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In the top photo, 2012 Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life Chairman Manny Negron receives a \$5,000 donation from an Eagles Lodge representative just prior to the start of the annual American Cancer Society fundraiser at Blankenship Field Friday. At right, the Survivors' Lap concludes with participants passing through a balloon archway.

HERALD photos/Amanda Moreno



# Relay raises \$157K

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
Staff Writer

Cool overnight temperatures and West Texas wind didn't stop community members from showing their support for the Howard-Glasscock County Relay For Life 2012. For 24 hours, Blankenship Field turned into a place of remembrance, celebration and hope in the fight against cancer. During wrap-up ceremonies Saturday morning, residents were able to see just how well their dedication paid off. The overall total raised — with more money still coming in and a few fundraisers left — was \$157,706.43. "This turned out to be an overall great experience for myself and for the community as a whole. The turnout was a success," said Manny Negron, chairman of this year's Relay For Life. The financial count at this point is still shy of the \$192,000 goal, but with a few fundraisers still left, Negron said the goal can

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# HC fundraising efforts get boost

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will get an update on construction plans for the district's San Angelo campus when they hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union

Building's Tumbleweed Room. College officials announced earlier this year plans to expand its San Angelo campus with the addition of two buildings adjacent to the West Texas Training Center. Total price tag for the project is estimated at between \$8 million and \$9 million, said Dr. Cheryl Sparks,

Howard College president. Officials plan to finance the project without taxpayer money, instead relying on private donations and a revenue bond paid for through student fees. During Monday's meeting, trustees

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# County agenda routine

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners have a rather routine agenda waiting for them when they meet Monday morning at 9 a.m., including an executive session with a local justice of the peace and a block grant presentation. Commissioners are expected to meet with Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs in an executive session during the meeting concerning a personnel matter, however, the



Barr

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# Voter registration deadline for primary election nears

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Time is running out for area residents looking to register to vote in the upcoming political party primaries, as the April 29 deadline looms on the horizon. The primaries — normally held in March but postponed multiple times this year because of the legal debacle caused by state redistricting — are currently slated for May 29. Voter certificates having been mailed out locally several weeks ago, according to Saundra Bloom, elections administrator for Howard County.



Bloom

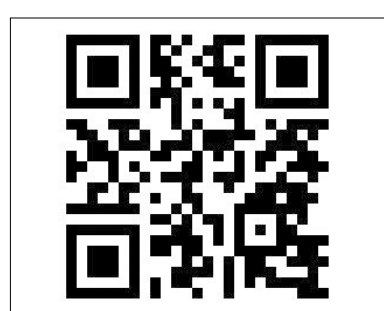
According to Bloom, area residents who haven't already received their voter certificate need to contact her office to find out why.

"Whether their certificate has been mailed to an old address or they simply need to apply for a new one, if they will call us we can begin the process to get them their current voter certificate," Bloom said. "We mailed them out in late March, so if they haven't received them yet, chances are they aren't going to. We need to get the paper work going so we can get them registered in time to vote in this year's primaries."

Bloom said many of the voter certificates mailed out in March may have gone to old addresses, and encouraged area residents receiving cards for previous tenants to mail them back to her office.

"This is how we clean up the voter rolls each year," Bloom said. "If you received a card at your residence for someone who no longer lives there, simply mark it as 'return






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## Obituaries

## Jimmie Fay Frazier



Jimmie Fay Frazier of Arlington, Texas, completed her earthly mission April 19, 2012. She was 87.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, April 22, 2012, at Moore Funeral Home, 1219 N. Davis Dr., Arlington. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 23, at North Davis Church of Christ, 1601 N. Davis Dr., Arlington, with graveside service at Brandon Cemetery in Hillsboro, Texas.

Jimmie was born July 4, 1924, in Waco, Texas, to James Clarence and Elizabeth Fay Rogers. It snowed in Waco that day, which set the stage for an unusual and productive life. She grew up in Big Spring, Texas, when her father was transferred as a machinist with the Texas and Pacific Railway. She grew up in the Great Depression and was part of the "Greatest Generation." A nurse during World War II, she graduated from the Baylor School of Nursing with a bachelor of science in nursing in 1945.

That same year, she married her childhood friend, Bruce Frazier. She had four daughters and seven sons. True to the calling of the times, she watched a son, a daughter and two grandsons serve in the military. She witnessed the moon landing, the introduction of mobile phones and the Internet. She lived the last 35 years of her life in Arlington.

Beautiful flowers graced the pathway of Jimmie's life. Her interest in gardening and horticulture blessed many people with the joy of dazzling blossoms, many nursed in the fickle climate of West Texas. She served as a national flower show judge and won numerous blue ribbons in competition. She also was an excellent seamstress, sewing for her children and grandchildren.

One of her greatest accomplishments was successfully raising 10 children who all continue to love and enjoy each other. Her favorite activity was listening to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren laughing and telling stories. Jimmie attended North Davis Church of Christ, leaving a godly example that will extend for generations to come. (For a complete description, see Proverbs 31:10-31.)

She was preceded in heaven by her parents, James Clarence and Fay Shaw Rogers; her husband, James Bruce Frazier; daughter, Penny Frazier Morrell; an infant daughter; and two sisters, Winnie Cagle and Rebecca Hudson.

She is survived by a sister and her husband, Pat and Jimmy Anderson; brother-in-law, Howard Cagle; and nine children and their spouses: Jim and Linda Frazier of Arlington, Mack and Marilee Frazier of Tarpley, Beth and Steve Eckersley of Arlington, Edward and Gloria Frazier of Arlington, Robert and Karen Frazier of Abilene, Bennett and Lois Frazier of Southlake, Tim and Dana Frazier of The Woodlands, Jennifer and Alan Cochrum of Arlington, and Donald and Susan Frazier of Abilene. She is survived by 32 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorials: Hearts and Hands, North Davis Church of Christ, 1601 N. Davis Drive, Arlington, Texas 76012.

*Paid obituary*

## Dianne Standefer Cash



Dianne Standefer Cash, 59, of Ashdown, Ark., died Wednesday, April 11, 2012.

Ms. Cash was born Sept. 13, 1952, in Stanton, Texas.

Survivors include one daughter, Virginia Walker; a son-in-law, Damon Walker; and a stepgranddaughter, Winter Walker of Maud, Texas; her stepfather, Jack Strain of Colorado City, Texas; one brother, Terry Standefer and wife Diane of Cedar Park; one sister, Kathy Benson of Granbury, Texas; a half-brother, Bill Standefer and wife of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a number of other relatives.

She was preceded in death by paternal grand-

parents, Edgar and Oradell Standefer; maternal grandparents, Eual and Bea Henderson; father Morris Standefer; mother Virginia Strain; brother Glenn Standefer; and daughter, Sherry La Nell Standefer.

Dianne was raised in Colorado City and graduated high school in 1970. She then moved to Big Spring, where she lived for many years. She worked for Rip Griffin Truck Stop, managed The Pump club and also the Brass Nail. She leaves many friends and family with sadness in their heart but who know she is no longer in pain.

There will be a memorial service at The First Baptist Church in Colorado City, Texas, at 2 p.m. April 28, 2012. Family will be at the home of her stepfather, Jack Strain, at 983 E 17th St. There will be time for visiting at the church after the service.

*Paid obituary*

## Ruben Earl Steadmon



Ruben Earl Steadmon, 87, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 18, 2012, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, April 23, 2012, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Joey Bacon, associate pastor at Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born July 19, 1924, near Knott, Texas, and married Jean Randell on April 15, 1950, in Carlsbad, N.M. She preceded him in death Dec. 26, 2001.

Ruben was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. He served as a civil servant with the United

States Air Force at Webb Air Force Base for almost 30 years, retiring in 1977. He served in the United States Army during World War II, and on Dec. 24, 1944, he survived the sinking of the U.S.S. Leopoldville off the coast of France. Ruben went on to serve in France and Germany, and was awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service.

He is survived by a daughter, Donna Ride-nour and husband Bary of San Antonio; a son, David R. Steadmon of Las Vegas, Nev.; a younger brother, Fermon B. Steadmon of San Antonio; three grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

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

## Frank "Frankie" Fierro Jr.

Frank "Frankie" Fierro Jr., 64, of Big Spring died Thursday, April 19, 2012, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2012, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parrish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 22, 2012, in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Frankie was born Jan. 8, 1948, in Big Spring where he lived his entire life. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army, having served in Vietnam.

Frankie was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parrish.

Survivors include one daughter, Marlina Fierro Reese of Aubrey; two grandsons; his mother, Lupe Fierro of Big Spring; and two sisters, Sandra Muniz and husband Adolfo of Barstow and Sylvia Orman of Irving.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Fierro Sr.; and one brother, Ismael Valdez.

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# Police blotter

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

- JONATHAN WAYNE KELSEY, 51, of 1406 Sycamore, was arrested Friday on a warrant from other agency.
- MICHAEL ARTHUR BROWN, 41, of 3606 Calvin St., was arrested Friday on a warrant for accumulated items/weeds/rubbish.
- GUADALUPE MORENO, 44, of 807 Creighton, was arrested Friday on a warrant for failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- RICHARD RUIZ BAUTISTA, 19, of 1002 N. Main St. 57, was arrested Friday on a warrant for no drivers license when unlicensed, fail to appear and consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- KRISTIN SHNEA MARMOLEJO, 19, of 1804 Owens, was arrested Friday on warrant for juvenile curfew violation and disorderly conduct by fighting.
- SALVADOR GUTIERREZ PEREZ, 41, of 1314 State Park Drive, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- NICHOLAS LOYA, 32, of 1614 Lark Street, was arrested on warrant for possession/consume alcohol beverage in city park, bail jumping/failure to appear/fine only (two counts), driving while license invalid.
- THEFT was reported:  
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In the 2300 block of Carl.  
In the 500 block of S. Birdwell.

# VOTER

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to sender' and drop it back in the mail box. That way we will know that person no longer resides at that address."

Bloom said the redistricting issues aren't likely to have an effect on Howard County come election day, although at least one key piece of legislation has changed since this time last year.

"Last year, when folks were coming in to vote we were told to inform them about the Voter ID law, which was set to go into effect in time for these elections," Bloom said.

"It would have required voters to present a photo ID before they could cast their ballot, and we wanted to prepare our local voters so it wouldn't come as a big surprise this year," she added.

"However, the Department of Justice has since rejected the state's Voter ID law, meaning it will not go into effect. Voters

will be able to cast their ballot in the same manner they did last year. They are still required to register, as before, but the requirement to present a photo ID will not be in place."

Among the offices up for election in the 2012 election include 118<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney, currently held by Hardy Wilkerson; Howard County sheriff, currently held by Stan Parker; county attorney, held by Joshua Hamby; tax assessor collector, held by Kathy Sayles; Precinct 3 county commissioner, held by Jimmie Long; and Precinct 1 county commissioner, held by Emma Brown, Bloom note3d.

Parker has filed to run for re-election, as have Long, Green and Wilkerson.

Parker has drawn an opponent in local resident M.O. Horton.

The two will face off on the Republican ticket, according to election officials.

Brown has drawn a trio of challengers, as Howard County Jailer Larry Torres, former Big Spring Council member Oscar

Garcia and Ed Ware, who has attempted to unseat the long-time commissioner previously, will face off for the Precinct 1 seat on the court.

Brown will face Torres in the Democratic primary, while Garcia and Ware will have to compete for the Republican nomination for the seat.

Longtime Tax Collector and Assessor Kathy Sayles announced she will not be running for re-election.

However, Diane Carter, an employee of tax collection office, will be running unopposed for the office on the Republican ticket.

Also running unopposed are Long, Green and Wilkerson. All three are running on the Republican ticket.

For more information on the upcoming elections, contact Bloom at the Howard County Elections Administration at 432-264-2273.

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

# COUNTY

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details of the upcoming meeting are sketchy, at best.

"Quail contacted my office and asked that it be placed on the agenda, but he didn't really tell me anything other than that," County Judge Mark Barr said.

Since commissioners

will be meeting with Dobbs in an executive session, the exchange will take place behind closed doors. However, any actions taken as a result of the meeting are required to take place in open court, as required by Texas state law.

Dobbs declined to comment on the nature of the meeting Friday, saying only the matter was personal.

Also during Mon-

day's meeting, commissioners are set to meet with Big Spring Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness regarding the presentation of a block grant to the city of Big Spring and county law enforcement.

According to Barr, the grant — which is aimed at providing technical equipment for law enforcement agencies — will be divided between the two local agencies.

"These types of grants are very specific about what the funding can be used for," Barr said. "It will be up to the sheriff (Stan Parker) how the funds will be used. However, in days like these, every dollar counts."

Commissioners are also expected to consider an agreement with 911 Emergency Services for dispatching services.

County Auditor Jackie

Olson will present commissioners with invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments. She is also expected to hold a budget work session with the court to continue ongoing work on the county's upcoming fiscal plan.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is expected to meet with the court regarding personnel considerations, as well.

The meeting will get

under way at 9 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom — an hour earlier than its normal starting time — located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact the county judge's office at 432-264-2202.

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# COLLEGE

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will get a bit of good news on the fundraising front.

"The San Angelo Health Foundations has donated \$1 million to our construction fund,"

Sparks said. "This is a tremendous advancement in our fundraising efforts. We're definitely getting closer to our goal."

