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Grand Jury indicts 26

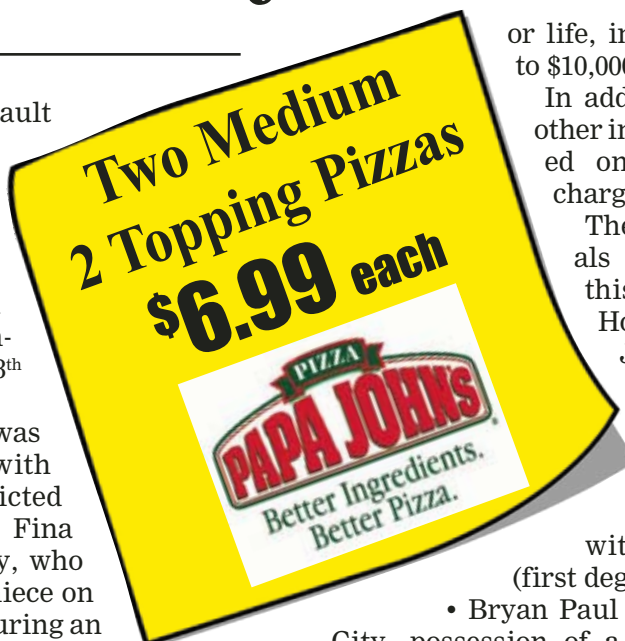
By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer
 Several aggravated assault cases highlighted this week's session of the Howard County Grand Jury.

Twenty-six individuals were indicted by a grand jury, which convened Thursday in the 118th District Court Building.

Headlining the docket was an aggravated assault with the deadly weapon indicted returned against Martha Fina Lopez, 44, of 411 N. Scurry, who is accused of cutting her niece on the forearm with a knife during an altercation on June 5, 2015.

Because Lopez has two prior felony convictions, she was indicted under habitual offender statutes, meaning that, if convicted, she could be sentenced to between 25-99 years,



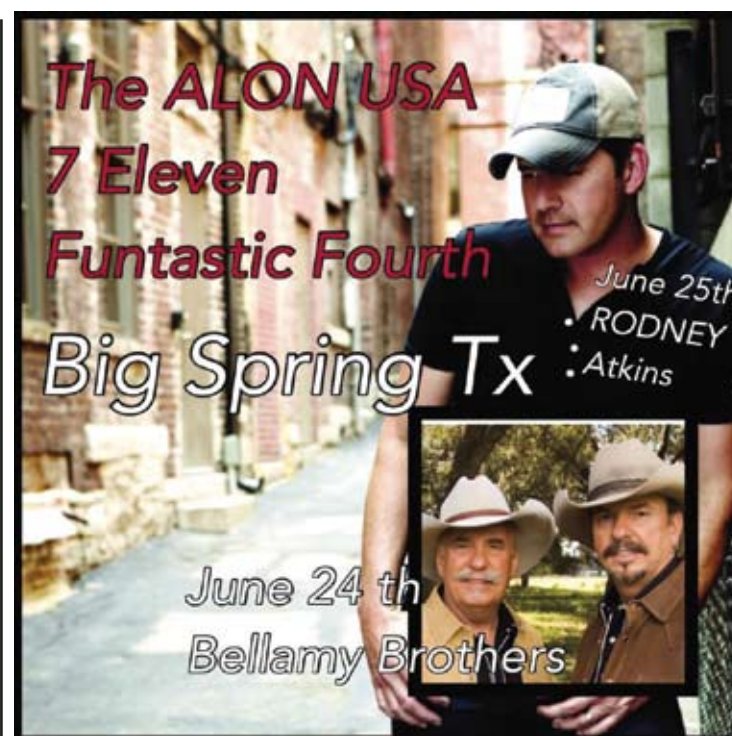
or life, in prison and fined up to \$10,000.

In addition to Lopez, seven other individuals were indicted on aggravated assault charges.

The following individuals were indicted during this week's session of the Howard County Grand Jury:

- Thomas Ray Camarillo42, 413 S. Fifth St., Coahoma, possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver (first degree felony).
- Bryan Paul Casares, 33, Colorado City, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Armando Jose Cervantes, 23, 1217 W. Third St. (second degree felony).

See, **GRAND JURY**, Page 3A



The ALON USA 7 Eleven Funtastic Fourth Big Spring Tx
 June 25th
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 June 24th
 Bellamy Brothers

Under West Texas Skies to broadcast at Funtastic Fourth

By **AMANDA ELSTON**

Managing Editor

The Fourth of July holiday isn't the only thing that the Alon USA 7-Eleven Funtastic Fourth event will be kicking off. NewsWest 9 and their traveling summer event Under West Texas Skies is beginning three weeks early just in time to broadcast live from the Downtown Revitalization Association's main event.

"Every year since I've been here, we have been going to Big Spring at least once (on the Under West Texas Skies broadcasts)," said Jackie Rutledge, NewsWest 9 general manager. "This year, we will kick off their Alon USA 7-Eleven Funtastic Fourth event. We will have our anchors there, Trevor Tankersley and Crystal Crews, and we will also be doing the weather there."

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Early voting for municipal/college elections begins

Coahoma voters to decide on beer/wine sales within city limits

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Voters will head to the polls Monday as early voting in municipal and college trustee races begins. Voters in the city of Coahoma will also decide on beer and wine sales for off-premise consumption in the city.

Big Spring Mayor Larry McLellan is running for his second term. He is being challenged by Shannon Thomason. In the District 5 Race, incumbent Raul Benavides is also vying for a second term against challenger Becky Winters.

In the Howard County trustees race, long-time trustee Michael Flores is running against Steve Escanuelas for the Precinct 1 seat. Precinct 2 also drew two candidates, Mark Morgan and Greg Moore. Both men are attempting

What: Early voting for muni/college elections

When: April 25-May 3

Where: Howard County Elections Office, county courthouse

to win their first term on the board.

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Earth Day tour



Courtesy photos/Judy Tereletsky

A group of Nazarene Christian Academy students visited the local agricultural station Friday for Earth Day. Pictured above, the students touch various soil samples. The students visited with representatives of the Agriculture Research Services (ARS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and Howard Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD). Read the story on page 5A.

Vintage car fleet to stop at Settles Sunday

Public is encouraged to greet and visit with drivers

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

A 1930s police car and a 1940s truck are among the 50 vintage cars rambling their way to Big Spring for a brief stop Sunday before resuming the group's tour.

"This will be a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see this many


vintage cars in such good condition," said Hayley Lewis, Convention and Visitors Bureau coordinator.

Sponsored by the Antique American Independent Automobile Association, the tour will consist of American-made vehicles manufactured in the 1920s to the 1960s. These are privately owned vehicles



that have been kept historically correct.


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Obituaries

Mary Fortson



Mary Ama Fortson of Grand Junction, Colo., formerly of Lubbock, passed away Thursday, April 21, 2016. Family and friends will gather to celebrate Mary's life of 97 years Monday, April 25th at 2 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, Texas. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas. Rev. Jerry Newton of Lubbock will

be officiating.

Mary married Joe Fortson October 14, 1945

in Big Spring. He preceded her in death January 2011. Mary taught school for Big Spring ISD for more than 20 years.

Mary is survived by her sons, David Ben Fortson and wife, CJ, of Granbury, Texas and Dwight Fortson and wife, Suzan, of Denver, Colo.; daughter, Karen Fortson Barber and husband, Craig, of Grand Junction, Colo.; grandchildren, Jennifer and Zachary Fortson, Carri Barber, Mari Tholl and husband, Paul; and great-grandson, Silas Tholl.

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

Paid obituary

Peggy Newton Waters



Peggy was called to Heaven April 13, 2016 after a valiantly fought two year battle with cancer. Services were held April 18, 2016 in Edmond, Okla.

Peggy was born in Big Spring May 25, 1959 to Leola and Lindell Newton. She graduated from nursing school in Snyder, Texas and worked as a nurse in Big Spring, Chickasha, Okla., and Edmond, Okla.

She was preceded in death by a step-son, Brandon Paty; her father and grandparents.

She is survived by her husband, Keith Waters;

her children, DeAnna Carter and husband, Jeff of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Adam Paty and wife, Jennifer, and Zachary Paty and wife, Kelli Lindsay, both of Edmond, Okla.; grandchildren Drew, Caleb, and Aleaha Carter, Jayden Waters, Eve Paty and Sophia Waters; her mother, Leola Newton; Keith's three sons, Jason, Jeff, and Travis Waters and their families; three brothers, Steve Newton and wife, Debbie; Larry Newton and wife, Diane; and Gary Newton and wife, Melissa all of Big Spring; aunts, uncles, nieces nephews, cousins, and a host of beloved friends who were so loving and helpful during her illness.

Arrangements were under the direction of Matthews Funeral Home in Edmond, Okla.

Paid obituary

Lenia Johnson

Graveside services for Lenia "Deen" (Pillion) Johnson, 92, will be held Monday April 25, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Lamesa Memorial Park with Roy Boyd officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Lenia passed away on Thursday, April 21, 2016 in Lubbock, Texas. She was born on Sept. 17, 1923 in Taylor County, Texas. She was the daughter of Lovell & Irene (Bradshaw) Pillion. She graduated from Sparenberg High School in 1942 and from Wayland Baptist in 1944. She married Les Johnson

on May 31, 1946 in Lamesa, Texas. Lenia taught school in Woody and Dawson for two years. She was a bookkeeper for Western Wrecking for over 40 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Lamesa since 1946.

Lenia is survived by her son, Jerry Bob Johnson of Lamesa and two grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Les in 1990; son, Larry Don Johnson in 2008; four sisters, Katherine, Josephine, Eva Lea and Blanch and brother, Travis Pillion.

In lieu of flowers, family suggests donations to a charity of your choice.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOSEPH YANEZ**, 43, of 1408 Oriole Street was arrested on warrants for expired drivers license, two counts of failure to appear, and speeding.
- **PRISCILLA IRENE HERNANDEZ**, 35, of 3405 Airport Street was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **MONICA BASSETT**, 45, of 2159 Los Lentos was arrested on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, driving with an invalid license, and seven counts of failure to appear.
- **MARIA AUDELIA RAMOS**, 59, of 200 NW 2nd Street was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **AMBER RAY MCCALISTER**, 36, of 1407 W 4th Street was arrested on warrants for driving the wrong way on a one-way roadway, failure to maintain financial responsibility, three counts of failure to appear, expired registration, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.
- **TYERA SHAI MARMOLEJO**, 22, of 1303 N Avenue K was arrested on a warrant for theft, less than \$50, all other.
- **MARK ADRIAN PEREZ**, 30, of 2911 W Hwy 80 was arrested on warrants for failure to control speed, no drivers license when unlicensed, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

sion of drug paraphernalia.

• **MANUEL RODRIGUEZ**, 52, of unknown location was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RENE RODRIGUEZ**, 28, of 1312 Sycamore was arrested on warrants for no drivers license when unlicensed, three counts of failure to appear, failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving with invalid license, and hindering secured creditors, greater than \$400 but less than \$1,500.

• **SAMUEL GALINDO**, 48, of 807 East Street was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JORGE ACEVEDO RAMOS**, 24, of 4207 Dixon Street was arrested on four warrants from other agencies.

• **CHRISTOPHER MALORY MCPHERSON**, 20, of 3017 S Mosslake Road was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80, the 1000 block of Bluebonnet, the 700 block of Tulane, and the 900 block of Willia Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2700 block of Clanton.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of N Lamesa Highway.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of W 3rd Street, the 1000 block of W 4th Street and the 2500 block of Carleton Drive.

Support Groups

11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 4/24	Mon 4/25	Tue 4/26	Wed 4/27	Thu 4/28
88/59 Partly cloudy skies. High 88F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.	89/60 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	86/55 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	84/56 Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	83/61 Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:25 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	79	60	Sunny
Amarillo	83	55	Sunny
Austin	83	61	Sunny
Beaumont	84	59	Sunny
Brownsville	81	69	M Cloudy
Brownwood	80	56	Sunny
Corpus Christi	83	68	M Sunny
Corsicana	82	59	Sunny
Dallas	83	60	Sunny
Del Rio	82	64	P Cloudy
El Paso	86	62	P Cloudy
Fort Stockton	84	62	M Sunny
Gainesville	81	57	Sunny
Greenville	82	58	Sunny
Houston	85	60	Sunny
Kingsville	85	67	Sunny
Livingston	85	57	Sunny
Longview	84	57	M Sunny
Lubbock	83	60	P Cloudy
Lufkin	84	55	P Cloudy
Midland	85	63	M Sunny
Raymondville	84	68	Sunny
Rosenberg	84	59	Sunny
San Antonio	85	63	Sunny
San Marcos	83	59	Sunny
Sulphur Springs	83	59	Sunny
Sweetwater	80	61	M Sunny
Tyler	85	58	Sunny
Weatherford	82	59	Sunny
Wichita Falls	82	60	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	54	Sunny
Boston	61	40	Cloudy
Chicago	56	49	P Cloudy
Dallas	83	60	Sunny
Denver	75	41	M Cloudy
Houston	85	60	Sunny
Los Angeles	78	56	Sunny
Miami	88	60	P Cloudy
Minneapolis	70	55	M Sunny
New York	70	48	Cloudy
Phoenix	89	62	P Cloudy
San Francisco	65	53	M Sunny
Seattle	64	48	Cloudy
Saint Louis	74	55	Sunny

Moon Phases

Phase	Date
First	Apr 14
Full	Apr 22
Last	Apr 30
New	May 6

UV Index

Sun 4/24	Mon 4/25	Tue 4/26	Wed 4/27	Thu 4/28
10	10	10	10	10
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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Oil rig catches fire in Knott community



An oil rig which has been partially submerged in water since July 2015 in the Knott community caught on fire Friday night. More information was unavailable by press time Saturday morning.

Courtesy photo/
Robert Rivera

FUNTASTIC

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During NewsWest 9's Under West Texas Skies tour, the team travels to different West Texas towns to highlight different community events while broadcasting live on location. In the past, the team has travelled to towns such as Stanton, Andrews, Marfa, Fort Davis, and Big Spring. According to Rutledge, the tour this year might only include Big Spring. "We may just do one this year," explained Rutledge. "Last year we just did one and highlighted the community that day. We started doing this in 1991 and basically what we do is we go into a community and we do parts of our newscast live and highlight that community."

Along with NewsWest 9's live broadcasts on Friday at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and live shots during the 10 p.m. news, the Alon USA 7-Eleven Funtastic Fourth Friday night lineup boasts the likes of Jimmy and the Johnsons, Mark McKinney, and the BellamyBrothersontheir40th anniversary tour. Saturday night's talent includes the Loco Motives, Roadside 2087, Brandon Ray, Jon Wolfe, and Rodney Atkins.

"We have all the bands finalized but the exact times are not yet set," explained Ida Chavira, DRA vice president/treasurer. "We are hoping to have the party going until midnight though."

But the Funtastic isn't all that the DRA has up their sleeves this year. According to Chavira, the party won't end when the Bellamy

Brothers and Rodney Atkins finish their sets.

"We have been planning a huge after party for after the event," said Chavira. "We haven't finalized the location but it will be downtown with some more artists playing such as Mark McKinney and John Wolfe. It'll be a lot of fun."

With the crowds for 2016's weekend event expected to exceed 30,000 and possibly hit 50,000, the DRA is gearing up to ensure enough craft and food vendors are on hand for the crowds. According to DRA member Allan Johnson, those looking to set up vendor booths at the event still have time to grab a slot. Food booths run \$300 with craft booths set at \$225.

"There are still prime locations left (for vendors),"

said Johnson. "With 30,000 to 50,000 people expected, we need a lot of vendors still. Just look on the map on our website for the spot you'd like."

Along with vendors, the DRA is looking for sponsors to join Alon USA, 7-Eleven, and the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau among many others to support the hometown event.

"There is a sponsorship for everyone," said Johnson. "Whether its \$100 or \$500, everyone that donates will get a recognition."

"We definitely treat our sponsors like VIPs," added Chavira.

Although the event is a mere two months out, Chavira and Johnson encourage anyone interested in volunteering

Highway is an important part of Big Spring's history," Lewis said.

In recent years, the Texas Historical Commission has begun to promote the old highway to generate tourism. Big Spring is one of four Texas towns to be named by the THC as a pilot city as part of the Historic Bankhead Highway promotion.

After the Big Spring stop, the tour group is expected to make its way to Odessa for an overnight stay before returning home.

Staff Writer Lyndel Moody can be contacted at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mailing citydesk@big-springherald.com.

their time to help with the event to contact volunteer coordinator Lana Saverance at 432-816-1058.

"This is something that we have been planning since the last one ended," laughed Chavira. "We work hard but we have fun. We are very proud of everyone. We have a great committee."

The Alon USA 7-Eleven Funtastic Fourth takes place June 24-25 in downtown Big Spring. For more information on the events of the weekend or how to volunteer or become a sponsor, go to the DRA's website at bigspring-dra.com.

"We have a lot of respect for this community," said Johnson. "We just want to make something special for Big Spring."

GRAND JURY

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- Cherie Carmel Chandler, 41, 1404 N. Birdwell, possession of a controlled substance (second degree felony).
- Julian Jordan Chavez, 41, 3211 Drexel, theft over \$1,500/under \$20,000 (state jail felony).
- Anastacio S. Esparza, 51, Howard County Detention Center, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon-serious bodily injury to family member (enhanced to first degree felony).
- Guadalupe Ruben Garcia, 44, 3219 Auburn, driving while intoxicated (third degree felony).
- Jimi Gayle Gibson, 39, 5515 S. Wasson No. 17, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony).
- Martha Fina Lopez, 44, 411 N. Scurry, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (enhanced to first degree felony).
- Mark Anthony McBeth, 30, 8200 S. Service Road, theft over \$1,500/under \$20,000 (state jail felony).
- Nathan Alan McNew, 32, 2009 S. Johnson, two counts of possession of controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Sabrina Valencia Madrid, 31, 1511 Princeton, theft over \$1,500/under \$20,000 (state jail felony).
- Bryan Lopez Mata, 23, 1302 Birdwell, possession of controlled substance (third degree felony).
- Kurt Anton Miranda, 35, 1604.5 Settles, harassment of public official (third degree felony).
- Richard Star Sheehan, 45, 603 George, theft over \$1,500/under \$20,000 (state jail felony).
- Michael Alexander Smith, 28, 5110

Cornell, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Trevor Lee Smith, 25, 1508 Sycamore, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Anselmo Arrendono Vega, 22, 110 NW Fourth, evading arrest (third degree felony).
- Abel Vigil, 30, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, evading arrest with prior conviction (state jail felony) and assault on a public servant (enhanced to second degree felony).
- Danny Ray Wanner, 40, 617 Caylor, theft of material/less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).
- Juan Eduardo Diaz Gamble, 26, 1207 Sycamore, aggravated assault with the deadly weapon (second degree felony).
- David Grijalba Morales Jr., 21, 1317 Tucson, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second degree felony).
- Johnny Trevino Jr., 26, 3607 Hamilton, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (enhanced to first degree felony).
- Adam Flores, 21, 1104 E. 14th, four counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second degree felony).
- Daniel Rios, 30, 710 Creighton, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second degree felony), violation of a protective order-family violence (third degree felony), evading arrest with a vehicle (third degree felony) and assault-impeding breath or circulation (third degree felony).

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

VOTING

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The two at-large positions up for election drew three candidates, Adriel Saldivar and Ryan Williams, who were appointed to the board last fall to fill vacancies, and longtime educator Patricia Bennett.

Early voting for municipal and Howard College board elections begins April 25 and runs through May 3 at the Howard County Election Administration Office located on the first floor of the County Courthouse building. Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday with the exception of April 28 and May 3 when voting hours are extended from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Election Day is May 7.

In the city of Coahoma, a petition drive placed the wine/beer sales proposition onto the

ballot. Voters have the chance to either vote for or against the issue.

According to the state of Texas election laws, voters must show valid photo identification in order to participate.

That includes:

- Texas drivers license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued

by DPS

• United States military identification card containing the person's photograph

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

The JL Bar Ranch and hunting resort

If you want to shoot an exotic deer or quail or varmints and live in luxury while you're doing it, you need to go to the JL Bar Ranch and shooting resort near Sonora. "None of the top 25 resorts in the lower 48 are in Texas," says owner James Archer. "They're in Montana, Colorado, Wyoming and places like that. Our goal is to be in that top 25 right here in Texas." He has built a world-class facility that is attracting people from all over the US and beyond.

"Some clients call in and tell us they're flying into our airport the next day and want to go hunting," says resort manager Cody Roberts, who has a background in upscale hunting and shooting resorts. "They may tell us they'll show up wearing golf attire because they've been golfing at Pebble Beach. We tell them our general store has everything the hunter needs,

including clothing, firearms and ammunition."

The JL Bar has five star dining prepared by chef John Walter, who has worked on private yachts and villas. He offers cooking lessons. Mr. Archer's wife Lois, who carefully hand picked drapes, furniture and accessories, designed the napkin rings. Both the outside and inside chandeliers are made with white onyx. Sixteen well-appointed cabins centered around the main lodge can accommodate sixty-four people. Water features made from native stone meander through the complex. Guests can sit on their porch and hear water from fountains and waterfalls.

