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College to OK budget, set tax rate

Trustees will convene at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Tumbleweed Room.

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees are expected to formally approve the budget and tax rate for the coming fiscal year when they hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the student union building's Tumbleweed Room.



Sparks

College officials have crafted a \$36.6 million budget, which is almost \$1.5 million less than the previous year. That decrease reflects both a loss of state revenue and the completion of bond-related renovation projects during the past few months.

The story is much the same for the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf budget, which will also be approved Monday. SWCID's budget, which is financed almost exclusively from state revenue, will shrink from \$4.3 million to \$3.95 million this coming fiscal year.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the biggest financial blow to the college has come in the area

of state revenue, which has dropped more than 15 percent in the past two years.

"And if you factor in an increase in contact hours the state is not funding, that decrease is more like 37 percent," Sparks noted.

Contact hours — the amount of time students are physically in classes or labs — are the figures state officials use when determining how much revenue to disperse to colleges.

Despite that dramatic dropoff in revenue, college officials were able to come up with a budget that is both balanced and doesn't feature an increase in the tax rate.

Trustees are expected to approve a tax rate of 23.85 cents per \$100 valuation Monday. That rate will raise the same amount of tax revenue as last year's rate of 28.56 cents per \$100 valuation.

Sparks commended the college's staff for their work on the budget.

"We essentially worked on the budget for the past year and a half," she said. "We did not know exactly what the final numbers would be, but we knew to expect less revenue. But, through the efforts of many people ... we've been able to make this budget work."

A public hearing will

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ONE-HANDER



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

The Big Spring Steers went all out in Friday night's scrimmage against a very tough, very fast Lubbock Estacado, pulling out all the stops. The Steers open their regular season Friday night, when they host Fort Stockton.

State park pact on county agenda

Commissioners to meet at 10 a.m.

Monday in the courthouse.

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are expected to sign off on an agreement to help pay maintenance and utility costs at Big Spring State Park

when they meet at 10 a.m. Monday on the third floor of the county courthouse.

The state park was caught in the wave of budget cuts coming out of Austin earlier this year and is in serious need of operating funds, officials said.

In response, county and city officials have crafted an interlocal agreement in which the two entities will

contribute \$10,000 each to help keep the park up and running.

"We actually came up with this agreement about two or three months ago," County Judge Mark Barr said. "This money will help them take care of some of their maintenance and utility bills."

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CofC exec honored for service



Bruce Schooler photo

Terri Johansen, left, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce president, presented Debbye ValVerde, chamber executive director, with flowers at the August chamber board meeting, in honor of her 20 years of service.

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Sometimes mere chance can lead to finding a place to call home.

Debbye ValVerde has been working at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for 20 years and looks forward to even more. After being at the Big Spring Herald for 10 years and having just married her husband, Larry, she decided the housewife role wasn't exactly what she wanted.

"I saw an ad in the newspaper and answered it. At the time I had no idea what a chamber did," ValVerde said. "I came in and I was told I'd

start tomorrow and well, I've been here ever since."

She started her chamber career as a receptionist, made a couple rounds as a bookkeeper and an event coordinator. In 2001, she stepped into her role as executive director and has been pushing forward ever since. She graduated from the Institute of Organization Management in 2006.

"Big Spring is home. I could have moved to Austin or Dallas, but I chose to stay in Big Spring," ValVerde said. "I want to see our town progress and grow."

Being involved in the com-

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Obituaries

Thomas Anthony 'Hamp' Burcham



Thomas Anthony "Hamp" Burcham, 89, of Big Spring, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 22, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Gary Plew and Charlie Ackerson officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

There will be a visitation for family and friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011, at the funeral home.

Hamp was born on Aug. 14, 1922, in Hico to Jesse and Mary Burcham. Their family moved to Big Spring in 1942 and Hamp started working for T&P Railroad as a yardman, a position he held for 19 years. In 1943, while on a visit to his prior hometown of Hico, he stopped by an orchard to gather some pecans and saw a classmate he had gone to school with since grade school. She stole his heart and he married Dollie Orena Green on April 16, 1945, in Stephenville. After the railroad job, he managed a service station for Sinclair Oil and later worked for Bollinger Grocery. He loved working on lawnmowers and other small engines.

Survivors include his wife, Dollie; son, Raymond Burcham and wife Kathy of San Angelo; daughter, Kay Rawls and husband Dean of Big Spring; son Butch Burcham and wife Corky of Big Spring; brother Louis Burcham and Betty of Brownwood; sister, Loyce Jones of Big Spring; sister-in-law, Jewel Burcham of Big Spring; his grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and many dear friends who are considered family, including Gina Shelby, who spent many hours daily for several years taking care of Hamp.

Hamp was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, J. L. Burcham, Alfred Burcham and Phillip Burcham and one granddaughter, Dena Hawkins.

Pallbearers will be Chad Averette, Mike Averette, Randall Burcham, Steven Clayton, Colton Hawkins, Curtis Hawkins, Ransom Rawls, Tommy Rawls and Gene Wooldridge.

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

Paid Obituary

Gary Wollenzien

Gary Wollenzien, 61, of Fort Worth died Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011, in a Fort Worth hospice. A memorial service was held Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Haslet.

Gary was born Feb. 17, 1950, in Laramie, Wyo., to Bob and Geraldine Wollenzien. He married Bonnie Kay Fritzler on Sept. 2, 1972. He was retired following a 30-year career with the YMCA. He was employed by the Big Spring YMCA as an executive director from 1988 to 1998. While in Big Spring, he was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie of Fort Worth; his two sons, Chris and wife Michelle of Fort Worth and Greg of Big Bend; two granddaughters; and one brother, Bob, of California. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials can be made to Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1500 FM 156 South, Haslet, TX 76052.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

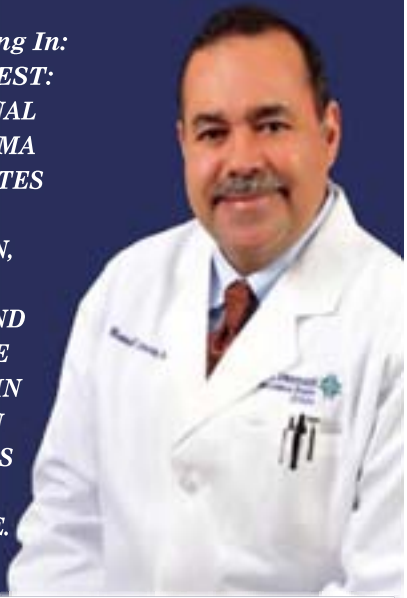
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

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William Henry Cox



William Henry Cox, MD, 79, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, at his residence. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Aug. 22, 2011, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Monsignor Bernard Gully officiating. Interment will follow at

Lamesa Memorial Park, Lamesa, Texas.

He was born Jan. 31, 1932, in Lubbock, Texas.

Dr. Cox was a former physician at the VA Medical Center. He was an ambassador for the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce for several years; a volunteer at the Big Spring Comanche Warrior Tribe Triathlon; a volunteer with the Howard County Library Adult Tutoring Program and manned the gift shop and greeted people at Hangar 25 on the weekends. He was a former member of the Howard County Historical Commission.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include four sons, W. Jeffrey Cox and wife Shirley of Massachusetts, Steven Cox and wife Julie of Virginia, David Cox of New Jersey and Thomas Cox of Texas; two daughters, Kathleen Chang and husband, Kevin of Washington and Linda MacDonald and husband, Robert of Washington; a brother, Robert Cox and wife Nancy of Austin; and seven grandchildren.

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

Police blotter

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

• LIONSO LEE JIMENEZ III, 32, of 1508 Sycamore, was arrested Friday on charges of failure to identify giving false/fictitious information and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ANGIE FAY BROOKS, 43, of 1712 E. 15th St., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• EDUARDO RAMIREZ GALLARDO, 51, of 806 Ohio St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open container (third offense).

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

• THEFT was reported:

In the 1500 block of E. 17th Street.

In the 1100 block of E. 13th Street.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 300 block of NW 11th Street.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

Lottery

Lotto results are for drawings held Aug. 19, 2011:

Mega Millions:

5-15-53-54-56 MB:22

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Cash Five: 4-11-13-34-37

Pick 3:

Day: 7-9-2

Sum it up: 18

Night: 9-4-8

Sum it up: 21

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• Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.

• A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in dire need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

• A benefit fund for Chris Johnson (account 5945033396) has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray expenses from a house fire. All donations are appreciated.

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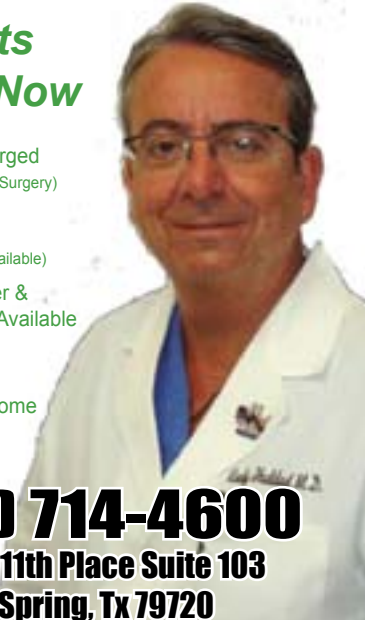
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El Paso	97	76	t-storm
Dallas	105	82	pt sunny
Austin	101	75	pt sunny
Houston	100	76	pt sunny
San Antonio	103	78	sunny
Brownsville	96	77	sunny

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	102	77	sunny	Kingsville	99	76	sunny
Amarillo	94	70	t-storm	Livingston	103	74	pt sunny
Austin	101	75	pt sunny	Longview	104	79	pt sunny
Beaumont	98	75	mst sunny	Lubbock	98	72	sunny
Brownsville	96	77	sunny	Lufkin	105	74	mst sunny
Brownwood	105	77	pt sunny	Midland	101	77	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	97	78	sunny	Raymondville	99	76	sunny
Corsicana	104	79	pt sunny	Rosenberg	100	75	sunny
Dallas	105	82	pt sunny	San Antonio	103	78	sunny
Del Rio	101	80	sunny	San Marcos	102	75	pt sunny
El Paso	97	76	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	104	81	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	99	73	sunny	Sweetwater	102	75	sunny
Gainesville	103	79	pt sunny	Tyler	104	78	pt sunny
Greenville	104	79	mst sunny	Weatherford	104	79	pt sunny
Houston	100	76	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	105	79	sunny

VALVERDE

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munity is what the chamber is all about and the life ValVerde lives reflects that. She takes part in the numerous activities supported by the chamber and Convention and Visitors Bureau, including Ag Appreciation, Health Fair and Pops in the Park, just to name a few.

"I'm not only representing me when I take part in these events, but I am representing each of the chamber members," ValVerde said.

She is involved in Relay For Life and has been named Hero of Hope for 2012, as well as a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. She is on the board of the Texas Plains Trail. As for her moments of free time, she and Larry enjoy escaping on one of their two Harley Davidsons, watching the New York Jets and listening to music.

"I am a diehard Beatles fan. I absolutely love their music. Most importantly though is spending time with my husband and my family," ValVerde said.

It is through the support of her husband,

family, friends and newly acquired friends at the chamber that she has been able to reach the point where she is now.

"I have made some really good friends at the chamber and they have all been very supportive," ValVerde said. "I owe a big thank you for what the chamber has done for me. They were there for me and my family when I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer and they have seen me through my treatments."

ValVerde said she has seen community events grow in the past 20 years, but there is still more growth to take place.

"Progress does cost money. Anything you are going to do to make change is going to cost something," ValVerde said. "I want people to start thinking about taking pride in our communities and see what we have to offer right here in our own backyard."

According to ValVerde, she has heard from numerous outside sources how much potential Big Spring has. She wants to encourage people to "step outside of the box" and see what Big Spring has to offer and the potential it

Burger King retires mascot 'The King'

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The King is dead, but the burger lives on.

Burger King Corp. on Friday said it is retiring "The King" mascot, a man with an oversized plastic head and creepy smile who in recent years has been shown in ads peeping into people's windows and popping up next to them in bed.