One of the new buildings will be used to expand the campus' classroom space, while the other will house student

services such as a library and offices for admissions and financial aid.

Enrollment at the San Angelo campus has increased dramatically in the past few years. Currently, more than 2,700 students take classes there, making it the largest campus in the Howard College district.

"We simply need more space," Sparks said.

Officials hope to have the new buildings open for students by early 2014.

Also Monday, trustees will get a progress

report on construction of an agricultural science complex at the Big Spring campus.

Sparks said the complex, financed entirely through donations from the G.C. Broughton Foundation, will consist of an open-air pavilion, which is already complete, a show barn and an instructional building. The complex is located just east of Memorial Stadium.

Sparks said construction of the show barn and instructional building should begin within the next few weeks.

Once complete, the complex will house all the college's agricultural science programs.

"The complex will also help us work with area high schools, the extension service and local agriculture producers to further the ag industry in this area," Sparks said.

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# RELAY

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be reached. One of the goals, 150 registered survivors, was reached Friday night. This year, there was also a total of 25 teams on the field.

"We truly appreciate the communities support for this year's Re-

lay," Negron said. "This really was a good chance to bring the community together."

Information regarding the community wrap-up will be released at a later date.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, with Your heavenly help, drive and determination we can succeed at anything.

Amen

# The Varsity becomes unlettered

By any measure, it is a relic, and if walls could talk, moans and groans would dominate. If "kin" were called in to witness last rites, there'd be few. Most single-screen movie houses — with names like "Queen, Plaza, Bijou, Tivoli and Palace" — are long since gone.

And, without community action, Canyon's Varsity Theater, a downtown landmark for more than 60 years, faces the same fate.

It's remarkable, really, that this little first-run theater has made it this far in a high-tech world. Without its gutsy operator, Garry Cathey, the Varsity would have gone dark years ago. He's a stubborn, do-everything kind of guy who runs projectors, sells tickets, dispenses concessions and intersperses "turn those cell phones off" instructions when needed. There are many other chores "as may be assigned by the manager," and he's the manager.

He's given it "the old college try" in a town proud of its West Texas A&M University, world-class museum, "can do" attitude and progressive spirit. But, there are no corners left to cut, baling wire is rusted, and duct tape is near the end of the roll. "Coming in on a Wing and a Prayer" — a melody that helped a nation "stay hitched" at the height of World War II — could be the Varsity's theme song.

The thread of hope is thin indeed; prayers, however, remain strong.

A retiree with 30 years' ser-

vice at the Texas Department of Transportation, he can't shake his "theatrical" pursuits. They started back in 1970 at a drive-in theater in nearby Amarillo.

Cathey saw Billy Jack — the first movie he worked — so many times he knew the dialogue.

Theaters in Amarillo, his hometown, are state-of-the-art, multi-screen houses with all the bells and whistles. One of 'em is just 10 miles from Canyon.

"I should have bought the building when I leased the Varsity in '94," Cathey admits. "Rent hasn't increased the whole time, but the building needs work, and Hollywood is 'going digital.' It won't be long until there won't be any current movies in film format available."

At this point, the Varsity still has film on spools and a digital conversion would cost upwards of \$100,000.

With tickets priced at \$5 and \$3 — and concessions about half the price of most theaters — the operation no longer computes. Monthly lease payments require more than half the "take."

Still, it has "chugged along," sort of like the "little engine that could."

The Varsity is "air cooled" at least that's what they called it when we kids flocked to theaters for double-features back in the 1940s. In short, that's "evaporative cooling." (Another term is "swamp cooling," accomplished with fans pushing air through straw panels moistened by recirculated water.)

This works in Canyon, where summer nights are typically pleasant upon daily sign-off of the sun. There are two giant coolers in the building, but one is out of commission.

The day I visited Canyon,

Mirror, Mirror was opening.

One side of the marquee was unlettered, however. "I ran out of 'R's," Cathey said. He went on to explain the marquee's short thrust toward the street. "It used to extend further, but a truck took it out after the street was widened."

There's a strong "Save the Varsity" sentiment. The university, governmental bodies and the chamber of commerce want the Varsity to remain open. It has editorial support of the Canyon News. There's much appreciation for Cathey's efforts to provide family-rated movies — the kind he says are favorites in Canyon.

He wants to stay in harness, providing nightly movies and multiple showings on weekends. If the entire community gets behind this project, the theater can become a precious jewel once more.

Down the street from the 320-seat theater is the remodeled Randall County Courthouse and in the other direction is Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, "nut-shelled" in the literature as "covering 26,000 square miles and 500 million years."

Much about the community warrants side trips from nearby I-40 and the old "Route 66."

Plan on it!

Listen to the courthouse chimes peeling "It's Time to Shine."

And if the Varsity sparkles again because a community wants it to, there'll be no reason to play "Taps." How about "Happy Days are Here Again?"

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## YOUR VIEWS

### Bobby McDonald

TO THE EDITOR:

To the citizens of Big Spring's City Council district 4

Bobby McDonald was one of the first persons I met when I moved to Big Spring. He is one of the most knowledgeable individuals I have had the pleasure of knowing since my move here. He is very passionate about Big Spring and its residents.

It is truly amazing and admirable to have someone who has spent practically his whole life doing whatever he can to improve Big Spring and the quality of life for all of its citizens. Bobby graduated from Big Spring High School. He and his wife Gloria raised their children here; he has not left Big Spring because he believes in Big Spring.

In the past he has been the co-chair of the Festival of Lights for six years. How about his efforts to develop a common holiday theme for the city by developing the city's first poinsettia. Personally, I think the poinsettia looks great on Scenic Mountain, the Big Spring dam and resident's lawn. Bobby, as a member of the Air Park Development Board helped bring the annual national Hang Glider Championship to Big Spring. Three years ago Big Spring hosted the World Hang Glider Championship that brought in people from all over the world to Big Spring. He's a member of the Citizens Advisory Board at Alon USA, "Keep Big Spring Beautiful" and one of the early volunteer for Relay for Life. Do you know any other candidate who has been as involved and has had such a positive effect on Big Spring.

How many other candidates have traveled throughout the

region, state and country attending conferences and meetings in an effort to promote Big Spring? It is because of his travels he understands the vital importance and impact economic development has on a city and its citizens. He knows economic growth generally improves the quality of life within a city and ultimately leads to better services because business help pay for those services. He knows about the businesses of Big Spring, he knows how important it is to support them and grow them.

During the controversy surrounding the new water park Bobby and his wife Gloria traveled around to other cities in West Texas to get the facts about the impact a water park would have on the city, the children and citizens. Based on facts not emotions or rhetoric he and many other citizens were very supportive of the park as a result we have a park that was wildly successful last summer and made money for the city.

Did any of the other candidates make any effort to actually visit other cities and talk to those citizens?

Many of the activities Bobby McDonald has been involved in either directly or indirectly has helped our city being designated as a Certified Retirement Community in Texas. Can any other candidate say that?

I want you to ask yourself, of the citizens running for City Council, who has really been an unpaid public servant? The answer, Bobby McDonald. He knows Big Spring and he cares about all its people.

FELLOW CONCERNED CITIZEN,  
WILLIA LEDFORD  
BIG SPRING

### AARP program

TO THE EDITOR:

The Big Spring AARP Tax Assistance Program finished the tax year with very successful results. We served 324 individuals or couples through this service.

We would like to thank the Big Spring Herald, city of Big Spring, Senior Citizen's Center, Suddenlink TV, the city information cable channel and local radio stations for their support in making this a great year.

I would like to recognize the six individuals who gave 11 weeks of tax assistance plus countless hours of study and training to qualify for the IRS testing that allows them to work in the program. Gloria Hopkins, Ruth Ann McKay, Mary Vera, Roger Ridgeway, Donna Menges and Pete Ruiz all volunteered their time and did an outstanding job of helping the citizens of Big Spring.

If anyone else is interested in joining this team for the 2012 tax season, contact me at 432-263-4992. Training will begin mid-January 2013.

SINCERELY  
RAY ALEXANDER  
BIG SPRING

### Lights

TO THE EDITOR:

I wonder why it is when driving at night that if we have our bright lights on we can get a ticket, and these other cars and trucks that have running lights on, which is just like having on your bright lights on and that is legal? Then what is worse is those blue lights, that really hurts my eyes. So why are the running lights legal compared to the bright lights?

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Letters

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We ate at Red Mesa Grill last night(Thursday).It was very, very good. Congrats go out to Jessica Price for her hard work and to all the people that she had hired,they were all very polite,Thank You Jessica for bringing Big Spring some class we need it very much,thank you again.

MARILLYN MIEARS  
BIG SPRING

Trash Off

TO THE EDITOR:  
I want to say "thanks" to all our volunteers that participated in the "Don't Mess with Texas" trash off! It is you that make the wheels turn for the betterment of our city. We must continue to try and "make a difference" in these days with all the throw away items we enjoy using, but fail to control them, so they cover our town as well as the flag waving plastic bags. We can, and we will do a better job!

So congratulations to the hearty ones that turned out to fight the wind and more wind Saturday. Other attractions that hampered our turn out was the Health Fair, Master the Mountain & Old Sore Heads day. The turnout for the "Trash Off" was not number one on the platter for that day. The hearty souls did a great fight. 100 volunteers that I was aware of collected 9,740 lbs. Those participating spent 203 hours picking up trash left by others. Also, we had 31 volunteers under the age of 18 participating. Thanks also goes to Angela, Eddie & Joe of our Landfill department that handles all the trash brought in.

We had 22 members of the Adopt A Highway group participate that I was aware of, they do a great job in keeping our highways clean. Have you noticed how clean FM700 is, that is because a 4 mile stretch is adopted by Adult Probation and they cleans it every week and help out in other areas. It is managed by Tom Olague. We have lost a number of our Adopt A Highway, one especially coming in from the west end that American Legion did for years. If there is a group, organization or company that would like to adopt a highway, road or spot call me.

Those participating in the "Trash Off" were Big Spring High School, Alon U.S.A. Refinery, Disc Golf, Lee & Fran Emerson, First Baptist Church Chapel Class, Geo Group Inc., Terry & Jan Hansen, Howard College, Bobby & Gloria McDonald, Marc Marchessdeault, State National Bank, Robert & Charlene Ragan, Georgie Newsom, Jim, Tammy and Darby De Pauw, Sharon Westerhof, Dale Pitman and Dale & Viron Hartin.

The most common item found was beer bottles. Some of the uncommon items found were a Snoopy toy, boots, three one dollar bills and a blank business check.

That's it for me! Last year was suppose to have been my last year but due to circumstances I agreed to do it again. I think 17 years is enough! Lot of fun, work & memories to reflect on.

PAT SIMMONS  
BIG SPRING



Courtesy photo by Stephanie Fowler

These Coahoma Junior High singers were very successful at Region 6 Solo and Ensemble Contest held Saturday, April 14, in Seminole. All received first division or superior ratings from the judge on their solos. Front row: Jenavee Streigler, Hannah Tucker, Amiee Solis, and Sarinity Klug. Back row: Heather Goodger, Cameron Crabtree and Abbie Daniels.

Take note

• The Lone Star District will be holding its Spring School Night for Scouting signups from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 26 in the First Baptist Church Gymnasium.

• An account has been opened at the Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union for Orlando and Jessica Olague who lost their home last Tuesday in the tornado that hit Arlington, Texas. They have two small children, Bella and Eli. They were born and raised in Big Spring where their parents and family still reside.

The account is under the name of Jessica Sanchez Olague and any help is appreciated.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray medical cost for

Brittney Phillips Smith. Brittney will be undergoing a kidney transplant in San Antonio on June 14.

Brittney is a graduate of BSHS and is the daughter of Karan and Gary Phillips. All donations and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

• Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center.

The cost is \$8 per person.

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

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## News in brief

### Texas jobless rate drops to 7 percent

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' jobless rate fell to 7 percent in March, marking the seventh consecutive month of decline, according to figures released Friday by the state employment agency.

The state's unemployment rate was down from 7.1 percent in February and 8 percent a year ago, the Texas Workforce Commission said.

"The Texas economy continues to show strength" and experience job growth in the private sector, said Tom Pauken, chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission.

In addition, he said, the state's jobless rate consistently has remained below the national jobless rate for at least five years. The national unemployment rate has also been falling, down to 8.2 percent in March.

The commission says Texas added 10,900 non-farm jobs last month, and there were gains in eight of the state's 11 major industries. Leisure and hospitality sectors grew the most with 6,000 new jobs, followed by a jump of 3,100 positions in information services.

The biggest losses were in trade, transportation and utilities, which lost 4,000 jobs last month.

Unemployment rates are adjusted for seasonal trends in hiring and firing, which most economists believe give a more accurate picture of the job market. Without the seasonal adjustment, the jobless rate in Texas would have remained at 7 percent from 7.2 percent in February.

Midland again had the lowest unemployment rate at 3.7 percent. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission region tied with Brownsville-Harlingen for the highest at 10.7 percent, which was down from February in both regions.

### Perry renews drought disaster declaration

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has renewed a proclamation declaring Texas a disaster due to the drought.

Perry renewed the disaster status Friday, extending a similar proclamation from last July.

The governor initially declared the drought a disaster in December 2010, and a severe lack of rainfall still plagues much of the state.

