72.6 percent of his shots, which leads the nation.

The Tigers travel to No. 4 Kansas on Saturday in what could be the final regular season match-up in the historic rivalry. With the K-State loss, Missouri trails the Jayhawks by a half-game in the conference. A win over Kansas, which plays at Texas A&M on Wednesday, could elevate Missouri back in contention for the Big 12 regular season title and a potential No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

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have to share the title, the reaction was much more subdued.

Baylor players had the customary postgame handshake with the opposing team, and then stood in front of the band for the usual playing of the alma mater. They slapped hands with a few fans lining the edge of the court, but nothing like the raucous celebration three nights earlier, especially with Washington already in the locker room.

"Just a loss of words. It was very hard to see her go down like that and crying and saying that it's over," Kimetria Hayden said. "After the game, we went back there and prayed for her, told her everything is going to be OK."

Hayden had 17 points in 21 minutes for the Lady Bears. Destiny Williams had 11 points and 10 rebounds for her 11th double-double in 52 career games.

Yvonne Anderson had 16 points to lead Texas. Chassidy Fussell had 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Baylor extended its school record with its 39th consecutive home

victory, matching fifth-ranked Miami for the second-longest active streak. Second-ranked Stanford has won 76 in a row at home.

"I think they proved once again why they're the No. 1-ranked team in the country," Longhorns coach Gail Goetsenkors said. "We did some things defensively that bothered them initially, but they did what they always do. They adjust."

The last home loss for the Lady Bears was in March 2010 against Texas.

With their poor shooting, the Longhorns never had a chance to repeat that feat.

Baylor jumped out to a 15-3 lead in the first 7 minutes.

The only points for the Longhorns in that opening spurt came on Fussell's 3-pointer from the right wing 2½ minutes into the game. They then missed eight shots in a row over the next five minutes before Fussell finally made a

jumper.

After Brooklyn Pope's strong move inside for a layup with 10:35 left in the first half put the Lady Bears up 18-7, they maintained a double-digit lead the rest of the game.

Baylor built as much as a 28-point lead in the second half, when Griner played only sparingly before Mulkey had several little-used reserve players on the court together.

Baylor plays its next two games on the road, at Kansas and Texas A&M, before its regular season finale March 3 at home against Iowa State.

Three Texas starters were scoreless at halftime, when the Longhorns trailed 40-20 and were shooting only 21 percent (8 of 39), doing their best to avoid Griner. They finished shooting 34 percent (25 of 73).

"I feel like we came in timid," Fussell said. "And she's so tall and blocks so many shots."

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which began the season with only two returning starters.

"With a young team ... you never know what's going to happen," Thompson said. "But to go from some terrible losses early in the season to being able to compete with one of the best Class 3A teams in the state, each individual player got better as the season went along. That's what I'm proud of."

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BURKBURNETT (65) — Mario Garcia 7 2-2 19; Shawn Raymond 1 0-0 2; Tyler Clement 4 3-3 13; Kent Wingfield 1 0-0 2; Blaine Curren 2 0-0 4; Elijah Strickland 5 0-0 14; Nico Lynott 1 0-0 3; Matt Everson 0 1-2 1; Bryce Hollingsworth 0 1-2 1; Aaron Coker 2 0-0 5; Justin Bell 1 0-0 2; totals 24 8-11 65.

BIG SPRING (45) — Marc Segundo 0 2-2 2; Tyler Graves 2 0-0 4; Tyler Wigington 1 0-0 2; Tavaris Walker 2 3-4 8; Richard Lewis 1 1-3 3; Ty Sealy 1 0-0 2; Chazzell Robinson 10 1-5 21; totals 17 7-4 42.

Three point goals — Burkburnett 10 (Garcia 3, Clement 4, Strickland 4, Lynott), Big Spring 1 (Walker). Fouled out — none. Technicals — none.

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Pursuant to §42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners court of Howard County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as precleared by the United States Department of Justice on the 30th day of January, 2012.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by re-districting of County Commissioners Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. §1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2010 census data. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Howard County, Texas. Donna Wright County Clerk

A VISO PUBLICO DE CAMBIOS EN ELECCION RECENTOS

De conformidad con §42.035, Código Electoral de Texas, la Corte de Comisionados del condado de Howard, Texas, este documento proporciona la notificación de cambios en los límites del Condado de política adoptadas por la Corte de Comisionados, y como precleared por el Departamento de Justicia el día 30 de enero, 2012.