"We don't want to be middle of the road," says Cody. "We want to be the best in class. We have a swimming pool, hot tubs, fire pits. I've been truly blessed to see some really nice operations over North America and this is truly a special place."

You can shoot a target a mile away, shoot trap or skeet on lighted ranges. Ranch manager Gabe LeDoux loves to provide hunters with a guide that will make sure they get the deer of

their dreams. Johnny Kubena, Director of Airport Maintenance used to take care of George Strait's plane for twelve years. He is typical of the experienced, professional staff at JL Bar. "Mr. and Mrs. Archer have done a tremendous job here," says Johnny. "They do everything top notch."

The 13,000-acre ranch has a summer concert series and a first class recording studio. Mr. Archer has a business in Nashville that promotes country artists. He plays guitar.

The ranch has become a popular place for weddings, corporate events and private parties. The dining room is open to the public on Tuesday nights. "I wanted a place where someone could get away from the hustle and bustle and just relax and enjoy themselves," says Mr. Archer. "We're always looking for ways to improve the place. We're building all the time. We have a deer breeding program and have all kinds of deer including red stag."

Tumbleweed Smith's email address is ts@tumbleweedsmith.com



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good Samaritans in Big Spring

To the Editor:

This is to publicly thank Mr. Abel Carillo and Kwik Kash in Big Spring for their honesty and thoughtfulness! I dropped a blank money order on the ground near Kwik Kash valued at over \$400. I had purchased this to pay my bills. Anyone could have picked it up and written in their name and cashed it. I'm thankful for these good Samaritans — Mr. Carillo who found it and turned it in, and Kwik Kash who kept it for me. I am truly grateful.

Walton Lyte
Big Spring, Texas

I-27 in Big Spring

To the Editor:

I support TxDOT's study for an Interstate Route 27 through Big Spring because:

• I27 through Big Spring to Mexico's industrial heart saves TxDOT and the taxpayers millions compared to other routes.

• I27 through Big Spring is strategically located half way between two other interstate routes, I25 (El Paso) and I35 (Dallas/Ft. Worth-Austin/San Antonio).

• I27 through Big Spring is the shortest distance.

• At \$1 million per mile-TxDOT saves an additional \$16 million just on the TxDOT interstate designed reliever route around Big Spring.

• I27 through Big Spring is the safest route between Mexico and Canada.

See LETTERS, Page 5A

Selling food in Big Spring

Recently we have seen a marked increase of people in our community advertising food for sale and fundraisers.

This is an exciting opportunity for people to try and raise money for charitable events such as Relay for Life teams, Booster Club activities, and other worthwhile events.

The Fire Marshall's office has been charged by the City to oversee these activities and we wish to assist the public to understand just how to go about these particular ventures in a healthy and lawful manner.

The State of Texas has drafted a set of laws and guidelines called the "Texas Food Establishment Rules," (TFER).

These rules were adopted by ordinance on Nov. 9, 2010 and are designed to allow restaurants and other food vendors to provide safe food handling practices to protect the public and consumers. These laws apply to anyone who is offering certain foods to the public and must be followed to insure community health.

These rules apply primarily to a class of foods that are called "Potentially Hazardous Foods" or "PHF," and are those that are sensitive to temperature exposure over certain times. Some common examples are meats, eggs and some fruits. Even products such as melons, strawberries and other fruits once they have been cut open and exposed to the air.

Common products that don't tend to fall into this category are breads, cookies, and cakes. Combinations of these products such as in tamales, burritos, empanadas, and salads would fall under the PHF and would be regulated.

To vend this type of products

specific training and permits are required. Inspections will be made of the kitchen or commissary where the food is prepared. This inspection is the area that causes most of the issue for the people who seek these permits. The TFER prohibits the use of residential kitchens for the preparation of the food it regulates. Approved kitchens or commissaries must be stand alone and not attached to a residence.

All such kitchens must have the mandatory equipment that allows for proper cooking, heating and cooling of the food, sanitization of the utensils and facility along with hand washing, proper disposal of waste and drain water, rodent and insect control. The complete guide can be found online at the Texas Department of Health website and is downloadable. Look for the "Texas Food Establishment Rules 2015 Field Inspection Manual".

Those who desire to enter this business also will need approved training as a food manager or food handler depending on their role in the business. With this training and certification a permit can be obtained and the inspection scheduled. Since these regulations have been enforced, we have seen a dramatic decrease in complaints and an increased level of compliance within the food industry of our town.

Sadly we have seen that many individuals are still trying to skirt around these requirements and that is the area of complaints we have seen increase. You will see advertisements on some of the social media and even hear it on the radio call in shows where individuals are advertising plate lunches for sale.

Unless they are appropriately certified and hold valid vendors permit and unless they have an approved kitchen or commissary they are in violation of the TFER rules and face fines up to \$2,000 a day. Simply posting a copy of a certification card on the ad

does not mean anything without the permit and again if they are vending from their home it is illegal. Many churches have had their kitchens certified and might be an option for those needing a facility to use.

For those wanting to meet the requirements and are having a fundraiser for an approved charity or cause the permit fees are waived but the permit is still required for regulated PHF type foods.

Non PHF, as mentioned earlier are allowed such as bake sales and benefit auctions of cakes, cookies, etc. These can be made in home kitchens and sold to the public. You cannot make such goods and have them resold in restaurants and stores. Depending on how this is done you will have to label them and include an ingredient list that identifies any allergens so the consumer can make a proper choice.

It is our sincere hope that this gives insight to those desiring to enter this business and also for the consumer. We cannot urge enough caution when it comes to choosing who provides your food. Food Poisoning is very serious and attributes to more 370,000 hospitalizations and 5,700 deaths annually.

The elderly and infant populations are specifically at risk! We ask for your understanding and cooperation as we deal with these matters. It is our goal to see that the public is kept safe and these rules are enforced. We are available to assist you if you choose to pursue the food industry as a business and will help you in any manner we can.

For more information or if you have any further questions feel free to contact the Fire Marshall's Office at 432-264-2305 or 432-264-2302. You can contact us by email at ccondray@mybigspring.com or dhendrickson@mybigspring.com.

Carl Condray is the Big Spring Fire Marshall.



CARL CONDRAY



Earth Day tour at the Ag research station

By Judy Tereletsky

Special to the Herald

The Agriculture Research Services (ARS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and Howard Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD) combined to treat the Nazarene Christian Academy to a special field day tour in honor of Earth Day.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade toured the facilities and viewed demonstrations of the latest technologies used to help preserve and conserve our natural resources.

Scott Van Pelt of the ARS talked about the importance of soils. Students touched and smelled various soils — which can contain close to 10 billion individual life forms in just one gram of soil — to experience the life in them.

The students discussed with Ms. Karla Hoelscher some of the services offered by the FSA to local farmers. While touring the NRCS, Range Management Specialist Sawyer Warick demonstrated the use of conservation maps and discussed local plants and their importance to our land.

District Conservationist Eddy Spurgin discussed soil and water conservation methods that can be used by our farmers and ranchers to protect our planet Earth. Students viewed photos that showed local wildlife and some of the conservation practices used in Howard County.

The students were treated to a special Earth Day packet provided by the Howard SWCD. They received wildflower seeds to plant in honor of Earth Day along with information and special activity books just in time to celebrate Soil Stewardship week which is held April 24th through May 1.

The students were reminded of the yearly poster contest based on soil and water conservation sponsored by the Howard Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Courtesy photos/Judy Tereletsky

At top, District Conservationist Eddy Spurgin speaks with students of Nazarene Christian Academy about water conservation. Above, Range Management Specialist Sawyer Warick discusses local plants.

Take Note

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

- Photographs of area military personnel — currently on the job or veterans — going about their daily life are currently being sought by the July 3 Pops in the Park committee to be used in a military tribute during the event.

The candid photos will be used during the photographic military salute portion of the Independence Day celebration.

Any wishing to provide photographs for the tribute can e-mail digital copies in a jpeg format to popsinsthe park2016@yahoo.com. Submissions must be sent by June 15. Also, photographs can be dropped off at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St. to be scanned in during normal business hours. The person must leave a name and contact number with each submission.

- Dora Roberts Community Center is hosting a clinic on May 2nd, 2016 at 100 Whipkey Drive for Big Spring and Howard County residents to learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious condition with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Screenings are affordable, convenient, and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 for more information.

LETTERS

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- I27 through Big Spring relieves the enormous congestion suffered by I35 and growing congestion of I25.

- Big Spring demonstrated its citizens want I27. Hundreds of its population have already signed their names on a petition in support.

- A shorter I27 route through Big Spring saves time, gas, maintenance, and all transportation related costs to manufacturing, businesses, truckers, travelers, and tour-

ists.

- Big Spring's physical location and by-pass would save TxDOT money and development time.

- Big Spring is the crossroad of West Texas connecting Lubbock to the north and San Angelo to the south. It makes sense that the I27 project include Big Spring.

Vivian Gordon
Big Spring, Texas

Yes, I want it! (I-27)

To the Editor:
I have been a proud citizen

of Big Spring, TX since January of 1950. It has always been a mystery to me, because we are at the crossroads of West Texas, Hwy 80 and Hwy 87, now IS 20 and possibly IS 27, that more companies, which sends their products and produce over a long distance, didn't set up shop here in Big Spring, TX a long time ago.

If you place the point of a compass on Big Spring, TX and set the radius at 300 miles and starting North at Amarillo and swing East to Ft. Worth, Dallas, then South to San Antonio and finally West to

El Paso - 300 miles, give or take a few.

THEN -

Dropping the Radius to 100 miles, again starting north at Lubbock, going east to Abilene then south to San Angelo and west to Midland, Odessa plus all the other smaller communities within these boundaries it is even a greater mystery to me why lots of businesses have not taken advantage of this centralized "Mecca of Millions" of potential customers with money in their pockets ready to spend! Where are these

companies?

Add all that to the fact that we have excellent railroad facilities in Big Spring, TX with a rail spur going out to the old Webb AFB (Air Park), with lots of room for building new factories for all types of products. The Air Park also has great air craft landing facilities.

I, for one, can see all kinds of possibilities for growth and advantages to one and all if I 27 is routed by Big Spring, TX!

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HC trustees to look at storm damage

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Mother Nature may have left a little dent in plans to transition student overflow housing at the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) from house trailers to permanent housing.

According to Howard College president Dr. Cheryl Sparks, hail and severe wind from a storm front on Saturday, April 16, left some significant damage to house trailers used to for student housing. The trailers were brought in several years ago to address the student overflow while the college sought a permanent solution. That solution was SWCID Village, a privately funded project consisting of groups of cottages.

Damages to the trailers were not significant enough to make the housing uninhabitable, but since they were meant only as a temporary measure, Sparks said, Howard College trustees may weigh the options before spending money to repair the trailers when they meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Tumbleweed Room located in the Student Union Building located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

"We have been planning to transition out of the trailers to the cottages, so now we need to plan how we should go forward," Sparks said.

Three of the cottages were completed this past spring and will be available for student housing in the fall. College officials will hold a ribbon cutting Thursday at 1 p.m.

The cost of damages to the trailers and other structures at SWCID were still being calculated by insurance adjustors when the Herald spoke to Sparks on Friday.

Also on Monday's meeting agenda, trustees will consider:

- A recommended increase in the student activity fee.
- Faculty contracts and personnel issues.
- Dormitory repair issues.
- Bids for computers to be used by staff in the dental hygiene program.
- Financial matters.
- Brick and mortar project updates.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

What: HC board meeting

When: 12:30 p.m. Monday

Where: Tumbleweed Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.



Sparks

County commissioners to meet Monday

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

A routine agenda will greet Howard County Commissioners when they convene at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the third-floor courtroom of the county courthouse.

Commissioners are expected to meet in closed session to discuss an unspecified personnel matter concerning the sheriff's office. In open session they will consider a striping plan for Driver Road.

Other items on Monday's agenda include:

- A resolution appointing a member to the

Permain Basin Regional Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors.

- Possible action concerning a Texas Department of Transportation inventory of the county road system.
- Placement of a flow line at the old county airport.
- Routine financial and personnel matters.
- Acceptance of a library donation.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Weekly oil activity report

New Locations

Borden County

#1 NW Clayton, drill, El: NA
Wildcat Field
13 miles northwest of Gail
A-158, Section 7, Block 31, T-6-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7800 feet
3683' FWL, 2190' FSL of 1,392-acre lease
1573' FEL, 2190' FSL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

Glasscock County

#4714AH Zant, drill horizontal, El: NA, API #42-173-37213
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
15.60 miles northwest of Garden City
A-919, Section 2, Block 36, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8620 feet
2241' FWL, 6111' FSL of 3,160-acre lease
2241' FWL, 793' FSL of the survey

#54 Ingram Farms "A", drill, El: NA
Cedar Flats (Mississippian) Field
9.30 miles southwest of Stanton
A-525, Section 5, Block 35, R.R. Wade survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
475' FWL, 475' FNL of 600-acre lease
475' FWL, 475' FNL of the survey

#501H Daniel "SN 7-6" Unit, drill horizontal, El:

Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37303
10.32 miles southwest of Garden City
A-268, Section 7, Block 34, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
230' FSL, 580' FWL of 653.7-acre lease
230' FSL, 580' FWL of the survey

#101H Daniel "SN 7-6" Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37318
10.32 miles southwest of Garden City
A-268, Section 7, Block 34, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
230' FSL, 630' FWL of 653.7-acre lease
230' FSL, 630' FWL of the survey

#201H Daniel "SN 7-6" Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37306
10.32 miles southwest of Garden City
A-268, Section 7, Block 34, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
230' FSL, 530' FWL of 653.7-acre lease
230' FSL, 530' FWL of the survey

#502H Daniel "SN 7-6" Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37307
10.32 miles southwest of Garden City
A-268, Section 7, Block 34, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
230' FSL, 1172' FEL of 653.7-acre lease
230' FSL, 1570' FWL of the survey

#102H Daniel "SN 7-6" Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37308
10.32 miles southwest of Garden City
A-268, Section 7, Block 34, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
230' FSL, 1122' FEL of 653.7-acre lease
230' FSL, 1620' FWL of the survey

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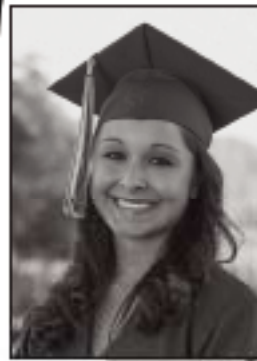
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Adjusting to life — and leaner wallets — after the gas boom

By **MICHAEL RUBINKAM**

Associated Press
TOWANDA, Pa. (AP) — Jami Patel spends long hours behind the front desk of a nearly empty motel, desperate for someone, anyone, to check in. Hardly anyone ever does, not since the once-booming natural gas industry pulled up stakes amid a prolonged, severe slump in energy prices.

“I don’t know how much longer I can hold on,” lamented Patel, 43. “If it continues like this, the business is going to be dead.”

That’s the last outcome Patel would have envisioned after she and her husband spent more than \$1 million on renovations a few years back. Times were good then; the 50-room Rode-way Inn was routinely filled with some of the legions of gas workers who helped turn Pennsylvania from a bit energy player into the nation’s No. 2 natural gas-producing state, after Texas.

But with the number of rigs drilling for oil and gas falling to all-time lows across the nation last week, Patel and other residents and business owners in Pennsylvania’s vast Marcellus Shale gas field are adjusting to life after the boom — while hoping for the eventual return of an industry that pumped billions of dollars into the economy.

When they were here, the drillers made a lot of people feel flush. Landowners with mineral rights commanded signing bonuses of thousands of dollars per acre. Landlords hiked rents. Restaurants were packed. Even the craft store had to add staff as the gas industry’s impact rippled throughout Towanda, a northeastern Pennsylvania town in the heart of the gas region.

The drilling frenzy came with its share of headaches, too. Drillers contaminated some residential water wells with methane, traffic was horrendous and some locals complained that most of the rig jobs went to out-of-state workers.

But there’s no dispute that shale gas was good for business.

“It got really crazy around here for quite a while, quite a few years. A good crazy,” said Angie Maynard-Cott,

61. The self-described “cleaning lady” once got so many calls from drilling workers that she had to take her phone off the hook. Theriggys would give her \$100 to clean a “little bitty trailer,” she said, and another \$75 to do their laundry.

Those big-spending workers are mostly gone now, and it’s back to the way it was before.

“I could go shopping for clothes any time I wanted to, and now, all the sudden, I’m thinking ‘Eh, I better not go to Peebles today. I better be careful,’” Maynard-Cott said. “Because I’m just not having the hundred-dollar bills handed to me like they were, you know? It’s just my regular customers that I’ve had over the years.”

Towanda’s story is playing out everywhere the drillers are leaving or have left, places like Gillette, Wyoming, and Oklahoma City, where there have been massive job layoffs at energy company headquarters and the downturn has blown a billion-dollar hole in the state budget, leading to funding cuts to schools, prisons and other services. In Pennsylvania, state and local revenues from an “impact fee” assessed on drillers are projected to fall 17 percent.

While gas production remains high from thousands of already drilled wells, the industry has dramatically scaled back. Only 16 rigs are actively exploring in Pennsylvania, down from a high of 115 in 2011 and the fewest since December 2007, according to oilfield services company Baker Hughes.

Energy firms and the businesses that directly cater to them are laying off thousands of workers in Pennsylvania, with 1 in 5 jobs disappearing in a single year. Unemployment is rising in nearly all of Pennsylvania’s top drilling counties while generally falling in the rest of the state.

“I don’t think anybody saw it coming, to this deep of a decline that quickly,” said David Spigelmyer, president of the Marcellus Shale Coalition, a trade group.

Cratering commodity prices are the culprit. Gas extracted from the Marcellus Shale — the nation’s largest natural-gas field — is selling at a deep discount, the

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result of oversupply and inadequate pipeline capacity to take the gas to far-flung energy markets. The low prices are good for consumers and businesses and manufacturers that use gas, but they’re costing energy companies billions. Some have stopped drilling altogether.

The fallout is readily apparent in Towanda. For-rent and for-sale signs are plentiful along Main Street. The shoe store isn’t selling as many safety boots or flame-resistant shirts. About 20 miles north, near the New York state line, a “man camp” that once bustled with nearly 200 gas-field workers at Chesapeake Energy Corp. now sits mostly empty.

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#202H Daniel “SN 7-6” Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37309
10.32 miles southwest of Garden City
A-268, Section 7, Block 34, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
230’ FSL, 1222’ FEL of 653.7-acre lease
230’ FSL, 1520’ FWL of the survey

Howard County

#17HA WR Bur Oak Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
7.70 miles southwest of Knott
A-1337, Section 4, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8300 feet
705’ FSL, 50’ FEL of 80-acre lease
705’ FSL, 1590’ FEL of the survey

#9HB WR Bur Oak Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
8.10 miles southwest of Knott
A-1337, Section 4, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8700 feet
85’ FEL, 705’ FSL of 80-acre lease
1620’ FEL, 705’ FSL of the survey

#55AH Fryar Unit “B 13-12”, drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38764
6.50 miles southeast of Vealmoor
A-324, Section 13, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
2422’ FNL, 2095’ FEL of 451.3-acre lease
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#1 Cypress, drill, El: NA
Zebulon, South (Fusselman) Field
9.10 miles west of Big Spring
Section 13, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 11,000 feet
660’ FEL, 1992’ FSL of 160-acre lease
660’ FEL, 660’ FNL of the survey
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New Oil Completions:

Glasscock County

#102H Colorado, API #42-173-36963
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2724’ GR
14 miles southeast of Garden City
A-929, Section 42, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
1117’ FWL, 200’ FSL of the survey
Total Depth: 7624 feet. PBDT: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray

Daily Potential: 530 Bbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 1,031 BWPD
Flowing. GOR: 1879
Spud: 3-05-15. Completed: 8-27-15. Pay: NA
9-5/8” @ 5620 feet w/ 1,800 sx.
5-1/2” @ 13,689 feet w/ 1,655 sx.; 2-7/8” @ 7143 feet
Perfs: 8000-13,627

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Energy briefs

US rig count drops 9 this week to 431, another all-time low

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. dropped by nine this week to 431, again reaching an-time low amid depressed energy industry prices.

A year ago, 932 rigs were

active.

Houston oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday 343 rigs sought oil and 88 explored for natural gas.

Among major oil — and gas-producing states, Texas lost seven rigs and Louisiana and Ohio each dropped one.

Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Kansas,

New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming were all unchanged.

The U.S. rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981. The previous low of 488 set in 1999 was eclipsed March 11, and has continued to dip.

Iran: no output freeze until it restores pre-sanctions level

PARIS (AP) — Iran won't

consider a production freeze until it reaches its pre-sanctions level of output of 4.2 million barrels a day, a senior energy official said Thursday.

Mehdi Hosseini, who heads the oil contracts revision committee at Iran's Petroleum Ministry, said a freeze at anything less than that would be a continuation of the sanctions imposed on his country as a result of its disputed nuclear program.

