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# County urges landfill talks

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By THOMAS JENKINS

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Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners called for continued negotiations with the city of Big Spring during a special meeting Monday morning, as the two government bodies try to hash out funding for a new municipal landfill.

According to County Judge

Mark Barr, the Big Spring City Council's decision last week to unanimously approve an agreement calling for the county to fund onethird of the proposed landfill's estimated \$5 million caused a shock.

"When the commissioners and I heard the inter-local agreement was on the city council agenda last week, we

were quite shocked," Barr said. "There isn't a man at this table (speaking of the commissioners court) who isn't willing to negotiate with the city; however, they have to be willing to look at other options. At this point, the court has been told we will either pay the \$1.6 million to pay for the opening of the landfill, or county residents

will not be allowed to use the facility."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmie Long and Precinct 4 Commissioner John Cline agreed to serve on a committee expected to negotiate a deal between the two government bodies. Members of the court said they would like to see the city do the same, with two council members serving.

According to Long, Interim City Manager Todd Darden has agreed to supply the county with the information it is requesting, which includes historical financial records, statistics regarding the use of the existing facility and an estimated cost county

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**HERALD** file photo

The Big Spring **Kennel Club's** annual Dog Show returns to Garrett **Coliseum Saturday** and Sunday. **Admission is free** to the event, which begins at 8 a.m. each day.

# show's bite will be bigger than its bark

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A pared-down version of the Big Spring Kennel Club's annual Dog Show returns to Garrett Coliseum this week-

The dog show — basically two shows in one — begins at

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## Conflict to keep numbers down, but quality good

8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday in the coliseum, located on the Howard College campus.

Admission is free. Scheduling conflicts with another kennel club in the Dallas area forced BSKC members to hastily reschedule their show to early April, a move that should have positive long-term effects, but will hurt turnout for this year's

"We're expecting dogs from about 90 breeds to be exhibited this weekend," BSKC member Trellis Lucas said. "Normally, we'd have about 500 dogs ... Our numbers will be down because of a scheduling conflict with another show in Dallas. Instead of having both shows on the same day — which would end up hurting both clubs — we decided to change our dates. The late change will hurt attendance this year, but in the coming years, we should have that weekend pretty much all

to ourselves."

If the quantity of entries will be down, Lucas expects top-notch quality from exhibitors. Judging will be done in both individual breeds and seven American Kennel Club groups — herding, sporting, non-sporting, terriers, toy, hounds and working. Dogs judged best in these groups will compete for best of show honors at the end of each

"Sunday will basically be

a repeat of what happens Saturday," Lucas said. "We rotate the judges on the second day, so people will have a chance to have their dogs judged by a different per-

Breed judging is scheduled for the morning, while group competition is expected to begin around 1:30 p.m. each

day, Lucas said. In addition to the breed and group competition, an obedience show will be held both days in the coliseum's East

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# **Jobless rate falls for most of area**

From local, wire reports

Unemployment rates for Howard County dropped from January to February, a trend officials say is almost certain to continue for both the Big Country area and Permian Basin. Howard County witnessed a jobless

rate of 6.2 percent in January, which fell to 5.8 percent in February. March's percent won't be known until later in the Unemployment rates fell in Abilene

and all 23 counties comprising the Big Country region, the Texas Workforce Commission said. The decrease followed a January rise mostly attributed to seasonal job layoffs.

"We're seeing more activity in job orders being placed in the area," Robert Puls, business development consultant for Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, said Friday. "Some are oil field related, some manufacturing and some are service industries." The oil field-related job orders, Puls

said, are all over West Texas and other regions in the state. He is predicting the jobs market will pick up even more the next few months.

"Traditionally, what we see is that it picks up after ... February, March, April and May," Puls said.

In the Abilene area, Puls said health care "is still a hot commodity."

"Occupational-wise, we're seeing a lot of need for truck drivers and we're

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## **Obituaries**

#### Jim Hal Parks



Jim Hal Parks passed away March 30, 2013, in Colorado City, Texas. Graveside services with military honors for Mr. Parks were held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 1, 2013, at Pioneer Cemetery in Texas. McMillan-Graham, Satterwhite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Parks was born Jan. 28, 1925 in Desdemona, Texas, and moved

to Graham in 1991 from Gainesville, Texas. He was a retired utility sales consultant and a member of the Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Lana Finley and husband Terry of Montgomery, Texas; granddaughter, Kim Barnfield and husband Matthew; two granddaughters, Julia and Madeline; four nieces, Laura Parks Smith, Donna Parks McPherson, Jan Parks Bandy and Jean Ann Parks Wolf; and a nephew, Kirby Endsley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Juanita Parks in 2002; a sister, Dortha Endsley; and a brother, Don O. Parks.

Paid obituary

#### Sharon M. Ballenger



Sharon M. Ballenger, 75, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, passed away March 29, 2013, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital.

Sharon was born Dec. 22, 1937, in Stamford, Texas, to Jesse and Leola (Herron) Tucker. She graduated high school in Rule, Texas, in 1956 and earned a degree in elementary education from Hardin-Simmons University in 1960.

On Feb. 14, 1960, Sharon was united in marriage with William A. Ballenger. To this union three children were born. Sharon furthered her education at U.N.O., earning her master's degree in counseling

In addition to being a loving wife and mother, Sharon was a mental health therapist, owning Counseling for the 90s and was a guidance counselor for Roncalli and Marian high schools in Omaha, as well as Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs.

She was recognized professionally by the governor of Nebraska for her work in mental health and counseling and received many awards for her years of leadership and service.

Sharon was a member of First Baptist Church, youth group leader; member of PEO and Service

In addition to her parents, Sharon was preceded by her infant son and stepfather, Willard Cox. Sharon is survived by her husband of 53 years,

William A. "Bill" Ballenger; son, Jeff Ballenger and wife Cristy, all of Council Bluffs; daughter, Carrie Conley and husband Mike of Coahoma, Texas; grandchildren, Liz and Megan Conley, Jonathan, Alexis and Nicolas Ballenger; brothers, E.A. "Sonny" Bounds and wife Ann of Canyon Lake, Texas, and Steve Cox and wife Darla of Abilene, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be held from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home in Council Bluffs. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Bender officiat-

Interment will be in Cedar Lawn Cemetery with a

lunch following at First Baptist Church.

Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church or Youth Program at First Baptist Church, 540 First Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503.

Paid obituary

#### Sheila Bennett

April 1, 2013, in San Angelo. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

#### Myrtle Banks

Myrtle Banks, 93, of Big Spring died Monday, April 1, 2013, in Breckenridge. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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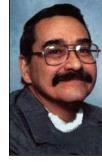
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#### Jeffrey David Flowers



Jeffrey David Flowers, 57, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 31, 2013, at Home Hospice House in Odessa. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Texas Veterans Cemetery Abilene. He was born May 20, 1955, in

Toledo Ohio to Doris and Richard Flowers. He was married to Cynthia Flowers. He was a self-employed

carpenter and a Vietnam veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Flowers of Big Spring; six sons, Daniel Weathers (Brad) of Austin, Jeff Flowers (Nikki) of Amarillo, Andrew Flowers (Melonie) of Snyder, Matthew Flowers (Jessie) of Snyder, Nathan Flowers and Adam Flowers (Angela) of Big Spring; one sister, Debra Horton of Portsmouth, Ohio; two brothers, Kurt Flowers (Mary) of Elizabethtown, Ky., and Bruce Flowers (Rex) of Portsmouth, Ohio; eight granddaughters and two grandsons.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one brother, Richard Flowers.