The proclamation allows municipalities to apply for state assistance in dealing with the drought's impacts, including fighting and recovering from wildfires. It also officially notes the added strain on state water resources.

Texas endured the worst-single year drought in its history through last summer, and a relatively wet winter has been followed by little rainfall statewide in recent weeks.

The drought also helped fuel the costliest wildfire season in terms of property damage in state history

last year.

### Texas man surrenders in burning death of puppy

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police say a man who was sought in connection with the burning death of a 4-month-old puppy has surrendered to authorities.

Darius Ewing turned himself in at the same time a candlelight vigil was being held for the Labrador terrier mix named Justice. Ewing had been wanted on a felony animal cruelty charge.

Authorities say several people set a dog on fire April 4 at an apartment complex in the Pleasant Grove district of southeast Dallas.

The group ran away when police arrived. A witness told police someone poured lighter fluid on the puppy before setting it on fire.

The puppy suffered burns to 70 percent of its body. Later named Justice, he died April 13. A \$25,000 reward had been offered for an arrest of anyone involved.

### Cockfight shooting believed to be sloppy hit

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Frantic calls to emergency responders described a chaotic scene with people frightened, wounded and fleeing in all directions after masked gunmen opened fire on a Texas cockfight near the Mexico border.

Authorities believe the wild shooting that left three dead and eight wounded early Thursday was a sloppy hit on two brothers.

Three people were charged with cockfighting and engaging in organized criminal activity Friday just before officials identified the victims, who all had criminal pasts. The brothers believed to be the target of the shooting were among those killed. The gunmen remained at large.

A recording of the 911 calls obtained by The Associated Press details the pandemonium that ensued when two to four masked gunmen opened fire at a cockfight near Edcouch, about 15 miles northeast of McAllen, where as many as 200 people were present.

Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino said Friday it was "the crime scene from hell." Some 300 beer cans and about 20 dead roosters littered the ground.

"Obviously they're amateurs," Trevino said of the shooters.

### Judge won't toss confession in Fort Hood bomb plot

WACO, Texas (AP) — A federal judge on Friday rejected a defense motion to throw out a confession from the soldier accused of planning to bomb a Texas restaurant filled with Fort Hood troops.

Lawyers for Army Pfc. Naser Jason Abdo say au-

thorities did not read his Miranda rights or grant his request for a lawyer before he told them of plans to blow up the building and shoot survivors. They also asked the judge to suppress evidence obtained after Abdo was detained in July at a Killeen motel near the Texas Army post.

U.S. District Judge Walter Smith rejected the motions Friday after a four-hour hearing in Waco.

Abdo, 22, faces up to life in prison if convicted of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and eight other charges. His trial is set for May.

In a muffled recording played in court Friday, a Killeen police detective, Sgt. Eric Bradley, is heard saying he saw footage of Abdo in area stores and asking if the soldier knew about events in Killeen, including the 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood in which an Army psychiatrist is charged.

Abdo tells the detective in the recording that he applied for conscientious objector status but it was put on hold after he was charged with having child pornography.

"So I'm AWOL ... and I was planning an attack here in the Fort Hood community," Abdo says in the recording.

Another Killeen detective testified that he read Abdo his Miranda rights shortly after placing him in a police car, but said the audio did not record because of a delay and no other officers were present. Bradley talked to Abdo in the police car after that.

### After 4-month surge, gas prices start falling

NEW YORK (AP) — The worst is over, for now. Gasoline prices are starting to fall.

After a four-month surge pushed gasoline to nearly \$4 per gallon in early April, drivers, politicians and economists worried that gasoline prices might soar past all-time highs, denting wallets, angering voters and dragging down an economy that is struggling to grow.

Instead, pump prices have dropped 6 cents over two weeks to a national average on Friday of \$3.88. Experts say gasoline could fall another nickel or more next week, saving drivers about \$2 per fill-up.

Drivers might also get to say something they haven't since October 2009 — they're paying less at the pump than they did a year ago.

"It's nice, much more manageable," said Mark Timko, who paid less than \$4 per gallon Wednesday in the Chicago suburb of Burr Ridge, Ill., for the first time since March.

"I wasn't sure how high they were going to go this year."

Gasoline prices are lower than they were a year ago in 11 states, according to the Oil Price Information Service. At \$3.88, the national average is still high, but it's down from a peak of \$3.94.

Predictions of \$5 gasoline earlier this year have evaporated.

## Austin honors Nelson with statue

AUSTIN (AP) — Country music legend Willie Nelson helped unveil a statue honoring him in downtown Austin by singing his new song "Roll Me Up and Smoke Me When I Die" on Friday, a date long reserved to celebrate marijuana use.

The faint smell of marijuana smoke wafted through a crowd of about 2,000 people as Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell accepted on the privately funded statue as a gift from a private arts group. Organizers said they didn't intentionally choose April 20 for the event, but once they found out, they scheduled the unveiling at 4:20 p.m. as a tongue-in-cheek reference to Nelson's openness about his marijuana use and advocacy for its legalization.

The statute stands in front of the Moody Theater, where the Austin City Limits Studio is now

located. Nelson, a 10-time Grammy Award winner who has sold more than 40 million copies of his 150 albums, appeared on the first episode of the public television show in 1974.

"He is the man who more than other made Austin the live music capital of the world," Leffingwell said.

Nelson was born in Abbott, a tiny town about 120 miles north of Austin, but he has lived in Texas' capital city since 1971.

Longtime friend and fellow singer-songwriter Kris Kristofferson congratulated Nelson, saying he couldn't have imagined the city honoring Nelson during the early days of what became known as the Cosmic Cowboy movement in music.

Nelson, who wore black jeans, a black T-shirt and a black cowboy hat, is notoriously shy about

such honors. Before he began performing, with his sister Bobbie Nelson on piano, he thanked the organizers and joked with the crowd.

"What time is it?" he joked as the clock approach 4:20 p.m. "I feel it's getting close to something."

Nelson's career was built on not conforming to country music norms. He fused country music with jazz and rock in the early 1970s to create the "outlaw country" movement in Austin and helped give the city a reputation as a music city.

The monument shows Nelson in a relaxed, standing pose and holding his guitar to the side as if in conversation. Philadelphia sculptor Clete Shields said the leaning pose and heroic scale are intended to show Nelson's openness and whimsical side.

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# In brief

## Experts say Zimmerman made smart move in questioning investigator

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — By questioning a state investigator on the witness stand during a routine bail hearing, George Zimmerman's defense attorney showed some of the weaknesses in prosecutors' claims that the neighborhood watch volunteer committed second-degree murder, legal experts say.

A judge ruled Friday that Zimmerman can be released on \$150,000 bail while he awaits trial on murdering 17-year-old Trayvon Martin during a Feb. 26 confrontation in a Sanford, Fla. gated community. Zimmerman apologized to Martin's parents, who were in the courtroom for the bail hearing, in a surprise appearance on the witness stand. Zimmerman is pleading not guilty and claims self-defense.

"I am sorry for the loss of your son," said Zimmerman, marking the first time he has spoken in public about the confrontation with the unarmed black teen. "I did not know how old he was. I thought he was a little bit younger than I am. I did not know if he was armed or not."

The apology came after Zimmerman's defense attorney, Mark O'Mara, questioned an investigator for the special prosecutor, sentence by sentence, about a probable cause affidavit the investigator signed outlining certain facts in the case.

Investigator Dale Gilbreath testified that he does not know whether Martin or Zimmerman threw the first punch and that there is no evidence to disprove Zimmerman's contention he was walking back to his vehicle when confronted by Martin. The affidavit says "Zimmerman confronted Martin and a struggle ensued."

## Reports show weaknesses in administration's missile defense plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of President Barack Obama's signature defense programs, a missile defense shield designed to protect the United States and Europe from an Iranian missile attack, faces major delays, cost overruns and critical technological problems, according to two recent government reports.

The reports by the Defense Department and congressional investigators cast doubt on a program that is at the core of American plans to defend Europe and a sensitive political issue both domestically and in relations with Russia. They say missile interceptors are running into production glitches, the systems' radars are un-

derpowered and the sensors cannot distinguish between warheads and other objects.

The first report, by the Defense Science Board, an advisory group to the Defense Department, was released late last year but has received little notice. While it concludes there are "no fundamental roadblocks" to the European system, it points out major problems while not saying how they can be fixed. Board members declined repeated requests for comment. Outside experts, including the Pentagon's former chief weapons tester, Philip Coyle, say the issues raised in the report would require substantial, costly changes if they can all be surmounted at all.

The second, by Congress' nonpartisan Government Accountability Office, was released Friday.

Some Republicans have seized on the reports, saying they back their view that the program was hastily designed to ease the concerns of Russia, which had strongly objected to previous plans by the Bush administration, with less regard to whether it would actually work. Ahead of the November election, Republicans are casting Obama as a weak leader, quick to capitulate to the demands of other nations.

## IMF boosts resources by \$430 billion to calm market fears over debt crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Finance ministers and central bank governors hope a more than \$430 billion increase in resources of the International Monetary Fund will be enough to handle any fresh crisis in the eurozone.

IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde announced the new figure at the conclusion of discussions of the G-20 major economic powers Friday. She said that some countries, including Russia, India, China and Brazil, had made private pledges but did not want to issue public commitments until they had conferred with officials in their home capitals.

But she said when the public and private commitments were combined, the total raised would exceed \$430 billion, nearly doubling the IMF's available resources to make loans to nations in trouble.

Lagarde called the fundraising a "huge effort" that would increase the current \$485 billion available for loans to more than \$1 trillion.

"We have the necessary tools in the toolbox and we will use this wisely," she told reporters at a news conference wrapping up discussions of the G-20, which includes traditional economic powers such as the United States and Germany and emerging

powers such as China and Brazil.

## Syrian activists say central city of Homs is calm

BEIRUT (AP) — Activists say fighting and government shelling has stopped in Syria's central city of Homs in advance of an expected visit by U.N. observers.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says Homs is peaceful for the first time in more than a week.

Salim Qabani, an activist based in the central province of Homs, said Saturday that troops are hiding armored vehicles. He says tanks were pulled off the streets and into a police base.

A U.N.-brokered cease-fire that technically went into effect last week has been steadily unraveling. Regime forces had shelled rebel-held neighborhoods in Homs and opposition fighters were reported to have ambushed government troops.

The Observatory said they had no reports of violence through most of Syria on Saturday.

## Pakistan blocks head of airline from leaving the country after fatal crash

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan blocked the head of an airline whose jet crashed near the capital from leaving the country and ordered him into protective custody on Saturday as it began an investigation into its second major air disaster in less than two years.

The Bhoja Air passenger jet crashed Friday as it tried to land in a thunderstorm at Islamabad's main airport, killing all 127 people on board and reviving concerns about aviation safety in a country saddled by massive economic problems, an embattled government, and Islamist insurgency.

The small domestic airline, which only resumed operations last month after suspending them in 2001 due to financial difficulties, said after the crash that the weather was the cause of the accident.

Speaking at the scene of the disaster, Interior Minister Rehman Malik said that Farooq Bhoja, head of Bhoja Air, had been put on the "exit control list," meaning he can't leave Pakistan. Such a ban is often put on someone suspected or implicated in a criminal case. He said Bhoja had been

ordered into protective custody and a criminal investigation launched into the incident.

## As EU set to ease Myanmar sanctions, activists plead for the West to move slowly

BANGKOK (AP) — The increasingly enthusiastic love affair between Myanmar and the West is about to heat up further with the European Union's expected announcement that it is easing sanctions on the Southeast Asian nation. But not everyone is caught up in the euphoria.

Many human rights groups are urging the West to move slowly as it re-engages with Myanmar, saying the country's partial return to democracy is not cause for celebration.

Myanmar's elected rulers today are the same men who just two years ago led a military government condemned as tyrannical by much of the world for jailing more than 2,000 political prisoners, conducting brutal counterinsurgency wars against ethnic minorities and failing to hand over power to a democratically elected government.

The United States and the European Union ostracized the junta with sanctions, barring much investment, blocking international financial transactions and rejecting imports from Myanmar — all of which served to stunt economic development.

## Gaza zoo turns to taxidermy to keep animals on exhibit

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip (AP) — There is an afterlife for animals at the Khan Younis zoo in the impoverished Gaza Strip.

Animals who die in the dilapidated park return to be displayed as stuffed creatures, giving visitors the unusual zoo experience of petting a lion, tiger or crocodile. But because taxidermy in the largely isolated Palestinian territory is not advanced and expertise and materials are in short supply, the experience can be grim.

Flies swarm around some of the 10 animals that have been embalmed so far. The makeshift cages housing the exhibits — fashioned from fencing salvaged from Jewish settlements that Israel dismantled in 2005 — are littered with empty soda cans and other trash.

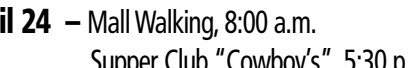
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# Steers defeat Sweetwater

*Big Spring secures playoff spot in do-or-die matchup on road*



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**Big Spring High School's Max Pappajohn (Top) and Brett Brorman (Bottom), helped lead the Steers to a 5-3 victory over Sweetwater Friday. The Steers are now preparing for postseason play.**



**By BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

SWEETWATER—Tension loomed in the air Friday at Sportsmen's Park as the Big Spring Steers and the Sweetwater Mustangs readied themselves for a District 5-3A showdown.