"Our pre-sanction production was something around 4.2 (million barrels per day), and our exports was something around 2.5, 2.6 (million barrels per day) or so" Hosseini said on the margins of an oil conference in Paris. "Therefore any other figure less than that it means another sanction against ourselves. It is something we cannot accept."

The statement is in line with Iran's previous comments on the issue and comes after the country stayed away from a global producers' meeting last weekend on whether to freeze production. With many international sanctions lifted under its nuclear deal with the U.S. and other world powers, Iran began exporting oil into the European market again and is eager to claw back market share. It produces 3.2 million barrels of oil a day now, with hopes of increasing to 4 million by April 2017.

The failure of last weekend's meeting to yield any agreement dominated the conference's morning sessions, with one audience member asking whether OPEC, an economic alliance of oil producing nations, had become a "zombie organization." "I heard many times that OPEC was dead," OPEC Chairman Abdallah Salem el-Badri told participants. "OPEC will be around as long as there is oil in the ground."

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14 miles southeast of Garden City
A-929, Section 42, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
1717' FWL, 200' FSL of the survey
Total Depth: 7604 feet. PBTB: NA. Logs: CBL/CCL/GR
Daily Potential: 786 Bbbls 41.0 gravity oil w/ 1,337 BWPB
Flowing. GOR: 877
Spud: 2-16-15. Completed: 8-27-15. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 5605 feet w/ 1,600 sx.
5-1/2" @ 13,755 feet w/ 1,500 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7179 feet
Perfs: 7755-13,682

#104H Colorado, API #42-173-36968
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2722' GR
14 miles southeast of Garden City
A-929, Section 42, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
2317' FWL, 200' FSL of the survey
Total Depth: 7625 feet. PBTB: NA. Logs: CBL/CCL/GR
Daily Potential: 591 Bbbls 39.0 gravity oil w/ 1,405 BWPB
Flowing. GOR: 1654
Spud: 2-06-15. Completed: 9-03-15. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 5610 feet w/ 1,600 sx.
5-1/2" @ 13,789 feet w/ 1,500 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7200 feet
Perfs: 7789-13,716

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Jan Millard, a clerk at New Shoe Store Plus, got an inkling of what was to come when a rig worker told her, "We'll be here one day, and then we'll pick up like gypsies and we'll be gone."

"It was the truth. It was a sad thing," recalled Millard, 55. "Hopefully it'll come back."

Spigelmyer predicted drilling will ramp up again as prices recover, but on a smaller scale.

In the meantime, local businesses that took advantage of the moneymaking opportunity presented by shale gas are now refocusing.

Bill Kelly and his father found success with a company that sells supplies and rents equipment to drillers. But with sales down 50 percent or more, they've expanded into party rentals to make up the lost revenue — from ball valves to bounce houses.

"Everybody's kind of in the same boat," said Kelly, 42. "We believe it's coming back, but when?"

That's the question facing Patel, who's hoping to work with her bankers to keep her struggling motel afloat.

She calls it a depressing state of affairs but doesn't blame the gas companies, saying they're at the mercy of the market.

"What are they going to do? It's not only us, or not only them — everybody is suffering from it."

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Hawks only score four runs, still sweep DH

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The Howard Hawks (26-19, 17-9) only scored four total runs in their doubleheader Friday and still won both games, something that would have made you sound insane if you said just a month ago.

The Hawks won the first game 2-0 and the second 2-1 in 10 innings against Frank Phillips College (11-33, 6-20). The one run given up in 17 innings means that the defense, which has struggled since day one, could be coming around. And it didn't hurt that starting pitchers Jose Quezada and Tyler Giovanoni were pitching the way they're capable of.

Howard only had four hits in the first game, but it was more than enough with the way Quezada was throwing the ball. Both of Howard's runs came in the bottom of the second. Andrew Beck walked to lead off the innings, eventually stealing second and advancing to third on a wild pitch before Rahman Williams brought him home on a sacrifice fly. With two outs, Cameron Williams walked and Chad Paris singled up the middle, moving Williams to third. Paris then attempted to steal second and got caught in a run down, but while he was "in a pickle," Williams ran home to make the score 2-0 before Paris was tagged out to end the inning.

That score held on the strength of Quezada's complete game shutout. He allowed three hits, striking out five and walking one over seven innings.

The second game was a little more dramatic for the Hawks. Down 1-0 going into the bottom of the ninth, the Hawks' offense was again stagnant with only four hits. With two outs and down to their last strike, Howard's Tracker Conn singled up the middle to put the tying run on first. James Davison came to the plate next, and hit a fly ball towards left field. Conn was running for home on contact with two outs, and the Frank Phillips



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard catcher Tracker Conn slides into second base in game one of Friday's doubleheader.

left fielder lost the ball in the sun, allowing Conn to score from first and sending the game to extras.

The Hawks came to the plate in the bottom of the 10th inning because of Jake Davis's ability to work out of a jam in the top half. Two singles and a walk gave Frank Phillips the bases loaded with one out, but Davis struck out the next two batters to get out of the unscathed. The Hawks would put together another two-out rally

as Jackson Owens lined a ball off the right field wall that just missed going over the fence and hitting the scoreboard on the way out. It was hit so hard that he didn't even have time to stretch it into a double. Luckily for the Hawks, they caught a bit of déjà vu as

Rahman Williams came to the plate and lifted a ball into left field where the left fielder again lost the ball in the sun, allowing Owens to come all the way home from first as the winning

run. "The pitchers dominated the day, and you don't see that in this park very often," Howard head coach Britt Smith said. "We gave up one run in 17 innings, and they gave up four. And probably shouldn't have given up those. If they get a true read on a fly ball there in the ninth, we don't tie it."

Giovanoni allowed one earned run on five hits, striking out 10 and walking three in his nine innings of work. His lone run given up was on a Frank Phillips solo shot that was one of the few well-struck ball from Frank Phillips all day.

"We pitched, that's the deal. We didn't make a lot of mistakes and so

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2.	New Mexico Junior College (28-18, 18-8)
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5.	New Mexico Military Institute (19-25, 13-11)
6.	Odessa College (25-21, 14-12)
7.	Western Texas College (12-31, 7-19)
8.	Frank Phillips College (11-33, 6-20)
9.	Luna Community College (9-33, 4-20)

Lady Steers win, Steers fall 2-1 to Sweetwater

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

After a tough loss to Snyder on Tuesday, the Big Spring Lady Steers (17-5-1, 8-2) bounced back in a big way, beating Sweetwater 5-0.

Big Spring's Ysabel Soliz had a huge game

on the mound. She held Sweetwater to just two hits in seven innings, striking out five in the shutout. It's even more impressive when you look at Sweetwater's scores from their last three contests: 20-4 against Levelland, 17-4

against Lamesa, and 20-0 against Estacado.

"We came out and did what we wanted to do. Sweetwater has been scoring a lot of runs, and for Yzzy to shut them out with two hits, that's a tremendous performance," Big Spring head coach Howell Martin said. "They've really been hitting the ball, and she came in and just shut them down today."

The Lady Steers scored three runs in the bottom of the second, and added two more in the bottom of the third on a two-run Mia Oliva home run to center field. Mary Gomez had a run-scoring triple in the second, and was driven home on a Mariah Sarmiento double in the next at-bat. Gomez and Oliva were both 2-for-3 on the day.

"Those were a couple of big innings. We got hits when it counted and for a change we hit the ball in the gaps and had a couple of hits right down the line," Martin said. "We scored the runs we needed to score there, and took advantage of a couple of opportunities."

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Courtesy photo

The 10U Titans, featuring players and coaches from Howard County, won the championship in their division of the West Texas Global World Series qualifier. Coaches are: Robert Galan, Jason Martinez, Jacob Martinez, and Paul Diaz. Players top left to right: Kevin Kligora, Samuel Wood, Ryan Shifflett, Isaiah Diaz. Players bottom left to right: Billy Bailey, Ian Galan, Eric Aguilar, Jordan Roberts, Austen Raines, Devin Mier, Christian Martinez.

Triple play ends Rangers rally in 5-0 loss to the White Sox

CHICAGO (AP) — A complete breakdown on the basepaths took all the momentum away in matter of seconds for Adrian Beltre and the Texas Rangers.

The Rangers ran into their first triple play in nearly 25 years to halt a potential rally in the seventh inning as the Chicago White Sox won 5-0 on Friday night.

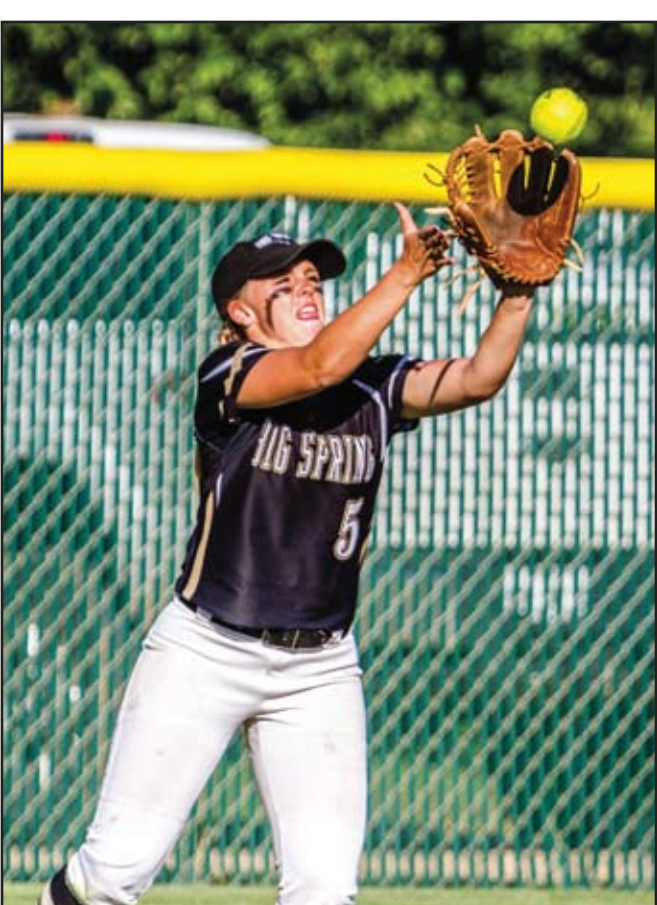
White Sox starter Jose Quintana retired 11 straight through six innings until he loaded the bases on Prince

Fielder's double, Beltre's single and a walk. Mitch Moreland drilled a ball down the right field line that Adam Eaton caught on the run as the runners took off.

Then, chaos.

Eaton threw to first to get Ian Desmond, and the White Sox eventually got Fielder in a rundown between third and home to finish the play. It was the first time Texas got caught

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Big Spring's MaKenzie Roberts catches a fly ball in Friday's game against the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs.

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Spurs take 3-0 series lead, beating ragtag Grizzlies 96-87

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs didn't play with their usual methodical precision. Kawhi Leonard more than offset those shortcomings, especially against ragtag Memphis.

Leonard scored 32 points, and the Spurs beat the Grizzlies 96-87 on Friday night to take a 3-0 lead in their Western Conference first-round series.

The Spurs now are a win away from their ninth postseason series sweep and third against Memphis. They finished the game on a 13-6 run in the final 3:41, and Leonard, the two-time Defensive Player of the Year, scored 13 points in the fourth quarter as he shot 11 of 22 for the game and 6 of 9 from 3-point range.

"You want to work on your execution when the pressure is on," Leonard said.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 16 points and 10 rebounds. Danny Green and Manu Ginobili each added 11 points for San Antonio with the Grizzlies focused on defending Leonard's supporting cast.

"He just keeps getting better and better," Memphis coach Dave Joergel said of Leonard. "He's been terrific all series, and he's also a bailout player for them ... They can run all their stuff, and

it's hard to defend, and he can go get a shot when the shot clock is going down."

Zach Randolph led Memphis with 20 points and 11 rebounds on 6-of-21 shooting in his best game this series. Matt Barnes added 17 points and 11 rebounds, while Vince Carter had 11 and JaMychal Green was 5 of 5 for 10 points.

Game 4 is Sunday.

With Jarell Martin out with an injured left foot, Memphis had only 10 players available, and the 6-foot-7 Barnes jumped the opening tipoff at center. A fan summed up the Grizzlies' season by holding up a towel with the slogan: "So proud of my team ... All 28 of you" in honor of the NBA-record number of players Memphis used this season.

"All of our guys are playing with their hearts," Joergel said. "There's no doubt about it."

The Spurs so dominated the first two games in San Antonio that Memphis led only once, by a point and for 25 seconds. This time, the teams swapped the lead eight times with seven ties. Memphis not only took its second lead of this series, the Grizzlies also won consecutive quarters, outscoring San Antonio 25-18 in the second to trail only 44-43 at half-

time and 28-26 in the third.

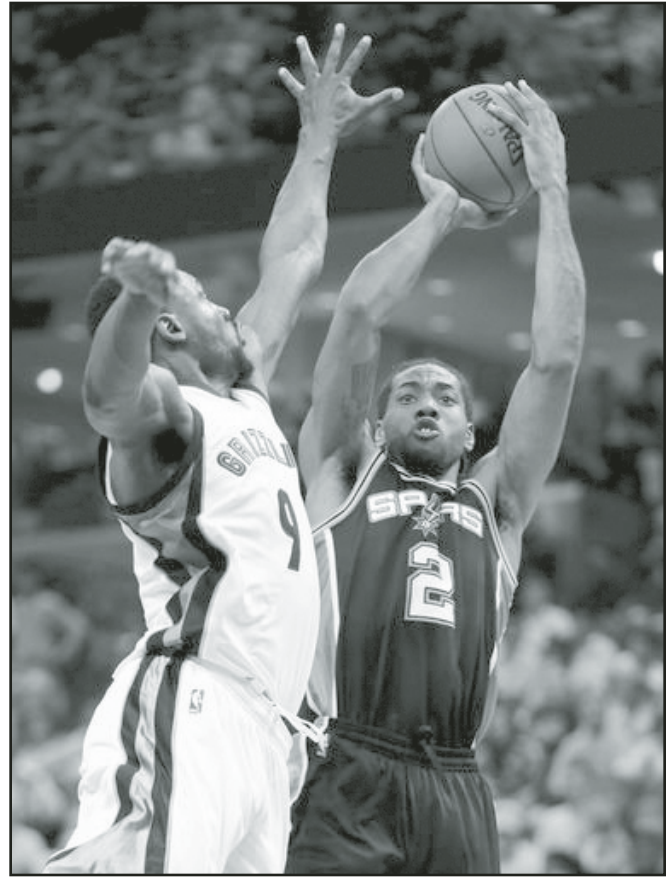
Joergel stuck with his starters much of the game, with Barnes leading the Grizzlies with more than 41 minutes and Randolph on the court more than 39. Leonard played a game-high 42 minutes, 23 seconds.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich complimented Joergel's game plan and said the Grizzlies' effort was even better.

"I thought we were a little disjointed at times, mostly because of their pressure and physical toughness," Popovich said. "But we fought through it."

The Grizzlies led for more than 2 minutes in the third quarter, taking their biggest lead at 51-48 after a 3-pointer from Carter and a pair of free throws by Tony Allen. That set up a taut quarter where neither team led by more than three, and Memphis led 71-70 going into the fourth.

Boris Diaw scored as the shot clock was running down to put the Spurs ahead to stay with 7:47 left, starting the 7-0 run. Memphis last got within 83-81 on a tip-in by Barnes. Leonard hit a free throw off a defensive 3-second call on Allen with 3:41 to go, and the Spurs finished off the win forcing five turnovers in the quarter.



San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) shoots against Memphis Grizzlies guard Tony Allen (9) during the second half of Game 3 in a first-round NBA basketball playoff series Friday, April 22, 2016, in Memphis, Tenn. Leonard led the Spurs with 32 points as they won 96-87. (AP Photo/Mark Humphrey)

Koivu scores in OT, Wild beat Stars 5-4 to stay alive

DALLAS (AP) — Mikko Koivu and the Minnesota Wild are going home and hoping for another trip to Dallas.

Koivu scored the tying goal with 3:09 left in regulation, then redirected Ryan Suter's shot from the left point 4:55 in the overtime as Minnesota beat the Stars 5-4 on Friday night to stay alive in their first-round series.

"We felt confident, we thought we were going to come out and play a good game. Games 2, 3, 4 and 5, I've liked," Wild interim coach John Tortorella said. "Now we got to go home and try and find a way to get back to Dallas."

Dallas, the top seed in the Western Conference, still has a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series. Game 6 is Sunday in Minnesota.

If the Wild can force a Game 7, that would be Tuesday night back in Dallas.

Jason Spezza and Alex Goligoski scored 28 seconds apart almost midway through the third period, giving the Stars their first lead of the game.

"We still knew there was a lot of time left. I thought we played a good hockey game. That momentum can switch real quick and it did," Koivu said. "But I thought we stuck with it."

The Wild forced overtime when Koivu went top shelf for the tying goal. Koivu, the Wild's leading scorer in

the regular season with 56 points, had only one goal without an assist in the series until then.

Asked what the game meant to Koivu, his coach responded, "Well, I think that he really wanted it, that's for sure. I don't know all the stat stuff and all that, I just know that his lead-

ership, that's what it's all about."

Dallas fell behind 2-0 in the first 5 1/2 minutes and didn't lead until Goligoski's goal with 11:04 left in regulation that hit the back of defenseman Marco Scandella on the way into the net and made it 4-3.

That came right after Spezza's third

goal of the series. With a defender tugging along, Spezza sent a shot that slid in front of Devan Dubnyk and hit the far post before ricocheting past the line to tie it.

Dubnyk stopped 37 shots.

Antti Niemi stopped 19 of 24 shots in his second consecutive start in the series for Dallas after Kari Lehtonen was in goal for the first three games.

"Tough goals, most of them. Hard stops," Niemi said. "Obviously, you don't want to give up five."

After a scoreless, sometimes lethargic second period, the third period started with Minnesota up 2-1. The teams then almost immediately traded goals in a span of 50 seconds.

Stars captain Jamie Benn tied it at 2 with some nifty stick work, guiding the puck around Dubnyk and into the net only a minute into the third period.

The Wild didn't stay down long, with Nino Niederreiter scoring to put them back up.

"They came out pretty high and kind of back and forth in the third there," Benn said. "It's just a tough one to lose. ... You score four, you should probably win the hockey game. But it's just one of those games where it was back and forth. And I think we can clean it up a bit in the defensive zone."



Linesman Steve Miller, center, tries to break up fight during the first period in Game 5 in the first round of the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs between the Minnesota Wild and Dallas Stars on Friday, April 22, 2016, in Dallas.

AP Photo/LM Otero

NFL draft: Tony Romo injury aside, Cowboys' needs plentiful

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo's twice-broken left collarbone wasn't the only problem for the Dallas Cowboys in their first-to-worst freefall to the bottom of the NFC East last season.

Executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones has said as much, and made it clear the Cowboys hope to address some of those issues in the NFL draft starting Thursday night.

Dallas is at No. 4, its highest spot since having the top overall pick twice in three years from 1989-91, first getting Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman, then defensive tackle Russell Maryland, another important piece

for three Super Bowl winners.

Defense tops the list again for the Cowboys, specifically a pass rush that has been mediocre or worse in recent years and will be weakened by at least one four-game suspension to start the season.

"Our defensive front is still a position that we keep our eye on in terms of always trying to get better there and ultimately find a dominant type of pass rusher," Jones said on his radio show this week. "Obviously that's easier said than done."

It will be an intriguing opening night of the draft for the Cowboys. The drama of whether they'll take the potential successor to Romo

that high appears to be removed by the Rams and Eagles trading up to the top two picks, almost certainly to take quarterbacks.

So the question shifts to the pass rush and Ohio State defensive end Joey Bosa, or per-

haps Buckeyes running back Ezekiel Elliott.

And there's always been the possibility of trading down, mostly because Jerry Jones appeared to be leaning that way minutes after a 4-12 season ended and the owner/general manager

suddenly and surprisingly found the team so high on the draft board.

Stephen Jones mentioned it again this week.

"Who knows if it's going to be in high demand or if someone wants to try to steal it from you

for not what you should be getting for it," he said. "Still haven't ruled out that we would move up if we felt like we should. So, right now, I would say that all options are on the table."

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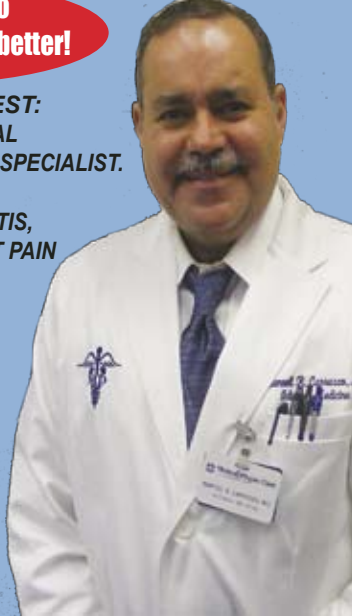
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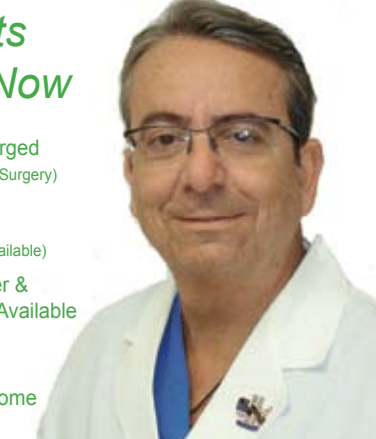
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McHugh struggles as Astros lose 4th straight, 6-2 to Red Sox

HOUSTON (AP) — Collin McHugh was the first to admit he was not very good Friday night.