The move is an effort by the struggling fast food chain to boost slumping sales by focusing its marketing on the freshness of its food rather than the funny-factor of its ads. It's rolling out a new campaign on Saturday sans The King to tout its fresh ingredients and new products like its California Whopper, which has guacamole.

"We won't be seeing The King for a while," Burger King spokesman BJ Monzon said Friday.

The new focus is a departure

for Burger King, which long has targeted its ads to male teens who like to chomp its chargrilled burgers and gulp its milkshakes. The economic downturn has battered its core customer — young males have been particularly hard hit by unemployment — and Burger King is looking to boost declining sales by appealing to the mothers, families and others that rivals like McDonald's Corp. have successfully courted.

"I think it's great they are doing something as opposed to just withering away," said Joel Cohen a restaurant marketing consultant.

"They are taking an approach that is like not that much different from what McDonald's is doing and growing up."

The new focus comes as Burger King attempts to regain its edge. While competitors have grown by updating their offerings, Burger

King largely stuck to its menu of burgers and fries.

McDonald's, for instance, has worked to portray itself as a healthier, hip place to eat, offering wireless access in restaurants, updating decor and introducing smoothies, oatmeal and yogurt parfaits.

And Subway has grown quickly by emphasizing fresh, quick and affordable food. Burger King also has faced competition from other burger chains, like Sonic, Carl's Jr. and Five Guys Burgers and Fries.

As a result, Burger King, which was once in a neck-and-neck competition with McDonald's, has been eaten up by rivals. In 2010, the top three U.S. restaurant chains — McDonald's, Subway and Starbucks — all reported strong revenue gains, while fourth-seat Burger King's revenue fell 2.5 percent.

COLLEGE

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precede the trustees' vote on the new budget and tax rate.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- Reports on accountability and pass-fail rates.
- Summer enrollment figures.
- Future projects, including a new sign at the coliseum and electrical repairs.
- Investment policy changes and review.

Catalog and handbook changes.

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COUNTY

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Salaries for state park personnel will still be paid by the state, Barr added.

The state park, which has been a local fixture for decades, is a popu-

lar recreational stop for many local residents — including the county judge, himself.

"It's mostly used by local folks, like myself," Barr said. "I walk up there four or five times a week. It's used for recreation or exercise by a lot of people."

In other business Mon-

day, commissioners will consider:

- A request to place signage on county airport property.
- Pipeline crossings and road maintenance issues.
- Personnel matters.
- Invoices and purchase requests.
- Budget workshop for 2011-2012 fiscal year.

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YOUR VIEWS

Water wise ideas

TO THE EDITOR:

Water — the subject on everyone's mind during this drought. We all have to change the ways we use water throughout the house, but especially in the landscape and garden. We have to make sure every drop counts. It takes some work and dedication to being water conservative and we have to be smart and use common sense to make the best use of this precious resource.

There are several things we can do in and out of the house to conserve water. Reusing water is one way to stretch out water usage. Try some of these tips: Place a pitcher or water jug next to your sink and catch the water as you are waiting for it to warm up for use. You can water your plants with that water or even cook with it when caught in a clean container. Bail out your bathtub and washing machine and use that water to water plants or grass. Put a bucket outside the kitchen door and pour left over tea, coffee sodas, juice and water in the bucket. This water is fine to water your plants with. Another great way to save water is to wash and rinse your dishes in dish pans. Your plants will appreciate the dish water. Aquarium water that is cycled out and replaced with fresh water can be used to water plants. Place a five gallon bucket under the condensation drain pipe for your air conditioner. This is an easy way to collect about five gallons of good water for use in the landscape or on your house plants.

Some other tips for making every drop count is to give your plants a good deep watering every time you water. Be sure to use mulch on top of the soil around all of your plants, including those in the pots. Mulch will hold the moisture down and keep the ground cooler around your plants. Keep your trees, shrubs and grass fertilized and healthy. They will use water more efficiently if they are not malnourished. Keep an eye out for insects and diseases that will stress your plants even more than the drought already has.

We can have our plants and water too if we will just think and watch what we are doing.

TERRI JOHANSEN
BIG SPRING

Exceptional people

TO THE EDITOR:

A pioneer aunt used to remind me Big Spring continually produced a number of exceptionally generous people who cared deeply for the folks and neighbors of this "West Texas outpost on the Plains." Her generation included Doctors Hall, Bennett, Malone, Hogan — Editor Joe Pickle, Mayor Dabney, Dora Roberts, the Horace Garretts and a host of many others. That reminder has stuck all these decades and occasionally returns like a memento recalling that Big Spring still does produce civic champions who create fundamental betterment for this community.

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HOW TO CONTACT US

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- By telephone at 263-7331
- By fax at 264-7205
- By e-mail Managing Editor Bill McClellan at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com.
- By mail at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

In these hard times, Lord, may we want what we already have, Your love.

Amen

Whadda ya really, truly want

Expect cures for the common cold, erasure of national debt, and world peace before recipients of written invitations REALLY KNOW senders' actual intent.

In some cases "deep-down druthers" are really pretty shallow. Take graduation invitations, for example.

"Inviters" in four-cornered caps graduating from "this to that" typically are more interested in invitees' gifts than their attendance.

Preferably cash.

Some invitations invite "what shall we do?" head-scratching. Birthday parties are on the list.

When the honoree's age is truly high — I mean if the fire marshal insists that cake candles be ignited one row at a time — invitations may convey clear intent.

You know, when requests are for "your presence, not your presents."

Invites to "off-the-wall" occasions sometimes require the cooperation of an accomplice.

One I saw recently warrants "classic" designation.

Since Jack Raskopf, a retired member of the TCU School of Journalism, was the honoree, maybe it's best to simply quote it....

Here goes: "So look...you got nothin' better to do? Come to Jack's 85th surprise birthday party! Well, it is a surprise, sort of. I've already told him about it ... actually three times! Each time it is a surprise to him. But definitely, no gifts. He would just forget you gave them anyway.

When you come, be sure to introduce yourself...at least three

times. And say it loud. Actually, shout it or maybe even write it. It won't hurt if each time you remind him why you and that crowd of people are in our house. We look forward to you coming to the surprise birthday party of the year."

At the bottom were the usual details journalists insist on: Date, place, time AND "regrets only to Rocky, 817-921-XXXX."

Perhaps you noticed that the invitation wasn't signed.

If you assume that Rocky, Jack's bride, wrote it, you are wrong! She was, however, an accomplice.

A dead give-away to friends who've never gotten close enough to turnip trucks to fall from them was this: The invitation was carefully addressed, printed in block letters, totally lacking in femininity. Yep, Jack created the invitation to his own party.

Reports suggest that "a good time was had by all."

Jack's friends remember with warmest thoughts the laughter-drenched moments the honoree provided in his first 30-year tour of duty at TCU.

Doug Newsom, a colleague who hired Jack from Rockwell International, asked "Which time?" in response to a query about how long Jack had taught at TCU. Doug explained that Jack was pressed back into service twice soon after his "retirement roast." He served for 18 months as the first director of the school's new learning lab for advertising and public relations students. Then, he was back a third time to sub for a teacher on medical leave. That's when his wife told him not to answer the phone if the department called again.

One of his colleagues, Jerry Grotta, paused when asked to personify the honoree in a paragraph or two, protesting

that "it would be easier to write a book."

Grotta said, "Jack has the most creative mind I've ever encountered, and I don't think he realizes it. He also is one of the funniest of people, and doesn't realize that, either, and that's one reason Jack is so charming."

Jerry "signed on" with TCU largely because of Jack's persuasion for him to leave commercial marketing research in New York City, where his daily regimen often included meals at best restaurants.

On Jerry's first day at TCU, Jack said lunch was on him. "He took a \$5 bill out of his billfold," Jerry recalled, "and asked me to run down to the Jack-in-the-Box for a couple of cheeseburgers."

Party revelers reflected on Jack's thinking "outside the box" long before ad writers capitalized on it. They laughed about the time he wound up on campus with two cars.

At day's end, he alternated driving each of the cars six blocks — re-defining leap-frogging — before finally parking both of them at home, six miles away. Asked why he didn't ask a colleague to help, he replied, "I didn't think of that."

On a serious note, Grotta said, "I would trust Jack with my life."

Party invitees have Jack Raskopf's name in their BFF (best friend forever) files. Such respect is better than tenure.

I want to meet him soon. I'm thinking his barrel has at least a dozen anecdotes for each monkey therein.

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Patching local news together is not going to do the trick

Good news amateur writers with an inflated sense of your own talent, your local news Web site that nobody reads wants your contributions. Never mind that you have no actual talent — two friends and your mom (who doesn't actually read what you write) told you how much they love your work, so that should clearly result in a mass audience.

Often called "crowdsourcing," the idea is that the idea that there are lots of local voices just dying to be heard, that people actually want to hear. This concept of turning over your "pages" to amateurs is part of the latest thoughts as to how the newspaper business will be saved/reinvented.

This bit of wishful thinking makes financial sense because actual reporters and professional opinion writers (present company excluded) actually cost money. So, if we can get the public to report and opine for free, then we won't need actual journalists.

Logically, this could work just fine except it's extremely rare to find any actual writing talent willing to participate in this particular scam. Yes, Huffington Post pulls this off, but somehow that site managed to trick celebrities and actual writers to give their work away for free.

When you try this model in hundreds of town across the country, you end up with Web

sites populated by amateurs who can't write or tell an interesting story. Basically, this would be like running an upscale restaurant and realizing that the chefs really drive costs up, so you get rid of them and hand customers a pile of ingredients and a stove.

This has not stopped AOL, owners of Huffington Post, from pushing this model on its local Patch sites. In general, these local news sites have one editor who writes, assigns stories to paid freelancers and handles everything else. Some Patch sites have good journalists doing good work, but most feature either overworked, burned out pros or inexperienced kids.

Now, of course, sourcing material from the community has its place. It's not impossible to find or train local talent, but aside from the occasional lucky discovery, doing this requires resources and training. The local news prototype I run has a 16-year-old intern this summer who ranks just a slight tick below my professional staff in quality and vastly exceeds them in output.

To get that intern, however, we made a significant investment in a school program where we teach teenagers how to shoot and edit video. We didn't just hand her a camera and say go report the news, we taught her the skills and then were delighted to find someone with talent who has become a significant contributor.

Simply going on the notion that because a lot of people blog on a local level that there is a

log of great, or even marginally acceptable, content which news Web sites can have for free is silly. The "crowd" can enhance your reporting and it can most certainly direct you as to what to cover. But, the idea that the news bus won't be driven by paid professionals will likely end with hundreds of dead local web sites — killed because they thought that just because people are saying something that others would want to read it.

The new newspaper world will feature less walls and more contributions from the audience. Story selection and placement will largely be audience driven and the public will have unprecedented access and control of the what news gets reported. The days of crusty old editors making decisions like J. Jonah Jameson from Spiderman are over, but the day of the professional reporter has just begun.

You can't crowdsource reporting and storytelling anymore than you can crowdsource brain surgery or root canals. Sure, there might be some genius who read a book who can handle either of those, but if I need a brain surgeon or dentist — much like if I need a reporter — I'll stick with the pros.

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NIGHT SKY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

4 Sun. evening: The Moon is at 1st quarter.

12 Mon.: The full Moon is called the Harvest Moon, Fruit Moon, and Corn Moon.

16 Fri. morning: Bright Jupiter is to the left of the much brighter waning gibbous Moon in the west southwest, and the next morning is below the Moon.

20 Tue. morning: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.

23 Fri. morning: Mars is to the upper left of the crescent Moon low in the east.

23 Fri.: Autumn equinox – the beginning of fall in the Northern Hemisphere when night and day are of approximately equal length.

27 Tue.: The Moon is new.

NAKED-EYE PLANETS

The Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation on its axis.

Evenings: Saturn (early evening, setting in west), Jupiter (late evening, rising in east)

Mornings: Mars, Jupiter (east), Mercury (early in month)

* Mercury is low in the east early in the month.

* Venus is still hidden the glare of the Sun.

* Mars is up in the east well before sunrise.

* Jupiter rises in the late evening and is high in the south by morning.

* Saturn, very low in the west in the early evening at the beginning of the month, is all but lost in the Sun's glare by month's end.