Las personas interesadas pueden revisar los cambios adoptados en la oficina del secretario del condado durante las horas regulares de trabajo.

Los cambios en los precintos electorales del condado fueron necesarias por la redistribución de los distritos del Condado de la Corte de Comisionados de conformidad con la Constitución de los Estados Unidos y 42 USC §1973, también conocida como la Ley de Derechos Electorales, tras la publicación de los datos del censo 2010. Los cambios en los precintos electorales del condado fueron diseñados para lograr un equilibrio numérico entre los cuatro distritos electorales comisionados judiciales, y papa asegurar los derechos de voto de todos los ciudadanos del condado de Howard, Texas.

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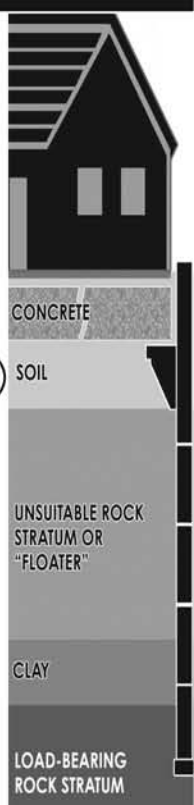
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Plums give a fresh, tangy taste to a classic crisp

By ALISON LADMAN
For The Associated Press

When we think of winter desserts, we often think of spiced flavors and butter-laden richness.

But while that butter may bring comfort at the end of a chilly winter day, it also adds tons of unnecessary fat and calories.

But winter treats don't need to put a chill on healthy eating. A good place to start when looking for more healthful desserts is fruit, which not only packs plenty of its own no-added-sugar sweetness, it also tends to have gobs of fiber and nutrients.

For this dessert, we chose tangy citrus and sweet plums. Plums naturally caramelize beautifully, adding deep flavor to the dish. To complement the fruit and bring out its natural sweetness, we add just a touch of honey. Everybody likes a good spiced crisp topping, but

nutritionally it often doesn't add up. Crisp topping usually makes a good start with healthy fiber-rich oats, but goes downhill with a pile of sugar and butter. To remake this topping, we stayed true to its oat roots, but added a handful of healthy-fat almonds, a generous dose of spices and a touch of honey.

For a creamy topping we opted for a spoonful of fat-free plain Greek-style yogurt. It adds the creamy dairy mouth feel that whipped cream offers, but with no added fat and a great serving of calcium. We sweetened it up just a touch with honey and a couple drops of almond extract.

Don't be intimidated by the number of ingredients in this recipe. It comes together quickly and most of it is done right on the stove.

SPICED PLUM CRISP

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 6

For the crisp topping:
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
1/8 teaspoon allspice
Pinch salt
1 tablespoon canola oil
1 tablespoon honey
3/4 cup rolled oats
1/4 cup sliced almonds

For the yogurt topping:
5.3-ounce container plain fat-free Greek yogurt
1 teaspoon honey
Several drops almond extract

For the plums:
6 plums, quartered and pitted

2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons water
Pinch salt
1/2 teaspoon lemon zest
1/2 teaspoon orange zest
Juice of 1 lemon
Juice of 1 orange
1 tablespoon cornstarch

Heat the oven to 400 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a small bowl, whisk together the cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, cloves, allspice, salt, oil and honey. Add the oats and almonds, then toss to coat evenly. Spread the mixture evenly over the prepared baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes, or until golden brown and crisp, stirring once or twice.

Meanwhile, make the yogurt topping. In a small bowl, stir together the yogurt, honey and almond extract. Set aside.

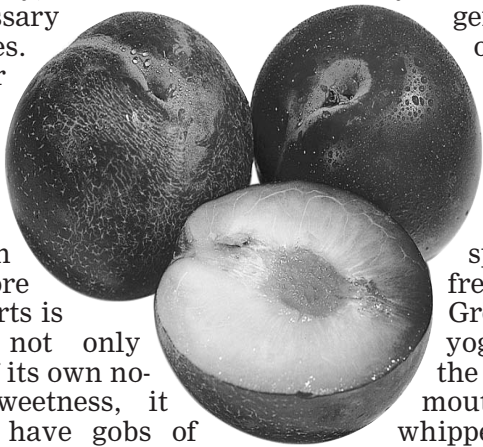
In a large skillet, combine the

plums, honey, water, salt, lemon zest and orange zest. Heat over medium, stirring occasionally, until the plums are just softened, about 10 minutes.