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

## Police blotter

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

- GRACIELA LEAL, 42, of 1504 S. Nolan, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxica-
- STARLETT NAKAYI MARSHALL, 27, of 2517 Chanute, was arrested Monday on a warrant for theft – more than \$50 and less than \$500. • JOHN MANUEL RIOS, 47, transient, was arrest-
- ed Monday on a charge of possession of drug para- BRENDA ALCALA, 44, of 1308 Tucson, was arrested Monday on warrants for failure to obtain

Texas driver's license within 90 days, failure to

- appear and accumulated items/weeds/rubbish. KRISTINA ELAINE ESCAMILLA, 31, of 3615 Calvin, was arrested Monday on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction, dog or cat running at large and three warrants from other agencies.
- YESINIA GARZA PENA, 30, of 107 E. 25th St., was arrested Monday on a warrant for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- JOSE ANTONIO MORAN JR., 19, of 1902 E, 11th Place, was arrested Monday on a warrant for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- FRANSISCO VALDEZ LICON, 26, of 1516 Wood St., was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
  - THEFT was reported:
- In the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway.
- In the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- In the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 1400 block of E. Sixth Street.
- In the 2300 block of Allendale.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 300 block of E. Leatherwood.

## **Sheriff**

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- YESENIA GARZA PENA, 30, was arrested Sheila Bennett, 73, of Big Spring died Monday, Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
  - STARLETT NAKAYI MARSHALL, 27, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft - more than \$50 and less than \$500.
  - FRANCISCO VALDEZ LICON, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated.
  - JOSE A. MORAN JR., 19, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana two ounces or less.
  - GRACIE LEAL, 42, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and parent contributing to the non-attendance of a minor.
  - BRENDA ALCALA, 44, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on municipal capias warrants for failure to obtain Texas driver's license within 30 days, violation of a promise to appear and weedy lot – first offense.





#### **Adrian Calvio** State Farm Agent

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#### **Today's Weather Local 3-Day Forecast**

Wed	Thu	Fri
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<b>54/37</b> Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High 54F. Winds NNE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30%.	<b>74/45</b> Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	<b>82/54</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
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Sunset:	Sunset:	Sunset:
8:07 PM	8:08 PM	8:09 PM
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51	34	mixed		Seattle	59	46	cloudy
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- DIJUAN MANUEL RIOS, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond – possession of a controlled substance. JOHN MANUEL RIOS, 47, was booked into the
- county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. KRISTINA ESCAMILLA, 31, was booked into
- the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid (two counts), violation of a promise to appear, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension and a municipal warrant for public nuisance - enhanced.

## Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E. FM 700. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Carol. Service refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of
- Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of
- Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of
- Cindy Lane. One person was transported to MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of
- Carey. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRASH FIRE was reported in the 3400 block of E.
- DUMPSTER FIRE was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road.

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## **Take Note**

• The County Fair Board is looking for volunteers to cross stitch a square for the Howard County Fair Quilt. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for information or drop by the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry to pick up a square.

• The Prom Closet, lo-

- cated at Christy's Salon, 100 E. Third, is making recycled prom dresses available to young ladies who might otherwise not be able to afford one. The closet is open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or you may call contact Christian Fair at 432-816-3537 to make an appointment or for more information.
- Healthy Woman's April event will be "Let's Talk about Feet" following the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Healthy Fair on April 13. Dr. Robert Hayes will be presenting at 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room. The event is free to the public. Call to reserve your seat at
- Big Spring residents, past and present, are invited to a reunion picnic on the third weekend in

432-268-4842.

arrivals will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion for a brown bag lunch and visiting. Around 6 p.m., participants will meet at the Wagon Wheel for burgers and more visitation. Saturday, the 20th, the reunion will move to the Eagles Lodge from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Entry fee to the Eagles Lodge event will be a single (more if you wish) non-perishable canned good. Proceeds to be donated to a local food bank and/or folks needing assistance. A silent auction will be going on at the lodge with donated items, proceeds to fund the group's events and assistance fund. There will be some snacks available at the lodge.

April. On April 19, early

- Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-
- Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need established

items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and largersized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.

• The Big Spring State

- Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@ dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-
- · An account has been Wells at

of warm clothing. Clean Fargo on behalf of the Linda Rena Torres family, whose vehicle was destroyed in a fire. A purse lost in the fire contained the family's income tax returns and child support. The vehicle, which was the family's only means of transportation, was not insured except for liability. To help, contact Wells Fargo at 268-6216 and mention account 2266054432.

- · An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.
- · Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S.

#### **Keep Big Spring Beautiful**

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday in the Cactus Room of Howard College. President Jan Hansen called on Jim De-Pauw for the invocation.

Jan announced that the city of Big Spring entry in the state contest received honorable mention and we have now achieved the Silver Star Award — going for the gold now! The state meeting will be held tJune 17-20 with a possibility of grants to provide expense money.

The Community Appearance Survey was completed March 27 and we thank Willie Doss, Georgie Newsom, Gus Leonardi, Jan Hansen, Debbie Val Verde and Pat Simmons for helping in the survey. Highlight of the meeting was a video

of the education committee's litter skit, which was presented seven times at our new elementary schools. Tammy DePauw, Peggy Hopper and Loyce Phillips took the lead in providing an entertaining show to the students. Gloria McDonald did the taping. We welcomed Ron Alton, Kim Nalley

and Mrs. Roger Rodman to our meeting, Jim DePauw, Walter Ward, Bobby Mc-Donald and Al Williams huddled at the close of the meeting to flesh out plans for our Trash-Off, set for Saturday.

One last reminder — trash bags will be available at the Chamber of Commerce from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday.

Full trash bags should be brought to the Heart of the City Park Saturday. We'll lunch around noon there and hope to award lots of prizes to participants. Look for water bottles with a "Don't Mess With Texas " label on them. Bring in a 30 gallon bag full of trash and see what you win with that bottle.

We welcome all volunteers to this event.

We next meet the first Monday of June.

## **LANDFILL**

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residents would have to pay for each load dumped if the county opts not to participate in the construction. Of particular interest

to Long — and the rest of the court — is a fund established in 2000 to fund the closure of the existing landfill and how that money will be used in the next few years. "In my opinion, they

(the city of Big Spring) should have put some money up over the years," Long said. "What I find somewhat disturbing is in the proposed 2012 budget was an item that called for \$350,000 for the purchase of the property for the new landfill and it was to come out of the closure account. That concerns me because the county has been putting money into that account and those funds should be used for what

for.' According to County Auditor Jackie Olson,

they were designated

the county has contributed more than \$300,000 to the closure fund since it was created. "I do have concerns,"

Barr said. "I wonder where that money is. That's one of the reasons we need to sit down with the city and talk. I can't believe there is just one avenue. The county has been handed a demand and, quite frankly, there's no way for us to do it. We knew the city was going to ask for some money for the new landfill, but we had no idea they were going to ask for \$1.6 million. I was shocked."

on the operation of the existing landfill available to the public and trying to calculate how much of a hike in fees it would take to cover the construction of a new landfill facility.

"I don't see the need for anything more than an increase in fees at this point," Long said. "I've been gathering information from what the city has available on the internet in hopes of finding a starting place.

Looking at the last five years — from 2007 until 2011, as numbers for 2012 aren't yet available online — the landfill has made a net profit of \$709,000. Looking at this, going from a \$5 fee to a \$6.50 fee and from \$12 a ton for commer-

cial to \$15 a ton should

cover the cost." Barr also addressed Mayor Tommy Duncan's claims the matter of funding a new landfill is in a serious time crunch because the county has dragged its feet in efforts to negotiate an agreement.