CONSTELLATION OF THE MONTH

Cygnus the Swan, being a rather northerly constellation, is visible in our evening skies over half the year, from June through December. With a little imagination, one can actually visualize a long-necked swan with wings spread wide gracefully flying southward along the Milky Way.

Cygnus has one bright 1st-magnitude star, Deneb, which represents the swan's tail. Its head (actually beak) is a fainter but special star named Albireo. Those two plus three other central stars form an informal pattern (called an asterism) known as the Northern Cross with Deneb at the top and Albireo at the bottom.

Deneb also combines with the

brightest stars of two other constellations, Vega (in Lyra the Lyre) and Altair (in Aquila the Eagle), to form the large Milky Way Triangle (also known as the Summer Triangle), currently seen high overhead.

There are several myths related to Cygnus dating back at least to the Greeks. In the most commonly told story, Zeus (Jupiter), the king of the gods, had the hots for the beautiful but human Leda., wife of a local king. (It made no matter to Zeus that both were married as he had the hots for many women – mortal and immortal – and fathered more children than Genghis Khan.) To seduce Leda, he disguised himself as a handsome swan; among their demigod (half-god, half-human) offspring were Helen of Troy and the Gemini twins, Pollux and Castor.

In my favorite story, a minor Greek god named Cygnus and the mortal Phaeton were close friends who liked to compete with each other as young lads often do. Once they decided to race through the sky to the Sun and back. Unfortunately, they rounded the Sun too closely and their chariots were burned, causing both to fall back to Earth. When Cygnus regained consciousness, he set out to find his bud-

dy. Sadly, he found that the dead body of Phaeton was entangled in roots

at the bottom of the River Eridanus. When he tried to retrieve his friend's body for burial, he was unable to dive deep enough, and while grieving on the river's bank, called out for help from Zeus. The king of the gods offered to turn him into a swan whereby he could dive deeply enough to reach Phaeton's body – but it would come at a price: he would have to give up his immortality and remain a moral swan until he died. Cygnus agreed to the terms, recovered his friend's body, and gave him a proper burial so his spirit could move on to the afterlife. When Cygnus eventually died, Zeus placed him in the night sky to honor him for his unselfish loyalty to his friend.

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PAUL DERRICK

LETTERS

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There are many who should be named – yet space reserves only a couple of very random choices and small snippets from their lives. Neither of them are aware of this letter to the editor.

It was a hat that focuses remembrance. A windy, wet, bone-chilling late December night formed dripping icicles on his hat brim as he nursed a fickle gas generator back to the easy roar that would restore red glowing life back into enormous 40 foot Christmas season symbols. Earlier that same day – he'd assisted City of Big Spring and Festival of Lights committee anchoring these monster sized exhibits

out on the rock escarpments of the Big Spring State Park above FM 700. With rope assistance – he replaced light bulbs that had lost their glitter. A false step would entertain him with a long perilous drop into black night-ness and rocks far below. To access the generator – he'd traversed unworn trails through cactus, sticker bushes, mesquite thorns, possible unfrozen animals and other things of the State Park. Hat icicles glistened in the flash light beam. It framed this retired man who'd witnessed many seasons, graduated Big Spring High, supported himself through A&M for an engineers degree, returned to this community to play a strategic water role then worked and traveled the world. He'd earned a warm home easy chair role – yet here he was out in this freezing, stygian night, with icicles

dripping from his hat brim thrilled that his community would enjoy Christmas time poinsettias from way up on FM700 and State Park bluffs. He knew they would beckon to the over 18,000 vehicles of Interstate 20 traveling past Big Spring that day and night and the red gigantic symbols would cast his community with a role of exceptionalism. A Herald article recently noted Pachal Odom might hang up his Festival of Light spurs and that this season-after an absence of years – the massive poinsettias would once again return to State Park. It was his spirit and volunteerism that had encouraged and confirmed an idea that will again be reborn.

The other community volunteer – City councilman Terry Hanson, a local native born with the talent of leadership. An important thing to re-

member about Terry is his decisions almost always have research and good wisdom written all over them even if he has to travel hundreds of miles to see and study examples. He struggles to accommodate opposing views and is amenable to opinion change if new facts, information and experience support it. He's the kind of person anyone would choose first for their committee or organization. Big Spring is fortunate to have his kind on its council. Compliments to this district for choosing him. Terry serves his community for not a cent, shilling, pence or centavo but just like Paschal – for some internal reason of good character – possibly learned from family or early life – they serve their community and serve it well.

BOBBY McDONALD
BIG SPRING

Notice of Pubic Hearing on GLASSCOCK COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT Budget

The Glasscock County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2012 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 6, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the Glasscock County Appraisal District Office, 124 South Myrl, Garden City, TX.

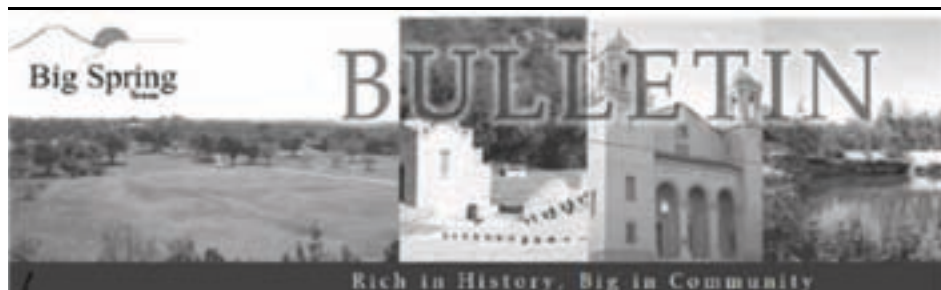
A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget	<u>\$204,900</u>
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	<u>\$35,100</u>
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>1</u> (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>-0-</u> (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office. Glasscock County Appraisal District, 124 South Myrl Street, PO Box 89, Garden City, TX 79739, 432-354-2580



Aquatic Center Opening Days Amended

The City of Big Spring Aquatic Center will be closed weekdays beginning August 22, 2011 due to school starting in all areas. However, the Center will remain open on weekends from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through the remainder of August and all of September 2011.

Save \$\$\$ and electricity!

The Texas heat has reached record temperatures this summer. In hopes of preventing power outages, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) is asking everyone in Texas to do our part to conserve electricity.

Three simple steps:

- Turn thermostats up two or more degrees and close blinds or drapes.
- Before leaving home, set your thermostat to 85 degrees and turn off lights, TVs, computers, fans and other electrical equipment.
- Run dishwashers, washers, dryers and pool pumps during off-peak hours, preferably after 7 p.m.

These steps can save you money on your monthly electric, conserve energy, and help prevent power outages, especially during the peak time between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The next meeting of the Big Spring City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

City Council Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Big Spring City Council Chambers located at 307 East 4th Street. If you need special assistance in order to participate in a City Council meeting, please contact Lesa Gamble, at 432-264-2401, in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.

NEW LAWN WATERING SCHEDULE

Residential customers may water on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Commercial customers may water **ONLY** on Tuesdays from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

** It is strictly prohibited for any customer to allow water to run into the street.

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

- Vehicles can only be washed at commercial (including mobile) car wash establishments.
- No outside watering is allowed except on the days and times designated above, EXCEPT potted plants and flowerbeds which can be watered on any day, between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. using a watering can. (No water hoses)
- Washing of houses, decks, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, etc. is strictly prohibited.

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Try some Swiss style Muesli

American Institute for Cancer Research

Breakfast is important to your overall well being, but in the hotter months you may want something cool yet still nourishing. This week's recipe takes a breakfast favorite – oatmeal – and transforms it into something with all the goodness of oats in a fresh, chilled form.

This muesli recipe is the perfect breakfast solution. Processing foods often removes some nutritional value, and may include the addition of artificial colors and preservatives. That is why reading the label on an oatmeal box is so refreshing. Under ingredients it simply lists one ingredient: rolled oats.

It is important, howev-

er, to use old-fashioned oats, as opposed to instant or quick-cooking oats that are broken into pieces. Those smaller oat pieces can become too mushy in this recipe.

Although oats were the last of the major cereal grains to be domesticated, they have been cultivated for over 3,000 years in Europe. Interesting enough this ancient grass was once thought to be a weed growing within cultivated fields of other crops. Today they are known as a super food with a variety of ways to prepare them.

For this recipe, soaking them overnight softens the oats and eliminates the need to boil them. You can use a plastic or glass con-

tainer as long as the oats are covered with water and the container itself is covered and refrigerated. If you use vanilla yogurt in lieu of plain yogurt, you might want to leave out the honey and brown sugar.

Although traditionally made with diced green apples, the recipe is extremely versatile. You can add almost any type of seasonal fruit, as well as many dried varieties.

So, see oatmeal in a new light – not just as a hot breakfast or an ingredient for great cookies. Try this Swiss favorite and enjoy a clean Alpine taste in a robust breakfast dish.

Swiss Style Muesli

2 cup old-fashioned

rolled oats (not instant)

Approximately 2 cups water (enough to cover the oats)

2 Tbsp. raisins
2 Tbsp. dried cranberries

1/4 cup dried apricots (optional)

1 Granny Smith green apple, diced (or 1 cup seasonal fruit)

2 Tbsp. honey
2 Tbsp. brown sugar (optional)

1 tsp. cinnamon (1 tsp. apple pie or pumpkin pie spice may be substituted)

3 cups plain low fat yogurt

1/2 cup toasted almonds, chopped coarsely

Place oats in bowl with top. Cover oats with water. Cover bowl. Refrigerate overnight.

In morning, drain any excess water.

Combine dried and fresh fruit, honey, sugar, spice and yogurt. Gently stir to mix.

Sprinkle almonds on top. Serve chilled and enjoy.

Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 300 calories, 10 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 42 g carbohydrate,

13 g protein, 5 g dietary fiber, 88 mg sodium.

HEALTH TALK

Q: Is it true that you need to choose red grapes in order to get resveratrol, the compound found in red wine?

A: That is a common misunderstanding. Resveratrol is a phytochemical that in laboratory studies can inhibit cancer development. It is produced by plants to fight off fungal infections and is found in grape skins of all colors.

Grapes ferment with skins on to produce red wine, whereas skins are removed before white wine production. This explains the difference in resveratrol content between red and white wines.

Overall though, the amount of resveratrol in grapes depends much more on growing conditions than on the color or type of grape. Red grapes also contain anthocyanins, the antioxidant phytochemical that gives them their color. These anthocyanins may also provide other cancer-protective effects in cells.

In looking at total antioxidant activity of grapes, studies of green grapes and red grapes show significant levels in each, with red grapes somewhat higher.

We need more human studies to understand the potential cancer-protective effects of resveratrol, anthocyanins and other compounds in red and white grapes. Both are excellent choices. Antioxidant effects are just one benefit of the phytochemicals in vegetables and fruits; they also affect cancer development through several separate mechanisms that are not measured by a simple antioxidant score or dependent on content of any one compound.

Q: I keep hearing that the Mediterranean diet is so healthy, but isn't it fattening?

A: The version of Mediterranean-style eating you see in the United States certainly can be fattening. Often we create an Americanized version of Mediterranean dishes, picking the highest calorie options, like dishes made with large amounts of olive oil or baked in rich crusts, adding extra cheese, and serving buttery, honey-soaked pastries for dessert.

We ignore the proportions of the traditional Mediterranean diet, which includes plenty of vegetables and beans, little meat, and most frequently fruit for dessert. Also, traditional Mediterranean dishes were designed for people living a very physically active farming life, so we need to adjust the amount of olive oil to meet our more sedentary lives.

Several studies link a more Mediterranean diet approach to eating with less yearly weight gain, and the heart of that is filling up on non-starchy vegetables rather than meat, sweets and other "junk food."

Don't be afraid of the olive oil and nuts characteristic of the Mediterranean diet, but use them in modest portions to enhance the basic healthy foods on your plate. In a recent analysis of 16 short-term controlled trials of Mediterranean-type diets, getting a few more calories from fat was not a problem for weight loss as long as total calories were controlled — meaning those foods were substituted for others, not just added in.

The analysis also shows that including regular physical activity and really sticking with the eating pattern (rather than using it as a quick-fix "diet") also make weight loss with this style of eating more likely.