The Red Sox jumped on the right-hander from the start and never let up.

Steven Wright pitched into the seventh inning, and Mookie Betts finished a home run shy of the cycle as Boston beat the Houston Astros 6-2.

McHugh (1-3) struggled for the second time in four starts and was tagged for four runs or more for the third time this season. McHugh allowed five runs and 10 hits with three strikeouts in four innings.

"They were getting bats on me early," McHugh said. "From the get go, my command wasn't very good. I didn't have a lot of bite on a lot of my pitches, and they made me pay for it. They put swings on it, got guys on base and put a run in every inning."

Other than McHugh's second start of the season when he threw seven scoreless innings, the right-hander has given up 15 runs in 9 2/3 innings over the other three outings.

McHugh said there wasn't any pitch that he was feeling Friday.

"I wasn't very good tonight; I wasn't very sharp," McHugh said.

George Springer had an RBI single in the ninth for Houston, which lost its fourth straight and fifth in six games. At 5-12, Houston is tied with Minnesota for the worst record in the AL.

Astros manager A.J. Hinch said the team was mad and frustrated but still believed in itself.

"We have to stop putting ourselves in a hole to get ourselves out of it," Hinch said. "We won't quit and we won't stop. We're not going to lose our personality. We've gotten punched in the face a bit over these first couple

of weeks, but we will respond."

Betts tripled in the first and ninth innings, scoring both times. He had an RBI double in the second and singled and scored in the fourth. He flied out in the sixth.

Wright (1-2) had his third straight good start to begin the season, allowing one run — none earned — and four hits with six strikeouts in 6 2/3 innings. He did walk five, with Carlos Gomez scoring on a passed ball in the seventh.

The knuckleballer has gone at least six innings in each of his starts and has allowed two runs or less in each of his starts this season.

Craig Kimbrel got Carlos Correa to end the game for his fifth save.

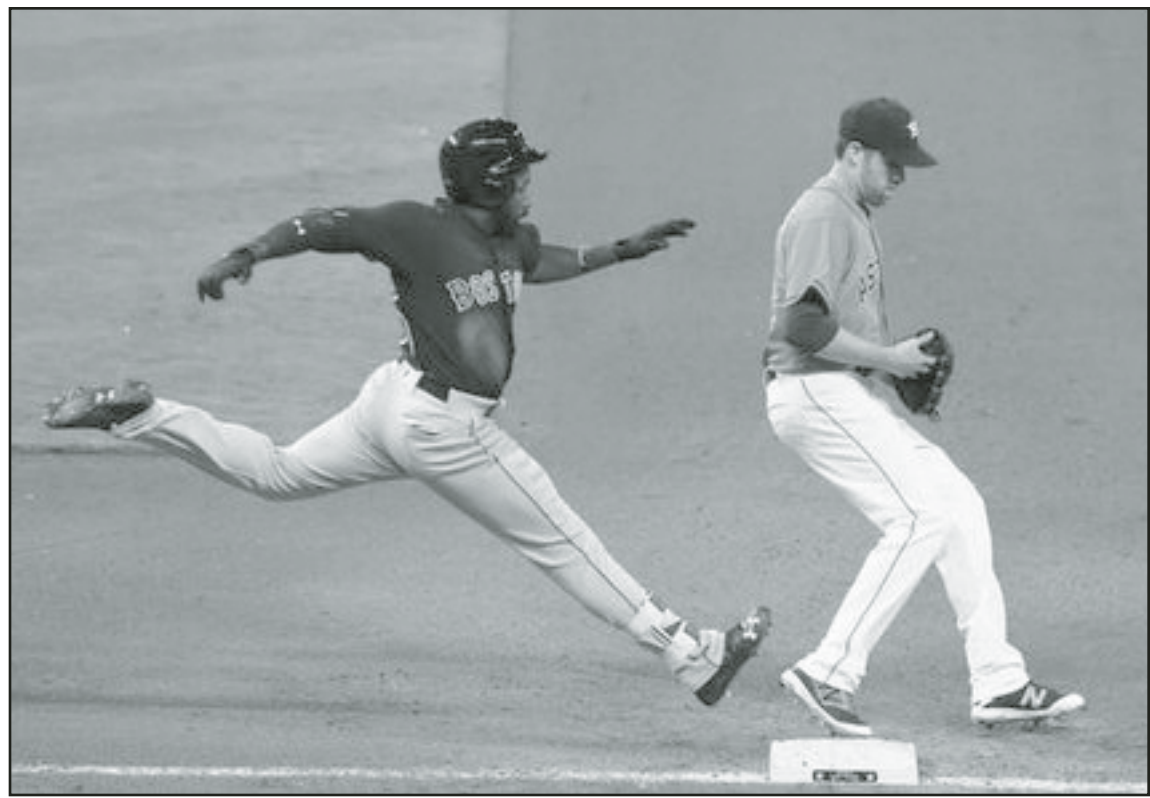
Dustin Pedroia, who had two hits, drove in Betts in the first and came around to score on Hanley Ramirez's sacrifice fly. Xander Bogaerts also had two hits, including an RBI double in the fourth.

Brock Holt had an RBI single in the third to up Boston's lead to 4-0.

Bogaerts was hit by a pitch on what looked like his right forearm in ninth inning by Luke Gregerson. Bogaerts was on the ground for a minute and was attended to by the trainer before leaving under his own power.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Red Sox: LHP Eduardo Rodriguez (dislocated right kneecap) and RHP Carson Smith (right elbow strain) are scheduled to throw in a simulated



Houston Astros starting pitcher Collin McHugh, right, steps on first base for the out on Boston's Jackie Bradley Jr. during the fourth inning of a baseball game Friday, April 22, 2016, in Houston. (AP Photo/Pat Sullivan)

game Saturday in Florida, manager John Farrell said.

Astros: RHP Lance McCullers, who is on the 15-day DL with right shoulder soreness, threw a bullpen session Friday and looked good, Hinch said.

UP NEXT

Red Sox: RHP Clay Buchholz (0-1), who starts the second game of the three-game series Saturday, will look to build on his last start where he threw 6 2/3 shutout innings.

Astros: RHP Mike Fiers (1-1) starts Saturday after earning a win in his last start Sunday. Fiers has allowed 12 runs in 16 2/3 innings this season.

CURRY VISITS CORREA

Golden State guard and NBA MVP

Stephen Curry visited with Correa and other Astros in Houston's clubhouse before the game and watched the game from behind home plate. During spring training, Correa visited Curry when the Warriors played in Orlando.

BIG PAPI GETS A COWBOY HAT

Before Friday's game, Astros team president Reid Ryan presented David Ortiz with a black Stetson cowboy hat. Ortiz, who will retire after the season, entered Friday's game a career .350 hitter against the Astros with six home runs and 34 RBIs. Ortiz went 0 for 4 with a walk.



A crew member for Greg Biffle heads to the garage as a rainstorm stops practice for Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va., Friday, April 22, 2016. (AP Photo/Steve Helber)

Harvick wins pole on rainy day at Richmond

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Rain washed out qualifying at Richmond International Raceway on Friday, giving Kevin Harvick the pole position Sunday for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race based on being the fastest in an abbreviated morning practice session.

Harvick won the pole with a speed of 129.069 mph, edging Joey Logano for the top spot. Logano's speed was 128.694. The top five also includes Jimmie Johnson, Carl Edwards and hometown favorite Denny Hamlin.

The race, which tra-

ditionally has been run on Saturday night, was moved to Sunday afternoon this year and will be the second in a row in the spring at Richmond run on a Sunday. Last year's race was rained out on Saturday night, and Harvick and Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Kurt Busch battled for the victory, with Busch prevailing. Harvick would love to see a repeat this time, with one modification.

"From the way it finished last year, I hope it finishes the same way," Harvick said. "Kurt and I ran very well and had good finishes, obvi-

ously. He won the race. Hopefully, we can start building off of where we started and ended last year and try to adapt that to the things we have learned with this style of car this year and have a good day."

Harvick ran only nine laps in practice before the rain came.

Logano turned 35 laps and credited his team with playing the weather just right.

"We went out there and made our qualifying run off the truck and then focused in on race trim thinking that we weren't going to qualify anyway," he said.

BOYS

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Things to consider going into the draft for the Cowboys, who at the moment are poised for their third top-10 pick in six years:

THE QB QUESTION: With top-rated prospects Jared Goff and Carson Wentz likely gone to the Rams and Eagles, the Cowboys still might be looking for Romo's backup, and possibly his replacement

a few years down the road. Either way, Stephen Jones isn't denying the position is a need for a team that has drafted just three quarterbacks since taking Aikman and later Steve Walsh with a supplemental pick in 1989. The Cowboys went 1-11 last season in games missed by Romo, who was undrafted in 2003.

"Other than first round, we do have some quarterbacks that we do like and think that could develop into something that ultimately could be better than how we played last

year," Jones said.

RUNNING BACK: It defies logic that Dallas would take a running back with the fourth pick a year after deciding not to spend what it would take to keep 2014 NFL rushing champion DeMarco Murray. And the Cowboys ended up with a pretty solid replacement in Darren McFadden, a veteran with a history of injury problems who played all 16 games and had his second 1,000-yard season — even though Dallas waited almost six games to make him the lead back. But

Stephen Jones seems open to taking a running back at No. 4.

BUT THAT PASS RUSH: The Cowboys have consistently ranked in the bottom third of the league in sacks in recent years. Second-year player Randy Gregory will miss the first four games on a substance abuse suspension. Greg Hardy is unlikely to return following a tumultuous season related to his domestic violence case in North Carolina. If Dallas makes a need

pick, defensive end is the biggest one.

SECONDARY: The Cowboys also have been tied to Florida State cornerback Jalen Ramsey. But they got burned moving up to take Morris Claiborne at No. 6 in 2012, even though they did re-sign the former LSU standout this year after four disappointing seasons. Ramsey didn't have an interception in his final college season, and the Cowboys were last in the NFL in takeaways in 2015.

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TEXAS

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in a triple play since June 1, 1991, against Seattle, and the first one the White Sox turned since Sept. 18, 2006, against Detroit.

“We all screwed up, all three,” said Beltre.

“It was not funny. We had a good inning going on there and there was no outs and Mitch put a great swing on the ball. We were unlucky that Eaton was playing in that spot and the base runners screwed up.”

Eaton is chalking up the play as one of his career highlights.

“Besides marrying my wife and the birth of my kid, that’s high up there,” Eaton said, smiling. “I’ve never had that much fun on a ballfield.”

Fielder got a bad read on the ball and, like the other two

base runners, thought it was going to drop.

“I (messed) up. I told Mitch I (messed) his RBI up. It was mess up,” Fielder said. “He hit the hell out of it and I thought it was getting down and I broke. Once I broke there was no way I can get back and go so I just messed

it up.”

Quintana (2-1) allowed just four hits over seven innings to help snap the Rangers’ four-game winning streak. Brett Lawrie had a two-run double in a three-run sixth off Rangers starter Martin Perez (0-2). It was the first non-quality start of the season for Perez.

STEERS

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The defense also played well in the shutout. The outfielding group of Jaci Aguilar, Ashley Gonzales, and MaKenzie Roberts had no problems reading fly balls, and shortstop Kamri Kemper continues to impress as a freshman in the middle infield.

“We’re going to work hard, and continue working hard, on our defense. We know in the playoffs we’ve got to be clean defensively and you can’t make mistakes. So we’ve been working hard on it and it’s really good to see that hard work paying off for us. We’ll continue to work on that and work on game situations and try to get everybody on track so that up and down the lineup we’ll be a powerful force,” Martin said.

The Lady Steers were set to finish second in district 2-4A with a win or a loss, and their playoff matchup will be announced in the coming days.

Across Owens Street, the Steers (9-17, 3-6) played well defensively, but could only muster one hit in a 2-1 loss to Sweetwater.

Riley Henson hit a one-out single to shortstop in the top of the first inning and eventually came around to score, but that was the entirety of the offense for the Steers. They finished the game 1-for-20 as a team with 12 strikeouts.

Anthony Godwin started the game for Big Spring, allowing two earned runs on four hits in his seven innings. He added nine strikeouts in the loss.

The Steers will need a win against Lamesa (7-13, 2-7) on Tuesday to have a shot at the playoffs. Luckily for the Steers, Levelland (9-13, 4-5) and Estacado (10-18, 4-5) are in third and fourth place in the district and play each other, meaning one team will finish at 4-6 tied with Big Spring if the Steers can beat Lamesa.

First pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Steer Park in Big Spring.



Courtesy photos

Top: The 11U Titans won the championship in their division of the West Texas Global World Series Qualifier. Coaches are: Jamie Olivares, Rick Gonzales, Yogi Cesar, Jessie Rios, Freddy Olivares. Players back row, left to right: Nikolas Gonzales, Braxton Sizenbach, Nate Rios, Ricky Escovedo, Brain Martinez, Eli Cobos. Players front row, left to right: Jaren Cesar, JJ Ford, Kelby Olivares, Adam Emerson, Lane Smith, Dusty Smith. Above: The 13U Arsenal won second place in their division. Coaches are: Mike Solis, Jackie Hill, Tony Sarmiento. Top row, left to right: Alex Leuschner, Isaiah Solis, Javarion Williams, Gaige Hill, AJ Sarmiento. Bottom row, left to right: Javarious Ford, Dillon Guzman, Tony Haggins, Shawn Cerda & Michael Munoz



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring’s Isaiah Ontiveros catches a fly ball in Friday’s loss to Sweetwater.

HAWKS

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“We didn’t give them a lot of stuff to hit,” Smith said. “Or our mistakes were so bad they weren’t hittable. And that’s fine too. You don’t want to be in that fringe area. I thought we were really good, I just didn’t think our approach at the plate was very good.”

The only thing Smith was unhappy with was his team’s approach at the plate.

“We didn’t make the adjustment until Jackson right there at the end. I told him to hit it off the scoreboard, and then I called him stupid for not listening,” Smith quipped.

Smith was particularly unhappy with the team’s inability to hit pitches on the corners of the plate.

“We’ve talked about it

since August and we’ve talked about it since the first day I stepped on campus 15 years ago. If you’re sitting away, you can’t swing in. And you can’t swing in if they’re not going to throw you in,” he said.

The two wins keep Howard tied with Clarendon College (29-16, 17-9) for the third and fourth spots in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Midland College (31-13, 23-3) leads the conference, with New Mexico Junior College (28-18, 18-8) in second.

“It’s about getting into the regional. The best team doesn’t always win it, and you don’t have to be the best out of eight teams, you just have to be the best team on the field when you’re playing,” Smith said. “And if we keep doing what we’re doing, we’re going to give ourselves an opportunity to be there.”

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Master the Mountain

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Results from the race follows:

10K/Men

Ryan Williams, 1st, 00:46:04.25; Eric Hansen, 2nd, 00:46:56.44; David Gonzalez, 3rd, 00:47:38.28; Cade Walton, 4th, 00:57:27.25; and Geoff Woodruff, 5th, 00:58:36.88

10K/Women

Mindy Sedberry, 6th, 01:01:18.10; Megan Roffers, 7th, 01:01:21.28; Michelle Bessire, 9th, 01:02:34.23; Deloras Shubert, 10th, 03:46.40; Jamie Trevino, 11th, 01:05:00.67.

5k/Men

Philip Ormsby, 1st, 00:21:05.58; Ty Freeman, 2nd, 00:23:10.66; Andrew Ragle, 3rd, 0:24:36.60; Lenny Morrow, 4th, 00:24:46.94; Landon Morrow, 5th, 00:28:50.08.

5k/Women

Elizabeth Forshee, 15th, 00:36:03.47; Martha Cook, 17th, 00:36:46.26; Nohemi Garcia, 18th, 00:38:19.42; Beverly Silen, 19th, 00:40:08.69; Kelly Wingert, 21st, 00:42:57.19.

The race is one of many sponsored by Permian Basin Events throughout the year in Big Spring. The mission of Permian Basin Events is to promote physical fitness and the company is owned by local resident Craig Felty.



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Reflections: Getting beyond the noise

Our world is filled with noise: the whine of tires on the interstate, the roar of eighteen-wheelers; the constant chatter of televisions in the background, talk show hosts over-talking each other, voices escalating in pitch and volume; politicians screaming insults and accusations at each other.



**BILL
TINSLEY**

Even the sanctuary of my car has been invaded by a talking GPS system. "Recalculating," she says, followed by "Make a U turn!" Once, when my grandkids were riding with me, I

switched her language settings from English to German, Russian, Spanish and Arabic just so we could hear what it is like to be corrected in different languages. The grandkids loved it.

Libraries are still pretty quiet. No one wants to mess with a stern librarian. Beaches and parks are quiet, unless someone pulls up nearby with a boom box. Silence can make us nervous. We like to surround ourselves with sound. It somehow comforts us, relieves us from thinking our own thoughts or, worst of all, being alone. But maybe we are missing something. Maybe there is something in the silence of solitude that we have lost in our streaming, screaming and crowded world.

Before Jesus launched his

public ministry he spent 40 days in the wilderness. There were no radios, televisions, iPods or iPhones. He was completely alone in the silence. I have been there, stood on the edge of the wilderness where he wandered alone for 40 days. It is a stark and silent place. It prepared Him for the days when He would be buried by the crush of the crowd with little time to eat or sleep.

When John preached near the Jordan River, thousands came to hear him. The hillsides were covered with people listening to his messages. People lined up to be baptized for repentance. But before his remarkable public preaching, John spent years in the wilderness listening to God.

Our lack of silence and sol-

itude threatens to make us shallow, only able to repeat the slogans and jingles of the latest commercials. Our minds repeat the lyrics of the latest pop songs. If we would have depth of character, if we would think new thoughts, if we would hear the voice of God, we need time alone, time away from all the noise. Time to think new thoughts and time to pray.

C.S. Lewis wrote, "We live, in fact, in a world starved for solitude, silence, and private: and therefore starved for meditation and true friendship."

The Bible says, "Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like

eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary." (Isaiah 40:30-31). "Come now, and let us reason together." Says the Lord. "Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool." (Isaiah 1:18).

David said, "He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters." (Psalm 23:2) "Surely I have composed and quieted my soul; like a weaned child rests against his mother, my soul is like a weaned child within me." (Psalm 131:2)

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

From tiny to titan: Baby dinosaur fossils reveal megagrowth

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**,

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Think your kids grow fast? Scientists say one dinosaur baby went from tiny to a true titan in the blink of a prehistoric eye.

At birth, titanosaurs weighed about as much as average human babies, 6 to 8 pounds. But in just a few weeks, they were at least the size of golden retrievers, weighing 70 pounds.

And by age 20 or so, they were bigger than school buses.

That jump from something that you could hold in your hands to one of the largest creatures to ever roam Earth beats anything scientists have seen before in terms of growth, said paleontologist Kristi Curry Rogers of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. She is lead author of a new study on the baby dino fossils published Thursday in the journal *Science*.

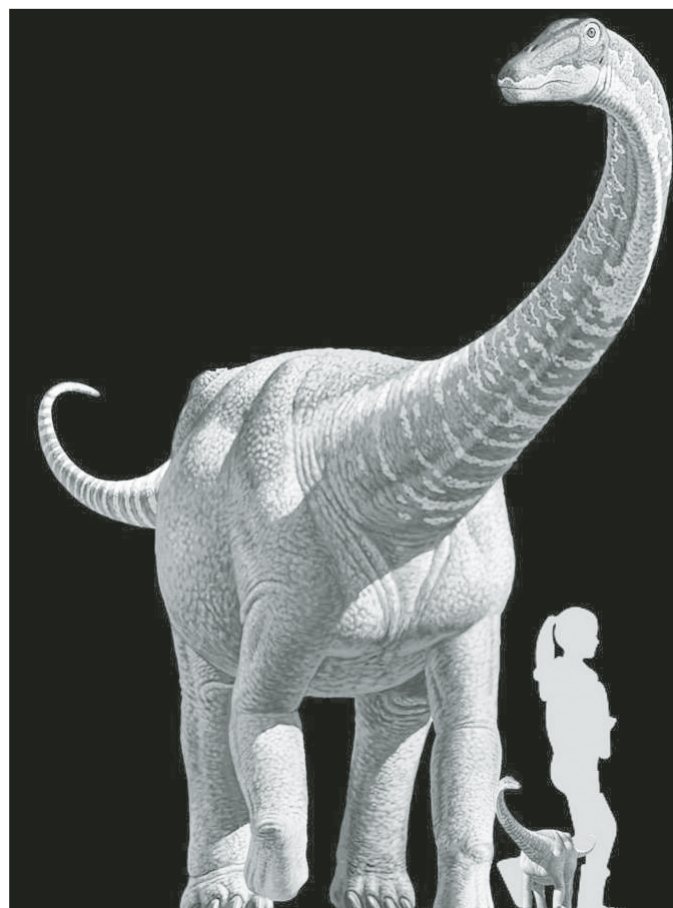
By comparison, modern giants like whales, elephants and hippos are born much bigger than titanosaurs (Tie-TAN-O-SORES). Jeff Wilson of the University of Michigan who wasn't part of the study said this is the paradox of this class of dinosaurs: They started out as tiny eggs and ended up as the largest animals on the planet.