The Steers were looking to pull off a win which would guarantee them a spot in the playoffs while knocking the Mustangs out of postseason contention.

After a disastrous start, BSHS Coach Bert Otto's cadre of never-say-die kids did just that by winning the game 5-3 and locking up the third district seed.

With the scoreboard reading 2-0 after the first inning in the Sweetwater's and a shaky start on the mound from Adam Franco, the Steers began to battle back.

Joseph Morelion drew a walk to lead off the top of the second inning. Garrett Stuteville made contact and was thrown out first, but it was enough to score Morelion, who had advanced to third base on a Jarred DoPorto infield chopper and a wild pitch.

Brett Brorman belted a one-out double in the top of the third inning to start the offense back up for the Steers. Haegan Rodriguez followed suit with a RBI single, allowing Brorman to cross home plate, tying the game at 2-2. Gunnar Kennedy grounded into a double play to end the rally, but BSHS had once again overcome the early deficit.

It was a stalemate from that point on.

The Steers threatened to break the game open in the top of the sixth. Rodriguez reached base on an infield single to lead off the inning. Kennedy was called out on strikes but a dropped third pitch forced a play at first base. He was thrown out, but a catcher's interference call was charged to Sweetwater and first base was awarded to Max Pappajohn, the next batter.

With two on and one-out, Morelion popped out to center field. DoPorto then loaded the bases with an infield single and Stuteville couldn't capitalize as he flew out to center field, stranding three base runners.

Sweetwater responded in the bottom of the same inning with the go-ahead run to give them a 3-2 lead.

Heading into the top of the seventh still tied at two, the sense of urgency grew as the Steers faced their potential last three at-bats.

This time, BSHS decided to control its own destiny.

Karsten Knudson led off the final inning with a standup double giving the Steers' offense a much-needed jumpstart.

Brorman came through with a RBI single which scored Knudson. Once again, the Steers and the 'Stangs were tied, this time at 3-3.

With two outs and a runner in scoring position, cleanup hitter Pappajohn stepped into the batters box. With one swing, Pappajohn cleared the bases by smacking one out of the confines of Sportsmen's Park.

The two-run home run put the Steers ahead 5-3, but Sweetwater had one more chance to spoil BSHS's evening.

The Steers held on for the victory.

After recording a dismal 0-8 record in district play last year, the playoff bound Steers capped this season with a 4-4 district record.

BSHS Head Coach Bert Otto — who has said all season that this year's squad is a special group of athletes — was again proven to be right about his team's heart.

"These kids, I am so proud of them," Otto said. "I wanted it for them. They worked hard. They earned it. They came to district and overcame adversity. They never, ever quit. For lack of a better term, the good guys win."

The Steers will be the third seed behind Wylie and Snyder in regional 3A play. Dates, times and locations will be announced at a later date.

### Other scores:

#### Baseball

Forsan def. Lubbock Roosevelt, 11-9.  
Denver City def. Coahoma, 21-9.

#### Softball

Forsan def. Lubbock Roosevelt, 26-4.  
Coahoma def. Denver City 15-0.

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## Hawks hurlers deliver gems, Howard College sweeps N.M. Military

**By BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

Howard College and the Hawks hosted the New Mexico Military Institute Broncos Friday for a doubleheader at Jack Barber Field. The Hawks easily swept NMMI both games blanking the Broncos 6-0 in Game one and pummming them 11-1 in Game Two.

Lefty Logan Ehlers recorded nine strikeouts in the first game and allowed no runs during the complete game victory.

The offense got off to a quick start as the Hawks scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning then tacked on two more in the third when catcher Elliot Richoux belted one out of the park, also driving home Paul Hendrix, who reached on a base hit.

Brendan McCurry got a two-out double on a liner to left field then reached third base on a bad throw. Reed Seeley smacked a line drive double to left center that sent McCurry home giving the Hawks a 5-0 lead.

Colt Bickerstaff opened up the bottom of the sixth inning by connecting for a standup triple. Levi Scott was hit by a pitch to put runners on the corners. Dexter Kjerstad made contact and picked up the RBI but was called out at first. The inning ended with a 6-0 score.

The Broncos couldn't put anything together in the seventh and the game was called.

Sophomore Ethan Carnes got the start from the mound in Game Two, and after an erratic display on the road against El Paso, Carnes found his control, striking out six and allowing only one run and one hit in a complete victory.

Seeley led off the bottom of the first inning with a triple. Hendrix laced a triple of his own that took a hop over the center fielders head, allowing Seeley to score the first run of the game.

Scott and Kjerstad picked up a pair of singles to lead off the bottom of the second. CJ Manning drew a walk and a wild pitch advanced the runners during Seeley's at bat. Seeley would strike again with a two-run double, increasing HC's lead to 3-0 before the inning was over.

NMMI recorded its only run in the top of the third.

Back-to-back walks put the Broncos in a tight spot in the bottom of the third. Scott hit a sacrifice fly to score Richoux. Kjerstad added to the Hawks' lead by connecting for an RBI that drove Allen home. The score sat at 5-0.

Todd Ritchie took a base on balls to begin the Hawks' fourth inning. Hendrix delivered a RBI double then reached third on a wild pitch to Richoux, who would pick up a RBI single to score Hendrix. Jordan Allen cleared the bases with a two-run homer, extending HC's lead to 9-1.

The Broncos closed out the inning with three Hawks on base to stop the hemorrhaging but couldn't muster up any runs.

The Hawks, however, still had two runs to go before the game could end in



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

**Howard College's Logan Ehlers delivers a pitch during Game One of a doubleheader Friday against New Mexico Military Institute at Jack Barber Field. Ehlers struck out nine batters as the Hawks won both games to remain in first place in conference play.**

a run-rule defeat. Kjerstad led the charge with a standup, lead off triple in the bottom of the sixth. Manning hit a single that he was able to turn into a double with the help of a bad throw. Kjerstad scored from third base, where he had advanced thanks to a wild pitch. McCurry singled to advance Manning to third base setting up Hayden Hawkins, who stepped in and ended the game with a single, bringing the final score to 11-1.

HC Coach Britt Smith, whose team has been hampered by injuries, must now prepare for the last games of the season. The Hawks are currently in first place, but have New Mexico Junior College, Clarendon and Midland College nipping at their heels.

Despite the problems, Smith likes how his team has come together over the course of the season.

"We struggled with the timely hits early on," Smith said. "Now we are getting them when we need them. It's been our emphasis all week."

His team has also matured into the caliber athletes he expects them to be. "They have stopped worrying about stats and the personal glory," Smith added. "And we have gotten better for it."

The next series will be a pivotal one as the Hawks will be facing conference foe New Mexico Junior College. The first two out of the four games will be played at Jack Barber Field on Friday, April 27, and will continue in Hobbs, N.M. on Saturday, April 28.



# Pash: Union protective of Saints players

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL believes the players' union is more intent on protecting the New Orleans Saints involved in the team's bounty scandal than supporting its members who could have been hurt by the pay-for-pain plan.

Speaking to a group of Associated Press Sports Editors, league counsel Jeff Pash said Friday the union's approach is "unfortunate."

"They were protective of the players who could be disciplined in the next phase of this," Pash said. "That was their focus, on defending or excusing the conduct of players involved in this program. That's unfortunate; the players who could have been or even were injured are also members of the union."

"It's their players who put the safety of other players in jeopardy." Commissioner Roger Goodell met with NFL Players Association head DeMaurice Smith and members of the union's executive committee on Monday. Pash expects Goodell to punish players soon.

Goodell already has suspended Saints coach Sean Payton for the 2012 season and fined the team \$500,000. Saints former defensive coordinator Gregg Williams is suspended indefinitely. New Orleans general manager Mickey Loomis begins an eight-game ban after the preseason, and interim coach Joe Vitt begins serving his six-game suspension at the same time.

"I do think there will be player discipline that is appropriate based on the facts," Pash said. "That's important because it reinforces our shared accountability here. What our investigators uncovered is a serious violation of the rules and our player safety policies."

Spokesman George Atallah cited the union's responsibility to all of its players, and asked to have more information from the league's investigation turned over to the NFLPA.

"Given the current dynamic, we have an obligation to ensure that players have fair due process and we protect them from the league," Atallah said. "If the league was more forthcoming in the information they have related to what they are alleging took place, perhaps we could be in a better position to deal with this issue in a collaborative

manner."

After the scandal broke, the NFL required all team owners and coaches to certify in writing their teams will never have such a program. Pash said the league has received those assurances from all 32 franchises.

But it's the players, he said, who can ensure bounties will disappear from the league.

"The players understand what went on in the locker room or on the field," he said. "They can do as much or more to stop this type of activity than all the edicts from Park Ave."

Pash expressed hope that human growth hormone testing of the players will begin before the season. The league and union have an agreement in principle to conduct a population study that could clear the way to start testing.

The sides agreed to HGH testing in the collective bargaining agreement last summer that ended the lockout, but it was contingent on the players approving the process. The union has backed away while seeking more information on the reliability and parameters of the test.

"If doing a population study helps us get over that hurdle ... if we get the mechanics of the study in place, yes, I think so in time for the season," Pash said. "We have no interest in wrongly identifying NFL players using HGH."

An 18-game regular season remains a consideration, but not before the NFL has gone through a full season of the practice and workout limitations in the new CBA. While acknowledging the quality of preseason games is not what the league wants, Pash said the NFL must effectively balance health and safety concerns for the players with an expansion of the regular season.

The union would have to approve increasing the schedule from 16 games, and would certainly seek more roster spots.

Pash also said the league is examining changes to the Pro Bowl to make it more competitive and interesting.

"It's not going to ever look like a playoff game," he said, "but to improve it so fans are not saying 'I feel bad watching it.'"

"The guys in the game say they were a little embarrassed by it."

## Player allegedly punches officer

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska's outgoing star cornerback Alfonso Dennard has been arrested following a disturbance Saturday.

Lincoln Police Capt. Jason Stille said Dennard, 22, originally from Rochelle, Ga., was arrested on suspicion of assault of a police officer, third-degree assault and resisting arrest. He was held Saturday in the Lancaster County jail.

Stille said officers tried to break up a fight between Dennard and a 22-year-old man outside The Hour Lounge about 2:15 a.m. Saturday. Dennard hit the man before punching an officer who tried to intervene in the head, Stille said.

He was arrested after a brief struggle with four officers, police said. The officer hit in the head did not seek medical treatment.



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# San Antonio downs L.A., spoils Bryant's return

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs' stars made sure Kobe Bryant's return wasn't a triumphant one. Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili all scored at least 20 points to help San Antonio beat the Los Angeles Lakers 121-97 on Friday night and remain atop the Western Conference.

Bryant, who had missed the previous seven games with a bruised left shin, scored 18 points on 7-of-12 shooting.

The Lakers went 5-2 without the NBA's scoring leader, but with only two games left in the regular season for Los Angeles, Bryant returned as he aims to get into a rhythm before the playoffs begin.

Bryant wore a black sock over his lower left leg, with a padded sleeve protecting the injured area. While the Spurs said after the game that he's not the old Bryant just yet, he's not so sure.

"I'm back now," Bryant said. "It took me a half. The second half, it felt like I was back in a good rhythm. The game just got away from us."

The Spurs (46-16) won their sixth straight game and remain a half-game ahead of Oklahoma City for the No. 1 seed in the West.

The Lakers (40-24) missed a chance to clinch home court in the first round of the playoffs.

These teams could meet in the opening round, and judging by their latest meeting, it would be a mismatch.

San Antonio has given Los Angeles its two

worst losses of the season, Friday night and 112-91 on Tuesday. Duncan had 21 points and eight rebounds, Parker had 20 points and 10 assists, and Ginobili added 20 points and seven assists on Friday.

San Antonio broke the game open in the third quarter, when Bryant played his best. The Lakers' star hit 5 of 6 shots in the quarter, directing his teammates on offense and yelling at them to "D-up" on defense.

It hardly mattered, though, as he was repeatedly on his heels on defense as the Spurs pushed the ball. San Antonio outscored Los Angeles 35-21 in the quarter.

"They did a great job spacing the floor," Bryant said. "As a result, our defense was always late. It was always playing catch up on possessions. They did a great job shooting the ball. They did a great job on close outs. They played extremely well."

While Bryant was sidelined, several Lakers increased their scoring, none more than Metta World Peace.

World Peace more than doubled his scoring average with Bryant out of the lineup, but he had only 10 points on 3-of-9 shooting against the Spurs.

Andrew Bynum scored 17 points for the Lakers, while Matt Barnes had 14 and Pau Gasol 11.

The Lakers have little time to transition Bryant back into the system before the postseason, but Parker has been around long enough to expect the best from him.

"Yeah, he looked a little bit rusty," Parker said. "It's going to take some time. But I'm not worried about him. He'll be ready when the playoffs start."

Bryant isn't worried facing the Spurs in the playoffs, despite the recent blowouts.

"Nah, listen. This team, (coach Gregg) Popovich, the experience that they have, the adjustments that they make, it is going to happen every now and then," Bryant said. "But you have to make adjustments. If we're fortunate to see them in the postseason, we'll make our adjustments defensively."

Kawhi Leonard, a rookie who was drafted largely for his defensive ability, started the game guarding Bryant. Popovich said before the game that it was time for his young players to see "the real thing."