"The city approached Long said he has been the county in Septemgathering information ber to discuss a contract. We explained to them we would have to set our budget before we could do that and agreed to talk next year," Barr said. "In December, Commissioner Cline and myself met with the mayor and city staff, at which time the mayor delivered an ultimatum.

"The mayor (Duncan) told Commissioner Cline the county would have to pay the \$1.6 million or county residents

would not be allowed to use the city landfill. Commissioner Cline even asked him to repeat it back to him, so there wasn't a misunderstanding regarding what the city was proposing."

Main St.

Barr said the \$1.6 million the city is asking for is not currently provided for in the 2012-2013 budget, meaning the expenditure — if eventually approved by the court — would have to wait until October, when the county will approve its 2013-2014 budget.

However, even then the county could face a sticky financial situation because of the tax hike necessary to fund the \$1.6 million will easily eclipse the county's rollback rate.

"To cover the \$1.6 million — plus the increase the city is asking us to make for ambulance service — we'd have to go up more than 4 cents on the tax rate," Barr said. "If things go the way we believe they will with the tax rate, that would put us at least 2 cents over the rollback rate.

bad enough, however, if we go above the tax rate and a petition gets started and is successful, the tax rate will get pushed back to the effective rate, which will mean a huge loss in tax revenue for the county. Not only would we be unable to help with the landfill, we wouldn't be able to make repairs to county roads or give any kind of employee raises. It's

"Raising the tax rate is

According to Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Baker, before negotiations between the two government entities can begin in earnest, an exchange of information — and ideas — will be vital.

a huge risk."

"We can't make a decision without the numbers in front of us," Baker said.

Officials with the city said their "doors will be open" in the coming weeks with hopes county officials will be willing to meet and discuss the county's role in the construction of a new municipal landfill.

According to Long, he and the remaining

be judged according to how quickly they navigate Dragon China Buffet 1300 Gregg 268-8888 For more information on this weekend's show, Off Per Adult **JU**Off Per Child Up to 10 People (NOT FOR CARRYOUT) EXP. 04/30/13

members of the county committee tasked with negotiating an interlocal agreement will to take full advantage of that offer.

"Once we have all the numbers and necessary information, we're more than willing to sit down and figure out what's best for all the taxpayers, not just those in the city or the county," Long said. "We just want to see this handled properly, so we don't have taxpayers who are being hit for this landfill two and three times. There's more than one way to approach this and we're ready to begin exploring those options and not simply answer

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to an ultimatum."

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

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# **JOBLESS**

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Room. Dogs will be judged according to how well

they follow their handler's commands. Also, the

dogs will compete in a "rally," in which dogs will

**DOGS** 

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seeing an increased need for welders and manufacturing," said.

The Midland Metro-

politan Statistical Area had the lowest number of unemployed in February in the state at 3.2 percent. The Odessa MSA came in second at

The Abiliene Metropolitan Statistical Area

had an unemployment rate of 5.1 percent for February. Statewide, Texas con-

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tinued its upward trend

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ing and logging, and manufacturing — has

seen positive growth with 21,200 jobs added last month, according to the workforce commission.

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Much of this article was written by John Mangalonzo, business reporter for the Abilene Reporter News and released through AP Exchange.

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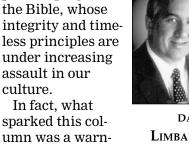
# It's not cool to cherry pick scripture

ith Easter just behind us and the Astroturf groundswell for same-sex marriage at its

apex, I thought I'd put in a plug for the Bible, whose integrity and timeless principles are under increasing assault in our culture. In fact, what sparked this col-

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ally prominent



DAVID LIMBAUGH

Republican to his party that it ought not go "Old Testament" and oppose same-sex marriage. I don't want to turn this col-

umn into a rant about same-sex marriage, but I cite this example to illustrate a common tendency to bifurcate the Old Testament and the New Testament and to paint Jesus Christ as a figure of unqualified, open-armed tolerance and non-judgmentalism. The more one studies the Bible

with an open heart and a receptive mind the more he realizes it is a fully integrated and divinely inspired work. First, let's dispense with the

myth that one's belief in or rejection of the Bible is a matter of intelligence, as opposed to his worldview, heart and attitude. There are millions of brilliant believers throughout the world. Let's also recognize that Chris-

tian "faith" does not require us to suspend our rational faculties or ignore evidence. To the contrary, our faith is based on an abundance of credible, compelling evidence. Yes, faith is absolutely indispensible to Christianity, but it is wholly compatible with our God-given critical capacities.

People decry and ridicule the Bible as full of superstition, bigotry and incredible supernaturalism, yet eagerly embrace their own superstitions that often require more faith to believe than biblical truths. Their God-void entices them to spiritualize and idolize environmentalism, full-blown Darwinism, astrology, pagan mysticism and any number of other politically correct beliefs, while scoffing at biblical Christianity.

The same type of person who will sit enraptured by stories of Nostradamus allegedly prophesying about (Adolf) "Hister" seems unaware of or unreceptive to far more impressive detailed prophesy in the Old Testament that has been fulfilled in history. Others don't reject the Bible in

toto, but cherry pick scripture out of innocence or for purposes of political expedience. Especially prevalent are efforts to ridicule the Old Testament, as with the above-cited example, and to recast Jesus as one who was open to all ideas and who rejected the supposed harshness of the Old Testament.

Unlike certain cultural icons today, Jesus didn't preach what people's itching ears wanted to hear.

He didn't cater his sermons to curry favor with the popular culture. He articulated a higher standard of morality than even the Old Testament did.

More importantly, He did not reject but wholeheartedly endorsed the Old Testament generally and specifically. He didn't come to abolish the law but to fulfill it. He said that "until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished," "the scriptures cannot be broken," and, "I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

Jesus also affirmed the historicity of many important events recorded in the Old Testament, which many today dismiss as mere allegory or pure fiction, such as the creation of Adam and Eve, the flood, Jonah and the whale, the miracles of Elijah, and the miracles of Moses in the wilderness. His sinless life and His teach-

ings, crucifixion and resurrection didn't render the Old Testament irrelevant but affirmed it as pointing to Him.

New Testament writers also

affirmed the authority of the Old Testament. The Apostle Paul said, "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Both Old Testament and New Testament writers asserted they were speaking on God's behalf and that what they were recording was factually and historically true.

Moses said his writings were from God, and the Old Testament prophets claimed to be speaking the words of the Lord. Luke said, "Since I myself have carefully investigated ev-

erything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught." Peter said, "We did not follow cleverly invented stories when

we told you about the power and coming of the Lord Jesus Christ but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty." Paul said, "I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that

man made up. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.' It's bad enough that some

people are caving to cultural pressure to dismantle traditional values, but could we please not throw the Bible overboard in this frantic stampede to be loved by the culture?

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# Seriously, it's cats vs. dingoes

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Most cats are not native to

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al Union for Conservation of Na-

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But all cats put together destroy

more native wildlife than cars,

pet cats don't account for nearly

North America. They are a

100 worst invasive species.

ecological crisis.

predators." They are enabling an

The fight goes on. Whether cats are bird-killing machines or soft balls of love (for themselves, anyway) remains a subject of painful debate.

The first part is undoubtedly true. Cats in the United States destroy a median of 2.4 billion birds a year. Add to that death toll 2.3 billion mammals, many of them native creatures: chipmunks, rabbits and voles, reptiles and amphibians.