Q: Is it true that ketchup supplies lycopene, just like plain tomatoes?

A: Ketchup does supply lycopene in a highly available form, but usually our portions are not large enough to be able to count on it to provide the amount that we would get from tomato sauce on pasta, a bowl of tomato soup or a glass of tomato juice. Lycopene is an antioxidant and may help lower risk of cancer along with other phytochemicals from vegetables, fruits and whole grains.

According to the American Institute for Cancer Research, research shows that foods containing lycopene probably lower risk for prostate cancer. One tablespoon of ketchup provides 2.5 milligrams (mg) of lycopene. That's helpful, but 1/2 cup of tomato sauce provides about 17 mg, and one cup of tomato juice provides about 22 mg, for example.



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Deal frees 3 men convicted in Cub Scout slayings

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — Sentenced to die for the terrifying slayings of three Cub Scouts, Damien Echols once came within three weeks of being executed.

Released Friday under an unusual plea deal after more than two decades on death row, Echols has co-defendant Jason Baldwin to thank for his freedom — and his life.

Echols, Baldwin and Jesse Misskelley were permitted to plead guilty to murder in exchange for time served, ending a long-running legal battle that had raised questions about DNA and key witnesses — and attracted support from celebrities such as Ed-

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Although the deal also allowed Baldwin to go free, he was reluctant to accept it. He said he finally did so to save Echols' life. Echols was the only one of the so-called West Memphis Three on death row, and in 1994 he came within three weeks of being executed.

"That's not justice, no matter how you look at it," Baldwin said. "They're not out there trying to find who really murdered those boys."

The case was so gruesome it raised suspicions that the three 8-year-old boys had been sacrificed in a Satanic ritual. But doubts about the evidence against Echols, Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley had persisted for years and threatened to force prosecutors to put on a second trial in 2012.

nessee's \$30.8 billion annual budget.

"While it is not possible for the state to know now what specific program reductions will be implemented by the federal government, we must plan," Emkes wrote in the letter dated Thursday.

Emkes, who is Republican Gov. Bill Haslam's chief Cabinet officer, led a team of state officials who met with ratings agencies Moody's and Fitch in New York last week as part of an effort to keep Tennessee from losing its top credit rating. The meeting was arranged following Standard & Poor's recent downgrade of U.S. government debt.

Emkes said in an interview with The Associated Press earlier this week that his team stressed the willingness among the executive and legislative branches to make whatever cuts necessary to keep the state's budget balanced.

Arizona weighs decision on new private prisons

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona has concluded public hearings on plans to award contracts to add thousands of privately operated prison beds at several locations around the state, including two proposed by a company that operates a prison where a 2010 escape produced a bloody aftermath.

Corrections Department officials weighing the competing proposals heard extensive testimony from community leaders and others supporting the various companies' proposals for the jobs that the facilities would provide.

But concerns also have been voiced about expanding the state's reliance on private prisons with the plan to add 5,000 minimum- and medium-security beds authorized by legislators in 2009.

And relatives of an Oklahoma couple killed in New Mexico after three inmates escaped from a privately operated state prison in Kingman said Arizona shouldn't award another contract to the operator.

That company, Centerville, Utah-based Management and Training Corp., is one of the four finalists in the current competition. MTC proposed sites in Yuma and Coolidge.

The other finalists are Nashville, Tenn.-based Corrections Corp. of America for an Eloy site; the GEO Group of Boca Raton, Fla., for sites in Yuma and Goodyear; and LaSalle Corrections of Rushton, La., and Dripping Springs, Texas, for a Winslow site.

Tenn. backyard archaeological dig is historic site

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — A Franklin man's backyard became one of 11 Tennessee sites added to the National Register of Historic Places this week after archaeological digs there turned up one of the two oldest human settlements ever documented in the state.

Excavations last fall of Paul Litchy's backyard, also known as the Coats-Hines site, found the remains of bones and artifacts that prove humans were there before 12,000 B.C., near the end of the last ice age.

While the bones and artifacts are important, the Coats-Hines site is nationally significant because it is a rare instance in which archaeologists can show ancient people interacting with animals, state prehistoric archaeologist Aaron Deter-Wolf told The Tennessean (<http://bit.ly/qQrDFh>).

"That's really the meat of archaeology," Deter-Wolf said. "It's the association of the items and not just the items themselves."

Archaeologists believe there was a pond in Litchy's backyard where animals, including mastodons, were killed by hunters.

The oldest human settlement in Tennessee is known as the Johnson Site, along the Cumberland River east of Nashville.

Job creation focus of Southern governor's meeting

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — As states struggle to close budget gaps because of high unemployment and dwindling tax revenues, the Southern Governors' Association met Friday to discuss ways to create new jobs in a changing economy.

"We're all here to work." N.C. Gov. Beverly Perdue told the association at the start of the three-day conference. "The work we do today, tomorrow and Sunday will help energize us."

The group is holding its annual meeting in Asheville. Governors, other public officials and business executives were expected to attend. Among the topics on the agenda are how to solve a skills gap suffered by workers looking for jobs in the nation's largest and fastest growing region.

Not all the governors from the association's 16 states and two territories plan to attend. For example, Texas Gov. Rick Perry is campaigning for president. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley is speaking at an event in Perry's home state.

Diane Duff, the association's executive director, said the meeting is good place to exchange ideas and get feedback from business leaders.

"First of all, I think it's important to point out that all of the governors that are involved in the association have already independently been focusing on innovation as a job creation strategy. One way or another they are doing things in their own states. But coming together, it really gives them an opportunity to compare what they're doing at home and really use this as a best practices exchange," Duff said.

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Tenn. prepares to lose 30 percent of federal funds

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee state agencies are assembling plans for how they would cope with losing up to 30 percent of their federal funds in anticipation of coming spending cuts.

A letter from Finance Commissioner Mark Emkes calls on agency heads to submit two sets of plans by Wednesday: one for how they would cut 15 percent of federal aid, and another for reducing those funds by 30 percent.

Emkes said in the letter that national credit rating agencies have asked the state to present plans of how it will respond to anticipated cuts in federal funds, which make up about 40 percent of Ten-

Facts on Bullying

The facts on bullying reveal it is a growing problem among teens and children. There are several different types of bullying including cyber bullying, bullying in schools as well as other forms of harassing. Continue reading to learn the facts on bullying.

Bullying can happen anywhere. Many children and teens are regular victims of bullying, which can lead to serious emotional scarring and problems with the victim's self-esteem and self-image. Correcting these behaviors before they start or get out of hand are important for parents and educators to keep in mind. In this article we are discussing the facts on bullying and how you can watch for warning signs in victims of bullying as well as in children who might be bullies themselves.

Types of bullying:

- **Verbal.** This type of bullying usually involves name calling and or teasing
- **Social.** Spreading rumors, intentionally leaving others out of activities on purpose, breaking up friendships are all examples of social bullying.
- **Physical.** This traditional form of bullying involves hitting, punching, shoving and other acts of intention physical harm.
- **Cyberbullying.** This method of bullying involves using the Internet, texting, email and other digital technologies to harm others.

Facts on bullying:

- **Imbalance of power.** Typically those who engage in bully-like behaviors use their strength, popularity or power to harm, control or manipulate others. They will usually target those who are weaker in size or may have a difficult time defending themselves.
- **Intent to cause harm.** A bully is a person who does not do things by accident. The bully intends to physically or emotionally injure a person or group of persons.
- **Repetition.** Typically incidents of bullying are not a one-time thing. Bullies target the same person or group over and over again.

It is important for parents to discuss the facts on bullying with their children to help teach them how to watch out for bullying and to avoid being bullied. There are several signs parents can look for when evaluating if your child is a victim of bullying.

- Comes home with unexplained injuries or with damaged or missing clothing or other belongings
- Has change in eating habits
- Makes excuses not to go to school
- Has fewer friends
- Feels helpless
- Talks about suicide
- Acts out of character
- Avoids certain places or playing outside alone
- Feels like they are not good enough
- Has trouble sleeping
- Blames themselves for their problems

The facts on bullying also provide information on what types of signs to look for in children who might be bullying others.

- Becomes frequently violent
- Has trouble controlling anger
- Is manipulative and controlling of others and situations
- Is quick to blame others
- Does not accept responsibility for their actions
- Needs to win or be the best at everything

Understanding these warning signs can help parents prevent their children from becoming bullies or help them not become a victim of a bully. Counseling or therapy are good methods in helping to treat a child who exhibits symptoms of bullying. Children who are victims may also need some kind of support or counseling to help resolve underlying issues of emotional feelings of inadequacy. Children who are confident and have higher self-esteem are less likely to fall prey to the attacks of bullying.

Sources: mychildsafety.net, <http://www.stopbullying.gov/>

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Egypt recalls its ambassador from Israel as tensions spike over cross-border ambush

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt said Saturday it would recall its ambassador from Israel to protest the deaths of at least three Egyptian troops killed in a shootout between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian militants who had launched a deadly attack on Israel from Egyptian soil.

The decision sharply escalated tensions between the neighboring countries, whose 1979 peace treaty is being tested by the fall of Egypt's longtime autocratic leader, Hosni Mubarak.

Egypt's interim government accused Israel of violating that treaty and demanded an apology, saying the envoy would be withdrawn until Israel concludes its investigation into the Egyptian security forces' deaths. Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor said the Israeli government was holding consultations on the Egyptian move.

The Cabinet, which was appointed by the ruling

military council that took over power after Mubarak's ouster, revised an earlier statement saying the envoy, Yasser Reda, would be summoned for consultation — something that would have signaled a lower-level spat. Israel was likely to see that as a worrisome sign that Egypt's new leaders would be more responsive to public opinion about the Jewish state, which remains overwhelmingly unpopular because of its conflict with the Palestinians.

Israeli officials insisted the peace treaty was "stable" despite the rocky developments.

Libyan rebels closing in on Gadhafi, say they've seized key eastern oil terminal of Brega

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — Libyan rebels battling Moammar Gadhafi's troops along the country's Mediterranean coast said they have captured all of the strategic eastern port city of Brega, which has repeatedly changed hands in the 6-month-old civil war.

Rebel military spokesman Col. Ahmed Bani said fighters gained control Saturday of the industrial section of Brega, after having captured its residential areas last week.

Brega's capture is an important boost for the rebels. It contains Libya's second-largest hydrocarbon complex and is where the country's main oil fields feed into for refining.

"We have liberated Brega and all of it is under our control," Bani told The Associated Press on Saturday. "The fighters are in the port and taken the refineries."

The clashes with Gadhafi forces killed two rebels and left fifteen injured, according to rebel spokesman Mohammed Idris.

Syria condemns U.S. and European calls for Assad to step down, say they are part of conspiracy

BEIRUT (AP) — A government owned Syrian newspaper on Saturday rejected U.S. and European calls for President Bashar Assad to step down, saying they revealed the "face of the conspiracy" targeting Damascus for its key role in the Middle East and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The front-page editorial in the daily Al-Thawra, which speaks for the Syrian regime, was the first official government response to Thursday's demand by the United States and its European allies that Assad resign because of the government's bloody crackdown on protesters.

Assad has come under mounting criticism for his assault on a 5-month-old uprising. Human rights groups and witnesses accuse Syrian troops of firing on largely unarmed protesters and say more than 2,000 people have been killed since mid-March.

Activists on Saturday raised the death toll from Friday's protests to at least 29, most of them in the central province of Homs where security forces are said to be conducting raids in some neighborhoods.

Reinforcements were being sent Saturday to Homs, Syria's third-largest city and the site of intense anti-regime protests, according to the Rami Abdul-Rahman, head of the London-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, and The Local Coordination Committees, an activist group.

Kim Jong Il arrives in Russia, to meet with President Medvedev

MOSCOW (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Il arrived in Russia's Far East on Saturday and will meet with President Dmitry Medvedev during a visit expected to last a week, the Kremlin said. It is Kim's first trip to the country in nine years and a further sign of Pyongyang's increasing efforts to reach out for economic assistance and diplomatic support.

North Korea's official media did not specify when a meeting with Medvedev would take place, but said that Kim's visit was at the invitation of the Russian president.