Bryant quickly gave Leonard a taste, taking him down low and burying a shot over him while getting fouled.

Bryant hit the ensuing free throw, but he didn't score again until he hit a 15-foot jumper with 34 seconds left in the quarter.

"He did well," Duncan said of Leonard. "It's a learning process obviously, and Kobe got him with some vintage stuff and some and-ones. But Kawhi is a quick learner, very long and a very good defender. If we have to see him again, I think the experience is great for him."

Notes: Seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong sat courtside for the game. .



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# Mavericks fall to Trailblazers

DALLAS (AP) — The last time LaMarcus Aldridge played in his hometown, he left with a bitter taste. This trip was a lot sweeter.

Aldridge's buzzer-beating 17-foot jumper lifted the Portland Trail Blazers to a 99-97 overtime victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Friday night.

Aldridge, a former Dallas-area high school star who finished with 25 points and 12 rebounds, made the fallaway jumper over the outstretched arm of Mavericks 7-foot center Brendan Haywood at the overtime buzzer, then was mobbed by teammates at center court.

"LaMarcus is our All-Star," Portland interim coach Kaleb Canales said.

"We were going to LaMarcus. Big-time player, big-time shot."

The Mavericks won the previous meeting between the teams this season, 97-94 in two overtimes on Feb. 11 in Dallas.

"This is big because it was in the crib (his hometown)," Aldridge said.

Raymond Felton scored 16 of his season-high 30 points during Portland's 30-10 surge in the third quarter.

Jamal Crawford added 14 points for the Blazers, who've won four of six to remain in playoff contention with 10 games left.

"The last time we were here it was a tough loss," Crawford said. "(A loss) tonight would have definitely clouded our playoff hopes."

Dirk Nowitzki had 23 points and 14 rebounds, and Jason Terry scored 18 points to lead defending champion Dallas.

With the score tied at 97 in the final minute of overtime, Felton misfired on a long 3-pointer, and Nowitzki grabbed the rebound. However, he threw the ball out of bounds while trying to pass to a wide-open Shawn Marion streaking downcourt with 19 seconds left.

That gave the Blazers possession, leading to Aldridge's game-winner and a confidence boost for a team that entered the night 7-19 on the road.

"It was just a brutal play," Nowitzki said of his bad pass. "I got the rebound, and I really wanted to hold it for the last shot. I looked up and saw Shawn was wide open. I tried to rush it to him, and it just got away."

"It was kind of an instinct play. You see a guy open, you want to throw it to him. Sometimes you make decisions in a split second. I made the wrong one."

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## Big Spring State Hospital

### *Finding a place in the community*

**Who:** Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council  
**What:** Cars, Stars and Handlebars  
**Where:** Big Spring Country Club, 2401 Driver Rd.  
**When:** April 28, 5 p.m.

**Why:** Raise funds for the patients of Big Spring State Hospital  
**More info:** 432 268-7536 or 268-7535 or send email to john.cervantes@dshs.state.tx.us.

**Cost:** \$100 donation entitles ticket holder and a guest to heavy hors d'oeuvres and a chance of taking home a brand-new vehicle from a local dealership. The winner will choose between a 2012 Harley Davidson Heritage Motorcycle FLSTC, a 2012 Silverado Extended Cab Pickup 2 WD LS, or a 2012 Ford Mustang Premium 2WD Pony Package.

The runner-up will take home a 51" plasma television set.  
**Dress:** Casual



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring State Hospital Family Visitation Center is nearly open for business following more than five months of construction. The building should open in May to serve patients and their families who want to visit in a comfortable, safe and supervised environment. The building was funded by the Dora Roberts Foundation and the Volunteer Services Council through donations from Cars, Stars and Handlebars and the Chalet Resale Shopped.

By VALERIE AVERY

Construction on the Big Spring State Hospital Family Visitation Center is nearly complete after less than six months, Big Spring State Hospital Assistant Superintendent Lorie Couch said.

"No specific date has been set for the official opening, but it should be ready some time in May," Couch said.

When open, it will provide a comfortable, safe and supervised area for families who want to visit loved ones at Big Spring State Hospital, Couch said. Four separate, semi-private areas will provide a large visitation area complete with vending machines and a kitchenette area. A second building will be built at a later date.

Hospital administrators proposed the idea to the Volunteer Services Council in 2002 when it became difficult to accommodate the increasing number of families wanting to visit loved ones in the hospital, Superintendent Ed Moughon said. When the hospital was built in the 1930s, few families participated

in their loved ones' recovery.

"But that trend has changed," Director of Social Work Services Robin Riha said. "Connecting with families throughout treatment is an important part of recovery."

Construction costs for the Family Visitation Center exceed \$300,000 and have been financed by numerous Volunteer Services Council fundraisers, such as Cars, Stars and Handlebars and ongoing operations, such as The Chalet Resale Shop.

"During the past fiscal year, nearly 60 volunteers contributed more than 13,000 hours working at The Chalet Resale

Shop, organizing Cars, Stars and Handlebars and working on patient activities, including Christmas parties and the Mother's Day Tea," Community Relations Director Jamey Stegall said.

The Dora Roberts Foundation has been invaluable to the hospital's patients. Construction of the Family Visitation Center was funded in part by Dora Roberts Foundation, an ongoing co-sponsor of Big Spring State Hospital-Volunteer Services Council projects, Moughon said.

This weekend's Cars, Stars and Handlebars event will raise money for the patients at Big Spring State Hospital. "All the money raised through Cars, Stars and Handlebars goes directly to the patients," Volunteer Services Council Chair Stacy Barr said.

Cars, Stars and Handlebars Committee members have 750 tickets to pre-sell.

"I tell people every year that when they are gone, they are gone. A lot of people wait to the last minute, which may leave them high and dry," Barr said.

Tickets are available from committee members Stacy and Mark Barr; Cash and Leslie Berry; Leslie Elrod; Noel and Brenna Hoff; Jeanie and Richard Knocke; Justin and Sara Myers; Scott and Erin MacKenzie; Suzanne Markwell; and John Paul and Kristen Nichols; and also from Bob Brock Ford, Pollard Chevrolet Buick Cadillac, Home Realtors, American State Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Lone Star Bank, State National Bank, and Western Bank.

Tickets also can be purchased from the Community Relations Office at Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Highway 87. For more information, call 432-268-7536 or 268-7535.

Big Spring State Hospital is a 200-bed hospital in Big Spring which serves people with psychiatric disorders.

The hospital is one of Big Spring's largest employers.



Courtesy photos

Pictured left: Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council Chair and Cars, Stars and Handlebars Chair Stacy Barr leads her junior high choir class through vocal exercises. Much of her time spent away from the classroom is spent volunteering at Big Spring State Hospital, including chairing the April 28 Cars, Stars and Handlebars fund-raiser which provides funding for patient needs.

Above: Stacy Barr is shown here emceeding the 2011 Cars, Stars and Handlebars. Barr is chairman of the highly successful Cars, Stars and Handlebars.

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## 65th Anniversary



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Dudley and Ora Jenkins celebrate their 65th anniversary April 21, 2012, with a family gathering hosted by their children, daughter Sandra Hughey; daughter and son-in-law Virginia and Dale Taylor; and son and daughter-in-law Bill and Dolores Jenkins.

The Jenkins met in Abilene while Dudley was driving a city bus after WWII and Ora was going to the business college. The couple married in Abilene on April 14, 1947, at Dudley's sister home. They lived in Abilene, San Angelo and then finally made their home in Big Spring in 1951.

Dudley worked for Texas Electric Service Company and retired in April 1986 after 34 years of service. Ora worked at the Ford dealership in Stanton for a number of years and then retired after 17 years with Gamco Industries. After retirement they enjoyed traveling in their travel trailer for many years and saw a lot of the surrounding states and especially enjoyed the horse races in Ruidoso and going to country and western music events.

Besides their three children, they have eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Throughout their married years, Dudley and Ora have always put their family first and have shown their children and grandchildren the true meaning of commitment and staying together through the ups and downs of life.



NOW

## Reader's Corner

### The Park

I went to the park today.  
What a joy to see the children play.  
They ran and they jumped.  
They scampered and bumped.  
At the close of the day I thanked God  
that I live in a country where children can play.

Mrs. Fannie F. Price

## Births



Adalyn Marie Martinez

Adalyn Marie Martinez, daughter of Stephanie O'Brien and Richard Martinez both of Big Spring, was born April 1, 2012, at 10:25 a.m.

She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Her maternal grandparents are Henry and Lisa Franco.

Her paternal grandparents are Irma and Richard Martinez Sr.

Adalyn was welcomed home by her big brother Jamarion.

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Matthew Ryder Moore

Brad and Tamara Moore of Wylie, Texas, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Ryder Moore.

He was born at 12:17 p.m. March 29, 2012, at Medical City Hospital in Dallas.

He weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Robert H. (Bob) and Vernice Moore of Big Spring, Bruce and Denise Love of Abilene and great grandparents Charles and LaQuita Hicks of Brownwood.

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Sunday, April 29th • 2 - 4 pm • Dora Roberts Community Center  
264-7599

**Midland**  
Saturday, May 5th • 2 - 4 pm • Carrasco Room, Midland College  
570-0700

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

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# Big Spring representative meets Texas First Lady



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San Angelo Chamber of Commerce was recognized with the First Ladies of Texas Treasure Award this past month. The award was given in recognition of the historical commission and their restoration in the art district of San Angelo.

The First Lady of Texas, Anita Perry, was on hand to personally present the award to the San Angelo chamber. This is the first award received in the area and presented personally by Perry.

Gloria McDonald, District 4 city council representative, was an honored guest of Vice President of Marketing and Recruitment John Dugan at the presentation of the award.

"It was an honor for Big Spring to be represented at this," McDonald said. "Of course it is an even bigger honor being involved in historical renovation of Main Street and Hanger 25."

## Dear Molly: No marriage

Life forms can be found at [www.bigspringherald.com](http://www.bigspringherald.com)

Dear Molly,  
I'm a single father of two children, twice divorced. I am enjoying having my freedom and not answering to anyone. I was married for 21 years and then a short time after that. My kids are grown; I've done the married thing and don't feel the need to do it over again.

Here's the issue, I'm dating a fine lady who I can honestly say I love. We have a great time together, she seems to "get" me and love me for who I am. She, however, wants to be remarried (third time for her) and I'm not into it. I am happy just doing what we are doing, that is, keeping separate residences and dating. We are exclusive and I'm OK with that, but don't want to live together. I may change my mind someday, but for now I don't want it and she's pulling away.

My question is how do I not lose her, while not losing my autonomy?  
*Mike from Texas*

Dear Mike,  
This is a tough one. We all define our lives differently. Sometimes we fall into a life we are not fully engaged in due to circumstances and sometimes we create our lives. The latter is obviously the better of the two and it sounds like you are doing it.

You have a clear vision as to what you want your life to be ... at least for the near future. So you have to weigh your desire at this stage of your life to live autonomously, against living with this woman whom you claim to love.

I see the two of you having very different ideas as to how this should go. The only thing you can do is really look at your level of love and commitment to her, and if you can't imagine losing her, then you might want to compromise.

I don't know how long you have been together, but try to come up with a possible solution that will give everyone some time to ease into the situation. Maybe try spending three nights a week together while maintaining your own residences. See how that goes. If it feels right and you desire more than you have your answer. I'm saying this because you said you don't want to lose her. If that's the case then you owe it to yourself to explore the possibilities.

However, please do not fool yourself or her if you know without a doubt you will not ever live or marry her. If this is what's important in her life stage don't deny her the chance to find it.

~Molly

**Fundraiser For Class of 2012**

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## Club News

### Daughters of the American Revolution

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) met April 14, 2012, at the Howard County Library. Vice-Regent Hollis McCright presided and led the chapter in the DAR ritual.

New member Jane Long was welcomed along with prospective member Amanda Wood.

The treasurer's report was given by Mary Schuelke. The "Indian Minute" was given by SueAnn Damron who also gave a report on the Texas State DAR Convention. She announced there were about 900 tickets sold for a chance on the quilt made by Hollis McCright that was given away at convention. SueAnn Damron was named Chaplin of

the State Regent's Club and Anne Witherspoon was named assistant state treasurer.

The nominating committee presented a list for new officers for the 2012-2013 year. They were: regent-Hollis McCright; vice-regent-Charlene Ragan; recording secretary-Alice Long; corresponding secretary- Bonnie Cushing; treasurer- Mary Schuelke; registrar-SueAnn Damron; chaplain- Clara Lewis; historian- Heather Schafer; librarian-Jessica Williams; and parliamentarian-Anne Witherspoon.

The motion to accept was made by Carole Lawson and seconded by Mary Schuelke. Hostess for the lunch was Hollis McCright.

The next meeting will be May 19 at the Big Spring Country Club.

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# Harvesting rainwater

The population of Texas is expected to double by 2050, according to the Texas Water Development Board. Because of a growing population and a shrinking water supply, it is vital to conserve water.

Rainwater harvesting is an efficient form of water conservation. Rainwater is captured, diverted and stored for future use. It is an ancient technique that is growing in popularity.

"The benefits are that the water is void of chemicals," said Billy Kniffen, a water resource specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Since the rainwater is captured before it hits the ground, there are less contaminants to remove. It is low in sodium and has an almost neutral pH.