FROMA HARROP

These numbers came from a much-quoted report by scientists at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They are several times higher than previous worrisome

A black cat hangs around my night, she slips out of the shadows, giving me a "what are you doing here?" look. I purr, "Here, kitty, kitty," and she slinks off with barely a backward glance.

If she's not going to bond, the least she can do is stay away from my birdbath. And I do wish her owner would keep her indoors. There she'd be safe from speeding cars, pit bulls and my Of more concern are colonies

of cats living in the wild. Their

human guardians may regard

themselves as animal-rights activists, but the unflattering term

pesticides, collisions with buildings and other human-related causes. Some champions of feral cats do partly the right thing by having the animals neutered, then

returned to the wild. But a cat's inability to reproduce does not curb its appetite, and providing food does not quiet the instinct to hunt.

Making the problem worse, cat owners no longer interested in caring for their pets often see cat colonies as a perfect dropping-off place. This, of course, adds to the roaming predator population. The American Bird Conservancy puts the number of homeless cats as high as 100 million.

Some solutions to the problem are not very amenable to cat lovers. (Cousin Janet in Dallas, forgive me for what I'm about to say.) In recent years, coyotes have greatly reduced my neighborhood's outdoor cat count. Sad what happened to Oscar and Buttons and the other feline faces peering down from "missing cat" posters. But the coyote visitation has led to an explosion of bird song.

Dingoes are another possibility. Studies from Australia, where these wild dogs flourished until farmers killed them, see dingoes as a possible savior of birds and other native animals. Researchers at Deakin University in Victoria found that dingoes eat cats and also scare them off, narrowing the window of catprowling time, especially right

after dusk. Suffice it to say, cats belong indoors. Whether cats are happier indoors is another matter. but there's no doubt that the beautiful community of winged creatures is safer when cats are watching from a window.

I don't know my silky visitor's name or which neighbor provides her primary address, but I do know this: I don't hang bird feeders and fill the birdbath to create a Dave and Buster's of kitty amusements. At the same time, I don't want to see that pretty feline mug on any catmissing posters.

As for the human feeders of feral cats, please stop supporting the cat explosion. If you don't, new environmental laws should stop you.

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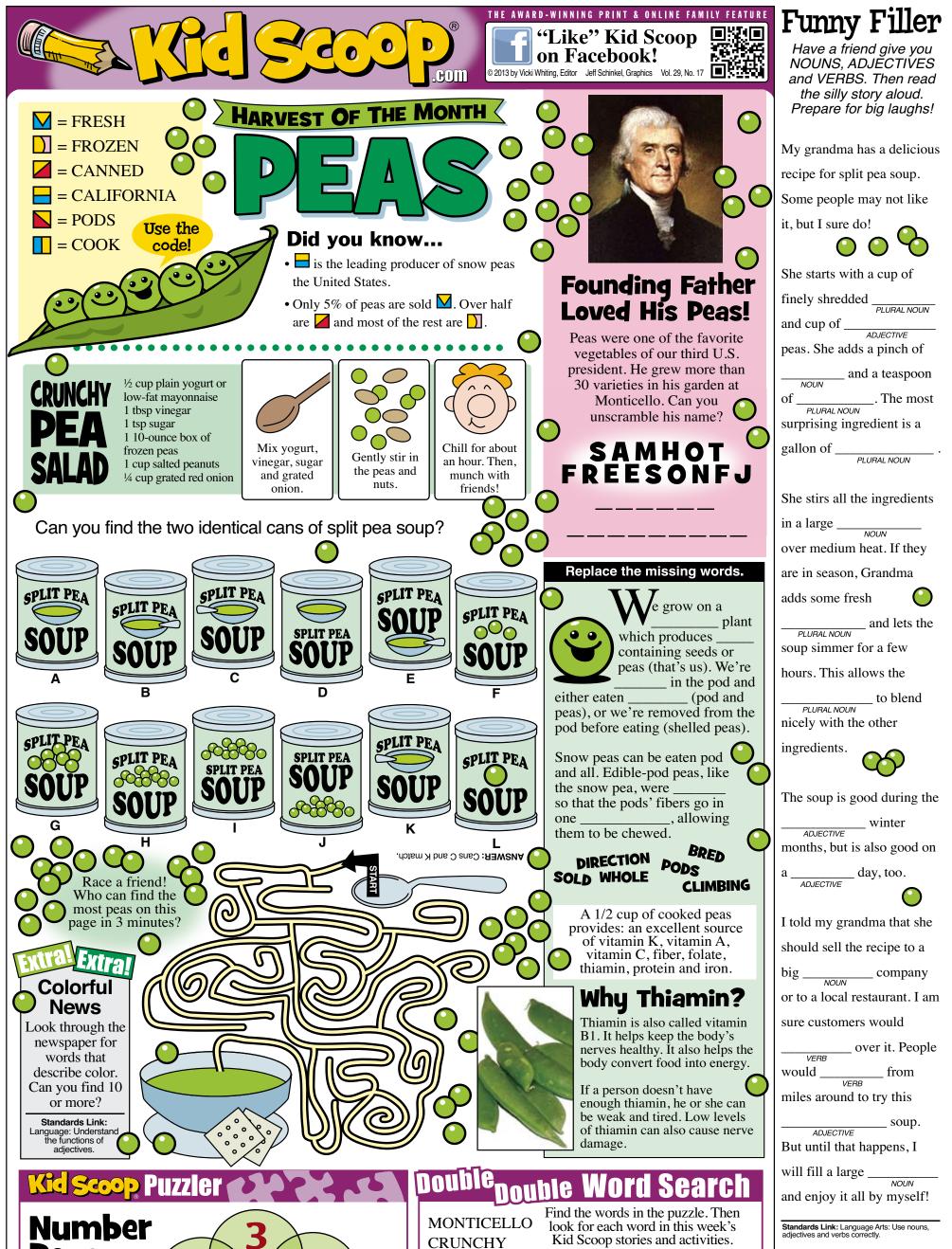


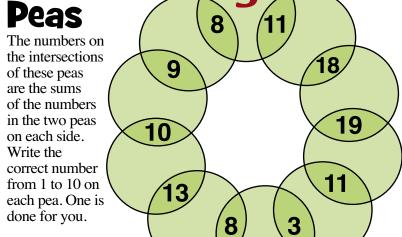
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**PEA** 

Pea Pod Surprise
One day I was shelling peas and out of the pod popped ...
Finish this story.

# **Bird Poop: Following a different path**

mportant was repeating back to the man the instructions he had just given. Unfamiliar with Glasscock County, we'd be heading

southwest. The caller had guessed the mileage to be six to eight miles from the turnoff. Sun Oil's small station





would be on the west side of the As we began driving

down the Garden City Highway, the outskirts of Big Spring faded into open, unobstructed fields. Dried grasses had grown tall along the endless, wandering miles of property lines defined by barbed wire. Occasionally, bunches of early wildflowers could be seen competing for space. To be out in the coun-

tryside was relaxing. This last week of March offered an early spring and lots of sunshine.

Checking the odometer, Art indicated we were almost there. Ahead could be seen the company's station and the intersecting roadway. The caller had indicated, "When you

get to the stop, you're there!"

No car or truck could be seen. We had the area to ourselves. After rolling down the windows, we could hear in the distance the songs of several birds. The silence and aromas of the countryside were welcome.

Appearing on the horizon, a truck slowly neared our parking spot. Passing us by, it left Art to wonder if we were at the right place.

Five minutes later, another vehicle could be seen in the distance. The closer it came the more I hoped it would stop to deliver the bird.