Titanosaurs, plant-eating dinosaurs which lived about 67 million years ago, grew to be 15 feet tall, not including their necks and heads. They could stretch out to be 50 feet long. Looking through old bones stored in a museum after a dig in Madagascar, Rogers found enough small bone fossils to reconstruct a soon-after-hatching rapetosaurus (Ruh-PAY-too-SORE-us), a type of titanosaur. The baby dinosaur died of starvation during a drought that killed many others in the region, she said.

And yes, you could call it cute.

"There is no doubt that these baby titanosaurs would have had some of the features we would normally associate with cuteness or baby-ness: short snout, large eyes, big head for a body — like a puppy," said Luis Chiappe, director of the Dinosaur Institute at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles, who wasn't part of the research but praised it.

The fossils confirmed that these creatures were precocious, Rogers said: They hatched from the egg pretty much ready to walk and live on their



Science/K. Curry Rogers, M. Whitney, M. D'Emic, and B. Bagley via AP

This artist rendering provided by Science, K. Curry Rogers, M. Whitney, M. D'Emic, and B. Bagley, shows a titanosaur, a silhouette representing the size of a hatchling titanosaur, relationship to a human at birth, tiny titanosaur babies weigh about as much as average human babies, 6 to 8 pounds. But in just a few weeks, they're shedding the tiny descriptor and are at least the size of golden retrievers, weighing 70 pounds, knee-high to a person. And by age 20 or so, they're bigger than school buses.

own.

It would have been hard for the giant parents to care for their babies. They had 20 to 30 softball size eggs in a nest and when they hatched, it would have been hard for the adults "to keep track of all

the babies around their feet," Rogers said. "It was just a free-for-all."

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Quick beauty tricks for a busy morning

When you're crunched for time, you may be tempted to ditch the pampering from your morning routine. No matter how quickly you have to dash out the door, you can always find shortcuts to your daily beauty regimen that let you look and feel your best.

These time-saving tips will let you give your body the TLC it deserves, even when you're pressed for time.

• **Be a multi-tasker.**

You can do two things at once to save time, such as applying a face mask or wash before brushing your teeth or letting a deep-conditioning hair mask work while you shave your legs. Letting the face wash sit on your skin while you brush allows you to get more of the skin care benefits without the added time, and pinning up your hair in the deep-conditioning mask while shaving then rinsing it out will help your hair

feel softer and more hydrated.

• **Keep up with conditioner.** You may find it tedious, but hair care

is no place to cut corners. Keeping your hair well-conditioned helps keep it healthier in the long run. Healthy

strands are easier to detangle and style,

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Celebrate a Sweet Cinco de Mayo

(Family Features) Cinco de Mayo is, officially, a holiday celebrating Mexico's victory over France in the 1862 Battle of Puebla. In the U.S., where it is actually celebrated with more gusto than in its native country, the holiday has become a celebration of Mexican heritage and culture.

The holiday also provides a great excuse to make irresistible Mexican-inspired recipes for entertaining and, of course, a big batch of margaritas to wash it all down. Fresh sweet corn is an essential component of many Mexican dishes and a cultural staple.

Luckily, Cinco de Mayo falls right in the middle of Florida's Sunshine Sweet Corn season, meaning that the sweetest corn, available all year, arrives just in time to be a part of your Cinco de Mayo celebration. These naturally-bred varieties are grown by a group of family farmers who are committed to producing the finest sweet corn.

Get the fiesta started with this Fire Roasted Corn and Chorizo Dip and a big bowl of tortilla chips. Crunchy, spicy, sweet and creamy, this addictive dip will have your guests asking for more.

Next, be sure to serve Mexican Style Corn, a truly authentic and delicious Mexican street food. Crunchy ears of fresh sweet corn are charred to perfection then slathered with a mixture of cheese and mayo, sprinkled with chili powder and squirted with lime for simple flavor perfection.

Finally, no Cinco de Mayo celebration is complete without tacos. For a healthful twist on your typical taco, try this recipe for Charred Corn Tacos with Radish Zucchini Slaw that will have both vegetarians and meat eaters clamoring for seconds.

Incorporating more healthful whole foods and veggies into your Cinco de Mayo celebration this year makes it easier to justify one more margarita. No matter what you serve at your Cinco de Mayo celebration, make sure to incorporate the sweet and wholesome flavor of fresh spring sweet corn.

Discover more mouth-watering recipes for Cinco de Mayo and every time of year at www.sunshinesweetcorn.com.

Mexican Style Corn

Serves: 4

- 4 ears fresh Sunshine Sweet Corn, husked
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 4 ounces Cotija or feta cheese
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 4 lime slices

Preheat grill or broiler. Grill or broil corn, turning occasionally until hot and some kernels turn golden brown, about 5 minutes. Using knife, coat each ear of corn with about 1 tablespoon of mayonnaise. Crumble cheese on one side of each corn ear. Sprinkle with chili powder, dividing evenly. Broil until cheese starts to melt, approximately 1 to 2 minutes. Serve with lime.

Charred Corn Tacos with Radish Zucchini Slaw

Serves: 4

- 4 ears Sunshine Sweet Corn
- Extra virgin olive oil, as needed
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, as needed
- 1/2 cup torn cilantro, parsley and mint leaves
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 1/2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon maple syrup
- 1 cup radishes, cut into matchsticks

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which ultimately saves time. Have an all-in-one shampoo and conditioner on hand for days when you simply can't do both and save detangling time by using a wide-tooth comb in the shower.

Use products that do double-duty in the shower. Using a multi-benefit body wash can give your skin and senses needed nourishment in the shower. One example is the new line of

Softsoap Luminous Oils Body Washes, which contain a touch of luxurious oil, essence of peony or iris and an alluring fragrance. The sheer, non-greasy formula will leave your skin feeling radiant and soft.

Master a few simple hair styles. Whether your hair is long or short, experiment with a few go-to styles you can rely on when time is short.

Sleek ponies and messy buns can disguise a hectic morning. For shorter cuts, look for a style that lets you air dry for a carefree tousled look.

Lighten up when it comes to cosmetics. You may be surprised by how pulled together you appear with a minimalist approach to makeup. Use a tinted moisturizer with sunscreen to even your skin tone, then use natural shades to enhance your best features. Save complex eye makeup for a less rushed day and stick to the basics: mascara, a dusting of blush for color and a pretty nude gloss.

Speed up those busy mornings with these time-saving beauty tips. For more information, visit softsoap.com.

- 1 small zucchini, cut into matchsticks
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup (2 1/2 ounces) crumbled Cotija or feta cheese
- 10 to 12 small (6-inch) soft corn tortillas

Brush corn with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Over hot grill or open gas stove flame, char ears of corn until well blackened but not completely burnt. Remove from heat; cool. With large knife, shave off kernels into bowl. Add cilantro, parsley and mint; reserve.

In small bowl, combine onion and lime juice; let stand 10 minutes. Stir in maple syrup, radishes, zucchini, jalapeno and 2 tablespoons of oil. Season with salt and pepper; set aside.

Heat your tortillas one of two ways: Wrap whole stack in foil and place in warm 250°F oven for 15 minutes, or coat cast-iron skillet with thin layer of oil and heat over high heat; warm each tortilla 30 seconds to 1 minute each side, until lightly blistered.

To make tacos, fill each tortilla with 1/4 cup corn. Top with cheese and radish-zucchini slaw. Serve with lime wedges, if desired.

Fire Roasted Corn and Chorizo Dip

Serves: 8 to 12

- 3 to 4 ears Sunshine Sweet Corn
- 1 small onion, peeled and sliced into rings
- 1 small red bell pepper
- 1 cup cooked chorizo
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 pound spicy pepper cheese, like pepper-jack or habanero cheddar
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions

Preheat oven to 400°F and preheat grill to high heat. Remove cornhusks and corn silk, and place fresh Florida Sweet Corn, onion slices and red bell pepper on grill. Grill corn and bell pepper for 8 to 10 minutes, turning every 2 minutes until all sides are slightly charred. Grill onion slices for approximately 3 minutes per side. When veggies are cool enough to handle, cut corn off cob. Then chop onions and pepper, removing pepper seeds. In 8-by-8-inch baking dish or one-quart souffle dish, mix all ingredients together until well combined. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes until edges are bubbly. Serve warm with tortilla chips.

Six Global Spreads for Sweet Corn

1. North America: Maple Bourbon Butter - Combine one stick butter, 4 teaspoons bourbon, 2 teaspoons maple syrup and pinch of salt.
2. South America: Lime-Avocado Crema - In a blender, combine one avocado, 1/4 cup lime juice, one garlic clove, 1/2 bunch cilantro, 1/2 cup sour cream and pinch of salt. Blend until smooth. Add water if necessary.
3. Europe: Combine 2 ounces goat cheese, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 tablespoon fresh thyme, and pinch of salt and pepper. Stir until smooth.
4. Asia: Sriracha Butter - Combine 1/3 cup butter with 3 tablespoons Sriracha.
5. Africa: Harissa-Yogurt Spread - Whisk together 1 cup Greek yogurt, 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive



oil, 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice, 2 tablespoons Harissa sauce, one crushed garlic clove and pinch of salt.

6. Australia: Honey-Ginger BBQ Sauce - In saucepan combine 1 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar, 1/2 cup honey, 1/2 cup ketchup, 1 1/2 tablespoons hot sauce, 4 minced garlic cloves, 2 tablespoons minced ginger and 1 teaspoon salt. Simmer, stirring occasionally until thickened and reduced to about 1 1/4 cup, 20 to 25 minutes.

▶ Menus

Big Spring ISD

- Monday**
No school - Holiday
- Tuesday**
Breakfast: maple pancakes, grapes, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Tex-Mex stack, baby carrots, garden salad, fruit cocktail and milk.
- Wednesday**
Breakfast: sausage roll, applesaucet cup, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: ham macaroni, roll, broccoli, twisted applesauce, fresh fruit bowl, chocolate crackers and milk.
- Thursday**
Breakfast: baked cheese stick, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: cheese enchilada, spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, mandarin oranges and milk.
- Friday**
Breakfast: french toast, orange smiles, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: pizza dippers, celery sticks, cream cheese, potato rounds, peaches, lettuce/tomato topping and milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

- Monday**
Barbecue sandwich, pickle and onion, pinto beans, tropical fruit and milk.
- Tuesday**
Oven fried chicken, cream gravy, hash brown potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, rolls and milk.
- Wednesday**
Hamburger steak with grilled onions, mashed potatoes, broccoli, chocolate cake, bread and milk.
- Thursday**
Combination burritos, lettuce and tomato, spanish rice, sliced pears, chips and salsa and milk.
- Friday**
Corn dogs with mustard, tator tots, tomato wedges, Rice Krispy bar and milk.

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Don't forget to clean cyber clutter

Spring is here, and we all know what that means: spring cleaning. This April may be a good time to clean out your closet, dust around the house or have a yard sale – but what about cleaning up your digital life?

In 2016, most of us have an online presence, own a mobile device or use a computer daily. Whether it's a status update and photos shared on social media, or financial records and personal contacts stored on our digital devices, all that data could fall into the wrong hands.

According to a recent study, more than 68 percent of Americans store 25 percent or more of their photos digitally. For most, losing these memories to computer malfunctions, viruses or theft can be devastating.

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin recommends backing up all of your important files. If you're not sure where to begin, start by going through your device and deleting files you don't need, uninstall programs you don't use and empty your recycling bin. But remember, before you start swiping clean your devices, make sure you backup everything important to your cloud, computer or an external hard drive.

To ensure you're safely managing and tidying up your digital life, your BBB offers the following advice:

- **Keep software updated:** Making sure all software has the most current update installed is one of the best security measures you can take. This includes security software, web browsers, document readers, operating systems and any other software you use regularly. Also, make sure to install anti-virus software on your devices and keep it up-to-date.

- **Clean up your mobile life:** Most of us have apps we no longer use, as well as ones that need updating. Delete unused apps and keep others current. An added benefit of deleting unused apps is more storage space and longer battery life on your device.

- **Properly dispose of sensitive documents:** Shred important documents and electronics containing sensitive data. You may also consider using software that securely erases data, usually called wipe utility programs. This software overwrites entire hard drives so that the files are no longer recoverable. It's also a great option to consider because files deleted using the keyboard or mouse commands may continue to exist on the computer's hard drive.

- **Create better passwords:** According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), passwords like "123456" or "qwerty" are among some of the most common passwords used by the general population. Longer passwords and those that combine capital and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols provide better protection. Remember to store passwords securely!

- **Declutter your email inbox:** Delete emails older than a year, and create and label folders for emails to stay organized. It's also a good idea to delete your spam folder and unsubscribe from emails you don't open. If you must keep old messages, move them to an archive.

- **Recycle electronics:** Electronics recycling is one of the most effective ways to dispose of sensitive records, data and documents. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), electronics are made from valuable resources and materials, including metals, plastic and glass. Donating or recycling your used electronics conserves natural resources and helps prevent pollution.

- **Update your social media sites:** Check the privacy and security settings on the social media sites you use to be sure that they are set to your comfort level for sharing. Also, review your personal information and update it where needed. Consider deleting social media accounts you don't use often.

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HEATHER MASSEY

VW faces \$18 billion hit as carmakers face recalls

WOLFSBURG, Germany (AP) — German carmaker Volkswagen capped two grim days for the country's auto industry by revealing its diesel emissions cheating cost it a chunky 16.2 billion euros (\$18.2 billion) for 2015 alone — and that's likely only a part of the total bill.

The revelation last September from U.S. environmental authorities that the company had been cheating on emissions test rocked one of the most venerable brand names in the auto industry and cost it its chief executive as well as a host of goodwill.

It's also raised questions over the practices of others.

On Friday, German government officials said five German brands, including Volkswagen, would conduct a voluntary recall over emissions issues, a day after Mercedes-Benz owner Daimler said it was conducting an internal investigation into its emissions certifications at the request of U.S. authorities.

The Volkswagen announcement follows agreement in a U.S. federal court in San Francisco on the outlines of a deal with U.S. environmental authorities.

Under the terms of the proposed deal, Volkswagen would offer to buy back almost 500,000 cars sold in the U.S. equipped with

software that disabled emissions controls when the car was not being tested. Some 11 million cars worldwide are affected.

The company had delayed its earnings announcement until it could get a better estimate of the costs involved. Now that it has revealed the cost of the

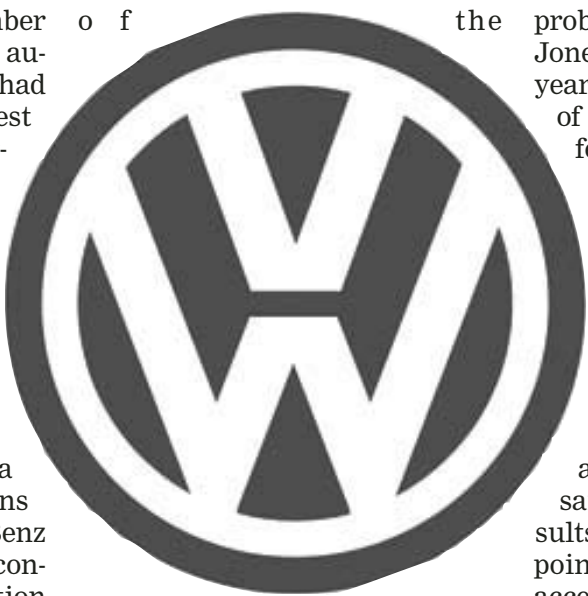
up reaching 28.6 billion euros for fines — and that's excluding any impact on sales and market share.

Volkswagen also said it's not in a position to release results of an internal probe into the scandal this month as expected. The company now says the probe conducted by U.S. law firm Jones Day could be completed by year-end but that early release of partial results would interfere with settlement negotiations in the U.S. and could interfere with cooperation with U.S. law enforcement. Some 450 interviews have been consulted and 65 million documents submitted for electronic review.

On advice of the company's attorneys, management and directors, the company said "a disclosure of interim results of the investigation at this point in time would present unacceptable risks for Volkswagen and, therefore, cannot take place now."

Volkswagen CEO Matthias Mueller said as he released the headline earnings numbers that the company remains "fundamentally healthy" and that he is "convinced that Volkswagen has what it takes to overcome its

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scandal, Volkswagen said Friday that it is to post a massive net loss of 5.5 billion euros for last year.

The writedown of 16.2 billion euros is more than double the 6.7 billion euros the company had previously estimated. Analysts at Warburg Research think direct cost of fines, recalls and settlements worldwide will end

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Public Records

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Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

County Court Judgments

State of Texas vs. John Ramirez, judgment and sentence, possession of marijuana under two ounces: 30 days in jail, \$100 fine, court costs.
State of Texas vs. Jonathan Jinks, judgment and sentence, possession of marijuana under two ounces: Time served, \$100 fine, court costs.
State of Texas vs. Richard Boyd, judgment and sentence, theft over \$50/under \$500: 30 days in jail, \$100 fine, court costs.

District Court Filings

Kimberly Tubbs vs. James Tubbs, protective order
Paige Towing & Recovery, LLC vs. Extra Logistics, Inc., contract
Amy Hagins vs. Kenneth Hagins, divorce
State of Texas vs. Marquin Harris, civil
Lisa Hodnett vs. Dewey Hodnett, divorce
Marciala Sanchez vs. Orlando Sanchez Jr., divorce

Marriage Licenses

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Property: Lot 6, block 2, Seton Place Addition
Date: April 8, 2016
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Property: Lot 12, block 3, May Thixton Addition
Date: March 31, 2016
Grantor: An Ngoc Nghiem and Ainhan Nghiem

Grantee: Robert and Gwendolyn Kennedy
Property: Lot 14, block 1, Highland Caprock Subdivision
Date: April 8, 2016

Grantor: Patricia Galvan
Grantee: James Turney
Property: Tract out of southeast quarter of section 14, block 33, T-1-S, T&P Railroad survey
Date: April 4, 2016

Grantor: Milton Cox
Grantee: Terry and Galynn Gamble
Property: Tract out of southwest quarter of section 1, block 33, T-2-S, T&P Railroad survey
Date: March 31, 2016

Grantor: David Gross and Beverly Paul
Grantee: Cleo Carlile
Property: Lot 2, block 88, original township
Date: April 6, 2016

Grantor: Donald and Melinda Whittenburg
Grantee: Jeffry and Estella Craven
Property: Lot 5, Worth Peeler Subdivision
Date: April 12, 2016

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: John and Thomas Olson
Grantee: Angel Rodriguez
Property: Lot 6, block 4, Mittel Acres Addition
Date: April 6, 2016

Grantor: Ronald and Linda Moreck
Grantee: Randy Yanez
Property: Tract out of northeast quarter of section 28, block 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad survey
Date: March 30, 2016

Grantor: Keith and Willia Ledford
Grantee: Felix Holguin
Property: Lot 14, block 6, Kentwood Addition
Date: April 8, 2016

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challenges.”
Volkswagen’s announcement coupled with more negative news about German companies and auto emissions that has weighed heavily on their share prices. Volkswagen’s share price was down 1 percent in late Frankfurt trading while Daimler’s tanked 6 percent.

The scandal is not just confined to German automakers — Japanese company Mitsubishi Motors and Italy’s FIAT also have questions to answer.

Still, Germany’s car companies appear to be having the most trouble at the moment.

On Friday, Germany’s transport minister, Alexander Dobrindt, said five German automakers agreed to recall a total of 630,000 diesel vehicles in Europe following an investigation into their emissions levels. He identified the companies concerned as Mercedes, Opel and Volkswagen and its subsidiaries Audi and Porsche.

The move followed a probe of 53 models by Germany’s Federal Motor Transport Authority that was sparked by revelations last year about Volkswagen’s emis-

sions test cheating. VW’s cars could tell when they were on the test stand and turned up the emissions controls, then turned them off in real-world driving to improve performance and mileage.

Dobrindt said none of the newly scrutinized models were found to have rigged engine control software devices of the kind used by Volkswagen, but that they displayed elevated levels of nitrogen oxide in both laboratory and real-world tests.

Some models used technology to switch off the vehicles’ emissions treatment systems at certain temperatures to protect the engine, he said.

While such technology is legal, investigators found that the temperatures at which the emissions treatment systems were throttled didn’t appear to be justified in all cases, so the five manufacturers agreed to voluntarily recall those vehicles. Additionally, all engine protection features would have to be declared and fully explained by manufacturers in future before their cars are approved by German authorities, Dobrindt said.

Separately, Italian automaker FIAT is being investigated following a tip from parts supplier Bosch about possible emissions irregularities, he said.