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Today's tough economy makes it challenging to invest in our children's education and future, and purchasing school supplies can be especially expensive. Stretch your family's back-to-school budget with these smart saving tips:

Assess wants vs. needs

Before you leave the house, make a list of items you'll need and be realistic about prioritizing needs and wants. Do a complete inventory of what supplies you already have at home. Sure, it's fun to buy all new, but if you just bought a new set of markers or a package of folders last spring, you can probably hold off a few months before restocking.

Remember, too, that prime shopping season is before school starts. Delaying non-essential purchases on items such as clothing until after school is in session (such as during or after the Labor Day holiday, when items are marked down) can net big savings.

Budget, budget, budget

Once your prioritized list is complete, determine what you can afford to spend on each category - school supplies, electronics, clothing and other. Use free online budgeting tools to help you stick to that budget. Comparison shop, check out online deals and watch store circulars for sales. Subscribe to receive emails, text or Twitter alerts from your favorite stores for special sales. Some stores even reward shoppers who "check-in" through social sites with more discounts.

In addition, some states also offer a tax-free holiday for back-to-school shopping. Buying in bulk can save money, too. Look for multi-packs of items like scissors, pencils and markers.

Don't forget that the annual back-to-school shopping excursion can be a great money management learning exercise for older kids. Share your budget with them, and help them make selections to keep your checkbook on target.

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By having a student living in your home, you may be eligible for savings and not even know it. Many manufacturers, especially software publishers, offer education eligibility discounts, and some stores offer price breaks for students, too.

out Academic Superstore (www.academicssuperstore.com), an online store that works with leading brands to sell deeply discounted products. The website's catalog of more than 20,000 education-focused products includes school supplies, full-version software titles and consumer electron-

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Surf the net for deals

The Internet is a great place to find bargains. And many office supply and retail websites offer free shipping. Use online tools that let you compare prices of multiple websites to find the best deals. Don't forget to search for online coupon codes that can help stretch your dollar.

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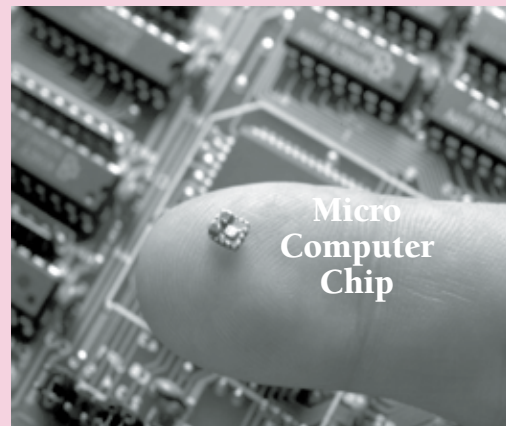
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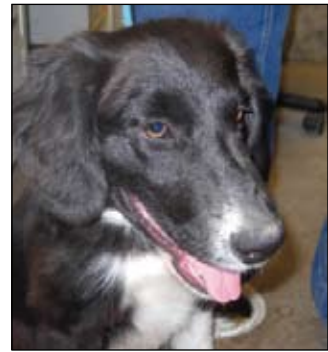
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Steers surprise speedy Estacado

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**
Sports Editor

Under a clear sky and the watchful eyes of the Fort Stockton coaching staff, the Big Spring Steers put up an impressive display Friday night at Memorial Stadium during their last scrimmage game of the 2011 campaign.

Though only a handful of the Steer faithful were there to see it, Big Spring's varsity squad, shorthanded as they were, ran with Lubbock Estacado through a full quarter of live action at the end of the match. The team, forced to use a few JV players to fill some gaps, gave up only one touchdown during the period, the result of a couple really good plays by the Matadors. Aside from a couple passes and one good sweep, the Steers shut down one of the fastest teams in 3A.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Steers managed to put together a Steers sustained drive against Lubbock's starting defense, picked to be the driving force behind a district claiming team in 2011. Head Coach Phillip Ritchey was visibly excited about his team's performance.

"I am very excited about the way we played tonight," Coach

Ritchey said. "Estacado is probably one of the fastest teams we will face this season and we were able to shut them down pretty well."

But Coach Ritchey did see where his own team can improve after the performance.

"We have not been using everything just yet," he said. "We've been pretty vanilla so far. We need to open up our playbook some and give the boys more to work with. Garrett Stuteville is improving at quarterback and turning into a good team leader and Max Pappajohn has been outstanding." Speaking about Pappajohn, Coach Ritchey smiled and added, "I'm sure glad it's only his junior year."

One concern Coach Ritchey talked about was the Estacado's ability on a few plays to get around the end on sweeps. A lot of that can be attributed to the speed of the visiting matadors, but it is still a concern for the Steers, especially going into the opener with Fort Stockton. The Panthers live and die by the sweep and the scouting coaches who were in attendance Friday night had to be a bit excited to see what may be perceived as weakness in that area.



HERALD photo/Robert Griffin
Moving past another scrimmage opponent, Lubbock Estacado this week, the Big Spring Steers prepare for their season opener Friday night against the Fort Stockton Panthers.

Briefs

Climb to the top handicap bowling tournament Aug. 28

Bowl-A-Rama is hosting a bowling tournament with a \$600 guaranteed first place prize. The tournament, which will take place at 1 p.m. Aug. 28, is open to the first 24 bowlers with an average of 199 or less. Entry fee is \$60 and must be received by 6 p.m. Aug. 25.

For additional information, contact Greg Clarke at 432-264-6480 or John and Diana Dodd at 432-267-7484. Further information can be obtained on Bowl-A-Rama's website. Simply go to www.bigspringbowlarama.com.

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

Big Spring community pep rally

The Big Spring High School community pep rally will be held at Memorial Stadium Monday

at 8 p.m. Junior high and high school fall sports teams, cheerleaders and BSHS band and color guards will be introduced.

BSHS Quarterback Club will be selling Steer T-shirts and other Steer-gear, as well as cold drinks. The 2012 senior class will be selling brisket burritos. For more information, call Shannon Stuteville at 432-264-3641.

Lamesa benefit kickball tournament

A benefit co-ed kickball tournament is being organized to benefit the Rudy Campos Kidney Transplant fund. Rudy is in need of the transplant, but must come up with 20 percent of the cost of the surgery before doctors will operate.

The tournament will be held in Lamesa men's softball fields Saturday, Aug. 27. The cost to enter is \$100 per team of 12 (six males and six females). All proceeds will go to the fund to help Rudy Campos.

For more information, call Rudy Campos Jr. at 806-201-0048 or Pete Capetillo at 806-201-4920.

Chicano Golf Association meeting Monday

The Chicano Golf Association (CGA) will have a meeting for all its members Monday at 6:30 pm at Comanche Golf Course.

Stanton presses on, still hopeful

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**
Sports Editor

Expectations of the Stanton Buffaloes changed dramatically this week as word of a recent injury made its way around the world of high school sports. Stanton running back Blake Evans will be out for the entirety of this season after tearing his ACL this week. Evans came just shy of carrying the ball for 1,000 yards last season, while compiling 60 tackles on defense.

But according to Head Coach John Peterson, the loss of Evans does not mean the season is over before it even started. Some of the players are going to take on a bigger role than anticipated, but Coach Peterson says the team still has the same goals it had before.

"Tim Anderson and Taylor Spinks especially are going to have to carry a heavier load," the coach said. "We have a lot of work to do, but we still have our eyes on the same destination: the playoffs."

At 140 and 150 pounds respectively, seniors Ander-

son and Spinks, are much smaller than the 200 pound junior whose shoes they are being asked to fill. The style of running will be different for Stanton this year, as well. The team will still run the ball, but the days of a six-footer pounding his way through the line are over for now. The Buffaloes will be relying more on their speed than in the past. Aside from the running backs, Coach Peterson said the team produced a few surprises this year as well, that people might not be aware of.

"Christian Arndt has really stepped up this year," the three-year coach said. "We are really proud of the effort he has put in already. We can only hope he continues all season. Him and Ruben Cazares."

Stanton was picked to finish in third place in their district, claiming the final playoff spot behind Coahoma and Idalou.

The Bulldogs, who went 10-2 last season, begin their 2011 campaign when they host Grape Creek Aug. 26.

Shaky at beginning, Rangers rally to claim win

CHICAGO (AP) — Tired and beat up, the Texas Rangers looked the part for the first three innings.

Then a hit. Then another. And Mitch Moreland hit a tying, three-run homer. Just like that, the Rangers were on their way to a 7-4 win over the Chicago White Sox on Friday night.

Josh Hamilton hit a tie-breaking home run in the sixth, and Moreland added a two-run shot to tie a career high with five RBIs for the Rangers, who rallied for their 10th win in 12 games despite another shaky performance from starter Matt Harrison.

Oh, and the Rangers didn't get to their hotel until 6:30 in the morning.

"It's not so much the physical part of it, because you

know you're physically tired," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "We played a tough ballgame last night. It just took us a few innings to get back in a groove."

"A few runs will always do it for you."

Reliever Yoshinori Tateyama (2-0) pitched 2 2-3 scoreless innings and Neftali Feliz pitched a scoreless ninth for his 25th save in 31 chances.

Moreland sat out the Thursday finale against the Angels with a tight right hamstring, but showed no ill effects while trotting around the bases on Friday.

"They just said be smart with it," he said. "I've just been trying to work, slow stuff down and not press a whole lot in the box."

The White Sox have lost

three of four and are five games behind AL Central-leading Detroit.

Jake Peavy (5-6) allowed seven runs and six hits in six innings. He is 0-4 in his last six outings at home.

"It was frustrating. I just didn't get anyone out with two outs. It was frustrating because I had pretty good stuff tonight. When you have good stuff you don't expect that."

After making a great catch in the outfield in the fifth inning to rob Carlos Quentin, Hamilton led off the sixth with a towering home run to right. It was Hamilton's 16th of the season. Two outs later, Mike Napoli singled off Peavy and Moreland connected on a 2-0 pitch for his second homer of the game and 16th of the sea-

son to give the Rangers a 7-4 lead. It was Moreland's third career multihomer game.

Peavy couldn't hold a 3-0 lead in the fourth inning, Michael Young hit a two-out single for the Rangers' first hit of the game. Nelson Cruz doubled off the wall in left to score Young from first. Peavy walked Napoli and Moreland followed with a three-run shot, giving the Rangers a 4-3 lead. Moreland was back in the lineup after missing Thursday's game with tightness in his right hamstring.

Peavy didn't allow a home run in his previous seven starts.

"It seemed like he didn't have too much in the tank for the last two innings," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said.

The White Sox came back in the fifth inning by taking advantage of shortstop Elvis Andrus' fielding error. With a runner on first, Juan Pierre placed a bunt right in front of catcher Yorvit Torrealba who threw a strike to Andrus covering second. But the ball went off his glove into center field, allowing Gordon Beckham to go to third. Brent Lillibridge followed with a sacrifice fly to tie the game at 4. After a walk to Paul Konerko, Harrison was pulled for Tateyama, who was helped by Hamilton. With runners on first and second, Hamilton made a running catch into the center-field wall to rob Quentin. Tateyama ended the inning by getting Alexei

AP top 25 college teams

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football preseason poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2010 records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and 2010 final ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Oklahoma (36)	12-2	1,464	6
2. Alabama (17)	10-3	1,439	10
3. Oregon (4)	12-1	1,330	3
4. LSU (1)	11-2	1,286	8
5. Boise St. (2)	12-1	1,200	9
6. Florida St.	10-4	1,168	17
7. Stanford	12-1	1,091	4
8. Texas A&M	9-4	965	19
9. Oklahoma St.	11-2	955	13
10. Nebraska	10-4	910	20
11. Wisconsin	11-2	900	7
12. South Carolina	9-5	848	22
13. Virginia Tech	11-3	821	16
14. TCU	13-0	690	2
15. Arkansas	10-3	686	12
16. Notre Dame	8-5	530	NR
17. Michigan St.	11-2	519	14
18. Ohio St.	12-1	443	5
19. Georgia	6-7	369	NR
20. Mississippi St.	9-4	361	15
21. Missouri	10-3	258	18
22. Florida	8-5	228	NR
23. Auburn	14-0	219	1
24. West Virginia	9-4	207	NR
25. Southern Cal	8-5	160	NR

Others receiving votes: Texas 114, Penn St. 75, Arizona St. 67, Miami 32, Utah 25, Southern Miss. 20, Iowa 19, BYU 15, NC State 15, Air Force 14, Houston 13, Pittsburgh 9, Michigan 7, Tennessee 5, UCF 5, Hawaii 4, N. Illinois 4, Tulsa 3, Arizona 2, Maryland 2, Nevada 1, Northwestern 1, Washington 1.