After parking in front of our vehicle, the driver's truck was notable for its many years and miles of travel, and its loss of paint from exposure to the sun. Walking to greet the man who had called, we were able to see a small lump lying in the depression caused by many an employee having ridden on the passenger's side.

From under a towel draped over it, a small duck peeked out enough to show glossy green ear patches on each side of a rusty brown head. Its breeding plumage was far more colorful than its early winter, brownish



From summers in Alaska to fall and winter on inland lakes, rivers, and the Texas coast, the green-winged teal is a little more than a foot in length, with a wingspan of about two feet. An expert diver, the small bird can swim long distances underwater.

Carefully lifting it from the seat, we removed the towel. Its buff-colored breast was spotted with black. A distinctive white, vertical stripe accented each side in front of its wing feathers. Visible, as we extended each wing, was a patch of green, iridescent feathers that contrasted with the surrounding gray ones.

Saying he had found it under a power line, the man added that it would not fly. A look down the length of the bones in each wing did not indicate a compound fracture. Not

feeling any noticeable fracture led us to hope there was bruising rather than a break.

Migrating mostly at night, the green-winged teal may have been more fortunate than most when encountering utility lines.

After delivering the teal to the Eos Wildlife Sanctuary in Midland, we were assured by Midge Erskine that x-rays would reveal any damage. Thinking it had a chance for recovery, she would introduce it to other waterfowl in her backyard after its visit to a

veterinarian.

In Big Spring, we had often noticed greenwinged teals bobbing on the surface of Beals Creek during fall and winter months. Diving under the shallow water, they often probed the mud for aquatic insects, larvae, and worms. Surfacing, only to dive again, these dabbling ducks also enjoyed tender bites of water plants. Often, after floating under the highway bridge on FM 700, they were a striking sight with bodies half submerged and feet kicking in the air.

After their flocks had fed insatiable appetites, they often lifted en masse. Bunched closely together, their leaving displayed the epitome of nature's precision flying as they twisted and turned in unison.

**BIG SPRING HERALD** 

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

On their fall migratory journeys from Alaska or Canada, they had entertained us with their brief displays. In their eagerness to move northward, we often missed their spring migrations.

Some 24 years have passed since our rescue drive down the Garden City Highway. The last time we held a greenwinged teal was in 2005

Wind turbines and oil field production offer many more obstacles than in years past. Along with drought and climate change, the hazards of this new century threaten fall and spring migrations of not only green-winged teals, but other waterfowl as well.

Their absence from our waters and skies, while adapting to alternative routes, may be the only way to continue their ancient rituals on northern lakes.

Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop from Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

#### PARENT'S CORNER

# When it seems there is just no way to escape reason is that a buzzard

friend told me recently he felt trapped. He said he felt as if he had no escape from his current life and he sometimes felt he was drowning in the daily details.

I understood what

he was saying but I also wanted to help him see that life does offer opportunities to make changes.

I remembered reading a

story that touched upon this subject so I related that to him. I told him about three

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different subjects that he might relate to. The first was the buzzard. I remembered the story that if you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The

always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small cage with no top.

So, I asked, are you in a cage with no top? Then I related the story of the bat. The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, can-

not take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. But once there, it can take off and fly

away. So, I asked, are you looking for the elevated place where you can launch your flight?

Then I related the story of the bumblebee. A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists until it dies try-

So, I asked, are you seeking an escape that you cannot find?

Then I questioned: if you are seeking an escape in places where you have already looked then maybe you are looking in the wrong place. The answer to your escape is to look elsewhere. Sometimes, we need quiet time to think and consider our situation, to meditate on our life, to look at our possibilities, to take a deep breath and try something new. We just might be amazed at the opportunities that may present themselves.

As Yogi Berra once said, "I wondered why the ball was getting bigger, then it hit me!"

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

# Coney Island hopes to rebuild after Sandy

the beginning of each tourist season, the enney Island gather along its famous boardwalk to pray for two things: good weather and large crowds.

Never have they harder than prayed

now. months after Five Superstorm Sandy's surge swamped New York City's most storied beach destination, many businesses are pinning their hopes on a strong season to help them make up for the hundreds of thousands of dollars they have spent to get back up and running.

"We're almost dead, but we're open," said D.J. Vourderis, whose family owns and operates Deno's Famous Wonder Wheel Amusement Park. "We've built it; now we're just waiting for them to come."

Vourderis logged 92 hours the week leading up to Palm Sunday, when Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz smashed a bottle of egg cream on the famous Cyclone roll-

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NEW YORK (AP) — At er coaster to officially christen the new season at Coney Island — not trepreneurs who pitch really an island, but an the thrill rides, hot American institution Famous hot dog stand dogs, sideshows and on a peninsula where, won't reopen until Mesouvenirs at gritty Co- at the turn of the 20th morial Day. The New century, it became one of the country's largest and most popular amusement areas.

The late October storm ravaged Vourderis' business, and he was forced to replace all the corroded relays, circuits, breakers and wiring on the Ferris wheel.

The family has borrowed to stay afloat and is about \$500,000 in the red after paying for the repairs to the iconic 1920Wonder Wheel, replacing 24 new bumper cars and redesigning the entire inside of the Spook-A-Rama ride, which was waterlogged.

The boardwalk itself was left largely unscathed — but storm surge below the wooden planks flooded storage areas used by the Wonder Wheel park, with water reaching as high as 5 feet in some places, submerging equipment stowed away during the off season.

The Wonder Wheel, like other seasonal businesses, was already due to close around the time of the Oct. 29 storm, so the time off was spent

making repairs. "It's going to take years to get us back to where we were," said Vourderis, standing over hundreds of mintgreen quarters that were oxidized so severely that banks won't accept them without first having them cleaned in bleach. "I'm trying to look at the

glass half full." Some Coney Island characters alike.

Brooklyn Cyclones baseball team is set for its June 18 home opener, though it's unclear whether its damaged field will be replaced with sod or artificial

staples that have been shut since the hurricane

The flagship Nathan's

York Aquarium will

reopen, only partially,

in late spring. And the

have no choice.

turf. Gordon Lee's Eldorado Auto Skooter on Surf Avenue has an arcade room with nearly 40 percent fewer arcade games, after salt water ruined much of the machinery.

"I'm functional at this point," said Lee, demonstrating a metal coin wrapper that can no longer turn because its bearings have seized from corrosion. "Look, I'm open and operational. Am I 100 percent operational? No."

Lee has sunk about \$100,000 of his savings into recuperating the arcade, buying new machinery and replacing 30 new bumper cars.

Nearly 11 million people flocked to Coney Island Beach last year between Memorial Day and Labor Day, according to city figures. Many attended well-known attractions, like the Nathan's Famous July 4 International Hot Dog-Eating Contest. And most of Coney Island's boardwalk bars, shops and restaurants are now open to sell cold beers, tchotchkes and fried clams to tourists and New York's most quirky



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# Former NFL coach, West **Texan Pardee dies at 76**

**CHRIS DUNCAN** 

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Jack Pardee, one of Bear Bryant's "Junction Boys" at Texas A&M who went on to become an All-Pro linebacker and an NFL coach, died Monday. He was 76.

November, Pardee's family announced that he had gall bladder cancer that had spread to other organs and that he had six to nine months to live. The family has established a memorial scholarship fund in Pardee's name at the University of Hous-

ton, where Pardee

coached from 1987-

"Today, we mourn the passing of a great man who dedicated his life to the game of football and was a true gentleman in every sense of the word," Houston athletic director Mack Rhoades said.