"You immediately feel and see difference in the amount of soap and detergent on the body, in appliances and cleaning in general," Kniffen said. Rainwater is easy on appliances, excellent for landscaping, decreases utility bills, lessens stress on other water



This drawing shows one method of capturing and utilizing ground water.

resources and reduces storm water which can carry pollutants into rivers and groundwater. It even tastes good if the system is set up for potable water.

Kniffen said the water in his home is made potable by filters and

UV light. He harvests rainwater from the roof on his home and barn, about 5,900 square feet combined. This system catches approximately 2,900 gallons of water per inch of rain. This collected water is the only water source used

on his property.

"When you know you have a finite amount, you waste less," he explained.

To calculate possible collected rainwater:

Inches of rain X

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# Energy Watch



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



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

Since the stock market began to pull back early last week, we have received many calls from concerned clients and their financial advisors asking, "Is the rally over?" Our answer: It might be, for now.

Keep in mind what has happened in recent months. From the early-October intraday lows, just six short months ago, the S&P 500 rallied more than 32 percent before pulling back a mere 3 percent over the last handful of trading days. Making what we feel is a realistic assessment, we could argue that the market has come a long way in a short period of time. In our opinion, a time out is needed to absorb the robust gains and reassess what the future might hold.

But economic news has certainly improved over the last six months, and global investors are becoming more confident the United States is not going to slip back into recession. In fact, looking around the world, economic growth in America is probably more certain than in many other countries. Europe's growth is barely above the flat line, and the only question seems to be whether the euro zone will have a mild or major recession. Emerging-market growth is slowing, but the magnitude there is uncertain as well. China and Brazil both recently made downward revisions to their economic growth forecasts. More confidence in the United States has translated into global inflows of cash buying domestic stocks in a "safe haven" play normally reserved for U.S. Treasuries in times of world turmoil.

In our opinion, the U.S. economic expansion is likely to carry on through at least 2014. We are working through the middle portion of this economic cycle. We look for earnings growth to remain positive, albeit at a slower pace than the recovery's early quarters. The Federal Reserve has told investors on numerous occasions that interest rates are likely to stay very low "at least through late 2014." The Fed has also emphasized that it stands ready to do what is necessary to stimulate economic growth and improve the labor market. Another round of quantitative easing — Fed bond purchases to increase liquidity — is not out of the question should the economy stumble and unemployment remain stuck at a high rate. In addition, stock valuations do not appear excessive when looking at historical metrics.

Is this recovery going to continue to be slower than most over the last 50 years? We believe it will. But stocks can move higher over time in a modest growth/modest inflation environment. In our opinion, another leg up in the stock market still lies ahead, and we think the major indices will all be trading at higher levels 15 months from now. We will be looking for opportunities to add to equity exposure in coming months. The current pullback probably still needs to run its course, but we do not expect substantial downside. It is true that global events occurring in Europe or the Middle East could always flare up and overwhelm the fundamentals for a time, but we look for the U.S. stock market to trade higher over the coming 12-24 months.

*Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced on April 10 by Scott Wren, Wells Fargo Advisors senior equity strategist, and provided courtesy of Bhupen Agrawal, managing director, branch manager of Wells Fargo Advisors' Midland office, at 432-684-7335. Wells Fargo Advisors did not assist in the preparation of this article, and its accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed. The opinions expressed in the report are those of the authors and are not necessarily those of Wells Fargo or its affiliates. The material has been prepared or is distributed solely for informational purposes and is not a solicitation or an offer to buy or sell any security, or instrumental to participate in any trading strategy.*



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce gathered for a ribbon cutting recognizing 30 years of Health Fair. More than 50 booths were available for community residents to visit and receive information from last weekend. During the health fair safety car seat checks were also performed in the Memorial Stadium parking lot.



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Scenic Mountain Medical Center was a key sponsor for the 2012 Health Fair. Debbye ValVerde, chamber executive director, presents SMMC CEO Larry Rodgers with an appreciation certificate. Pictured left to right are Nancy Davenport, Kim Howell, ValVerde, Rodgers, Jan Foresyth and Sherry Hodnett.

# Cattle restocking? Better think twice

COLLEGE STATION — Experts with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are advising beef cattle producers to use caution and strategic planning when thinking about restocking herds after drought.

Though rainfall has been received throughout the eastern portion of the state



TOMMY YEATER

and promoted growth of forages on pastures, cattle producers need to be careful when evaluating their operations.

"I think so far people are be-

ing really cautious," said Dr. David Anderson, AgriLife Extension livestock economist. "I think producers are waiting to see if this rain is going to last. They should be asking themselves questions like 'How long is it going to take for your pasture to recover?' and 'What is going to happen once we get into the

summer?'"

Though rainfall has been received throughout the eastern portion of Texas and promoted growth on pastures, Texas AgriLife Extension Service experts say cattle producers need to be careful when thinking about restocking operations. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service

photo by Blair Fannin)

Anderson said there are also financial constraints to consider, such as how much was spent feeding hay and other feedstuffs through the 2011 drought.

"There's also sticker shock on how much it is going to

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**Public Records**

**County Court Decisions:**  
Judgment and Sentence: Donna Smith, theft by check - more than \$20 and less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 120 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Anastacio Carrasco Baeza, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Johnny Ray Payne Jr., driving while intoxicated, \$250 fine, \$457 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Ronald Antonio Saldana Jr., assault causes bodily injury, \$1,000 fine, \$282 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Donna Smith, theft by check - more than \$20 and less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 120 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Rodney Chase Burrow, assault causing bodily injury - family violence, \$1,500 fine, \$332 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Crystal Clear Lee, assault causing bodily in-

jury, \$100 fine, \$282 court costs, 120 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Bryan Anthony Parrish, theft of property - more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: David Wayne Holsenbeck, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 20 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Chelsea Lee Holmes, duty on striking fixture/highway landscape, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Ronald Wayne Stinson, assault causing bodily injury, \$1,500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
**District Court Filings:**  
Shelly Phinney vs. Ronald Scott Phinney, divorce.  
Ginger Melton vs. Justin Melton, divorce.  
Dena L. Fraser vs. Joseph M. Fraser, divorce.  
Wind Energy Transmissions Texas vs. Midland Frac Oil Company, civil.  
Ben Ella Stewart vs. Shannon D. Thomason,

accounts, notes and contracts.  
Estate of Bryant O'Dean Lasater, civil.  
Vickie McCombs vs. Donald B. McCombs, divorce.  
Ruben Gonzalez Castillo, expunction.  
Angela Lewis Grimsley vs. Ricky James Grimsley, divorce.  
James Delwin Schumpert vs. Kori Shea Schumpert, divorce.  
Delillah L. Soto vs. Gabriel Soto, divorce.  
Choate Company Inc. vs. Richland Resources Corp., accounts, notes and contracts.  
Vanessa Robles vs. Christopher Allen Robles, divorce.  
Crystal Gail Nicholson vs. Larry Wayne Nicholson, divorce.  
Wind Energy Transmissions Texas vs. Alon USA, civil.  
Capital One Bank USA vs. Scott A. Vellinga, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Capital One Bank USA vs. Anna Williams, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Mary Villa vs. Angel Villa Sr., divorce.  
Marriage Licenses:  
Jeffrey M. McDonald, 29, and Heather N. Houston, 27, both of Big Spring.  
Jon Weldon Cluck, 26, and Samantha Michelle Pattin, 23, both of Big Spring.  
Brandon Phillip Neal

Woods, 25, and Kristyn Elizabeth Barr, 22, both of Big Spring.  
John N. Kennemur, 47, and Cynthia G. Yater, 53, both of Big Spring.  
Tony Arispe, 29, of Snyder, and Veronica Rivera Vasquez, 30, of Big Spring.  
Jason Murice Threats, 34, and Olivia Taliethacomene Ballin, 32, both of Big Spring.  
James Lee Fite, 32, and Amanda Leigh Carl, 26, both of Big Spring.  
**Warranty Deeds:**  
Grantor: Delbert A. Donelson and Barbara Donelson  
Grantee: Sunday Kola Jegede and Danya Z. Jegede  
Property: Lot 1, Block 3, Edwards Hills Addition  
Date: Feb. 29, 2012  
Grantor: Paul Hornsby  
Grantee: Myint Thein  
Property: Lot 9, Block 7, Washington Place  
Date: March 1, 2012  
Grantor: J. Gale Kilgore  
Grantee: Ben Jady Kilgore and Janet Denise Kilgore  
Property: A tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Date: March 5, 2012  
Grantor: Bobby Doe and Rhonda Doe  
Grantee: Beatrice Deleon  
Property: Lot 17, Block 4, Monticello Heights  
Date: March 27, 2012

Grantor: Kerry Rodriguez  
Grantee: Ira J. Friddle  
Property: Lots 3-4, Block 26, Fairview Heights  
Date: March 30, 2012  
Grantor: Velma Reid  
Grantee: Basic Energies Services  
Property: A 382.5-acre tract out of Section 44, Block 30, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 16, 2012  
**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:**  
Grantor: Larry Lestikow and Juanita Lestikow  
Grantee: Matthew Mendoza and Atchley Massingill  
Property: Lot 3, Block 24, Monticello Addition  
Date: March 1, 2012  
Grantor: William Casey Kidd  
Grantee: Roy Olivas Gomez Jr.  
Property: Lots 3-4, Block 15, Fairview Heights  
Date: March 1, 2012  
Grantor: Dickie L. Jones  
Grantee: Matthew Cory Van Pelt  
Property: Lot 8, Block 21, College Park Estates  
Date: March 1, 2012

Grantor: Charles Drake and Sonya Drake  
Grantee: Gracie Mojica and Frank Gonzales  
Property: A 2-acre tract out of Section 29, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 2, 2012  
Grantor: Jackie Gregg and Mary Jane Gregg  
Grantee: Ronny Babcock and Dee Babcock  
Property: Lot 17, Block 6, Highland South No. 3  
Date: March 27, 2012  
Grantor: J. Hopper Homes Inc.  
Grantee: Shannon Capps  
Property: Lot 9, Block 3, Caroline Court  
Date: March 28, 2012  
Grantor: Foundation Mortgages LLC  
Grantee: Glenn Ray Campbell and Pamela Campbell  
Property: Lot 7, Block 34, W.R. Settles Subdivision  
Date: March 29, 2012  
Grantor: John David Ward and Rachel Ward  
Grantee: Seth Shock and Amber Shock  
Property: A 12.77-acre tract out of Section 13, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: March 30, 2012

**WATER**

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square feet of catchment area\_X .62 gallons collected per inch per square foot X .85 collection efficiency.  
Some water will be lost through evaporation, splash off, or stay on the roof. A quarter inch of rain on a 1,700 square foot home would net about 224 gallons of water. Kniffen said people are surprised how much water can be collected.  
"When you can explain or demonstrate the large amount from a

relative small collection area, interest peaks," he said.  
The TWDB peaks the public's interest with the Texas Rain Catcher Award. The award is given for excellence in rainwater harvesting. Stroman Middle School in Victoria, Texas, was recognized last year for its 220-gallon, non-potable system. Eighth graders and community members built the system to irrigate a garden on school grounds. They installed a corrugated metal roof for more efficient run-off and placed a barrel below each cor-

ner of the roof.  
Systems range from large to small, depending on the person's needs. Basic equipment for any system includes gutters, pipes, first flush system, filters, pumps and a storage tank. Additional filters and disinfection equipment is needed for a potable system.  
The cost of installing and maintaining a system varies depending on its use. The initial cost can be a deterrent for some. Space to store a tank can also be a concern as well as maintenance for more complex

systems.  
"Knowledge of simplicity and possibilities are some of the deterrents, money is another," said Kniffen. "But a bigger problem may be local regulations and misinformation on the part of municipal regulators. That is why research and education is essential."  
For more information on rainwater harvesting, contact the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District at 708 W. St. Peter St., Stanton, call 432-756-2136, or visit online at www.pbuwcd.com

**CATTLE**

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cost to replace cattle," he said.  
Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist, said producers should always consider the threat of drought. "My take is people should be stocked for drought at all times," Redmon said. "People can reduce the risk of potential drought and not have to worry about doing any buying and selling. If you have a good year, there are lots of ways to use that extra grass. You can't feed your way out of a drought. You can easily spend more money

(trying) than the operation can generate over several years."  
Redmon said in a good year ranchers who have extra grass can either bale it, graze it or lease it out for grazing.  
"If you are completely destocked, stay out a year and let that pasture recover for a year before coming back in," he said. "Overall, I just think it's a little too soon to start restocking. I think producers need to be very cautious;

remember, more is not always better."  
Anderson said from an economic standpoint, ranchers who decide to rebuild need a plan.  
"They need to think seriously about stocking rates and have some sort of plan," he said. "Another thing they need to be looking at carefully is how much you fed last year and what feedstuffs you already have."  
"I would just be real

cautious about loading up on cattle and restocking," Redmon said.  
AgriLife Extension is offering educational programs on cattle herd rebuilding. Visit <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> and enter the keyword Beef.  
*Tommy Yeater is the local AgriLife extension agent for Howard County. He can be reached at 264-2236 or the county courthouse.*