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Ramirez to pop out.

Tateyama inherited two runners in the fifth after Harrison was removed. Carlos Quentin greeted him with a deep drive to center field, but Josh Hamilton retreated and made a running grab as he crashed into the wall.

"That was quite a play right there, we certainly needed it," Washington said of Hamilton's run-saving grab. "Quentin just didn't get enough of it. What it ended up being is what we needed right there — an out."

Harrison lasted just 4 1-3 innings, allowing four runs — three earned — and four hits with three walks.

"I don't feel like I did my job tonight," Harrison

said. "It's definitely frustrating coming off my last outing, only going 5 1-3, and tonight not being able to get out of the fifth."

The White Sox tagged Harrison for two runs and three hits in the first inning. Pierre led off with a bunt for a single and stole second. After a walk to Konerko, Quentin doubled down the left-field line to score Pierre. Ramirez followed with a single to give the White Sox an early 2-0 lead.

The trouble continued for Harrison in the second. Brent Morel tripled off the wall in center and scored on Pierre's safety squeeze bunt.

But then the sleepy Rangers woke up.

"That just shows the mentality of this team," Moreland said. "We go out and we're going to fight it.

There's no game that we think is out of reach."

NOTES: Harrison gave up six runs in 5 1-3 innings in Sunday's 7-6 victory over Oakland. ... White Sox LHP John Danks, who is scheduled to start Saturday, is 5-1 with a 2.29 ERA (14 ER/55.0 IP) over his last nine starts, compared to 0-8 with a 5.25 ERA (41 ER/70.1 IP) in his first 11 starts. ... RHP Alexi Ogando will try to become the first Rangers starter to win 13 games this season and just the ninth Texas right-hander to reach that mark over the last 10 seasons in his start Saturday against the White Sox. ... Before Friday, the last time Peavy gave up a home run was June 30 in Colorado. ... Ramirez was ejected by home plate umpire Jeff Nelson after he argued a called third strike in the eighth.

Astros have no problem defeating slumping Giants

HOUSTON (AP) — The San Francisco Giants' slump has gotten so bad they are even losing to the Houston Astros.

Wandy Rodriguez pitched eight innings and had a two-run single to lead the Astros to a 6-0 victory over the slumping Giants on Friday night.

The Giants have lost 15 of their last 21 games including four of the last five.

"We've talked, and we're working," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "You just have to keep going. You always have to think it's just temporary and that you will come out of it, and we will."

The Astros have won three straight but their 41-84 record is the worst in the major leagues.

The Giants are trying to overcome injuries and had the added problem Friday night of facing Rodriguez when he was in control of all his pitches.

"He's got that curveball that he can do a lot of dif-

ferent things with," Giants third baseman Mark DeRosa said. "Honestly, he is probably the one pitcher in baseball that can really control his curveball as good as he does."

"He can pretty much put it where he wants; in, out, upstairs, down and he works in that fastball that always has a little life on it."

The Astros were leading 2-0 in the sixth inning when Carlos Corporan hit an RBI single with two outs and Rodriguez followed with a long single down the right field line on the first pitch from Ryan Vogelsong (10-3).

"Wandy was absolutely outstanding," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "He just threw the ball real well. It's nice to see him be able to use all of his pitches and he was able to keep them off balance, obviously, all night, which was good."

Rodriguez (9-9) allowed five hits, struck out eight

and walked two. It was his third eight-inning performance of the season.

"I tried to locate my fastball early in the game and late I used my breaking ball," Rodriguez said.

Brian Bogusevic, who hit a game-ending grand slam against Chicago on Tuesday, made it 6-0 with a homer off Guillermo Mota in the eighth.

It was the Astros' fourth shutout of the season and their first since June 30 against Texas.

Vogelsong had won four of his previous five decisions. He pitched seven innings, allowed four hits, two earned runs and walked four with three strikeouts.

The Astros struck first in the third. Clint Barmes walked to start the inning and Corporan doubled before J.B. Shuck doubled down the right field line to make it 2-0.

Vogelsong walked the

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NCAA considering use of death penalty as deterrent

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — NCAA President Mark Emmert says he's willing to back up his tough talk on punishing rule-breakers — even using the "death penalty" as a deterrent.

With salacious allegations swirling around Miami's football program, and one week af-

ter Emmert joined with university presidents to discuss toughening sanctions against cheating schools, the NCAA's leader said he believed the infractions committee should make the harshest penalty an option.

"If, and I say if, we have very unique cir-

cumstances where TV bans and death penalties are warranted, then I don't think they are off the table and I would be OK with putting those in place," Emmert told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Friday.

Emmert later said the "death penalty," which

prohibits a school from competing in a sport, should only be used in rare cases. He was quick to distance his comments from the Miami case.

Convicted Ponzi scheme architect Nevin Shapiro has said he provided improper benefits to 72 Hurricanes football

and basketball players from 2002-10 and that a handful of coaches in both programs were aware of the infractions. Yahoo Sports first reported the allegations following an 11-month investigation in which it said it audited thousands of business and financial documents

and spent more than 100 hours interviewing Shapiro.

The NCAA has already spent five months investigating Miami and calls speculation about penalties for an ongoing case premature.

"I will say that the

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Trash-talking not talk at gymnastic championships

ST. PAUL (AP) — Danell Leyva had been trash-talking all week long, telling Jonathan Horton he was going to beat the two-time defending champion.

Turns out, Leyva's a man of his word. Leyva won his first title at the U.S. gymnastics championships in impressive fashion Friday night, not missing a single routine and capping his performance with a high-flying spectacle on high bar. First in line to congratulate Leyva after his mom and stepfather-coach? Horton, whose hopes of winning a third straight final ended when he peeled off high bar in the second-to-last rotation.

"I'm really proud of Danell," Horton said. "Did I want to win this meet? Yeah. But he deserved to win. I didn't hit everything. ... You could see the confidence in him. You could see he was not going to miss a routine."

Leyva finished with 183.8 points, 2.75 in front of Horton. Three-time junior champion John Orozco, who blew out his Achilles' tendon at last year's national championships, was third.

"It's amazing," Leyva said. "One of my biggest goals in gymnastics was accomplished tonight, and I feel ecstatic."

While the team isn't ex-

pected to be announced until Saturday, Leyva and Horton are all but locks for the world championships, which are Oct. 7-16 in Tokyo.

Worlds are the main qualifier for the London Olympics, and will give the U.S. men a chance to back up their big talk about contending for the gold medal next summer. It gives Leyva and Horton a chance to measure themselves against Kohei Uchimura, too. The Japanese star has been otherworldly since the Beijing Olympics, winning the last two world titles — by significant margins, no less.

"I was sad to see (Horton) fall because I wanted us both to have a great meet," Leyva said. "But I'm glad because it's just going to fire him up more for worlds. And that's going to fire me up for worlds."

Leyva has long had big ambitions. When Paul Hamm returned to nationals in 2008, Leyva told his stepfather and coach, Yin Alvarez, that he wanted to beat the Olympic champion. Never mind that Leyva was just 16 then, and competing at his first senior nationals.

But it wasn't until he finished second to Horton last year that Leyva really realized his dreams were within his grasp.

"Psychologically, I've

been ready since 2009. I've been trying to take the title since then," Leyva said. "But my preparation wasn't what it was supposed to be, what it was for this meet."

He wasn't perfect the entire week, but neither did he have any major flaws. He finished with the highest scores on parallel bars and high bar, and was fourth-best on pommel horse.

Still, the two-point lead Leyva had brought into the night had essentially been erased by the midway point of the meet.

"I had the math done in my head," Horton said. "I knew I could win it if I hit the last two events."

He didn't. Horton's high bar routine is one of the best in the world; he's the reigning Olympic silver medalist on the event. It's a high-risk, high-reward routine, the next-best thing to going to the circus.

But as he reached for the bar after his first release move, one of his hands slipped off. The momentum pulled him down and he dropped to the floor, prompting a gasp from the crowd.

"You can't win with two major falls, one the first night and one the second night," said Horton, who fell off pommel horse on Wednesday.

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university is being extremely cooperative and that is extremely helpful," Emmert said. "But if, and I underline the word if, the allegations are true, that's extremely disappointing."

If the allegations are true, it would be the ugliest scandal in college sports in years and the worst during a 18-month span in which the NCAA has looked into football programs at Southern California, Auburn, Oregon, Ohio State, Michigan, North Carolina, LSU, Tennessee and Georgia Tech and basketball programs at Southern California and Connecticut. Miami makes both lists.

Yahoo Sports also published a photo of Miami President Donna Shalala, the Health and Human Services Secretary during the Clinton Administration, standing next to Shapiro. According to Shapiro's timeline, the infractions began when Paul Dee, a former NCAA's infractions committee chairman, was the school's athletic director.

While Emmert offered support for Shalala, he declined to comment on Dee.

"She's been a terrific leader in higher education, and I have great respect for her," Emmert said. "I can only imagine how much she's struggling with this, like I would have if this had happened on my watch."

The scope of the allegations has already created widespread debate over

bringing back the "death penalty," which has been used only once — when the NCAA canceled SMU's 1987 football season because of a pay-for play scandal. The school decided not to play in 1988, either, as it tried to recover.

Schools with two major infractions cases during a five-year period are eligible for the sanction, though the NCAA says the timeframe can be expanded if it determines there was a willful intent to break the rules.

What happened at SMU has made the NCAA hesitant to use its toughest penalty again.

The Mustangs posted only one winning record over the next 20 years, didn't reach another bowl game until 2009 and the sanction is believed to have played a part in the breakup and eventual dissolution of the Southwest Conference.

Today, the implications could be even worse.

In an era when conferences have so many tie-ins to bowl games, along with lucrative television contracts, all the schools in a league could lose revenue.

NCAA presidents are weary of the stream of scandals. At last week's retreat, Penn State President Graham Spanier said university leaders had reached a "boiling point" only to see the Miami case jump into the headlines a few days later.

Julie Roe Lach, the NCAA's vice president for enforcement, said Wednesday that last week's

presidential discussion included talk about more suspensions for coaches and more postseason bans for teams. Emmert believes the board of directors may also adopt proposals within months that give NCAA investigators more latitude to get information from third-party associates, such as boosters and agents.

While Spanier said there was solidarity among the presidents during last week's retreat, some of the most outspoken proponents of tougher sanctions came from schools already under the NCAA microscope. "We have got to get a handle on this and the presidents are absolutely determined, even the presidents of institutions that have had problems," he said.

When asked about Shalala's input, Spanier said: "She was in the meeting and she has been an incredible champion of getting this right."

Does that include using the "death penalty"?

Said Emmert: "I think there's a difference between conventional wisdom that's been around for almost 30 years now and what we need to do for appropriate deterrence."

ASTROS

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bases loaded in the fifth inning but escaped when J.D. Martinez took a called third strike.

Rodriguez escaped a two-on, two-outs close call in the second when Mike Fontenot hit a single to right fielder Bogusevic, who made a clean throw to the plate for the tag on Aubrey Huff.

Rodriguez threw 110 pitches, 72 for strikes, and acknowledged he tired in the final two innings.

"I was honest with him that I was a little tired," Rodriguez said. "I told him I could go back out there but he said it was OK."

DeRosa is tired of talking. He wants results.

"We've had our share of meetings, I mean you can talk all you want; talk is cheap," he said.

"Until you go out there and put up some solid approaches find ways to score runs it doesn't matter what it looks like."

Notes: San Francisco has a 27-15 record at Minute Maid Park, the best of any major league team. The Giants lead the majors with a 32-0 record in games they led by three or more runs. INF Jeff Keppinger returned to Minute Maid Park for the first time since the Astros traded him to the Giants in July. He popped out as a pinch-hitter in the eighth. The Giants have used the DL 21 times this season. The Astros are first in the NL and fourth in the majors with 240 doubles. OF George Springer, the Astros No. 1 draft pick, took batting practice before the game. "I just didn't want to miss the first pitch," he said. He didn't. With family looking on, he drove a fly to deep right field.