"It was not a coincidence that success

followed coach and northwest of San Anhis teams wherever he worked, and the University of Houston program was blessed to have him lead our football pro-

tonio.

The state endured a severe drought and an historic heat wave that year, but Bryant worked his team



gram during some of our most exciting times."

Pardee was born in Iowa and moved to west-central Texas as a teenager.

He played six-man football at Christoval High School before moving on to Texas A&M. Bryant became the Aggies' coach in 1954 and moved their preseason camp to desolate Junction, about 100 miles through the brutal conditions and refused to allow water breaks in an effort to toughen players. Pardee was one of 35 players who made it through to the end of the 10-day camp without quitting.

"Not only did we lose a Texas A&M legend today, we lost a man who was a legend at every level of football," Texas A&M athletics director Eric Hyman said in a statement.

Pardee played three seasons at Texas A&M and was the 14th overall pick in the 1957 NFL draft by Los Angeles. He played for the Rams from 1957-64, sat out a year to deal with melanoma, played seven more seasons. He finished his playing career with the Washington Redskins in 1973 and coached the team from 1978-80.

"In his time both on the field and on the sideline, Jack Pardee will forever be a part of the Washington Redskins' legacy," owner Daniel Snyder said in a statement.

"He will be remembered not just as a linebacker for the 1972NFC Champions, nor as just the coach for our franchise. He will be remembered as someone whose spirit truly embodied the values that we

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Howard College's Megan Granado catches a fly ball at shortstop during a game earlier this season. The Hawks lead the WJCAC with a record of 11-1 (36-8 overall) three games ahead of Midland and Odessa, which are tied for second place at 8-4. HC will return to action at home Friday against Frank Phillips College at 1 p.m.

## **Sports** Calendar

#### **FRIDAY**

#### Baseball Frank Phillips Col-

- lege at Howard College (doubleheader). Jack Barber Field. Game One beigins at
- Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 4:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Lame-
- sa, 7 p.m. Miles at Forsan, 7 p.m.

#### Softball

- Frank Phillips College at Howard College (doubleheader), Foundation Field, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
- Big Spring at Abilene
- Wylie, 4:30 p.m.
- Coahoma at Lamesa, 6:30 p.m.

Course.

Golf Big Spring (boys) at Abilene, Maxwell Golf

#### **SATURDAY**

#### Softball

- Clarendon College at Howard College (doubleheader) Foundation Field, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
- Trent at Forsan, 1 p.m.

#### Baseball

lege at Howard College (doubleheader). Jack Barber Field. Game One beigins at noon.

Frank Phillips Col-

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# Harper's homers, Newtown salute mark MLB opening day

(AP) — Harper's homers, Newtown salute

opening day The Associated Press

into a cab, headed to Great American Ball Park and got all nostalgic.

The Los Angeles Angels newcomer saw Cincinnati fans packed downtown and remembered making his big league debut in the same spot a while ago.

"People are lined up in the streets, there's the parade," he said. "It's just an awesome feeling. It never gets old opening day — especially when you're where you started.

All across the majors, baseball was in full swing

Bryce Harper put on quite a show in Washington. The 20-year-old star hit home Josh Hamilton jumped runs his first two times up and earned a few "M-V-P!" chants during a 2-0 win over

AtTargetFieldinMinnesota, players and fans bundled up. It was 35 degrees with 17 mph winds as the Twins took on ace Justin Verlander and the AL champion Detroit Tigers, who won 4-2.

"It's whoever whines about it the least, I think, who'll have the best chance of winning today," Twins first baseman Justin Morneau

The slugger's remedy for the cold?

"Put hot sauce all over and throw some long sleeves on and some long johns and go out there and run around and enjoy it," he joked.

The hot chocolate line was 12 to 15 people deep at the ballpark while the beer vendors were generally talking among themselves.

"It's opening Day. You can't not come," said fan Ripley Peterson, dressed in six layers for the chill. "I love baseball, I love the Twins. Opening day is a special thing. Unless it's like a blizzard, I'm going to be here."

The 2013 season officially opened Sunday night when the Houston Astros

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## TTU hires Tubby Smith as basketball coach

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Tubby Smith is headed to Texas Tech to try to turn around another wayward program.

Smith was hired Monday, the school announced late Monday night. athletic Associate director Blayne Beal tweeted that a 2 p.m. press conference was scheduled Tuesday to meet the latest man who is coming from a bigger program to try to revive the basketball West program in Texas.

Interim coach Chris Walker went 11-20 this season and 3-15 in Big 12 play as the program tried to recover from Billy Gillispie's volatile one-year tenure, which ended when here signed

in September. Smith was fired by Minnesota last week

after six seasons, but it didn't take long for him to land on his feet.

He led the Golden Gophers to NCAA tournaments and this year delivered the program's first tourney win — over sixth-seeded UCLA since 1997. He went 124-81 (.610), winning 20 games five times. But he never finished higher than sixth in the Big Ten, going just 46-62 in conference play, and Minnesota athletic director Norwood Teague decided it was time to go in another direction.

In all, Smith is 511-226 (.693) in 22 seasons and his teams have won 20-

plus games 19 times. Smith got a six-year deal from the Red Raiders and will be the

fourth person to lead

Texas Tech in as many

seasons

# Grizzlies edge Spurs, 92-90

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Matching the most wins in franchise history was a nice moment for Memphis. The Grizzlies have their sights set on much, much more this

Mike Conley got Memphis to 50 wins by driving for a layup with 0.6 seconds left, and the Grizzlies rallied to beat the San Antonio Spurs 92-90 Monday night for their third straight victory.

The Grizzlies won 50 in a season for the first time since 2003-04, and they also won their 12th straight at home. They improved to 26 games above .500 in a game where Conley's bucket gave them their first lead since 18-16 late in the first quarter. The Grizzlies lost their final four games

in the 2003-04 season, then were swept in the playoffs — by the Spurs. Tony Parker had 25 points for the Spurs.

Parker tried to beat the buzzer with a jumper that was too late. "They hit the biggest shot," Spurs coach

Gregg Popovich said of the Grizzlies. Tiago Splitter added 13 points and 11 rebounds for San Antonio, which was not at full strength playing its second game

in two nights. The Spurs left Kawhi Leonard and Tim

Duncan at home with sore knees.

# **Briefs**

#### **Last Pony League** registration will be held Saturday

Pony League sign-ups will be held Saturday, April 6 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex in Big Spring.

Ages 13-16 are welcome.

Cost will be \$80 per child and a birth certificate must be shown at time of registration.

For more information, contact Bryan Kligora at 816-2582.

#### Big Spring C.C. to host 2013 **Cancer Scramble**

A tournament benefitting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at the Big Spring Country Club beginning Saturday, April 27 and continuing through Sunday, April 28.

It will be a four-person scramble format. Form your own team or be assigned. Field is flighted by first round scores. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin. First through third place will receive BSCC Golf Shop gift certificates.

Entry fee is \$80 per person plus a \$26 cart fee. Private carts are

For more information, contact BSCC at 267-5354.

Sponsors for this year's tournament include: Partee Drilling, Jeannie Rutledge Realty, Byron Harris, HEB and Stellar Automation.

**Guys & Girls Scramble** slated for May The Big Spring Country Club

will be hosting a Guys & Girls Scramble from Saturday, May 4 through Sunday, May 5. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both days. Lunch will be served Saturday and appetizers will be served at the conclusion of the event Sunday. Field will be flighted according to first round scores, while the number of flights will be determined by en-

Entry fee is \$150 per team plus cart fees.