In a small bowl, combine the lemon juice, orange juice and cornstarch. Stir into the plums and bring up to a simmer for 1 minute, or until the juices are thickened.

Spoon the warm plums into individual bowls, topping each with some of the crisp topping and a spoonful of the yogurt topping. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 260 calories; 50 calories from fat (17 percent of total calories); 5 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 53 g carbohydrate; 4 g protein; 8 g fiber; 60 mg sodium.



Tomorrow's Horoscope

Many cosmologists believe that more than 13 billion years ago the entire universe was condensed into a space smaller than a dust speck. My, how we've grown. If the theory is accurate, it shouldn't be too hard to believe that something as small as an idea could set off an interesting and expansive chain of events in the wake of the Pisces new moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even though you'll find a prospect intimidating, you'll take the initiative to connect and go forward. It starts with a handshake. You'll turn strangers into friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Drug companies are careful to point out (usually with a fast-talking announcer) that medication may have side effects. You'll see other instances in which so-called solutions may bring with them a host of other problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's a day of small but meaningful wins, the kind you will be able to build on in the near future. Set your sights on an interesting goal that you can achieve with what you have and know right now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's one thing to be humble; it's quite another to devalue your achievements. Speak up, especially since there are those around you who will take credit for just about anything,

including whatever you don't take credit for.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Too many things in life are uncontrollable, so we develop habits to keep us in the comfortable rhythm of a pattern that we can more or less predict. Your rhythm may be thrown this morning, but a habit gets you right back in the groove.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may want something that you know, intellectually, does not make a lick of sense for your life. Somehow that knowledge doesn't squelch your desire. Would it harm anyone to let yourself have the fantasy for now?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are constantly thinking of new ideas, ruminating on your next creation and reconfiguring the various ingredients of your life into a novel recipe. Your spirit of innovation makes this day delicious!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It is easy to tell where you stand on an issue, because you have no problem communicating your true feelings. This could lead you to a dicey social situation today. It's safest to avoid discussing religion and politics.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To avoid realms that are novel but unnecessary, silly but useless, delightful but trifling, you'll have to reel yourself in. But should you? Great joy is likely to come from what's unnecessary, useless and trifling.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You love a challenge. Your

desire to overcome the odds may indeed be the secret to your success. Just be sure you're really choosing worthy challenges instead of making ordinary things harder than they have to be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are powerful indications that good fortune and continued blessings will come from a partner, especially if your partner happens to be peaceful, companionable and considerate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your social mojo is dialed up. You'll somehow avoid the quills of spiky personalities, warm up the cold ones and break through to the distant ones. You'll bridge gaps and bring people together.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 22). You'll be more direct than ever when it comes to getting what you want. It's as though you've been circling around a prospect for years, and now you'll finally home in on it. Your talent for attracting helpful people and funding is highlighted in March, July and November. April brings an important union. Taurus and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 48, 20, 14 and 16.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for 30 years. She has a son from her first marriage who lives in another state.

We haven't been to "Keith's" house in four years because my wife has some health problems that keep her from traveling. Her relationship with Keith has always been turbulent.

Keith and his wife are in the process of adopting a child from another country. They put together a booklet of family photos to present to the family that is currently raising the baby.

When they showed us the booklet, we noticed that her daughter-in-law's family is well represented, and so is my wife's ex, but she and I are not in it at all. (We also are not in any of the pictures displayed around their home.)

My wife is trying not to let this upset her, but I think they should know how much this hurts her. I don't want to jeopardize an already fragile relationship. What should I do? — Left Out



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Left Out: The purposeful exclusion of your photos from both the booklet and the family home indicates that Keith is well aware of what he is doing. Decide what you hope to accomplish by talking to him.

Would he be sorry for the hurt feelings? Would your daughter-in-law support your position?

Please let your wife handle this. Be supportive of her, let her know how much you love and value her, and suggest she get some counseling to help her focus on better ways to deal with Keith.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "California," who was upset because

her husband destroys her cookware.