This date in baseball

1919 — Bert Adams of the Philadelphia Phillies tied a National League record for catchers by recording seven assists in one game.

1926 — Ted Lyons of the Chicago White Sox pitched a no-hitter over Boston, beating the Red Sox 6-0 at Fenway Park in 1 hour, 7 minutes.

1931 — Babe Ruth hit his 600th home run as the Yankees beat the St. Louis Browns 11-7.

1947 — The first Little League World Series was at Williamsport, Pa. The Maynard Midgets of Williamsport won the series.

1972 — Steve Carlton of Philadelphia had his 15-game winning streak snapped when Phil Niekro and the Atlanta Braves beat the Phillies 2-1 in 11 innings.

1975 — Pitching brothers Rick and Paul Reuschel of the Chicago Cubs combined to throw a 7-0 shutout against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Rick went 6 1-3 innings and Paul finished the shutout for the first ever by two brothers.

1982 — Milwaukee pitcher Rollie Fingers became the first player to achieve 300 career saves as the Brewers beat the Seattle Mariners 3-2.

1986 —

Spike Owens had four hits and became the first major league player in 40 years to score six runs in a game as the Boston Red Sox routed the Cleveland Indians 24-5 with a 24-hit attack.

1999 — Sammy Sosa hit his major league leading 50th and 51st home runs to lead the Chicago Cubs to an 8-6 victory over the Colorado Rockies. Sosa, who hit 66 homers last season, became the fourth player to post consecutive 50-homer seasons, joining Mark McGwire, Ken Griffey Jr. and Babe Ruth.

2005 — Mike Jacobs of the New York Mets homered in his first major league at-bat during a 7-4 loss to Washington. Jacobs is the 90th player to homer in his first major league at-bat.

2007 — Garret Anderson of the Los Angeles Angels drove in a team-record 10 runs in an 18-9 rout of the New York Yankees. Anderson hit a grand slam, a three-run homer, a two-run double and

an RBI double to become the 12th player in major league history to have 10 RBIs in a game.

2007 — Arizona's Mark Reynolds tied the major league record for consecutive strikeouts by a non-pitcher when he fanned in his ninth straight plate appearance in a 7-4 loss to Milwaukee. Reynolds struck out in his first two at-bats against Dave Bush to match the record. Bush hit Reynolds with a pitch in the sixth, ending the streak.

2010 — Washington's Stephen Strasburg was injured for the second time in a month and exited early, this time wincing with a strained tendon in his right forearm. As the Nationals beat the Phillies 8-1

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Chicano Golf Association posts meeting date

Big Spring's Chicano Golf Association (CGA) will be having a meeting for all its members. The meeting will be held Monday, August 22, 6:30 p.m. at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

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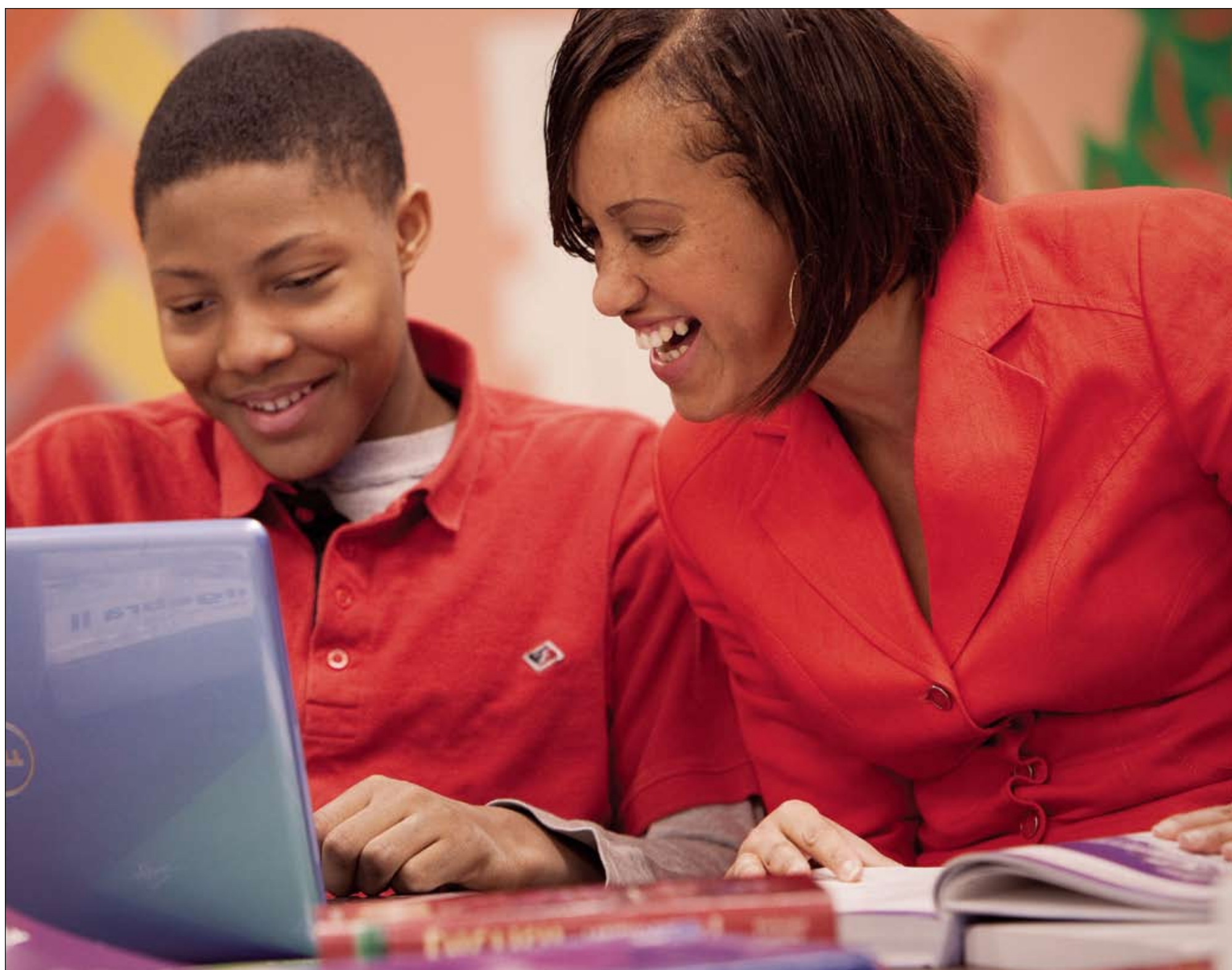
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FAMILY FEATURES

There is hardly a single area of modern life that has not been touched by the Internet in some way. Even the simple phrase “going to school” has taken on an entirely new meaning with the advent of online schools. Adult learners in search of post-secondary or professional development credits were the early consumers of online education services, but now students of all ages can learn anywhere an Internet connection can be found.

Beyond the screen

Online education (also referred to as virtual learning) is becoming increasingly popular for elementary, middle and high school students. In a 2008 report, the National Center for Education Statistics estimated that the number of K-12 public school students enrolling in online courses grew by 65 percent in the two years from 2002-03 to 2004-05. A 2009 estimate puts the number at more than one million online students. In addition, data suggests that by 2019, about half of high school courses will be delivered online.

For some students, online learning gives them the opportunity to access single courses not available through their brick-and-mortar school — perhaps a foreign language or an AP course. However, an increasing number of students have made the leap to full-time online schooling, frequently through an online public school option offered tuition-free by their state or school district.

How it works

An online public school utilizes a combination of online and offline coursework — including a wide array of textbooks, CDs, videos and hands-on materials. Students are guided by a state-certified teacher who may also set up class outings to museums or science centers. While older students can work independently, a parent (or “Learning Coach”) keeps younger students on track. Families report that the extra effort involved is more than offset by the ability of the program to be adapted to each child’s learning style. Individualization is frequently the spark needed to jump-start a student’s interest in learning.

“Every child learns differently, so a one-size-fits-all approach can’t succeed,” says John Holdren, senior vice president of content and curriculum at K12, a leading online curriculum provider. “Engaging curriculum and a really powerful partnership between parents and teachers — these are the things that help each of our students achieve their personal academic potential.”

Is online learning right for your child?

Now that kids are back in school, the education experts at K12 suggest conducting a 30-day check-in assessment. Here are some tips to help you determine whether your child’s current education solution best suits his or her unique learning needs.

- Create and maintain an open dialogue with your student: Is your child happy in school? Is he motivated? Does he feel safe?
- Monitor progress. Learning isn’t always linear, so some hiccups are to be expected, but if your child is consistently underperforming in one or more subjects it should raise red flags about potential learning-teaching style mismatches.
- Communicate with your child’s teacher. How is your child doing compared to others in the class? If your child has specific needs, effective communication with her teacher is crucial to supporting her education.



- Be on the look-out for signs of stress. If your child begins dreading school, or lacks enthusiasm, talk it through with him. There may be factors unknown to either you or his teacher which are making him unhappy.

Many children simply do not thrive in a traditional classroom. These students include those who:

- Are accelerated learners or are bored with the pace of classroom lessons.

- Are easily distracted in a classroom setting or have a learning challenge that means they may need a little more time to master concepts.
- Travel frequently for extracurricular obligations (art, sports) or are uprooted during the school year as part of a military family.
- Feel they don’t fit in, or are being bullied in their school environment.

To learn more about online learning, visit www.k12.com.

Choosing an online school

Making a change in your child’s education to a full-time online public school is a big decision, with many questions to consider:

- Is our family ready for this change? Most families are surprised by the rigor of online schools. Parents and students alike need to be engaged to succeed.
- What kind of support will we receive from the teachers and school? Is my teacher local if I need to meet with him or her? How often do teachers check in? Are they state-certified?
- What do other families think about the school? High parent satisfaction scores and glowing testimonials bode well. To get the real scoop, look for opportunities to get together with parents currently involved.
- How do students stay connected to their classmates? From outings to moderated online community areas to clubs and discussion areas, online school students stay connected and well-socialized. Does the school offer activities your child is interested in?
- How many students are using this program, and where are they going when they graduate? Does the school offer career and college counseling to help students find their path post-graduation?

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Births



Townsend Madden Porras

Townsend Madden Porras, son of Marcus and Chelby Porras of Big Spring, was born Aug. 15, 2011, at 10:07 p.m.

Townsend weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches.

His maternal grandparents are Armando and Suzanne Salgado of Big Spring and his paternal grandparents are Viana Porras and Luis and Lisa Porras all of Big Spring.



Dominick Izaak Bustamante

Dominick Izaak Bustamante, son of Cayla Rodriguez and Justin Bustamante of Big Spring, was born Aug. 8, 2011, at 9:50 p.m.

Dominick weighed 6 pounds 1.5 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Grace and John Rodriguez of Big Spring and paternal grandparents are Jacob and Irma Bustamante of Big Spring.



Graciee Rae'Lynn Coble

Graciee Rae'Lynn Coble, daughter of Felicia Dawn Coble of Big Spring and Robert Ray Coble, of Big Spring, was born July 22, 2011, at 3:20 p.m.

She weighed 4 pounds and 15 ounces and measured 17 1/2 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Melanie Dawn Patterson of Big Spring and Gary Lee Miller of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are Kathy Geraldon of Big Spring and Robert Coble of Chanute, Kan. and great-grandparents are Linda Patterson and Dale Patterson of Big Spring.

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Buchanan — Berg



Brandi Buchanan and Justin Berg

Rory and Susan Buchanan of Ozona announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandi Nichole Buchanan, to Justin Robert Berg, son of Bob and Gloria Berg of Marwayne, Alberta, Canada.

Brandi is a 2004 graduate of Ozona High School. She received her associates of science from South Plains College and is a 2011 graduate of Howard College with an associates of applied science in dental hygiene.

Justin is a 2004 graduate of Marwayne Jubilee High School. He attended South Plains College on a rodeo scholarship and is a PRCA/CPPA saddle broc rider. He is employed by Harvest Oil Operations in Alberta.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Travis and Betty Pate of Garden City and Patricia and the late Del Roy Buchanan of Coahoma.