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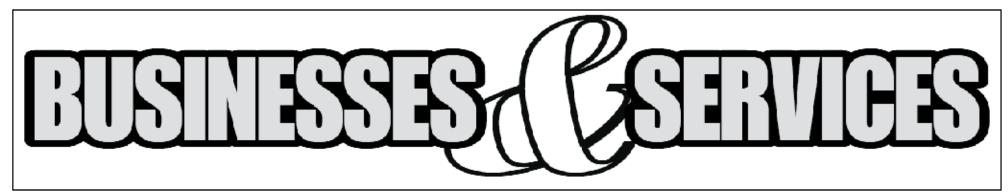
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over to lend a cool, objective point of view. Look for the aspects of daily life that could considered

"evil" by future generations, and then

take responsibility and change accordingly. ARIES (March 21-April 19). To see better, use the long view. It will reveal interesting patterns and colors. It will show you

how boring stretches beautifully outline and emphasize the busier parts of this picture called "Life."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A project hits a sticking point. To get unstuck, make a list of ridiculous, absurd and impractical solutions. Then have fun reversing them — turning them upside down, inside out, back and forth.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Lighthearted ridicule, put downs and teasing can cause real damage. This subtle form of shaming must be stopped, and you're just the avenger to do the job.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Too many people agreeing with one another is bad for groups. Like-mindedness can limit creativity. Strong groups encourage diversity, which is

#### Tomorrow's Horoscope

something to consider now as you operate among friends.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Once you drop your defenses, you realize that your ego is not as fragile as you thought it was. In fact, you're pretty tough emotionally, especially when you're acting on behalf of loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Knowing too much about your problem may be preventing you from seeing the solution. Those who are ignorant of the issue may come up with the very best solution of all. Reach out to children and newbies!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Hearing entails sound waves bouncing around in a person's head. Listening involves the processing and interpretation of those sounds into ideas, information and emotion. You are loved for doing this so well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An insistent and strong-willed person may try to circumvent your authority. This could be an up-and-comer or your own progeny. You may smile and make light of things, but in the end, you'll stay firm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As the moon moves out of your sign,

you may feel that in some way the pressure is off. You may even take a few hours to goof around. Being unproductive on purpose is oddly relaxing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your tendency is to accept too much responsibility for things gone wrong and not enough credit for what goes right. You'll get the chance to fix this imbalance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is only natural to be skeptical of people who are overly nice and complimentary or who make claims of instantly falling in love with you. You want to earn respect and admiration; otherwise, it feels cheap.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Perpetual dissatisfaction throws up a red flag to the universe warning that you're hard to please. Loving what you already have is a prerequisite to attracting

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 2). This year will not resemble last year, and this is a good thing. Your "repeat" button was getting worn out anyway. Your living arrangements will change this month as a result of your beauty and truth-seeking. May comes in a rush of passion. July is your

chance to gain professional rank or publicity that translates into money. Capricorn and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 15, 17, 43, 2 and 8.

ASTROLOGICAL **QUESTIONS:** A Scorpio writes: "People say beware of the catfish online — the people who pretend to be something other than they are while interacting with others on the Internet. Usually, the catfish are criminal types, trying to get money or pursuing inappropriate relationships. But I was catfished by someone who was super-cool and actually famous! This person was hiding his true identity because he didn't want to interfere with his public persona. Anyway, we're good friends now, and I just wanted everyone out there to know that not everyone out there has nefarious purposes."

That may be so, dear Scorpio, and your sign is particularly fascinated with disguises, false identities and mysteries in general. However, what you describe is so rarely the case that I can't help but be skeptical about your famous friend. Have you met him in person? If not, I wouldn't advise you to ever try to do that unless you meet in a public place with a posse of friends and protectors around you. I love the optimism, but "safety first" is the best rule for all signs — even intuitives like you!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Country music superstar Emmylou Harris has 12 Grammy awards and counting, as she continues to put beautiful music into the world. The Aries road-warrior has toured steadily throughout her career and continues to sell out shows with new configurations of songs, talents and musical partners. Harris was born when Mercury, Venus and Mars were in artistic Pisces.

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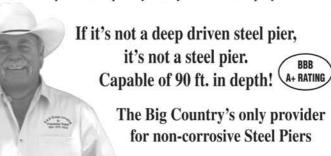
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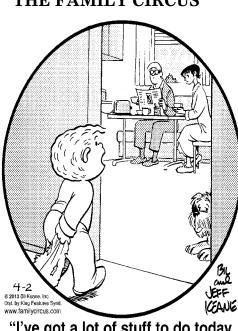
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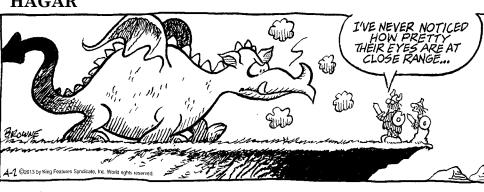
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## This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 2, the 92nd day of 2013. There are 273 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On April 2, 1863, during the Civil War, the Richmond Bread Riot erupted in the Confederate capital as a mob made up mostly of women, outraged over food shortages and rising prices, attacked and looted stores. On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition landed in presentday Florida. (Some historians say the landing actually

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint. In 1800, Ludwig van

occurred the next day, on April

Beethoven premiered his Symphony No. 1 in C major, Op. 21, in Vienna.

In 1860, the first Italian

Parliament met at Turin. In 1912 the just-complete begin its sea trials eight days before the start of its ill-fated maiden voyage. In 1917, President Woodrow

RMS Titanic left Belfast to

Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days later.) In 1932, aviator Charles A.

Lindbergh and John F. Condon

went to a cemetery in The Bronx, N.Y., where Condon turned over \$50,000 to a man in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child, who was not returned, was found dead the following month.) In 1942, Glenn Miller and his

Patrol" at the RCA Victor studios in Hollywood. In 1956, the soap operas "As the World Turns" and "The Edge of Night" premiered on

orchestra recorded "American

In 1968, the science-fiction film "2001: A Space Odyssey," produced and directed by Stanley Kubrick, had its world premiere in Washington D.C. In 1974. French President

CBS-TV.

Georges Pompidou died in In 1982, several thousand

troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rita Gam is 85. Actress Sharon Acker is 78. Singer Leon Russell is 71. Jazz musician Larry Coryell is 70. Actress Linda Hunt is 68. Singer Emmylou Harris is 66. Social critic and author Camille Paglia is 66. Actress Pamela Reed is 64. Rock musician Dave Robinson (The Cars) is 60. Country singer Buddy Jewell is 52. Actor Christopher Meloni is 52. Singer Keren Woodward (Bananarama) is 52. Country singer Billy Dean is 51.

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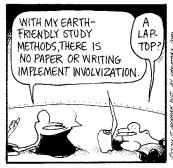
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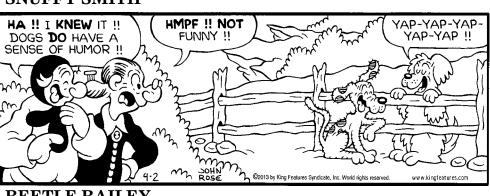
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#### **Newsday Crossword**

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Outdoes
- 5 Coins and bills
- **9** Lawn growth
- shout
- 15 Honolulu's
- 16 Fable author
- around floor
- 19 Trapper's
- 20 Fairy-tale
- 23 Opinion piece
- 34 Online journal
- 37 Hunters' org.
- informally

- difficulty

- attendee
- **62** Italy's capital

- 67 Artist's stand
- 68 Keeps after

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Tiny branch
- 2 Cry of dismay
- 3 Motel's
- swimming spot 4 Flood protection

6 Brother of

7 Castaway's

8 Clumsy boat

9 Hydrogen, for

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- items 5 "Calm down!"