McDonald’s US sales jump

NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald’s said U.S. sales jumped in the first quarter as it raised prices, worked on improving service and benefited from the popularity of its all-day breakfast menu.

Sales rose 5.4 percent at established U.S. locations, marking the third straight quarter the figure has climbed.

As part of its push to stage a comeback, McDonald’s CEO Steve Easterbrook said the company is sparing no detail in looking at ways to step up operations. He noted the company is even increasing the font size on receipts for special requests to ensure the orders are accurate.
The most notable change, how-

ever, has been the company’s launch of an all-day breakfast menu in the U.S. last fall. The company also introduced a “McPick 2” value deal this year to draw the price-conscious customers it had lost after abandoning the Dollar Menu.

The shake-up in its flagship U.S. market comes after McDonald’s conceded that it failed to keep up with changing tastes, and saw customer visits decline.

Still, the chain is under pressure from intensifying competition. Burger King, Wendy’s and Taco Bell are introducing new menu items and deals, while Subway is going back to playing up the freshness of its sandwiches.



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Was \$27,825 **NOW \$24,940** Stk# E219

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Was \$31,000 **NOW \$29,900** Stk# F009

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Was \$16,900 **NOW \$15,400** Stk# E104

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Germany celebrates 500 years of beer purity law

INGOLSTADT, Germany (AP) — To some it's the real deal, to others it's a bland brew, but thanks to a 500-year-old rule everybody can be sure what's in German beer.

Chancellor Angela Merkel was among those toasting the anniversary Friday of a law that allowed only water, hops and malt as ingredients — yeast was added to the list later.

Praising the law at a ceremony in Ingolstadt, southern Germany, Merkel half-jokingly quoted religious reformer and bon vivant Martin Luther, who said that "he who has no beer, has nothing to drink."

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adopted throughout Germany. It's still on the books, albeit with some exceptions, today.

The law originally stipulated that only barley should be used for beer. Other grains, such as wheat, were considered too valuable as food to be turned into beverages, according to Nina Anika Klotz, editor of beer magazine Hopfenhelden.

Another argument was consumer protection: brews that contained ingredients such as fungus and herbs sometimes had "quite undesirable

results," said Klotz.

Critics say the so-called Reinheitsgebot — whose name means divine commandment in German — is little more than a marketing trick dreamed up in the early 20th century to promote German beer.

While brewers in neighboring Belgium merrily make beers containing coriander and orange peel, for example, such ingredients are theoretically "verboten" in Germany. This has proved particularly frustrating for a young guard of craft beer enthusiasts try-

ing to break into the German market.

But some old-fashioned brewers feel stifled by the law, too.

Helmut Fritsche, owner of Klosterbrauerei Neuzelle brewery some two hours west of Berlin, started what became known as the Brandenburg Beer War after authorities ruled that his black beer was illegal because it contained sugar.

"We fought for ten years," he said. "Fought with the federation of brewers, with the state government, until the

highest administrative court in 2005 decided that our black beer, that includes a pinch of sugar, could be called beer."

Fritsche now brews many beers with added natural ingredients, such as cherries, asparagus and even potatoes.

"What do we want beer as a product to represent? We want it to represent flavor. And we shouldn't inhibit the variety of flavors. Of course we should never add ingredients that are dangerous to humans," he said.

Fresh ideas may be needed if German brewers don't want their income to dry up.

While Germans are still ranked second — just after the Czechs — annual beer consumption per capita has fallen from 141 liters in 1991 to 98 liters last year.

News in brief

Argentina pays down much of its debt; US judge drops orders

NEW YORK (AP) — A Manhattan judge whose orders have blocked Argentina from operating normally in financial markets vacated his rulings Friday after the republic paid billions of dollars to foreign creditors.

U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Griesa got the "greatest pleasure" lifting his orders after the South American nation lived up to its promises, mediator Daniel Pollack said in a statement.

Pollack, a New York lawyer who was appointed by Griesa last year, negotiated over \$8 billion in settlements between Argentina and bondholders since January.

Pollack said the judge does not speak publicly except through his court actions but had told him to make public his happiness with the changed circumstances.

"Judge Griesa has expressed to me that he is very gratified by this momentous development in the 15-year litigation over which he has presided," Pollack said.

The lifting of the orders came after Argentina notified the judge Friday that it had fulfilled its promises to all bondholders who had reached deals with it by Feb. 29. A majority of the nearly \$10 billion owed to creditors had been settled by that date. Pollack said billions of dollars were paid to bondholders Friday.

The long standoff between Argentina and mostly foreign investors, including U.S. hedge funds, occurred after Argentina defaulted in 2001 on \$100 billion of debt with bondholders.

Many foreign bondholders went to court

rather than trade their bonds for bonds worth between 25 percent and 29 percent of their original value. The less valuable bonds were accepted by 93 percent of Argentina's bondholders, leading some to characterize the U.S. hedge funds as "vultures."

American Airlines earns \$700 million, beats Street forecasts

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Airlines have saved billions in the past two years from falling oil prices, but cheaper jet fuel also seems to be contributing to lower fares, which pleases passengers but worries investors.

American Airlines is the latest case in point. The world's biggest airline reported a \$700 million first-quarter profit on Friday, beating Wall Street expectations.

A conference call with investors was dominated, however, by questions about a statistic indicating that average fares are still dropping and that American's revenue this summer could be weaker than last summer.

The results mirrored those from United Airlines on Thursday, and airline stocks slumped Friday for a second straight session.

Cheaper fuel encouraged airlines to add flights that would have lost money back when oil was \$100 a barrel. Since early 2015, the supply of seats has overshot travel demand, causing average fares to fall.

American doesn't disclose the average ticket price, but the downward trend shows up in the amount that the airline gets paid per mile for each seat, a figure that is closely monitored by airline investors.

In the first quarter, that figure fell 7.5 percent from a year earlier, and American predicted that it will drop by a similar amount — somewhere between 6 percent and 8 percent — in the second quarter. The number won't turn positive until next year, said Scott Kirby, the airline's president.

GE sees dip in 1Q profit, but industrial revenue rises

NEW YORK (AP) — General Electric Co. reported a slight decrease in its core quarterly profit as the company continues to shed and distance itself from its finance and capital businesses.

The company earned \$1.93 billion, or 21 cents per share, down 2 percent from \$1.97 billion, or 20 cents per share, a year prior. The figures include only the conglomerate's industrial businesses. The Fairfield, Connecticut-based company has been shedding its financial and capital units over the last few years in an effort to slim down and refocus on its core businesses.

Overall for the period, the company lost \$98 million, or 1 cent per share, including costs associated with its financial units.

Revenue from industrial segments rose 6 percent to \$25.87 billion. The company's power unit, which makes power generation technology, saw revenue rise 13 percent to \$5.2 billion, while renewable energy products rose 62 percent to \$1.67 billion.

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being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30, 2016, then and there to answer the petition of Vermilion Cliffs Partners, LLC in Cause No. 1789, styled Vermilion Cliffs Partners, LLC v. Mid-Tex Corporation, also possibly known as Mid-Tex Company; Income Oil & Royalty Company; Frank E. Lewis; C.O. Fletcher; C.W. Van Alstyne; Carlos Michael Johnson; and L.D. Matlock, if in existence or if living, and if no longer in existence or if deceased, their unknown heirs, devisees, successors, assigns and personal representatives, their unknown surviving spouses, if any, and the unknown heirs, devisees, successors, assigns and personal representatives of their deceased spouses, in which Vermilion Cliffs Partners, LLC is Plaintiff and Mid-Tex Corporation, et al, are Defendants. The said petition, filed April 13, 2016, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows: for appointment of a receiver to manage the oil, gas and mineral interests of the Defendants, the identity or whereabouts of whom are unknown to Plaintiff and undeterminable after diligent search, and to negotiate, make and enter into oil, gas and mineral leases containing pooling provisions

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



Appetite Sun, Adventure Moon

The sun is just getting used

HOLIDAY to the TAUMATHIS rUS part of the sky and

already the quest for appetite fulfillment has begun. The Sagittarius moon, adventurous and bold, chimes in on the matter. Unfamiliar paths beckon, new people magnetize, strange horizons mesmerize. "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all." -- Helen Keller

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Go ahead and look for your out. It will stop you from feeling so trapped. Once you know where the escape hatch is, every minute after that is a choice to go along for the ride.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll enter a foreign realm where you don't know what the words mean, where the signs point or how to use the tools around you. Have confidence in your feelings; you can rely on them!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are some days when you're required to deal in so much pedantry and mundane minutiae that questing for pleasure seems far-fetched at best. Would delight be too much to ask for? You need enjoyment!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In order for today's exercise to yield results it must be a collaboration. Are you ready to interview, observe, interpret, negotiate, compromise and agree? Together you'll create what neither of you could do alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Beware the lies, exaggerations and marketing ploys on social media. Your daily happenings may be far more glamorous in reality than the hyped-up, filtered and framed product you're trying to measure up to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To provide an effortless experience for another person, you must put in a great deal of effort -- loads of it, about 10 times the amount than you or anyone else would have guessed. It

will be so worth it!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be met with strong limitations from the outside world. Getting around them is not impossible, but it will take creative thinking, follow-through and a little bit of luck, too. The fortunes favor you today though, so that helps.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The agitator in your life today will be sweet and swift, whipping up a kind of light goodness in you. This is how you get the fluffy meringue on the lemon pie of life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You like to keep the tone light, congenial and good humored. At the same time, you are not the least bit shallow. Your grasp of humanity is unshakably deep, and they all see it, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It takes a fateful confluence of interests and logistics to find intimacy in this world. Getting close to someone will be a matter of access, emotional availability and trust.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is

not a cheerful mood you're in. You are so consistent in your good cheer that it's a deeply engrained habit, a lovely mode of being, a manner that's melded to your core and become who you are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Yes, if you apply your charm to the situation in the exact right moment, you will get a free ticket, a cash prize or an emotional jackpot. However, since the right moment is unknowable, maximize your chances.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 24). Love preoccupies you over the next 10 weeks. After that, ambition takes over. A July windfall will pay you back for your investment of past years plus a substantial amount of interest. Investigations, secrets and mysteries are the main event in December. In 2017, family will both depend on you and lift you. You know how to Pisces and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 20, 11, 19 and 31.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Riddle for the week: What talks, burns holes in pockets, changes everything and doesn't grow on trees? Well, that one is answered too easily, but it might get a little harder after Thursday when Mercury will reverse through the sign of finance. With that in mind, let's back up a little ourselves and look at the earlier part of the week.

The retrograde trend started last week with Mars and then Pluto. Then Friday's full moon teamed with a hot dynamic between Venus and Uranus made for so much fiery excitement that Sunday and Monday might feel unproductive. Curiosity is stoked. Distractions are tantalizing. What's really interesting is probably far from home. "Over there" is the place to be, except it's also a place one never can quite arrive at.

The Capricorn moon on Wednesday is the last hope for handling practical matters before Mercury goes retrograde in Taurus, throwing obstacles in the

path between you and the money you want. Don't let that pressure you unduly though, because on Friday, as Venus slides into the Taurus realm where all the action is, she says something like this: Success and money often have nothing in common.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: America's first idol, Kelly Clarkson, is welcoming her second baby to the world soon. The musical mama was born when the sun, moon and Mercury were all in Taurus, the sign of the voice. Taurus singers have the advantage of strong vocal chords, an excellent sense of time and the tenacity to compete in the music industry. Clarkson's birthday is the same day as iconic singer Barbra Streisand's.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I spend winters in a three-bedroom condo in Florida. A month ago, our daughter and her two teenage girls visited. We love having them. Here's the problem: The girls share a bedroom with ample room for their clothes. But by end of the week, no clothes were in the drawers. Everything they had, dirty and clean, was on the floor, along with their used tissues. It was a mess.

I thought this was disrespectful of our hospitality. When the older granddaughter was questioned about it, she said that she would have picked things up and put them away had she been at a friend's house. So she knew better.

Was I wrong to have expected them to have a reasonably clean room? I did keep their bedroom door closed most of the time, so I didn't have to see it, but I thought the degree of mess was way beyond acceptable. Should I not have said anything? -- Wondering Grandma

Dear Grandma: It's your house and these are your granddaughters. You not only get to say something, their mother should have spoken up, as well. The next time the girls visit, tell them you expect them to keep their room reasonably tidy, because it is unfair of them to make you work so hard. Put a basket in their room for dirty clothes, make sure there is a trash can for their used tissues and say that you'd appreciate it if everything else is put away before they go to sleep. They may not do everything perfectly, but they will likely get more done than they did last time. Don't nag. Just remind them sweetly and with humor. And don't worry. They will still love you, Grandma.

the letters you printed from "The Ones Left Behind," who said she received no help from her ex-husband, but now the kids suddenly want a relationship with him, and "Been There," who said it was important to re-establish a relationship with Dad, but Mom became angry. Please allow me to add a third side.

My ex-wife was emotionally abusive and we divorced when my son was a year old. I dutifully paid child support and tried to be in my son's life, but without warning, my ex moved away. For eight years, I couldn't find them. One day, she called me out of the blue saying she couldn't handle my son. He stayed with me that summer, but she took him back and moved away again in the fall, because she didn't like how well we got along. I could not track them down.

I found my son on

Facebook when he was 18. It made his mother extremely angry. He's now 24, and we are still estranged because of the poison she fed him. Her hatred destroyed any possibility of a relationship with my child.

Here's what I say to all ex-wives: Make sure that the father supports your child, but also foster a good relationship between the child and the father. Your problems with your co-parent should not become your child's problems. It only punishes the child. -- Bitter But Still Hopeful

Dear Bitter: Your ex sounds particularly unstable. But you are right that all divorced parents should put the kids first, and not use them to punish the ex-spouse.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Maneuver investigated by antitrust lawyers
 - 9 Popinjay's purchase
 - 15 Betrays the effect of
 - 16 Where Excalibur was forged
 - 17 Emancipation Proclamation catalyst
 - 18 To a degree
 - 19 They're often seen on a schedule
 - 20 "Not with a bang, but a whimper" source
 - 22 Swank's spouse in *Amelia*
 - 23 Dishonor
 - 24 Threshold
 - 25 Subject of the bio *The American Leonardo*
 - 26 Deface
 - 28 Vital outlet
 - 30 Tip for writers
 - 31 Key location
 - 33 Court miss
 - 35 Wallpaper descriptor
 - 37 Use a recorder
 - 38 Hot
 - 40 Dorset port birthplace of le Carré
 - 41 Bilbao-to-Pamplona dir.
 - 42 Spun subtlety, in a way
 - 44 Cream pitched by John Stamos in the '80s
 - 46 Strings often given a noble name
 - 48 Rough stuff
 - 50 *Désignation*
 - 52 Leakage evidence
 - 53 Freeloader
 - 54 "Welcome to the 60's" singer in *Hairspray*
 - 55 Basketball Hall of Famer who backed up Bird
 - 57 Halves
 - 59 Exchange at some pig roasts
 - 60 "Come again?"
 - 61 Pretty recent
 - 62 Not so easy
 - 6 Sunflower cousin
 - 7 Descent of about 5% of Americans
 - 8 Pizza-box symbol
 - 9 Elapsed
 - 10 Vegetarian qualifier
 - 11 Eldest *Despicable Me* sister
 - 12 DVD bonus feature, perhaps
 - 13 Threshold
 - 14 Sap
 - 21 Bayou side
 - 24 How Wiener Schnitzel is served
 - 25 They're close to clarets
 - 27 Parcel division
 - 29 Name on the cover of *Mambo Birdland*
 - 32 Sulfate in styptic pencils
 - 34 Main part of a tree
 - 35 Just-arrived
 - 36 Brief enumeration
 - 39 Jump-on-tail skateboarding trick
 - 40 Old Navy favorite, fittingly
 - 43 Routs
 - 45 Sound pattern in some languages
 - 47 Brewery that owns Schweppes Australia
 - 49 Gather for stitching
 - 51 Atomic clock timekeeper
 - 53 Material for the screen
 - 54 Captain Hook went there
 - 56 *Ilusiones* (Rivera painting)
 - 58 Stronghold of eastern feudalism

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Avoidance Play

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q
♥ Q 10 8 3
♦ Q J 8
♣ K Q 9 5 2

WEST

♠ 10 8 7 5 2
♥ 7 5 4
♦ 9 6 5 3
♣ 7

EAST

♠ K 6 4 3
♥ A J 9
♦ 7 4
♣ A 10 8 3

SOUTH

♠ A J 9
♥ K 6 2
♦ A K 10 2
♣ J 6 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	Pass

Opening lead — five of spades.

Assume you're in a three notrump and West leads a spade. East covers dummy's queen with the king, and you win with the ace. Since your most promising suit is clubs, there is a strong temptation to lead a club to the queen at this point — but it is best to resist that temptation.

East might take the queen with the ace and return a spade, putting the contract in danger if the clubs

turn out to be divided unfavorably. In the actual case, if you play a club toward dummy at trick two, you eventually finish down one.

It is far better to lead a diamond to the jack at trick two and play a low club toward your hand. If East has the ace and takes it, the contract becomes certain, while if West has the ace, he can do you no harm whatever he returns.

After winning the club with the jack at trick three, you continue to guard against the danger of East's gaining the lead. Abandoning clubs for the moment, you lead a diamond to the queen and return a low heart from dummy.

This is sure to tie East into a knot again if he has the ace, since if he plays it, you have nine tricks, while if he plays low instead, you remain on firm ground. In the actual deal, you win the heart with the king and establish your ninth trick by reverting to clubs.

The strategy employed here is called avoidance play. Declarer proceeds in such a way that the dangerous defender — in this case East — cannot play high, except at the cost of a vital trick or tricks. Played this way, the contract is certain against any lie of the cards.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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In 2015 CASA of West Texas served 372 children in seven West Texas Counties including Midland, Martin, Glasscock, Howard, Dawson, Gaines, and Andrews. But, 103 children were left to fend for themselves due to a lack of CASA Volunteers.

CASA of West Texas is one of more than 900 CASA programs across the country committed to more than doubling our corps of volunteers by 2020 so that every child who needs a CASA volunteer has one.

CASA volunteers are people just like you — teachers, businesspeople, parents, retirees, grandparents who are:

- Willing to participate in an in-depth training program
- Strong communica-



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A crowd hears the opening remarks by Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO Emma Krabill at the hospital's third annual Child Abuse Prevention Awareness event held earlier this month.

tors

- Willing to commit to at least one year of service
- Able to pass a criminal and Child Protective Services background check
- Over age 21

Not everyone can be a CASA volunteer, but everyone can be an advocate. Here are some steps you can take to make our community safer for our children.

- Keep our state's toll-free child abuse hotline number close at hand, 1.800.252.5400. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, you can report your suspicions confidentially.
- Donate or volunteer

for a social service agency that helps children who have been abused or neglected, such as Midland Rape Crisis and Advocacy Center, Harmony Home, Samaritan Counseling Center, High Sky Children's Ranch, Centers for Children and Families, and CASA of West Texas.

Educate yourself — and others — about the devastating toll that abuse and neglect take on children and our society as a whole.

Your advocacy for children will not only help end child abuse, it will improve our community for everyone who lives here. Children who are abused and do not get the

support they need to heal are more likely than other kids to drop out of school, end up homeless, turn to crime, and rely as adults on social welfare programs. When we work together to protect vulnerable children, it saves lives while also saving tax dollars.

The next volunteer training for CASA of West Texas starts May 9, 2016, for more information visit www.casa-wtx.org or call 432.683.1114.

We all have a role to play. What will yours be?

Patty Pisklak is the CASA of West Texas executive director.

April is child abuse prevention month

Governor Greg Abbott has proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is stepping up its public awareness efforts in a big way.

DFPS is launching a \$1 million public education campaign aimed at helping parents deal with the challenges and stresses that can lead to child abuse and neglect. The Help for Parents, Hope for Kids media campaign includes one month of television ads in the largest Texas markets, radio spots in rural Texas, and a statewide

mobile and online campaign from April through the end of August.

On the campaign website, HelpandHope.org, parents will find four new educational videos and many new expert articles and tips to help parents learn to deal with some of the most challenging aspects of parenting — dealing with teens, bedtime battles, crying babies, postpartum depression, toilet training, texting, and much more.

The campaign's Facebook page (4MyKid) shares fun and helpful ideas and resources for families.

Also in April, Child Protective Services (CPS) is joining with local governments, community groups, service organizations, activists, and other partners to put the spotlight on preventing, recognizing, and reporting child abuse.

See more about prevention events in your area on the Events Page of HelpandHope.org.

CPS investigated more than 176,868 allegations of child abuse or neglect in Texas last year. Tragically, 171 children died at the hands of a parent or other caregivers. Another 66,721 children and teens were victims of abuse

or neglect and 17,151 were removed from their homes for their own protection.

"Parenting is hard and stressful, so it's crucial that we support parents in every way we can to help prevent abuse," said Judge John Specia, Commissioner of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. "But if you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, please report it so we can investigate to make sure the child is safe and parents get the help they need."

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HOW TO CHOOSE: An Internet Provider

GETTING STARTED

The first step is to figure out how you will want to use the Internet in your home or in your business: E-mail, virtual gaming, on-line banking, large file downloads, information searches, streaming video/audio, all or some of the above?