My husband and I have been married almost 50 years. He spent 22 years in the military as a chaplain. He promised that when he retired, he would do the cooking. (His experience consisted of using his Army field hat to cook C-rations.)

He now cooks, vacuums and sometimes does the laundry. And yes, he has broken dishes, and on occasion, the food he makes is not palatable. Sometimes he ruins the laundry.

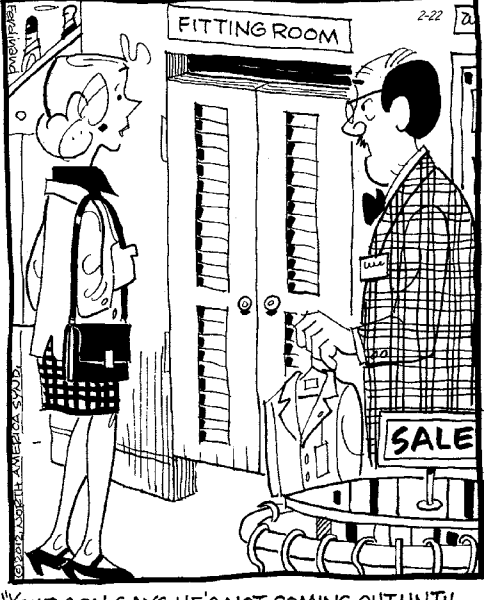
But I praise God that I have a husband who is so loving and caring and willing to do these things. Together we laugh it off, and I say, "I needed some pink panties" or "We could use some new dishes." He's 73 with kidney disease, and I might not have him much longer.

So, "California," be thankful your husband wants to cook for you. He does it because he loves you. Dishes and pans are easily replaced, but a good husband is a jewel to be kept. — Wouldn't Trade Mine in Pennsylvania

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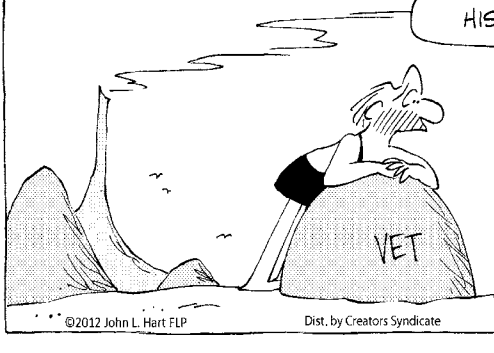
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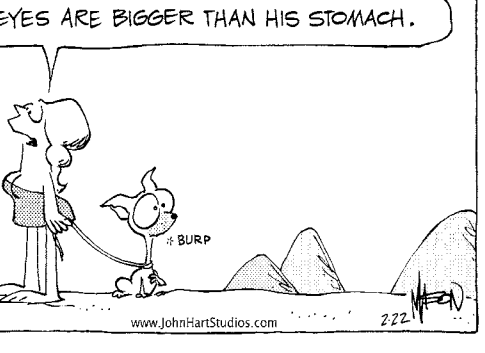
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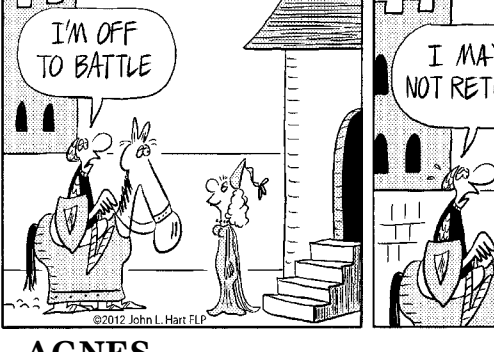
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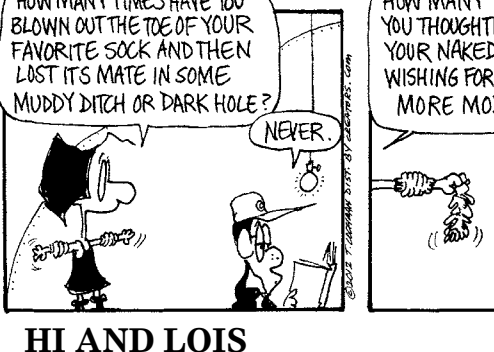
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This Date In History

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2012. There are 313 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Feb. 22, 1732 (New Style date), the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born in Westmoreland County in the Virginia Colony.