**sudoku**

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

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

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By Steve Becker

**It Works Like a Charm**

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ A 9 6 3  
♥ Q 6 3  
♦ Q 7 6  
♣ 7 5 4  
**WEST**  
♠ J 5  
♥ A K J 8 2  
♦ 9 3  
♣ A 10 9 8  
**EAST**  
♠ 8 7 2  
♥ 10 4  
♦ K J 10 5 2  
♣ 6 3 2  
**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10 4  
♥ 9 7 5  
♦ A 8 4  
♣ K Q J  
The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♠ 2♥  
2♠  
Opening lead — king of hearts.  
A one-suit squeeze is like the doo bird — it is virtually nonexistent. Nevertheless, there are hands where this rara avis makes an appearance, and here is such a case.  
West leads the K-A and another heart, ruffed by East. East shifts to a club, South's king losing to West's ace, and the ten of clubs is returned to South's queen. Declarer then plays the K-Q-A of trumps and the jack of clubs, producing this position:  
**North**  
♦ 9  
♦ Q 7 6  
**West**  
♥ J 8  
♦ 9 3  
**South**  
♠ 10  
♦ A 8 4  
Declarer now plays the ten of spades, placing East in an awkward position. If he discards the deuce of diamonds, South leads a low diamond from his hand and follows low from dummy, endplaying East. He scores one diamond trick, but no more.  
East does no better if he discards the ten of diamonds on the ten of spades. In that case, declarer again leads the diamond four and chooses his play from dummy depending on which card West plays:  
1. If West follows with the three, South covers with dummy's six, and East is endplayed as before.  
2. If West plays the nine of diamonds, declarer covers with the queen, losing to the king. East must then lead a diamond from the J-2 to South's A-8, which score the last two tricks. East is helpless, whatever he does, and the one-suit squeeze works like a charm.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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**sudoku**  
ANSWERS

8	7	9	4	2	5	3	1	6
5	1	2	6	8	3	9	7	4
3	4	6	7	1	9	2	8	5
1	2	3	5	9	7	6	4	8
9	8	5	1	6	4	7	2	3
7	6	4	8	3	2	5	9	1
6	5	7	9	4	1	8	3	2
2	9	1	3	5	8	4	6	7
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Hints from Heloise

**WAX DROPS ON TABLETOP**  
**Dear Heloise:** How do you remove candle drippings from your precious wood tabletop? — Rachel, via email

Great question! The first hint is: very carefully! You can remove wax by scraping it off with a credit card or other plastic scraper. Don't use anything metal, and go slowly so you do not gouge the wood.



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Once the wax is removed, you may still have a stain left. If this occurs, try using a good commercial wood cleaner — not wood polish — to clean the area. You can

find it at a home-improvement store. Going with the grain of the wood, apply a small amount of cleaner and let it sit for about five minutes. Then gently buff with a small, dry cloth. You may need to repeat.

If the wood cleaner does not remove the stain, the best solution may be to refinish your table. Hope this helps! — Heloise

FAST FACTS

**Dear Readers:** Other uses for plastic inserts from pizza boxes:

- Use to aerate a plant.
- Use as a ring holder by a bathroom sink.
- Pierce a potato with one when cooking the potato in a microwave.
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*Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to Heloise(at)Heloise.com. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.*

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

**Velda Ray Hamilton,**  
Independent Executor of the Estate of Calvin Dillard Hamilton  
c/o The Law Offices of  
**R. Shane Seaton**  
P.O. Box 2211  
Big Spring, Texas 79721  
DATED the 13th day of April, 2012.  
R. Shane Seaton  
Attorney for Velda Ray Hamilton  
State Bar No. 24060918  
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Big Spring, TX 79721  
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NO. P-14,066  
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**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Alma Grace Shafer, Deceased were issued on the 17th day of April, 2012, under Docket No. P-14,066 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Terry Shafer.

Claims may be presented in care of Terry Shafer to the estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Alma Grace Shafer  
c/o Terry Shafer  
P.O. Box 117  
Gail, TX 79738

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

DATED this 17th day of April, 2012.  
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**CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Big Spring and the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation will hold a public hearing to provide information to the citizens of the City regarding the cost and impact of the Water Facility and Water Conservation Project that will be submitted to the voters of the City at a special election to be held on May 12, 2012. The Project is to construct, acquire, improve, renovate and equip water supply facilities and water conservation improvement projects as allowed under Section 4B of the Texas Development Corporation Act, specifically including repair and rehabilitation of the City's water and wastewater treatment plants and repair and replacement of water distribution lines located in the City.

If the use of 4B funds for the Project is approved by the voters at the special election, the EDC will use 4A sales and use tax funds to pay up to Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000) toward the Project over a twenty year period. Public Hearing to be held on: April 24, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Location: City Council Chambers 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, TX 79720 For additional information call 264-2401 #7311 March 25 and April 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2012

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

Remember to include yourself in that equation. Getting enough of the basics (sleep, nutrition, etc.) is what allows you to keep giving.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The element of surprise could cause you to react in a less than optimum way. However, you might see this occurrence as a gift. It is an opportunity for improvement. Just ask yourself: "What response should I choose next time?"

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As you observe that good manners are on the decline, you may feel like a lone crusader on an impossible mission of etiquette. You'll find it's not so impossible after all, though, because many will follow your stellar example.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't always do what you set out to do. Other people's plans tend to get in the way of your goals. You have a big heart, and you can't help but accommodate those who live inside it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're in awe of those who can do that which you cannot do but wish you could. This is human nature. Eventually, you will become just like the ones you idolize, and others will idolize you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You try to progress at every turn. You don't mind digging in and learning what you can; the risk seems minimal to you. When you have nothing to lose, you're in the best position.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Thinking too much can be a problem.

Your energy is best spent doing, creating, acting and reacting. Thinking only makes matters more complicated than they need to be at this point.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The one you love is also in love with you. This reciprocity doesn't guarantee an easy road, but it sure is a better start than the opposite dynamic would be. Be happy for all you have going for you!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Change will be simple because you're in an experimental, playful mood. Different actions will yield different results. If you don't like what you're getting, give something else, and see what happens.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 22). Focusing on the best path will be a challenge, as you have many different talents. Sometimes you just have to choose what you love the most and stick with it. Doing so brings a trophy in November. Finances will improve, and a special relationship helps matters. August brings a vacation with loved ones. Cancer and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 12, 21, 49 and 6.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** Earth Day is a time to consider what the planet will be like for future generations of inhabitants, and to take responsibility for that creation. It seems therefore fitting that the entire week is colored by a Mercury and Pluto square featuring intergenerational tension. Issues of responsibility arise. True acts of

selflessness may seem few and far between. Or does it only seem that way because our expectations of different generations are not what they want to give? The currency of respect seems governed by a curious exchange rate that leaves neither party feeling like they got a fair shake.

Luckily, there will be plenty of distractions to lighten the mood and keep relationships bopping along. For instance, the Lyrids bring an array of shooting stars. If you missed them last night when the moon was new, you should still be able to catch them in the darkest hours before the dawn of tomorrow.

Monday brings a trendy Gemini moon and fresh conversational excitement about topics that will continue to develop through Wednesday. The fine line between gossip and news will be blurred in the most delightful ways.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Lovely Taurus Jessica Alba voices a starring role in the upcoming animated alien adventure film "Escape from Planet Earth." The sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars in Taurus gives Alba an extra helping of Venus energy, which encompasses beauty, attraction and love — a cosmic boost that's readily apparent in Alba's public image. Her charitable interests and family life show that this beauty is more than skin deep.

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**HOLIDAY MATHS**

The Taurus sun, the moon and Jupiter encourage a supersized celebration of the planet to remind its inhabitants to try to leave it in better shape than it was in when we got here. In the spirit of Taurus, the sign of baby steps, this is the kind of tall order that can be carried out with a number of small choices. What changes will you make?

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You have a few "if onlys," and they want to be explored today. Rest assured that you did the best you could with what you had and what you knew. Those things you wish you had done will teach you what to do today.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your love of family comes through in all you do today, from the small act of taking out the trash to the bigger, heartfelt gestures. You can't be everything to your people, but you sure knock yourself out trying.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Avoiding work will wind up being more work than just doing the work in the first place. Keep thinking about the amazing benefits you will receive in the future when you seize the opportunity to knuckle down.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll want to use all 1,440 minutes of this day to make life better for those you love.

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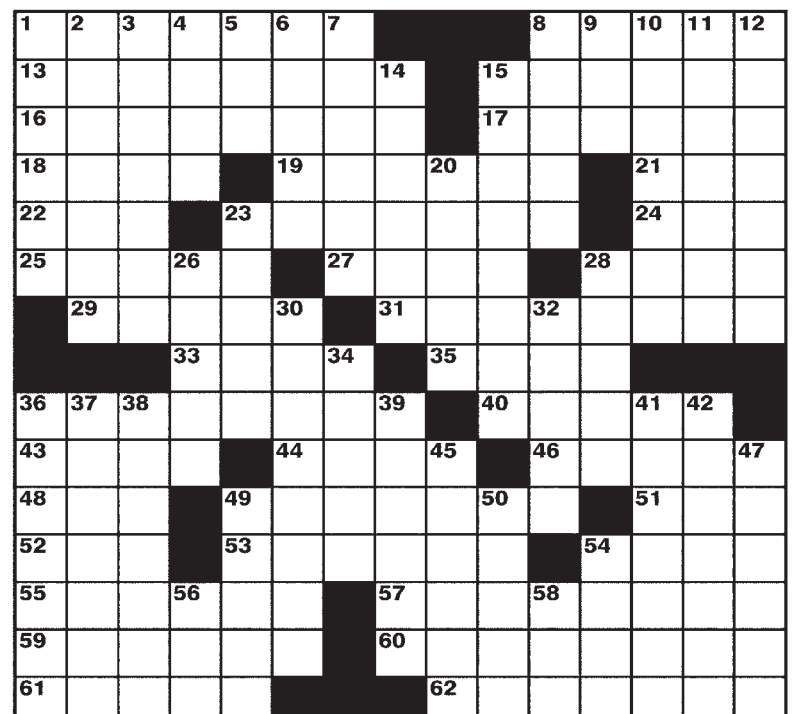
**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**  
1 North Sea sights  
8 Pizza topping  
13 Announce retirement?  
15 Hip  
16 "Now, I admit . . ."  
17 Two-timing  
18 One of the "Publishers of Cheap and Popular Pictures"  
19 Changed direction suddenly  
21 Term first applied to the Apple Newton  
22 Storyboard segment  
23 In quick succession  
24 NAFTA's overseas predecessor  
25 Unwelcome forecast  
27 Thunderbolt source  
28 Metaphor for insignificance  
29 Cooper's aids, at Colonial Williamsburg  
31 Leavings  
33 Hamlet's "To be," for one  
35 "Runcible spoon" coiner  
36 Focus of a Barcelona museum  
40 Tradition-laden celebrations  
43 Yo-yo part  
44 Little village  
46 Sign of helplessness  
48 With 8 Down, Zen garden features  
49 Stew  
51 G-8's deadline for halving greenhouse gas emissions

**SATURDAY STUMPER** by Brad Wilber

Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- 4** Manhattan regulars?  
**5** Identification introduction  
**6** Diaphanous  
**7** Atomizer amount  
**8** See 48 Across  
**9** Annual March arrival in DC  
**10** Untrustworthy one  
**11** Montréal airport  
**12** Strauss' *Salome* and *Elektra*  
**14** Was smooth, as a stand-up comic  
**15** Jack's cousin  
**20** Twist fare  
**23** Subs  
**26** Salon offering  
**28** Parcel Post dimension  
**30** Pinches  
**32** Buoy  
**34** Halloween prop  
**36** Java hub  
**37** Tony Blair, circa 1973  
**38** Not in the nature of  
**39** Baroque  
**41** Traditional symbols of royalty  
**42** Island bisected by the equator  
**45** One in a pier group  
**47** Polished  
**49** Conflagrante  
**50** Best-known town in Ruritania  
**54** Puppet  
**56** Program created for returning WWII vets  
**58** \_\_\_ dog (Hawaiian mutt)



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# AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

At the Big Spring Animal Shelter

# Dear Margo

## Time To Go

**Dear Margo:** I'm a 27-year-old woman trapped in a loveless marriage.

My husband is younger than I am by a few years, and he's very co-dependent. Before he started dating me, he had never had a girlfriend or a sexual encounter.

I, on the other hand, came to the relationship with a child from a failed relationship and a whole lot of trust and fear issues from an abusive ex.

Since we've been married, my husband has become verbally, sexually and, to a lesser degree, physically abusive, to the point of laying a hand on my 5-year-old son.

I threw him out for that, but caved to pressure from my family to take him back; they deem him a "stabilizing" force in my life.

They think our relationship has caused me to "settle down" and be more responsible.

But they do not grasp the abuse I suffered previously, and if I so much as mention that something frightens me, they tell me I'm lying about it for attention.

My husband has left for basic training with the army and will be gone for a few months. Although it's only been two weeks, I feel freer, lighter and better able to cope with things.

But if I leave him while he's away at training, the social and family repercussions could be devastating, and my son and I may be forced to relocate. I'm so torn and afraid.