The next step is to decide how much you want to spend on installation and monthly charges. You will also need to ask yourself how often you will be online. Some dial-up packages have a set number of hours and anything over is extra.

Keep in mind, those with a high-speed connection, while actually spending less time downloading, spend more time on the internet than those with dial-up. This is mainly due to the fact that with a high-speed connection the Internet becomes a quicker, more convenient tool, and is a lot more fun to use.

WHICH IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Dial-Up

The normal speeds for dialup are 14 kilobits per second (kbps) to 56 kbps. This type of Internet connection is most common today, but is also the slowest. Web sites with moving pictures and lots of graphics may have trouble downloading at anything less than 28.8 kbps.

Because dial-up modems run over standard telephone lines, they supply Internet access to almost everyone. While you're connected, though, your phone line is engaged and unable to receive calls; some people install a second line for their computer, which adds onto the monthly cost.

Your internet service provider (ISP) will give you a telephone number to use for connecting to their service in your area, the settings you need, and the software on CD-ROM to set up on your computer. Not every provider will have a local access number.

To avoid long distance charges this is something that should be asked up front.

Digital Subscriber Line

Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) uses your standard copper pair wiring that exists in almost every home and office. It operates over normal telephone lines and can be used at the same time with the telephone so only one phone line is needed and there's no boundary on how long you're connected. DSL also has the convenience of an always-on connection

making disconnects and dial-in busy signals a thing of the past.

DSL can increase your access speed by as much as ten times as compared to a standard dial-up modem. Average speeds range from 200 kbps to 1,000 kbps, depending on the type of DSL you choose. It gives you full advantage of graphics and enhanced streaming audio, video, gaming, and multimedia.

Some DSL providers offer the convenience of selfinstallation for quicker activation times making a technician visit unnecessary.

Broadband Cable

Cable modems link you to the Internet through your cable TV line. Many cable companies now offer Internet as well as TV service. This gives you faster Internet than dial-up and better streaming audio, video, and multimedia.

Like DSL, you're connected all the time making it unnecessary to dial in and it doesn't affect your phone line. Average speeds range from 600 kbps to 1,000 kbps download. This is much faster than dial-up and good for multifaceted Web sites.

Satellite Broadband

Two-way satellite broadband connection transmits high-speed information via satellite to a dish receiver at your home. With one-way satellite, you needed a conventional modem and telephone link to an ISP for uploads, but the newer twoway satellite systems allow you to download and upload through your satellite dish.

It's usually higher-priced than other Internet connections but may be the only fast option for people who are beyond the service area of DSL or cable providers. A clear line of sight to the south is necessary to aim the satellite dish. Speeds average about 400 kbps download.

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS

The number one thing you'll need in an ISP (Internet Service Provider), especially if you're just beginning on the Web, is high quality service and support. This means both a dependable company that uses the newest technology and, just as importantly, patient and knowledgeable technical support that will answer your questions or walk you through any problems that may come up when you and your family are online.

TOP 10 QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK:

1. Which speed is right for you?
2. What is the final cost per month?
3. Is there extra equipment required?
4. Is local access available?
5. Is all software provided?
6. What are the activation costs?
7. How many e-mails are included?
8. Is technical support available?
9. Is a contract necessary?
10. What extra options are available?

HOW TO CHOOSE: A New Car

A car is one of the most important purchases you may make. If you prepare yourself and do your research in advance, you can make the buying process much easier.

One of the first steps to take is to evaluate your finances.

Some people may be able to pay cash for a car; however, most people must finance the purchase. Take a careful look at your budget to determine how much you can afford to spend as a down payment on a car, how much you can spend on monthly payments and insurance.

GENERAL FEATURES AND OPTIONS

After you have determined how much you can spend, evaluate your lifestyle to determine what type of vehicle best suits your needs. Do you frequently have passengers?

Perhaps this may sway you to consider a four door car over a two door car. Does your lifestyle include hauling groceries, golf clubs, or suitcases? Then you need to look into storage to make sure you have enough room.

Make an itemized list of what optional features you would like. If you travel often, you may want to make sure your new car has cruise control. Other features to consider are air conditioning, the many stereo options, power windows, power door locks, sunroof, tilt steering column, etc. After determining what you would like, rate them on importance. On some new cars the options you want are standard features and on other cars they may be features you can purchase. Some cars may offer the feature you wish in a "package" deal with other features.

Carefully consider how important these extra features are before you invest. Decide ahead of time what features you want in a car to avoid being swayed by package deals which may add to the price but not to the car's usefulness.

SAFETY

Consider the safety features offered in a car. In addition driver's side and front passenger's side air bags, other optional safety features to consider include built-in child safety seats and anti-lock brakes. The U.S. Department of Transportation runs a crash test program, comparing how well each vehicle protects the driver and front-seat passenger in a frontal crash at a speed 35 mph. The results of these tests can be used to compare cars within weight classes.

CHOOSING YOUR NEW CAR

Now that you have determined your financial needs and the features your lifestyle requires, you are ready to shop. Do not narrow down your choice to one car - choose three or four that suit your needs and your wallet. One of the biggest mistakes new car shoppers make is being too set on buying a certain type of car.

You can make a much wiser decision about purchasing a car if you do your homework first. Start by asking your friends who have recently bought cars about their experience with local dealerships. Ask them about their impression of the sales people, the service department and the management. Another source to contact is your local Better Business Bureau; ask for a reliability report on the dealership.

TAKE A TEST DRIVE

Take a test drive checklist with you to examine the important characteristics of the car. Items to include on the checklist are:

- Visibility - Can you see the end of the hood and the trunk? Does any part of the car block your vision? Can you easily see all the mirrors?
- Steering Wheel Placement - Are you comfortable behind the wheel? Is it easy to adjust the steering wheel, the seat, and mirrors?
- Entry/Exit - Is it easy to get in and out of the car from each position?
- Seating - Does each passenger have

plenty of head and leg room? Check rear seats and, in all positions, check the fit of each seat belt.

- Instrument and Panel Controls - While driving, can you quickly and easily check the speedometer and gauges? Try the windshield wipers, lights, turn signals and other functions to see how easy they are to operate. Check the climate controls.

- Trunk - Is there enough space in the trunk or cargo area? Is it easy to get to the spare tire?

- Engine - Does it accelerate smoothly? Does it have "passing power"?

- Transmission - For automatic transmissions, does it shift smoothly between speeds? If it is a manual, check the feel of the clutch and the ease of the shifting gears.

- Ride - Is the ride smooth? Does it offer responsive handling that makes you feel comfortable in all road conditions?

- Noise Levels - With windows closed, listen to the noise level. Listen for engine noises when accelerating. At lower speeds, listen for road noises and tire sounds. At highway speeds, listen for wind whistling outside the windows.

- Exterior - Is the car's finish glossy and even? Check for evenly aligned body panels and secure trim.

NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE PRICE

There are different negotiating steps in the showroom: Getting the best price on a particular car; selling or trading in the car you own now; considering warranties and other extras; and arranging financing. When you are in a car dealership, it is important to keep each of these stages separate. Negotiating at each stage should be done separately so you will know exactly how much the car is costing you.

Remember to take your list of comparison prices of different cars so you will know how much negotiating room you will have.



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HOW TO CHOOSE

A Newspaper

Why Newspapers?

Targeting customers in a media-fragmented marketplace is a continual challenge for many advertisers.

The abundance of advertising sources has overwhelmed and divided consumer attention. This means media planners and buyers need the right tools to help them decide on the best allocation of advertising dollars. As advertisers strive for an effective media mix, they should know there is one medium that can deliver strength to advertising and marketing strategies.

The newspaper continues to be a powerful medium for reaching shoppers in the market for a broad range of products and services. It is a portable and convenient source of advertising information — helping consumers decide where to shop and what to buy. The newspaper delivers customers unlike any other medium each and every day, reaching an array of traditional and emerging markets with unsurpassed advertising impact.

Universal coverage, utility and power are the driving forces behind newspapers. And that is why they add value for advertisers!

Newspapers offer advertisers alternatives to reach customers — new and potential — with effective messages for long-term awareness or immediate call-to-action responses. Whether it's a preprint insert or run-of-paper (ROP) advertising adjacent to select editorial content, newspapers deliver the right message to the right people at the right time. If we combine frequency measures for ROP and newspaper preprints, we have 90 percent of adults who use one or the other or in combination — a powerful pairing.

Opportunities in Newspapers

ROP: Run of Press advertising means an ad placed on the pages of a newspaper. This best-known newspaper advertising option offers short deadlines and proximity of editorial that enhances visibility.

Preprints: Preprinted inserts offer advertisers the flexibility and control of creating and printing advertising that the newspaper distributes.

Commercial Printing: Newspapers offer customers who need major printing the opportunity and cost efficiency of using their presses to print catalogs, inserts and other commercial print needs.

Niche products/special sections: Newspapers offer a myriad of opportunities where a special marketplace is created to help in targeting an advertiser's best prospects. These products may be inserted into the newspaper or may be distributed in other ways needed to best attract the niche

audience.

Highlights

The compelling facts below underscore the strength of newspapers:

- The majority of adults ((54 percent) read a newspaper on an average weekday.
- More than six out of 10 adults ((64 percent) read a newspaper on an average Sunday.
- More than seven out of 10 adults ((73 percent) read a daily newspaper in the past five days.
- More than three-quarters of adults (77 percent) read a Sunday newspaper in the past month.
- Newspaper usage is strong among emerging markets — teens and Hispanics..
- Customers for many products and services are also the heaviest newspaper readers.
- The newspaper provides advertisers with unique targeting opportunities.
- The newspaper is the most-used advertising source for various store categories.
- Newspaper Web sites are highly rated for being useful and informative.

SOURCE: National Newspaper Association

*Top 10 Reasons to Advertise in Newspaper

1. Newspapers reach the majority of adults daily and on Sundays.
2. Higher-income-earning adults are more avid newspaper readers.
3. People with higher education are more likely to read, newspapers.
4. People in higher-responsibility professional positions read newspapers more frequently than the average person.
5. Newspaper advertising can be targeted by section — and reader.
6. Newspaper advertising can target specific geographic locations.
7. You can select advertising alternatives from preprint inserts to full-or partial-page ads.
8. With short deadlines, newspaper advertising can be tailored for immediacy.
9. Newspapers are portable and convenient.
10. Newspaper advertising builds business credibility and momentum

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HOW TO CHOOSE

A Bank

Selecting the right bank can be intimidating and confusing. It is important to weigh all the factors carefully just as when making any large purchase.

For example, when you buy a home, you don't simply stop at the first "For Sale" sign you see and purchase that house. Several steps are involved in selecting a home.

Considering your banking needs also involves several steps. Ask yourself these important questions:

1. Do you need personal banking, commercial or both? Are your account needs simple or complex? Specialty accounts offer a variety of services for one fee, while simple accounts offer a minimum of features for a much lower rate. The size of your account can determine what will best suit your needs.

2. Do you plan to apply for a loan in the future? Consider what loan services are available. If you plan to purchase a home or automobile, you will want to find a bank that offers great loans for homes and automobiles. Farmers will be looking for a bank with a strong agricultural loan department while businessmen will be looking for a bank that has a good commercial loan department.

3. Do you plan to save for a big expense or toward your child's future education? Look at the different types of savings plans offered. Many banks are now offering uninsured investments such as mutual funds, as well as traditional insured deposit accounts.

4. Do you require the conveniences of automated teller machines and other types of electronic services, such as banking through your personal computer? If you travel extensively, a bank with an extensive branch network or ATMs and PC banking may be a necessity for you.

MORE CONSIDERATIONS

Once you have established your basic needs and start looking for the bank which meets your needs, you will have new criteria to consider:

Convenience: Are the hours and location convenient for me to conduct my banking business? While hours and location are usually not as critical in small towns as in larger cities, it can still be an important factor.

Bank size: Banks are measured by total assets. Large national banks have total assets in the \$100 billion-plus range. Regional banks generally fall somewhere between \$1 billion and \$25 billion. Small banks for "community banks" are generally in the \$1 billion or less range.

This is relevant for two reasons. First, the smaller the bank, the more local the decision-making process is likely to be. However, that is not always the case. Some of the larger banks have tailored their business to be more compatible with local needs.

Second, size can determine the sophistication of services offered. Larger banks have a competitive advantage and can usually offer a much more comprehensive variety of services. Smaller banks may offer little more than loan and deposit services, but you can be surprised at the services some smaller banks offer.

Financial stability: Before you choose a bank, you will want to consider its financial stability. Find out how long the bank has been in existence, whether or not it is profitable and how strong its capital base is. You can obtain this information for an annual report from the bank.

Talk to your accountant, attorney, business associates, friends and even competitors about the different banks you are considering.

Service: Banking is a service industry. If you don't find good people to deliver those services to you and your business, the relationship can sour quickly.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Here's what you should look for when making your banking decision:

1. **Friendliness** — Are the tellers, customer service representatives and loan officers cordial or unfriendly?
2. **Professionalism** — Do bank employees keep the work environment orderly and demonstrate proper respect?
3. **Knowledge** — Are the customer contact people able to answer your questions? If not, do they know where to get the answer?
4. **Promptness** — Do bank personnel and officers return your calls in a timely manner? Is the response on loan requests reasonable?
5. **Community involvement** — Do you see bank employees involved in community organizations and activities?
6. **Turnover** — Do you see a lot of new faces? Do the employees seem to enjoy their jobs?

PICK BASED ON YOUR NEEDS

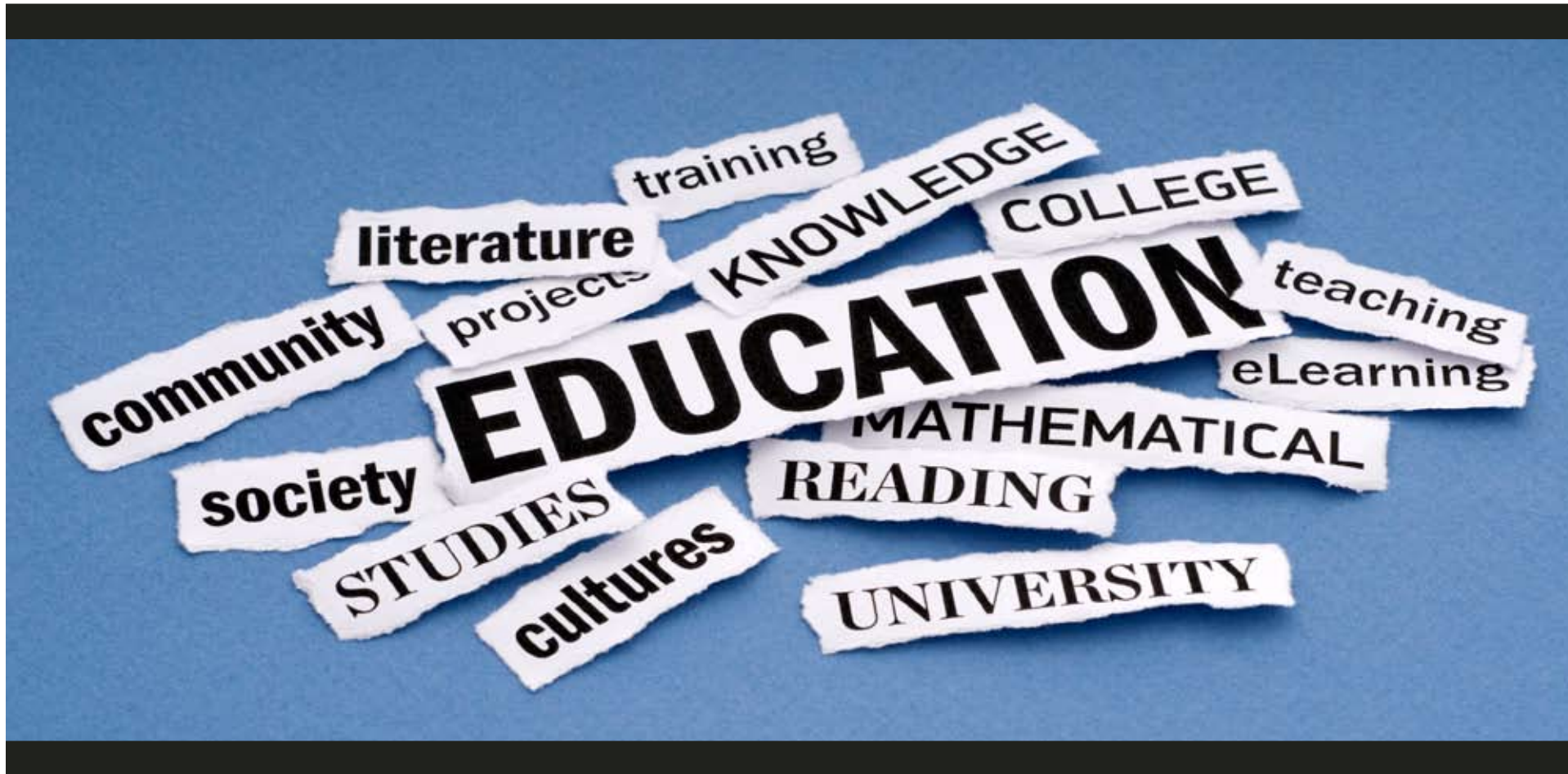
When it comes to choosing a bank, everyone has different needs. Some want more customer service, others prefer wider access to ATMs.

For some people, a nearby bank branch is a must, while others may be more interested in online banking. There are many options and you will find that financial institutions are aggressively competing for your business. Use this to your advantage as you begin your search.

The simple solution may be to choose the bank that keeps things simple and listens.

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HOW TO CHOOSE A Used Car

AN INTRODUCTION TO BUYING A USED CAR

Purchasing a new vehicle is often an exciting experience, especially since buying a car is usually the second largest acquisition one will make in a lifetime, next to buying a house. You can choose exactly what you want, the car is readily available, the warranty is fresh, and obviously the car is new and free of problems. These are all reasonable points, but the option of buying used has many benefits.

Quite obviously, most consumers opt for used cars for financial reasons. Simply put, the price of a used car may be 50 percent less than the latest model even if the used model year is fairly recent.

Depreciation is the factor behind these savings, as the new vehicle drops in value the moment it is driven off the dealer's lot. In fact, during the first year alone a car will depreciate at least 20 percent, and will continue to drop in decreasing increments every year thereafter.

The prospective used car buyer can take advantage of a vehicle that is only a few years old, but is mechanically and physically sound, still looks terrific, and has a great price tag. With the incredible savings, you can get practically the same vehicle as the latest model and save money, or a higher end model that one could normally not afford can be purchased for much less.

The latter scenario can often buy a vehicle with more performance, safety, and luxury features that you might need, but would be out of reach if purchased new.

Buying a used car through a dealer has become less of a challenge, although consumers should still educate themselves and arrive at the dealership armed with information. The used car you have in mind should be researched online for consumer reports, manufacturer recalls and blue book price.

Online services such as kellybluebook.com will provide quick and easy quotes on vehicles so that you do not overpay for a used vehicle. Other Web sites such as "CarFax Lemon Check" will provide

the vehicle history by running the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) through a thorough check.

Using these resources and comparing the information gathered to local dealer web sites and used vehicle publications will give you a solid basis for making a reasonable and educated offer on a used vehicle. These guidelines also apply to private sales, although you should be aware that most of these vehicles are sold "as is" and the sale is final. Again, online research will reveal the vehicle's history.

With the progress being made at the dealership level with used vehicles, buying a "nearly new" car has become a practical option. Combined with the numerous reputable online services providing insider information, much of the uncertainty traditionally associated with used cars has been eliminated. With patience and thorough research, you can avoid paying too much and will leave a dealer or private sale with an excellent vehicle.

Whether you buy a used car from a dealer, a co-worker, or a neighbor, follow these tips to learn as much as you can about the car:

- Examine the car yourself using an inspection list. You can find a checklist in many of the magazine articles, books, and Internet sites that deal with buying a used car.
- Talk to the previous owner if possible, especially if the present owner is unfamiliar with the car's history.

• The Top Five Things You Should Know

1. Stick with a local dealership.
2. Keep in mind the reputation of the dealership for honesty and integrity whenever looking at new or used vehicles.
3. Test drive the car under varied road conditions – on hills, highways, and in stop-and-go traffic.
4. Ask for the car's maintenance record. If it's not available, contact the dealership or repair shop where most of the work was done.
5. Have the car inspected by the mechanic of your choice.

10 TIPS FOR BUYING A USED CAR

1. Check out the car's repair record, maintenance costs, and safety and mileage ratings in consumer magazines or online.

2. Look up the "Kelly Blue Book" value, and be prepared to negotiate the price.

3. Buying from a dealer? Look for the Buyers Guide. It's required by federal regulation called the Used Car Rule.

4. Make sure all oral promises are written into the Buyers Guide.

5. You have the right to see a copy of the dealer's warranty before you buy. Warranties are included in the price of the product; service contracts cost extra and are sold separately.