On this date:
 In 1784, a U.S. merchant ship, the Empress of China, left New York for the Far East to trade goods with China.
 In 1862, Jefferson Davis, already the provisional president of the Confederacy, was inaugurated for a six-year term following his election in November 1861.
 In 1865, Tennessee adopted a new constitution which included the abolition of slavery.
 In 1909, the Great White Fleet, a naval task force sent on a round-the-world voyage by President Theodore Roosevelt, returned after more than a year at sea.

SMOOTH IT OUT

Warhol died at a New York City hospital at age 58; talk-show host David Susskind was found dead in his Manhattan hotel suite; he was 66.

Today's Birthdays:
 Announcer Don Pardo is 94. Actor Paul Dooley is 84. Hollywood "ghost singer" Marni Nixon is 82. Movie director Jonathan Demme (DEH-mee) is 68. Actor John Ashton is 64. Actress Miou-Miou is 62. Actress Julie Walters is 62. Basketball Hall of Famer Julius Erving is 62. Actress Ellen Greene is 61. Former Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., is 60. White House adviser David Axelrod is 57. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 53. World Golf Hall of Famer Vijay Singh is 49.

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Not Your Mother's Shower

Trend Spotter Offers Tips for a Hip Bridal Shower



Wedding shower and gift trends are reflected in American Greetings cards and gift wrap available at Target stores.

Wrap Like a Pro

When it comes to gifts, presentation is everything. Wrapping that incorporates details and added touches can magnify the perceived value of what's inside, so don't forget to wrap and tie with style.

"For soft goods or items that do not easily fit in a box, use gift bags. They combine convenience and style in all shapes and sizes," says Patty Flauto, American Greetings gift wrap design guru. There are even gift bags designed for specific items. And they keep getting better and better looking, with fashionable details like ribbon handles, scalloped or cuffed "necklines," trendy colors and prints.

New gift wrap designs reflect today's elegant wedding fashions. Wrap featuring photos of trendy wedding flowers, like white roses and hydrangeas, and embellished with clear sparkling crystalline glitter are recommended for the well-dressed gift. Accessorize with ribbon, a bow and fun new package decorations, like a 10-karat "diamond ring" or a feather boa pompom.

Flauto suggests even ordinary household items can make a wrapped gift the star of the gift table. "The key is to pick a few accent colors to complement your wrapping paper. For example, to dress up a gift wrapped in paper with black and white photo images, add a few pink, black and white accent items from sewing supplies. Layer two kinds of ribbons, sheer and satin or thick and thin, or two shades of yarn. Use hot glue to add a flower cut from a greeting card or a key phrase, like 'I do,' and top it with a button or two or three. If you're wrapping a smaller gift box, you could pick up two of the same shower card, using the extra to decorate the entire top of the box."



Ordinary household items like ribbon, yarn, buttons and recycled greeting cards can make any gift extraordinary.

Brides treasure the thoughtful messages in beautiful keepsake cards, and they find creative ways to display them like this French memo board.

Make Lasting Impressions

Every bride treasures her shower and wedding cards. Many lovingly store them in a special box or binder. Some even find crafty and creative ways to display them.

Keepsake cards today shine with satin, lace, ribbons, rhinestones, sequins and even embroidery — three rhinestone "bubbles" hover over a line drawing of two champagne glasses, or the piece may

feature fabric miniature attachments (a little ivory pillow carrying two tiny rings or a wedding cake made with layers of ribbon).

Even more treasured are the sender's handwritten wishes, especially when they reflect personal relationships with the bride and groom. These words will be remembered always.



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If you've been to a wedding shower recently, you've probably noticed the time-honored tradition is changing. The typical Sunday afternoon gathering of ladies playing word games and snacking on pastel Jordan almonds has been replaced by sophisticated themed evenings. And sometimes men are invited too!

"We monitor trends in both weddings and showers so we can incorporate the freshest and most modern themes in our cards," explains Gale Thomson, American Greetings trend spotter. "We've found wine, gourmet kitchen and couples themes are the new wave. Changes in dating and relationship etiquette and other social factors, like career women postponing marriage, have directed showers away from providing basic necessities and more toward reflecting the couple's interests."