I only went through with the wedding to please my family, as the abuse started just before the wedding. — *A Canadian*

**Dear A:** You are in that group, by no means a small number, who repeat a mistaken choice in partners. No one intends to hook up with two alcoholics or two abusers, but there is some attraction to that personality type. First, ignore your family. They sound not only ignorant on the subject of abuse, but also not terribly friendly in their suggestion that you are making this up for attention. Second, undo the marriage. If it's problematic to leave him while he's at basic training, wait until he returns. At least you're living on your own. You are young, he is maladjusted, and marrying because of family pres-

sure is the kiss of death. These things are better done sooner rather than later. I wish you good luck. — *Margo, encouragingly*

## Strangely, It May Be Your Husband Who Needs Therapy

**Dear Margo:** My husband and I have been married for two years, together for seven.

His daughter is 24. I suspect, given her behavior, that she has some form of bipolar disorder. (I would guess cyclothymia, the mild version).

Examples: She changes her mind every eight to 12 weeks about boyfriends, friends, major and where she wants to live. We have moved her five times in the past year, we planned a wedding (and paid for it), and now we are dealing with her divorce less than three months after her marriage.

My husband has always said how good I am for her to talk to, and he thinks I am a great role model for her.

The problem is that the drama is starting to stress me out, I can no longer talk to her about her troubles, and this bothers my husband more than her antics.

We have always been completely together on things, but I feel I am watching a train wreck while my husband sees nothing wrong.

His daughter is the only cause of tension in our marriage. Any suggestions for how to get through this? — *Tense All the Time*

**Dear Tense:** I do have a suggestion, actually. Make an appointment with a therapist, perhaps a couples counselor, and go with your husband. Lay out his daughter's "changes of mind," and let the therapist tell your husband what's wrong with this picture. I do not know if her behavior (enabled by her father's indulgence) is from a mood disorder, immaturity, being a spoiled brat or not being very smart. Your husband needs to understand what is going on, and also that his enabling these spur-of-the-moment changes is doing her no good and in addition could likely wreck his marriage. Over to you. — *Margo, rationally*

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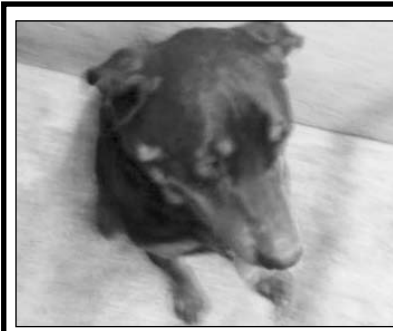


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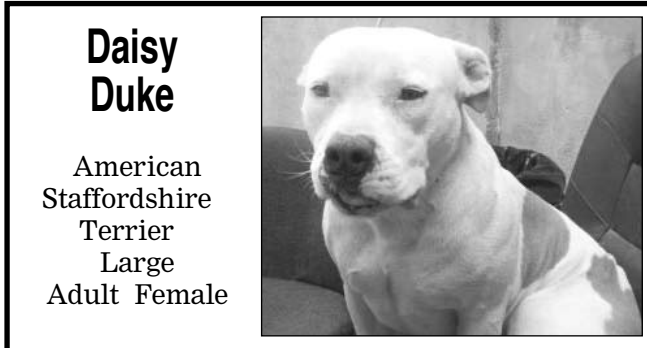


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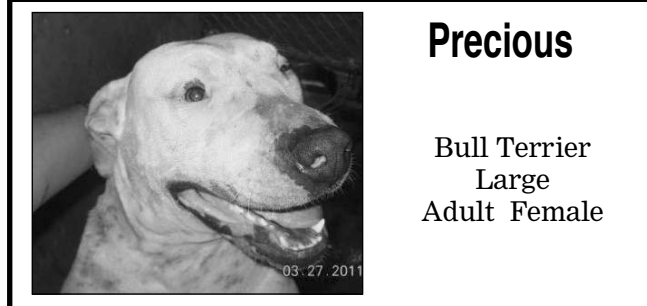


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## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I am a 56-year-old stepfather to two wonderful young women, ages 20 and 17. My wife of five years did a wonderful job raising the girls after their father died. Our relationship is open and trusting. I never call them stepdaughters. I view them as my own. And they tell me they love me.

My problem? Lately, the title of "stepfather" is having an adverse effect. It makes me feel excluded. I want them to call me "Dad." I am starting to feel less and less a part of the family. They've done nothing to merit this. It's all me. I have talked about this with my wife and oldest child because they noticed me withdrawing. We've discussed adoption, but neither they nor I want to write their father off their birth certificates. And a piece of paper isn't going to change the way we care about each other. So, why am I hung up on a title? All I know is, I don't like waking up at 3:30 a.m. feeling so despondent. — *Bob*

**Dear Bob:** The girls can call you "Dad" without having it become official on their birth certificates. It's a form of address, not a legal title. And while you can point out that calling you "Dad" doesn't undermine the girls' respect for their own father, you must allow it to be their decision. If they agree, they will need to make a concerted effort to use the title until it becomes automatic and natural, and you will

have to be patient. But also please work on your attitude. If they opt to call you "Bob," it doesn't mean they don't consider you their father. If you put your mind to it, you can learn to enjoy that name, too.

**Dear Annie:** My fiance, "Harry," has several female friends, but one in particular bothers me. Harry lives 60 miles away and visits on weekends. In between, he often goes out with "Liza" for breakfast, lunch or dinner, for long rides, to climb mountains or to swim.

Liza is a lovely lady, and I like her, but she is single, and their relationship is making me uncomfortable. I tried to talk with Harry about it, but he ranted and raved about my jealousy. I don't believe anything has happened between them, but I feel they are playing with fire and not considering my feelings. What should I do? Am I wrong to worry? — *Getting Under My Skin*

**Dear Getting:** Harry's friendship with Liza doesn't concern us as much as his reaction when you brought it up. Ranting, raving and accusing you of jealousy is not the reaction of a caring, loving, respectful fiance. It is manipulative. It puts you on the defensive, possibly to shield his own feelings or actions. Whether anything has happened with Liza (or will) is not as important as how Harry feels about her and

what that relationship means to him. Please get some premarital counseling so the two of you can hash this out before making things permanent.

**Dear Annie:** As someone with bipolar disorder, I felt the need to respond to "Confused," who wants to marry his girlfriend, but is concerned that her bipolar son might move in.

Bipolar disease is a genetic disorder, and the mom may have it. It can take 20 years to properly diagnose, because the signs of mania are often overlooked when depression symptoms are prevalent. Before "Confused" proposes, he may want to see a psychologist with experience in the field and attend counseling sessions for family members to find out what he is getting into. — *Bipolar in California*

**Dear Bipolar:** Thank you for your expertise. We hope he follows through.

*Annie's Snippet for Earth Day: Only when the last tree died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money. (Cree Indian Proverb)*

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# Denim and diamonds helping State Hospital

By Valerie Avery

Six years ago, the Volunteer Services Council of Big Spring State Hospital was searching for a new fund-raiser. The Chalet Resale Shoppe and a plethora of other activities added a steady stream of money into the ledger books, but they wanted the next big thing.

The board decided to tool with the Annual Denim and Diamonds Gala. The evening was successful, making a long and successful run, eventually evolving into a street dance, but the board wanted something new – something with a little more kick.

Enter Stacy Barr – the wife of Howard County Judge Mark Barr.

Barr had been working as a cotton and peanut buyer in Seminole, when she and her husband attended a reverse drawing for the Boys Club in Hobbs, N.M.. The organization sold hundreds of tickets and spent the evening drawing out names of the “losers” until only one ticket was remaining – the winning ticket. The evening was heavily attended and the anticipation of seeing who would be left standing was a real crowd pleaser. The concept was new to Barr, this reverse raffle. And the kicker was that the winner took home something everyone wants – his or her choice of a brand-new vehicle.

That first year of Cars and Stars (the Handlebars came later) faced many challenges: getting people to jump on board and the ability to sell 600 tickets for \$100 apiece, which at the time was unheard of. After the first year, the Volunteer Services Council allots 750 tickets for sale.

“It was scary to say the least,” Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon said.

Anyone who has met Barr knows that when she walks in the room, she starts working, gets down to business and then runs out the door with her non-nonsense demeanor. The woman gets things done.

Her straight-on approach and spitfire enthusiasm



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was just what the Volunteer Services Council needed, Moughon said.

“She came along at a time when volunteer organizations in the state were changing,” he said.

But Barr pushed along and reassured everyone along the way. “Many were scared that we wouldn’t sell the tickets and we would be responsible for a \$25,000 vehicle,” Barr said. “And I understood that. But I knew it would be successful. I just knew it.”

To help the volunteers fully grasp the enormous undertaking, Barr took the board and hospital staff on a road trip to Hobbs where they sat down with members of the Boys Club who laid out how it all worked and why it was a no-brainer.

What resulted that first evening was what Barr had told them all along, that: “it would be all right.”

In fact, it was more than all right, Moughon said. More than \$25,000 was raised for the patients at Big Spring State Hospital along with a great deal of enthusiasm for the following year.

In all, more than \$150,000 has been raised for the patients of Big Spring State Hospital through Cars, Stars and Handlebars that has helped fund the construction of a Family Visitation Center along with many other ongoing projects.

Not only was the event a money-maker but it was also a fun evening, particularly the last hour when the last 10 remaining ticket holders take the stage and have the opportunity to sell their ticket to the highest bidder or hold out for the chance to take home a new vehicle.

Barr and a cast of helpers make the last hour a fun one to watch, Moughon said. “She just does a great job the entire evening but that last hour she just brings it all home.”

Barr’s introduction to the volunteers came when Barr and she husband, Mark, who was born and raised in Big Spring, returned home after farming for 27 years in Hobbs. Doris Huibregtse, a longtime Volunteer Services Council member, asked her at church one day if she would like to volunteer with Big Spring State Hospital.

Soon she was chairing the Denim and Diamonds

event, but the board was ready to make a change. While chairing Denim and Diamonds evolving into Cars, Stars and Handlebars, Barr also attended Howard College and then University of Texas Permian Basin to earn her teaching certificate for music education.

She had taught children’s choir for 14 years and “God led me in that direction. There’s just no other way to put it,” she said.

Barr got on at Marcy Elementary and this year moved to Big Spring Junior High School where she teaches choir. “I love it.”

Anna O’Brien, who is the head of Elementary Music and Choir for the Big Spring Independent School District, said Barr is a good fit for the Junior High School students. “She brings excitement and fun for those kids. Her personality definitely shines and shines through her kids and their performances. She’s just really good with them.”

Some classes total more than 70 students at a time, and O’Brien said it takes a special person to manage them and have them leave with a positive experience. “She would give you the shirt off of her back and I see her do that time and time again for her kids and the people in our community. If it’s to take a kid to get a burger before choir practice at night or whatever. She does a lot that people don’t know about.”

Barr’s personality in the classroom is the same that one sees during the final hour of Cars, Stars and Handlebars. And she will be in full Stacy Barr-mode this week as she’s out pedaling tickets for the April 28 event.

“Everyone knows that I have them and they all call that last week,” Barr said. “I have hardly sold any tickets so far, but I’m not worried. Well, I am a little worried,” she said laughingly. “We can try and try and try to sell them early but they sell that last week and even the day of we are selling tickets while we are setting up at the country club.”

“Next week, I will be running around like a wild woman selling tickets.”

That’s the only speed Barr knows – fast and furious.

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Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuit, sausage, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: golden fish strips, macaroni and cheese, garden salad, hushpuppies, fishes in the sea, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast pocket, juice, milk. Alt. Cereal. Lunch: barbecue on a bun, quick baked potato, pickle spears, pineapple cherry delight, milk.

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Monday: Breakfast: apple jacks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: charbroiled meatballs, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, peaches, bread, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: sausage roll, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: oven fried chicken, red beans and rice, garden salad, ranch dressing, fruit cocktail, roll, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: baked cheese sticks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: spaghetti, pears, garden salad, ranch dressing, green peas, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: blueberry muffin top, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken patty sandwich, french fries, baby carrots, ranch dressing, sliced apples, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: pancake on a stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: barbecue beef sandwich, sweet potato fries, sliced cucumbers, ranch dressing, pineapple chunks, banana, milk.

## Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: pancakes, ham, syrup, grape juice, milk. Lunch: chalupa, salad, oranges, milk. Burritos.

## Menus

Tuesday: Breakfast: biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: pizza, corn, baby carrots, jell-o with fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: pop tarts, ham, apple juice, milk. Lunch: tacos, ranch beans, salad, strawberries/banana, milk. Corn Dogs.

Thursday: Breakfast: oatmeal, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, apples, cookies.

Friday: Breakfast: french toast, ham, orange juice, milk. Lunch: taco beef pie, pinto beans, tossed salad, pears, milk. Barbecue on a bun and chips.

## Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast: hot pocket, juice and milk. Lunch: meaty macaroni, tossed salad, corn, frozen cherry bar, cornbread and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, hot roll, apple and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: egg, bacon and toast, juice and milk. Lunch: crispy tacos, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, jell-o and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: sausage and biscuit, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken alfredo, green beans, Texas toast, cookie, peaches and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: breakfast on a stick, juice and milk. Lunch:

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Monday: hot dogs with chili, baked beans, baked potato chips, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

Tuesday: beef stew, cottage cheese salad, pineapple tidbits, angel cake, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: stuffed bell peppers, mashed potatoes, okra and tomatoes, brownie, milk.

Thursday: chicken spaghetti, peas and pearl onions, tossed salad, garlic bread, milk.

Friday: chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, citrus fruit with bananas, milk.

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