- 25 Attorney's
- 27 Horrified 30 Tidings of woe
- 35 Headed (for)
- siblings
- three-piece suit
- 45 Without
- 47 Days in April
- 50 Cut, as lumber
- 55 Fairy-tale ball
- **60** Size of eggs
- many 64 No longer fresh

#### 66 "You \_\_ be serious!"

- 14 Horse-stopping taxes
  - 69 Border
- island
- 17 Get the
- 18 Word-of-mouth
- device
- porridge eater
- 24 Verge
- expertise

- 38 Fairy-tale
- 42 Unusual
- 43 Feelings,
- 44 Part of a
- 49 In the style of
- **52** Eve's garden
- 63 Lunchtime for
- 65 Desertlike

#### FAIRY TALE FOLKS by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- **10** Fame
- 11 "Now!" in a memo
- 12 Achy
- 13 Went quickly 21 Income tax
- agcy. 22 Informal
- language **26** Mail destination:
- Abbr.
- 27 Despise 28 Forest clearing
- **29** Toyota rival 30 Flowers-to-be
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beat Texas.

Most every other team was in action Monday. From old rivalries on the coasts — Red Sox-Yankees in New York, Giants-Dodgers in Los Angeles — there was plenty to celebrate with a dozen games.

"The three big holidays — Thanksgiving, Christmas and opening day," LA co-owner Stan Kasten said, watching the stands at Dodger Stadium fill up before the game against World Series champion San Francisco.

A few minutes later, a stadium camera swung

to Vin Scully's booth, where he's starting his 64th season, and the broadcaster revered pronounced: "It's time for Dodger baseball."

co-owner

Dodgers

Magic Johnson was standing on the mound before the game when manager Don Mattingly came out and signaled for a reliever. In came Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax

wearing his No. 32 vintage jersey, and the ol' left-hander threw out the first ball to former Dodgers ace Orel Hershiser.

The Dodgers' current lefty ace, Clayton Kershaw, had a memorable opening performance, launching his first career home run

to break a scoreless tie in the eighth inning before finishing off a four-hitter in a 4-0 win.

He became the first pitcher to throw a shutout and hit a home run in an opener since Bob Lemon for Cleveland in 1953, according to STATS.

"What an awesome feeling," said Kershaw, who charged around the bases accompanied by a prolonged roar from the sellout crowd of 53,000. "I probably wasn't feeling my feet hitting the ground."

There was a lot more to remember and honor,

Players, managers, coaches, umpires and everyone else in uniform wore patches in tribute to those killed last December in the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

At Yankee Stadium, the names of the 20 children and six educators who died scrolled on the video board in center field during a moment of silence. The

honor guard included members of Newtown police and firefighters.

Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo had a patch attached to a lapel on his pinstriped charcoal suit.

It has the seal of Newtown, a picture of a black ribbon and 26 little black stars, each representing a victim of that shooting.

"It's so we don't forget about the people in Newtown," Rizzo said, tapping the patch with his hand. "It honors them and keeps them in our thoughts."

At Citi Field in New York, the Mets honored hundreds of Hurricane Sandy responders and volunteers in a pregame ceremony. A large orange heart with a blue NY logo was placed in center field and storm volunteers wearing white shirts lined up around it in the shape of home plate.

The team donated 1,000 opening day tickets to storm responders and those affected by the destruction.

#### **PARDEE**

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associate with the burgundy and gold."

Before the NFL, Pardee coached in the World Football League. He was the Bears' head coach from 1975-77 and guided Chicago to its first playoff appearance since the early 1960s. Pardee moved to the Redskins in 1978, while the Bears made the postseason again in 1979.

The Redskins fired Pardee after Washington went 6-10 in 1980. He served as San Diego's defensive coordinator for one season, then returned to Texas to coach the USFL's Houston Gamblers.

When the USFL disbanded in 1987, Pardee became the coach at the University of Houston and brought along fast-paced "runand-shoot" offense that worked well with the Gamblers.

The NCAA levied severe sanctions on the program in 1988, the result of violations committed under previous coach Bill Yeoman. Houston was banned from playing in a bowl game for two years and banned from playing on television in the 1989 season.

But the Cougars led the nation in total offense (624.9 yards per game) and passing offense (511 yards per game) in 1989, and quarterback Andre Ware became the first black quarterback to win the Heisman Trophy.

"When you talk about the great offenses in the history of college football, coach Pardee's run-and-shoot teams from the late 1980s must be considered near the top of that list," Houston coach Tony Levine said.

"We continue to feel the impact from his innovative ideas and leadership of those teams in college football today,"

His Houston teams were a precursor to the high-flying offenses now common in college football. He coached the Cougars to a 95-21 win over a just-back-fromthe-NCAA-death-penalty SMU team in 1989.

The Cougars became the first team in NCAA history to finish with more than 1,000 yards of offense, as they piled up 1,021 yards in the win where Ware was on the bench by halftime.

Pardee became the coach of the NFL's Houston Oilers in 1990, and led the team to the playoffs in each of his first four seasons. Current Tennessee coach Mike Munchak was an offensive lineman for the Oilers from 1982-93 and then became one of Pardee's assistant coaches.

"We lost a great coach and, more importantly, a great man today,' Munchak said in a statement. "I truly admired his passion for football."

Oilers owner Bud Adams traded star quarterback Warren Moon to Minnesota before the 1994 season, and Pardee resigned after a 1-9 start that year. He ended his NFL coaching career with a record of 87-77.

Pardee's last coaching job came when he worked for the Birmingham Barracudas of the Canadian Football League in 1995.

Funeral arrangements were pending Monday night.

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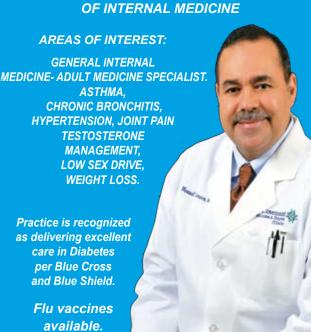
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North West Opening lead — seven of diamonds. Defensive signals convey messages from one defender to the other.

These signals usually transmit an attitude about a particular suit interest, lack of interest or neutrality. Such signals are rarely done automatically; rather, the signaler must carefully consider precisely what message he wishes to deliver to his

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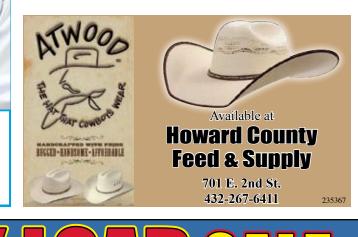
By Steve Becker

the auction shown, and West naturally led the suit his partner had bid. Declarer put up the ace, East signaling with the nine, and then led a club to the queen, which held. West won the next club with the ace and returned a diamond, after which South could not be stopped from scoring nine tricks.

Of course, if West had shifted to a heart after taking the ace of clubs, East would have scored the A-Q of hearts and the K-Q of diamonds for a one-trick set. The question, therefore, is whether West should have found the killing heart switch.

West would almost certainly have done so if East had played the three of diamonds on the first trick to discourage a diamond continuation. East should not have asked his partner to continue diamonds when he could see that a heart shift, if and when West gained the lead, would sink the contract. East's play of the nine might be correct in many other deals, but here it constituted a serious and costly — failure to communi-

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