Thomson offers these tips for planning some of today's top trendy bridal shower themes:

Wine tastings reflect a popular interest. The wine theme can influence the menu, party activities and gifts. Invite guests to bring two bottles of wine: one to serve at the party and a second to give the couple. Search online for menu items to complement each wine, and display wine-pairing notes at each food and wine station.

Couples showers are a great way to include both the bride's and the groom's friends, and they tend to be cocktail, dinner or summer barbecue parties. Couples showers are a good option for smaller guest lists or as one of multiple showers. A note on the invitation could suggest gifts for future entertaining. American Greetings has taken note of this hot trend by introducing special couples shower cards to its Target line, like one with tiny pink and blue "His" and "Hers" cloth towel icons attached to the front.

Kitchen showers have moved away from providing basic necessities and become more sophisticated, reflecting already-established brides and gourmet cooking trends. High-end stainless steel fondue pots, blenders and food processors are topping gift registries and wedding Website wish lists. Invite guests to bring their favorite recipe to share with the bride.

Personal gifts, indulgences the bride would never buy for herself or honeymoon trip items are also a fashionable shower theme option for second marriages or brides who are already established in their households. Spas are a great personal shower venue, and a gift certificate for spa services presented in a pretty card makes a wonderful gift.

Showers may be changing, but they are still an important part of the wedding tradition. If you're planning a shower and want it to be the latest and greatest, try one of these party concepts.



Creative bridal shower gift ideas include a "bouquet" of cooking utensils and silk flowers banded with ribbon and accented with bows. Just add a card and it's ready to go!

wedding tips: Unique reception touches



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Use the bouquets of the bridal party as the centerpieces of some of the reception tables as one way to bring something different to your wedding.

Over the course of their lifetimes, many people will be wedding guests on several occasions. During the height of wedding season, weddings can run into one another, as the format and the festivities are similar at various ceremonies. Couples interested in setting their nuptials apart may want to enhance the wedding reception with a few unique ideas.

Who hasn't attended a wedding that seems formulaic? The couple enters, they do their spotlight dance, there's food, a bouquet toss and then the cake cutting. Guests may actually be able to predict what's coming next. While it is often customary and easy to follow tradition, that doesn't mean you cannot buck with tradition and offer a few creative ideas to make your event stand out.

Here are several ideas you can introduce into your wedding to add something special to the reception.

- Skip the big entrance. Those who were kind enough to attend the ceremony have already been introduced to the newly minted happy couple. Instead of spending the cocktail hour in the isolation of the wedding suite, mingle with your guests from start to finish. So much time is spent posing for pictures or being out of touch with guests, the cocktail hour can be a great time to sit and chat. Being with guests during the cocktail hour means you don't have to make that big entrance from behind closed doors. Guests will have all eyes on you when you step on the dance floor for your first dance together.

- Dance to an upbeat number. Guests are expecting a slow, sappy tune. What they may not expect is an upbeat song that shows you are willing to have a little fun. If you haven't mastered the waltz but enjoy a little quick step now and again, feel free to choose a tune that shows your excitement and love for each other.

- Encourage couples to dance together. It's often customary for the bridal party to join the bride and groom on the dance floor midway through the first dance. However, that leaves spouses or significant others waiting in the wings while their dates tango with groomsmen or bridesmaids. Instead, don't have assigned partners. Rather, encourage your bridal party members to dance with whomever they choose.

- Swap the garter/bouquet toss for something more meaningful. If you're part of a couple who feels the garter and bouquet toss has become trite, there are other ways to create special moments in your celebration — ones that don't single out the singletons who haven't yet found their special someone. Use this time to present a small gift or token of your affection to someone on the guest list who has served as a mentor or source of inspiration.