6. Ask for the car's maintenance record from the owner, dealer, or repair shop.

7. Test drive the car on hills; highways, and in stop-and-go traffic.

8. Have the car inspected by a mechanic you hire.

9. Keep in mind the reputation of the dealership for honesty and integrity whenever looking at new or used vehicles.

10. If you buy a car "as is", you'll have to pay for anything that goes wrong after the sale. The Used Car Rule generally doesn't apply to private sales.

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HOW TO CHOOSE A College

CHOOSING A COLLEGE

Choices, choices, choices! With hundreds of options, this task can seem overwhelming. Just remember that the decision is yours and there is no wrong choice, except the one that is not your own.

DO RESEARCH ON THE WEB

- ACT CollegeNet – College search link
- Campus Tours – virtual tours and more
- The College Board – SAT information and a great college search program
- Local Colleges – in depth information
- Peterson's Collegequest – includes a personal organizer, practice tests and discussion groups
- Princeton Review – the student perspective about schools
- US News – ranks colleges on a range of criteria

ESTABLISHING WHICH SCHOOLS ARE RIGHT FOR YOU: SCHOLASTIC LEVEL

- * How do you fit in academically?
- * Will you be challenged, bored, or overwhelmed?

TYPE OF EDUCATION

- * Are you looking for a pre-professional or liberal arts education?
- * Would you prefer to have required courses, or choose your own path?
- * Do you know what you want to do when you graduate or will you choose a major later?

LIFESTYLE

- * Attend several classes and spend time on campus.
- * Walk around.
- * Check out any campus events of functions.
- * Are the students and staff friendly?

SETTING

- * Do you dream of ivy-covred, Gothic

buildings?

- * ...long, winding paths in a secluded, rural campus?
- * ...or would you rather be in the heart of a big city, with its culture, activities, and noise?
- * What kind of weather do you prefer?
- * Are you an avid skier? A dedicated surfer?
- * Where do you feel safe and secure?

COST

- * Can you afford it?
- * Should you apply for financial aid?
- * Have you an your parents worked out a plan to manage payment?
- * What scholarship programs does each school offer?
- * Categorize Your Picks

Now, make a list of target schools. Some of these schools should be "reaches" - the more prestigious institutions that may pose more of an admissions challenge. Along with your top choices, you should include schools which you feel you have a good chance of getting into. And finally, include at least one "safety" - a school you and your guidance counselor feel is a safe bet. All of them should be a relatively good match for you.

THE BOTTOM LINE

All of this is important because the school you attend affects the rest of your life. Yes I know, it's cliché; but it's true. Your choice will influence your ability to develop academic and social skills, your circle of friendships and acquaintances, and your chances of getting into a competitive grad school or landing an attractive job.

Steps To Choosing The Right College...

- Know who and what to study during the college experience.
- Take a "Values Assessment"
- Do a "Self-Assessment" survey
- Pick a major or academic focus, then visit the learning center of enrollment office for more information.
- Research schools that offer that major or program.
- Look at different reports and recommendations for students and teachers perspectives about the "best" education for each major.
- Find schools that fit necessary criteria. It may be necessary to make choices among conflicting criteria.

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HOW TO CHOOSE!! A Funeral Home

HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK WHEN SELECTING A FUNERAL HOME

- Are you a locally owned funeral home?
- Life insurance and pre-paid services cover the cost of many funeral services. What types of services could I receive here if I have these options (Note: Ask only if a loved one made such previous arrangements)?
- What are the necessary steps, materials and/or government regulations to consider when pre-arranging a funeral (Note: Ask only if pre-arranging a funeral)?
- Am I able to customize the funeral service I want for the deceased?
- What kinds of funeral packages (if any) do you offer?

MATERIALS TO PICK UP WHILE AT THE FUNERAL HOME

- A general price list and list of services
- A copy of specific prices if the general list does not include prices for such things as caskets, urns, etc.
- A written memorandum of charges (if funeral goods and services are agreed upon/purchased)

WHAT IS A FUNERAL AND WHY HAVE ONE?

A memorial service or funeral is a gathering of family and friends who come together to honor the memory of someone who has died.

It is important to most of us to commemorate the significant events that happen throughout our lives. Baptisms, graduations, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, and memorial services or funerals are all examples of important life events that we recognize through some form of ritual or ceremony.

Memorial services and funerals provide an important rite of passage. Similar to rituals which mark other transitions in life, memorial services and funerals provide a time for family and friends to acknowledge

the life of the loved one, and share their feelings concerning the loss of this person in their lives. Coming together like this helps people accept the death, which is a critical part of adjusting to the loss and like other life events, they allow us to come together and help each other.

Memorial services and funerals can be as unique as the people planning them. While they are often held at churches, synagogues, or funeral homes, they may be held in any location requested by the family. Memorial services and funerals that remember the individual in personal ways can be very healing. We all carry memories, and it is helpful to share these memories through readings or music, or other kinds of participation.

Memorial services and funerals are an important ritual in our lives. They affirm our basic beliefs about life and death, and help us through our loss.

WHAT DO FUNERAL DIRECTORS DO?

The primary role of a funeral director is to help, and to serve people after they have experienced a death.

Funeral directors help the family plan the memorial service or funeral, and then take responsibility for coordinating those decisions. This includes matters such as: securing the location for the service; arranging for someone to officiate; ordering the flowers and memorial folders; providing the obituary and other information to newspapers; filing legal documents with governmental agencies; and, directing various aspects of the service itself. The funeral director is also responsible for preparing the deceased for the services and making sure the presentation fulfills the wishes of the family.

In all these activities, it is the concerned, caring service to families that is the hallmark of the funeral director. Advisor, counselor, organizer, and caregiver are just some of the roles which funeral directors play in helping you through your loss.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Visit several funeral homes before deciding on one.
- Check the funeral home's reputation by talking with friends or clergy first.
- Make sure the person handling your funeral arrangements is licensed.
- Plan ahead if possible, but that doesn't necessarily mean pay ahead.

CHOOSING A CEMETERY

- Make sure the cemetery is licensed.
- Check the cemetery's reputation by talking to friends, local clergy and the Better Business Bureau.
- Inspect the cemetery yourself.
- Ask questions. How do they handle complaints?
- If buying a plot in advance, make sure the cemetery has a certificate of authority to sell pre-need.

5 REASONS TO CHOOSE

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1 Receptions

More and more families want to have a time of food and fellowship with their friends at a funeral. Nalley-Pickle has a complete reception center with catering services available even a private home that can be utilized for the family to receive friends located at their Big Spring location.

2 Cremation with Confidence™

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3 Family Owned

Family-owned funeral homes have only one priority, to serve every family with professionalism and trust. Nalley-Pickle has been family owned and operated for over 80 years and the Welch family has been serving West Texas families for three generations.

4 Pre-Planning

Funeral pre-planning is a wise practice that's becoming increasingly accepted and appreciated. The most important benefit from pre-planning is the peace of mind enjoyed by your entire family from knowing the important decisions have already been made and that money is set aside to pay for future funerals.

5 Affordability & Value

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HOW TO CHOOSE A Mattress

A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP IS A NECESSITY

Good health and sleep are closely linked. Sleep debt is a costly problem in our society, both fiscally and physically.

Four out of every five people suffer from back pain and studies show we are not as productive or safe when we do not get enough rest. Back pain comes in a close second to the common cold as the most frequent cause of lost work time.

Poor sleep and back problems are like the chicken and the egg theory. Which came first? Are backaches the cause of lack of sleep or does lack of sleep cause back problems? Both may be helped with the right mattress.

The lower back or lumbar region is the most common area for back pain because it bears the wear and tear of bending, stooping, sitting, and lifting. A good mattress supports the back and allows the muscles to rest and rejuvenate during sleep.

THE BIGGEST MATTRESS MYTH

The old adage "hard is better" is truly a myth. No single sleep surface is right for everyone. Therefore a store that carries a varied selection of comfort levels is the place to start.

Such variables as body temperature, sleep position, and lighting should be taken into account. Mattresses come in plush, pillow-top, ultra plush, ultra plus pillow-top, firm and cushion firm.

It is different from support level. Support level has to do with the coil count and coil construction. The proper support may be achieved in all of the different comfort levels.

Although there are some exceptions to the rule, a good coil count number to keep in mind for proper support is as follows: Twin 420 or higher, full, 600 or higher; queen, 736 or higher; king, 930 or higher. The quality of fabric and different foams used should also be taken into consideration.

It is important to find a mattress with edge guard because it gives you more mattress surface to actually sleep on. You

might as well use all of it since you are paying for all of it!

Everyone has natural curves in their back. Usually the harder the surface the more the back has to drop out of alignment to meet the mattress.

The optimal mattress has enough padding to support your back without allowing it to drop out of its natural alignment. A plush mattress with good support will do just that.

VALUE

Most people sleep about one-third of the life. What else do you do for that amount of time that affects the other two thirds of your life?

We think nothing of spending \$300 to \$400 on a TV that comes with a one-year warranty and that, if you are lucky, will last five years.

But many people think it's appalling to spend \$700 to \$800 on a new queen mattress that comes with a 10- year non prorated warranty and will easily last 10 years.

This same mattress, if picked properly, will give you many nights of great sleep and ultimately better productive days, too.

Value is relative, but when you think of using an item everyday, 365 days a year for 10 years, a good quality mattress for \$800 is costing you a little less than 26 cents per day.

Are you the type of person who will spend \$150 on running shoes that you wear three or four times a week but is only willing to spend \$330 on a mattress that you sleep on eight hours a night for 10 years?

There have been many advancements in mattress manufacturing. Many are designed by orthopedic doctors with proper support and great comfort levels to keep you properly aligned all night. Mattresses have many price points to meet everyone's pocket book.

Bottom line: If you aren't satisfied with your current bedding and sleep comfort, there is a proper support mattress out there for you in your price range. And remember, how you sleep at night generally determines how you will feel for the rest of the day.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Mattresses come in plush, pillow-top, ultra plush, ultra plush pillow-top, firm and cushion firm and all can have the same proper support.

- Find a mattress with edge guard because it gives you more mattress surface to sleep on.

- The best foundation is a box spring with a steel center beam and cross rails of steel and wood.

- Once you choose a comfort level, you'll want to choose the best mattress in that level that you can afford.

TIPS FOR SHOPPING

- Find the support and comfort level that best suits your sleeping habits.

- Let your body make the final decision. Don't buy a mattress solely because of the brand name.



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HOW TO CHOOSE Tires

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT TIRE

The tires on your vehicle can affect your safety and your driving enjoyment. Choose tires that match both your vehicle and the way you drive.

HOW MANY TIRES DO I NEED?

All four tires should be identical. If your tires don't match, you could have handling problems. For instance, one end of your vehicle may not respond as quickly or completely as the other end, making the vehicle more difficult to control.

If you just need to replace one tire that has been damaged, replace it with a tire of the same brand type, size and speed rating. A tire that doesn't match the other three tires on your vehicle could affect your driving safety.

If you need to replace two tires and the remaining two have a lot of tread depth left, replace them with tires that match your existing set as closely as possible. Identical new tires are best but others of the same size and type can also provide good results.

SHOULD I BUY A DIFFERENT TYPE OF TIRE?

If you are replacing all four tires, you can explore another category of tires. If you want longer lasting tires, better traction or a smoother ride, there are tires that will help you accomplish this.

WHAT SIZE OF TIRE DO I NEED?

Tires must be able to carry the weight of your vehicle. If a tire is overworked just carrying the load, will have little reserve capacity to help your vehicle respond quickly and safely. Do not buy undersized tires.

Check your owner's manual, vehicle door jam or glovebox, to find the size of tire recommended for your vehicle. The other size consideration is overall tire diameter.

For cars and vans, stay within a +/- 3% diameter change. Pick-ups and sport utility vehicles (SUVs) are usually engineered to handle up to a 15% oversize tire.

WHAT WEATHER AND DRIVING CONDITIONS WILL THE TIRES

FACE?

Select a tire that suits the driving conditions you face most often:

- Snow or ice::snow tires
 - Heavy traffic::more responsive tires
 - Winding roads or in the mountains::a tire that handles well
 - Extensive highway driving::tires with a smooth, quiet ride
- If you face very different driving conditions (heavy snow in the winter and lots of highway driving in the summer), consider selecting two sets of tires. You'll get better driving performance and longer total wear from your tires.

WHAT KIND OF "LOOK" DO I WANT??

Think about whether you're happy with standard tires or you want the added flair of custom wheels or plus sizing.

HOW CAN I FIND THE BEST VALUE?

Simple fact: In the long run, cheap tires won't save you money. They don't last as long as higher quality tires and may result in a rougher ride and inferior handling.

Your goal in tire shopping should be to find the highest quality tire that meets your specific needs and your budget.

A tire has several important functions:

STEERS THE VEHICLE

A tire's ability to maintain its course affects the vehicle's ability to drive in a straight path. The tire has to help the vehicle steer regardless of road and weather conditions.

SUPPORT THE VEHICLE

A car tire has to carry more than 50 times its own weight.

ABSORBS BUMPS

The flexibility of a tire helps it absorb obstacles on uneven road surfaces and provides a stable ride for the driver and passengers while protecting the vehicle.

TRANSMITS FORCES

Tires transmit the engine's power to accelerate and the braking force to stop. How well the tire performs these functions depends in part on how well the tire is maintained.

Important Points...

- PP 195/75R14 92H - The "P" stands for "passenger" tire. Tires for light trucks may be marked with "LT."

- P195 195/75R14 92H - This is the width of an inflated tire (mm) at its widest point.

- P195/75 75R14 92H - The aspect ratio is the relationship of the height to the width.

- P195/75R R14 92H - "R" stands for "radial," indicating the tire has radial construction.

- P195/75R14 14 92H - The diameter of the wheel in inches.

- P195/75R14 92 92H - The load index corresponds with the load-carrying capacity of the tire. Most passenger car tires range from 75-105.

- P195/75R14 92H H - "H" is the performance rating. A is the lowest and Z the highest.



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HOW TO CHOOSE

Insurance

Insurance agents and brokers can streamline your insurance purchases and become your ally if you run into insurance problems down the road.

The terms “agent” and “broker” are often used interchangeably, but is there a difference? Technically, an agent sells insurance from one insurance company, while brokers represent many carriers. An “independent agent” is unaffiliated with any particular insurer and represents a range of companies.

GETTING STARTED

Do your homework before you set foot inside an insurance agency. First, identify what you want in auto, health, home, life, business and other insurance products. Write it down. This list of features becomes the summary plan that you will give to agents and brokers in exchange for price quotes.

When you are in the shopping-around stage, you can go online to get price quotes and ballpark figures for useful comparative rates. It helps to know what costs you are facing.

THE RIGHT AGENCY

Look for strong service reputations and seek out testimonials from other satisfied customers. Use any contact you have in the insurance business to find out what agents are considered the most helpful.

Ask how long the agency has been in business and what insurers it works with. Longstanding agencies have clout with insurers and they can be your advocate if you face a claims problem. Don't be shy about asking for references — and following up on them.

Work with insurers that are financially stable. Rating services such as Standard & Poors and A.M. Best rank insurance companies based on financial stability and performance, and good brokers will discuss with you the financial status of the insurers they work with.

Often, one agency can handle all of your insurance business. According to the Better

Business Bureau, one way to save money is to insure all your automobiles with the same company or agent and to buy your homeowner's policy or other insurance policies from the same source. Multi-policy discounts are common. Ask about longterm holder discounts. Also, ask what other services the broker offers and at what costs.

Alternately, you can shop around based purely on price comparisons. If you treat insurance just as a commodity, brokers might not appreciate it, but you have the right to shop until you are satisfied. However, watch out for low-ball quotes.

HERE ARE SOME WORDS TO KNOW WHILE SHOPPING FOR INSURANCE:

- **Conditions:** Explanations in the policy of your and your agent's responsibilities. For example, how claims are to be filed and what proofs you must submit with your claim.
- **Coverage:** Description in the policy on specific circumstances in which you can receive benefits.
- **Deductible:** The amount of a loss or claim you must pay before you can collect.
- **Premium:** The cost of the insurance policy.

RATINGS ARE IMPORTANT

It's also important to understand the ratings, especially in car insurance. The rating is the process by which the price of your insurance coverage is determined. States are divided into rating territories. Your insurance agent, in the case of car insurance, bases part of the price of your policy on the claims history of all the drivers it insures in your territory. Often, there are discounts related to age and household or marital status.

GET SMART

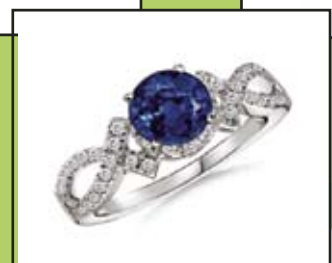
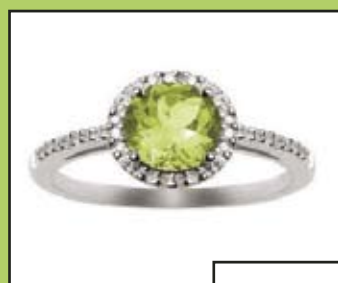
According to a recent survey commissioned by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, 67 percent of Americans feel they have about the right amount of insurance coverage, although only 28 percent say they understand the details of the coverage “very well.”

Your state's department of insurance can provide rate guides for both auto and homeowner's insurance, which can help consumers shop wisely for the insurance they need.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Check the financial ratings of insurers.
- Shop around.
- Low price may or may not be the deciding factor.
- Write down what type of insurance features you want.

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HOW TO CHOOSE A Jeweler

Visiting a jeweler can be an overwhelming experience because most shoppers simply don't know enough about the intricacies of gemstones and precious metals to make their choices easily. That's why finding a reputable and competent jeweler is so important.

Any jeweler should be willing and able to show customers a variety of gemstones and jewelry in different shapes, sizes and qualities and should stock a broad selection of ring styles to enable you to decide which best fits your pocket book.

Your jeweler also should be able to help you learn to see with your own eyes why some diamonds of similar size differ greatly in value, or from a practical perspective — how you might reasonably select from a variety of different sizes, all priced similarly to fit your budget.

All of us like to feel that we receive a good value when we make a major purchase.

Take time to find what you want and where you want to buy it. Diamonds, for instance, can be confusing. Even if two diamonds are the same size, color and clarity, differences in the way they were cut, their finish and fluorescence can cause one to be worth much more than the other.

BUYING GEMSTONES

Gemstones have been sought after and treasured throughout history. They have been found in ruins dating back several thousand years. They are valued as gifts symbolizing love. Generally, the price of any gemstone is determined by size, cut, quality — which includes color, clarity and treatments — and type.

Here are some simple questions to ask about quality:

- Has it been heat treated?
- Is the stone natural or

synthetic?

- Are there any noticeable scratches, chips or inclusions?
- Is the color even throughout the stone?
- How strong is the color? Is it vivid?
- If you are buying the stones for earrings or cufflinks, are the stones well-matched?

ADVICE TO PROTECT JEWELRY

Try to protect any jewelry from scratches, sharp blows, harsh chemicals, extreme temperatures and sunlight.

Here's some advice about how to keep your jewelry in good condition:

- Store jewelry separately so it doesn't scratch other jewelry.
- When doing household tasks such as gardening and cleaning, be certain to remove rings.
- Put your jewelry on after washing or bathing and applying any makeup or hair spray.
- Never wear jewelry while swimming in a swimming pool. The chlorine can cause damage to various gemstones and gold.
- Avoid storing your jewelry next to a heating vent, window sill or on a car's dashboard. Store jewelry away from sunlight (the sun may fade the gemstones).

• Always store bead necklaces (such as lapis, pearls, etc.) flat; silk stretches over time. Do not store pearls in plastic bags.

• Gemstones may become loose in their settings (and possibly fall out). Be certain that stones mounted in rings are not loose and don't rattle. The prongs of a ring can and do wear down. If the prongs wear down too much or break, you can lose the stone. Prongs are easily "retripped" by most jewelers to keep the stone secure.

- Most jewelers will restring

necklaces or reset stones (for a fee).

• Sterling silver will polish up by rubbing or buffing it with a soft cotton cloth.

• Store silver in plastic bags with an interlocking seal to make it less prone to tarnish.

Remember, also, that the hardness of stones plays into how they can be treated.

Hardness is based on a gem-trade standard called the Mohs Scale. The higher the Mohs Scale number, the harder the stone. The highest Mohs Scale rating is 10, for diamonds. Anything rated less than 7 on the scale can be easily scratched — coral, lapis lazuli, opal, pearl, turquoise, for instance. Gold, silver and platinum are at the soft end of the scale.

KEYS TO A FINE JEWELER

When you're searching for a jeweler, remember that you may spend thousands of dollars over time at this business. It's imperative to find someone you feel comfortable with and someone who is willing to work with you when you have questions about jewelry, repairs or perhaps special orders

Find a store where the owner is the jeweler, someone actively involved in the store's operation who knows his clientele and the business.

Your chosen store should be able to design and create fine jewelry. The staff should be happy to spend time with customers to educate them about jewelry and what's currently available on the market. Work should be done on the premises. After all, you've chosen your jeweler because of his or her expertise.

Look for well-known jewelry and watch lines while you're shopping. Your jeweler should offer free gift wrapping, in-town delivery and above all superb customer service combined with an expert staff.