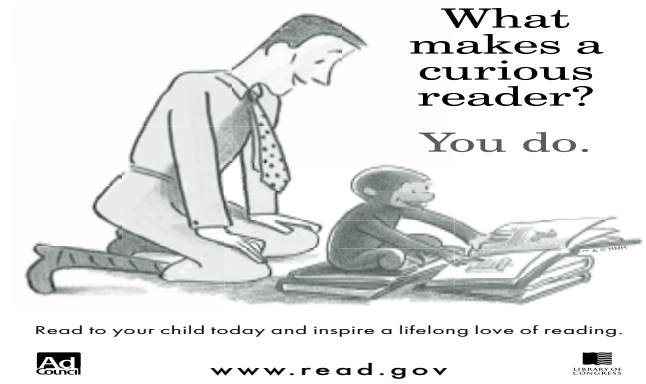
- Choose one special component as an extra goodie for guests. Some couples feel the more they offer the better guests will view their wedding. Spending more money doesn't necessarily mean guests will have a better time. If you want to go above and beyond the ordinary, find one thing that you absolutely love and offer that at the party. It could be a flambe presentation, a chocolate or candy bar, a carving station with your all-time favorite food (even if that's PB&J), or a carnival-inspired automatic photo booth.

- Hire a live performer. Although it's hard to beat the performance quality of your wedding song being performed by the original artist, unless you're cousins with Celine Dion, chances are she won't be available to sing "My Heart Will Go On" at your reception. However, a live band adds a certain level of excitement that a disk jockey may not be able to provide. Those who are adding a cultural or ethnic component to their wedding may want to hire a dance troupe or another type of performer,

like a bagpiper, as an added measure of entertainment for guests.

- Let them eat ... cookies? Some people just don't like cake. Therefore, why should a couple have to cut a seven-tiered white confection? Towers of different types of treats can be created from just about anything and serve as the perfect backdrop for that classic cake-cutting photo. A pyramid of cream puffs, stacks of brownies, a cookie castle, or cereal-cake concoctions can work. Some bakeries will decorate a "dummy" styrofoam cake, and then you can serve apple pie a la mode, if you desire.

- Stage a costume switch. Let's face it, dancing all night in a long gown takes some stamina. As the bride, have a more comfortable cocktail dress available to switch into for the latter part of the reception. It will also add some variety to your wedding photos.



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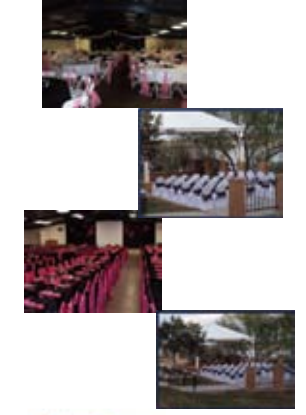
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Woods not a top seed but still a target

MARANA, Ariz. (AP) — Rory McIlroy made his pro debut in America, a 19-year-old from Northern Ireland identified by his freckles, the brown curls coming out of his cap and his raw talent.

He reached the quarterfinals of the Match Play Championship until he ran into the eventual champion, Geoff Ogilvy, who had to make five birdies on the back nine to hold off the kid.

Ogilvy birdied the last three holes and won only one of them, the 17th, for a 2-and-1 win.

"He's the real deal," Ogilvy said that day. "He's going to be around for a while."

That was three years ago. McIlroy returns to Dove Mountain as the reigning U.S. Open champion after smashing records at Congressional. He is No. 2 in the world and has a chance to become the second-youngest player to reach the top of the ranking if

he were to win this week.

He is dating tennis star Caroline Wozniacki.

He already has switched managers. And he plans to play a full PGA Tour schedule. It's hard to believe he has gone through so much at such a young age.

"I feel very content and very happy at the moment with everything that's going on," he said. "I feel like my golf game is in good shape."

Just don't get the idea he's comfortable with everything.

After all, this is the Match Play Championship. There are 64 players in the single-elimination tournament, such a quirky event that not even the best can make plans to stick around Dove Mountain for more than one day.

Tiger Woods is a three-time winner of this World Golf Championship, and if he takes any motivation from the assessment of his opponent, Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano,

he isn't saying.

"I think he's beatable," the Spaniard said. "Of course, I have to play good."

Such comments were all Woods used to need to get fired up. The most famous incident took place in 2006 at La Costa, when Stephen Ames as the No. 64 seed said anything could happen, adding with a smile, "especially where he's hitting it."

Woods beat him, 9 and 8, the most lopsided-match in the history of this event.

But that was when Woods was No. 1 in the world. He is the No. 19 seed this week at Dove Mountain.

That was when Woods was winning two majors a year. Now he hasn't won a tour event in more than two years. Hearing these comments on Tuesday when he arrived at Dove Mountain, he smiled.

"I feel exactly the same way as he does," Woods said. "I feel he's beatable, too."

Then again, that goes for all 64 players in the field.

McIlroy hasn't made it out of the second round the last two years. Lee Westwood, the No. 3 player, who also has a chance to topple Luke Donald at No. 1 in the world this week, has never made it out of the second round.

"It's not quite happened for me," Westwood said. "I suppose I'm a fairly steady to slow starter to the tournament. I ease my way into it, which you can generally do in stroke-play events. But in this, if you come out slow and shoot 1 over for the front nine, you could find yourself three or four down and only have four holes to recover."

It all gets under way on Wednesday at Dove Mountain, with Donald as the top seed and the prime example why no one can count on anything this week.

His opponent? The No. 64 seed, Ernie Els, a three-time

major champion and seven-time winner of the World Match Play Championship at Wentworth, where the matches are contested over 36 holes instead of the 18-hole sprints in Arizona.

Not since the inaugural Match Play Championship in 1999 has No. 1 against No. 64 featured such big stars, when Woods beat Nick Faldo.

Of course, there's a reason Els comes in as the No. 64 seed.

The Big Easy hasn't won since the South African Open at the end of 2010, and he only got into this tournament because Phil Mickelson is taking a family vacation (Paul Casey later withdrew with injury).

Donald is coming off a year in which he won money titles on the PGA Tour and European Tour, and won a career-high four tournaments, starting with the Match Play Championship.

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Concussion fallout raises red flags for NASCAR drivers

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — If Michael Waltrip were to count up all the concussions he has sustained over a NASCAR career that stretches back nearly 30 years, he'd certainly hit 10 — and probably keep going.

Safety measures since Dale Earnhardt's death in 2001 have gone a long way toward preventing head injuries, and NASCAR officials have taken steps to improve the way they identify and treat concussions. But Waltrip knows that won't undo all those hits he took in the 1980s and '90s.

"I whacked my head — a lot," Waltrip said. "If you think about this, I showed up in '85, when it was relatively 'safe.' We thought we had it figured out. I raced all the way through 2001 when people were getting killed. And all through that time, I was hitting my head and knocking myself out and getting concussions and going to the hospital. And I don't know what that means to me in 10 years. But I know it's a concern."

The 48-year-old Waltrip gets uneasy when he hears stories about NFL players and other athletes who are having serious neurological problems after they retire, issues that a growing amount of research indicates may have been caused by repetitive brain injuries they sustained during their playing days.

Could that happen to him, too?

"I would be the perfect case study to see what's going to happen," Waltrip said. "Because I can go back and look at the races and count up times I was knocked unconscious that I can't count on both hands."

Five-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson says he has had two concussions racing stock cars, and probably many more racing dirt bikes when he was younger.

Earnhardt's death in the 2001 Daytona 500 — which came after drivers Kenny Irwin, Adam Petty and Tony Roper all were killed from similar

head injuries — forced NASCAR to get serious about safety.

Today, drivers must wear a head and neck restraint, while impact-absorbing SAFER barriers have been installed on racetrack walls and NASCAR completely redesigned race cars to reduce the risk of injury.

Racing seats used to look a lot like passenger car seats; now they look more like something out of a spaceship, with foam-padded supports on each side of the helmet that barely allows a driver's head to move during a crash.

It's working. Going into Sunday's Daytona 500, there hasn't been a death in NASCAR's top three national series since Earnhardt's.

NASCAR officials say they've identified 29 concussions in their top three series since 2004 — and only 11 of those happened in the past five seasons.

And while there have been some drivers who experienced long-term effects from traumatic head injuries over the years — including Bobby Allison, Ernie Irvan, Jerry Nadeau and Steve Park — O'Donnell says NASCAR doesn't see any evidence of widespread health issues related to multiple head injuries, as the NFL and other sports are.

"There's always concerns for any driver that's been in the sport," O'Donnell said. "But in terms of drivers formally approaching us and saying, 'Hey, I want to talk about this or look at it,' we haven't seen that occur, in terms of what you're seeing in other sports right now."

In response to reports of football players, hockey players and other athletes having serious neurological issues in retirement, researchers at the Boston-based Sports Legacy Institute have studied brain tissue of deceased former athletes.

They've found evidence of a degenerative brain disease known as Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy that has been linked to repetitive brain injuries.