Justin is the grandson of the late Mike and Mary Malek and the late Lloyd and Iona Berg, all of Alberta.

The couple plans to wed Oct. 8, 2011, at the Regional Center in Vermilion, Alberta, Canada.

Military News

Army Pvt. Tony C. Castillo has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

Castillo is the son of Tony and Ambrosia Castillo of E. 15th St. in Colorado City.

He is a 2011 graduate of Colorado High School.

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70th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Odell



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W.C. and Mary Odell of 3616 Parkway will be honored on their 70th wedding anniversary with a party hosted by Berea Baptist Church, 4202 Wasson Road, in the church fellowship hall Aug. 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited, no gifts please, but cards will be accepted.

W.C. was born in Lenorah, Martin County, on Feb. 25, 1924. Mary B. Odell (Hildreth) was born in Big Spring on Aug. 3, 1924.

They married in Big Spring on Aug. 3, 1941. They have lived in Big Spring, Cisco, El Paso, Lubbock, Tucumcari and Roy, N.M.

W.C. was service tech for Montgomery Ward and Mary was department manager and clerk at J.C.Penny.



NOW

They have two sons, Ron and wife Patsy Odell of Amarillo, and David and wife Sue Odell of Westminster, Colo.

They have four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and a host of nephews and nieces.

Mary has four sisters and two brothers living and W.C. has one brother and one sister living.

They are members of Berea Baptist Church. They are retired and have traveled much in their lives and taken many photographs while working with their church during their lifetime.

They feel that your church is the one thing that helps a marriage stay solid. The Lord is our helper in good times and bad times.

The couple invites you to join their celebration Aug. 28.

Hodnett celebrates 100th birthday



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Nadine Hodnett celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends at Park View Nursing Home this past Wednesday. She was even recognized with letters from Governor Perry and President Obama.

Nadine Hodnett celebrated her 100th birthday at the Park View Nursing Home Wednesday with family and friends. A lifelong resident of Texas, she has lived in Howard County since 1930. Her grandfather Alex Haynes came to Big Spring in 1904 and bought a section of land four miles north of town while her parents raised nine children in Fluvana. Her father, Henry Haynes was stationmaster for the Roscoe, Snyder and Pacific Railroad and her brothers farmed the section of land where they

lived. Upon graduating from high school in Fluvana, she attended San Antonio Teachers College and got her teaching credential.

She met her future husband, Merle, while interviewing with his father, Frank Hodnett, a Howard County Commissioner and president of the school board of Knott. She was hired and taught all the grades in the one-room school house for several years. About her courtship, she recalls Merle commenting, "You would make someone a good wife." Her reply

was, "How about you?" He obviously agreed because they were married on Thanksgiving Day 1932 in the Methodist Parsonage in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

They raised three children in Big Spring. When the children went to college it seems they got stuck in the A section of their college catalogs. They all got degrees; Karen (Madry) in accounting, Rick in

agriculture and Haley in architecture.

Nadine is a member of the First Methodist Church was active in service organizations and manned the polls each election until her physical condition restricted her to a wheelchair. She has survived all her brothers and sisters and enjoys participating in the family newsletter that is circulated among her nieces and nephews.

Club News

Howard County Republican Party

The Howard County Republican Party met on Monday in the Cactus room at Howard College with 60 members attending.

The group meets on the second Monday of each month ... all area Republicans are invited to attend. County Chairman Craig Bailey called the meeting to order with pledges to the American and Texas flags and prayer.

Mayor Duncan gave a short update on the city's water situation and praised citizens for their conservation efforts. He also indicated the city council continued to work on the 2011-2012 budget, looking to have a 5 cent drop in the tax rate. The mayor also pointed out the Senior Center is again having some financial problems ... the city and the county are working together to keep the center operating.

Dana Baker reported on local citizen support being given to vets in their efforts to extend services at the Veterans Administration Medical center in Big Spring.

County Commissioner Jimmy Long informed the group the County Court was also working on setting the tax rate. Some cuts will have to be made; we must live within our means, Long said.

Suzanne Haney, area representative for State Representative Jim Landtroop, told the group Jim had been appointed to the State Energy Council.

Bo Fryar announced The Howard County Conservatives will host a Tea Party Rally on Oct. 29. Republican candidates for U.S. Senate have been invited to speak.

The next meeting will be September 12, 2011 at noon in the Cactus room at Howard College. A \$6 "dutch treat" lunch will be provided.

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Michael D. Zeeb, veterans employment representative from the Texas Veterans Commission, presented Sylvia Miramontes, Workforce Solutions Big Spring office manager, and Janey Tino, Big Spring employment services coordinator, with the certificate in recognition of their service to veteran job seekers.

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Matching veterans to jobs

Local Workforce Solutions honored for service

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

Workforce Solutions in Big Spring was recognized for its service to veterans Wednesday morning.

Michael D. Zeeb, veterans employment representative from the Texas Veterans Commission, was on hand to present Big Spring and Lamesa employees with the award. The certificates are in recognition of the "outstanding service" provided to veteran job seekers through the two offices.

"This award shows the offices are serving the veterans' needs independently without a veterans support staff," Zeeb said.

The two offices have a combined 34 years of experience and according to Sylvia Miramontes, Big Spring office manager, the award shows her how her staff is going over and beyond to provide veterans with the assistance they need.

"We are always there for them," Miramontes said. "They are very important to us, not only in finding a job, but in every aspect. The ladies go out of their way, no matter how much time it may take to help these veterans, even if it's just listening to them."

According to Janey Tino, Big Spring office employment services coordinator, the important aspect is making the

transition back into the civilian workforce as easy and stress-free as possible.

"You have to give as much support as possible, no matter how long it may take, that's where the support services come in," Tino said.

Zeeb added, "It's the dedication from these two offices to the veterans coming back from serving their country that makes the difference. It lets the veterans coming back know they aren't alone."

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

Dill to head up TxDOT Bastrop operations

Roy Dill, P.E., Big Spring Area Engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation since March 2002, will be leaving Big Spring at the end of this month to take over a similar position in Bastrop.



Dill

The public is invited

to a farewell reception in his honor Tuesday at the Big Spring Area office, 1301 North State Highway 350. The reception begins at 2 p.m.

Dill has been responsible for all transportation activities, including but not limited to construction, design and maintenance in Borden, Howard, Mitchell and Nolan counties.

A Stanton native, Dill

began his TxDOT career in April 1993 as an engineer assistant in the Midland area office. In November 1997, he transferred to the Odessa district design section and in July 1999, Dill was named assistant area engineer for the Odessa area office. Then in March 2002, he was promoted to area engineer status in Big Spring.

Dill's new assignment, which he will begin Sept. 1, is that of Bastrop Area Engineer.

He is a 1991 graduate of Texas Tech University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. Dill was licensed a professional engineer in February 1999.

Dill is married to Carolyn and they have one son, Jamie.

BSEDC handles routine chores

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation took care of annual housekeeping by approving its plan of work and investment policy and authorized representatives for financial institutions for the 2011-2012 year this past week.

The only changes were in the plan of work for 2011-2012, which



Wegman

included the insertion of goals that were approved by board members at the July meeting.

"This is not only used as a marketing tool for potential clients, but it serves as an outline for us and directs us throughout the year," said Executive Director

Terry Wegman. "It is also a great way to show people what the corporation is doing."

According to the July 31 financials and investment reports, sales tax showed an 18 percent increase, with an 11 percent overall year-to-date increase. Unemployment however, had a reverse effect and jumped a little after a

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Energy Watch



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

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



Thrill seekers need not head to a theme park this summer when they can simply turn to the stock market, which continues on a tremendous roller-coaster ride.

Following the worst week in more than a year, the stock market trumped it with a free fall last week and its worst performance since November 2008. The S&P 500 declined 7.2 percent, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) declined 5.8 percent. In simple terms, investors lost their confidence, and large and small market participants alike headed for the exits, not only in the United States but around the globe.

The Wall Street Journal summed it up well this past weekend when it said the global sell off was fueled largely by the unfinished business left by the debt crisis, spiraling fears of contagion in Europe, disappointing U.S. economic news and renewed worries about overlooked questions like future growth in China.

We said last week in our discussion of the new debt ceiling legislation that the devil is in the details. In this case, the detail that seems almost assured to bring more drama in Washington in the coming weeks is the stipulation that the next round of cost savings/revenue enhancements must be determined no later than November. The drama has already started with a new twist: congressional finger pointing resulting from Standard & Poor's (S&P) deeming the deficit reduction in the legislation too skimpy and dramatically, although not totally unexpectedly, downgrading the nation's debt rating from AAA to AA+ with a negative outlook.

There were high hopes for the Federal Reserve meeting this Tuesday, and equity investors greeted the outcome positively, triggering a 429 point rally by the end of the session. The Fed acknowledged that economic growth has been slower than the Open Market Committee had expected. Also, a somewhat slower pace of recovery is expected in the next few quarters, and downside risks have increased.

This news initially spooked investors into thinking that the Fed might have a more dire outlook than it is letting on, and hence, the news could be a potential negative for stocks. The market did like the Fed's commitment to hold short term rates at low levels through at least mid-2013. Policymakers also stated that they are prepared to employ additional tools as needed to promote stronger growth while keeping inflation in check.

The dramatic stock market decline on Aug. 8, the worst one-day loss for stocks since December 2008, underlined the rapid drop in investor confidence. It extended the S&P 500's decline to 11 days and the pullback to approximately 17 percent. These are the types of environments where stock market bottoms have typically formed. The market is very oversold, and pessimism is extreme after the market's sharp drop in the two weeks. Market volume has risen sharply over the past three sessions to levels now consistent with past significant market bottoms. The VIX index or "fear gauge" — the label given to the Chicago Board Option Exchange (CBOE) Volatility Index measures how much investors are willing to pay for options to protect against stock market declines. This index spiked to 49 on Monday, which signals a very high degree of fear and a level consistent with past stock market bottoms. These are all characteristics that one looks for when the market is reaching climactic selling preceding an upturn. Unfortunately, we can never know the exact timing or level of the bottom. But there are indications that it's in the offing.

Market volatility like we have seen in the past two weeks is never easy for investors to experience. The market's action as of Tuesday's close says that investor sentiment has reached a point where it may fully reflect all the negative factors for the time being. Our bottom line advice is that short-term investors should begin to add to equity positions.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced on Aug. 10, by Scott Marcouiller, Wells Fargo Advisors chief market strategist. Wells Fargo Advisors did not assist in the preparation of this article, and its accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed. The opinions expressed in the report are those of the authors and are not necessarily those of Wells Fargo Advisors or its affiliates.

Cloud seeding in hopes of more rain for the Panhandle

West Texas is desperately in need of wet weather and rain clouds have finally appeared in the panhandle, making it the perfect time to give Mother Nature a boost with cloud seeding.

One area organization is working to create extra rainfall in parts of the Panhandle. Cloud seeding being done

in several counties is showing good results.

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District has been cloud seeding in Roberts, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Armstrong and Donley counties.

Scientists say specific conditions must exist to inject silver iodide into the base of clouds. The

process doesn't create clouds or rain, but when it works it can increase precipitation up to 15 percent. However, seeding has created some controversy.

Many organizations have terminated their program because of claims that it breaks up clouds and causes more severe weather.

Meteorologist for the

Panhandle District Jennifer Puryear says, "This week we actually had convective thunderstorms, thunderstorms that had lightning and had good updrafts of 200 to 500 feet, that are building on top vertically. We've had no convective clouds for the last several months."

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Entrepreneur Alliance said showing progress

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

Small business is by no means an easy venture, but help is available in Big Spring for those who request it.

Entrepreneur Alliance's presence in Big Spring is at its scheduled mid-point and showing progress, according to Mattie McLain, business development facilitator. The program is being funded by the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, on a one-year contract.

"When you compare Big Spring to the other communities we are in, it is right on track," McLain said.

Entrepreneur Alliance — a business consulting program aimed at helping people turn

their dreams into reality — is working with five other communities.

"Almost everyone has at least one business idea in them," McLain said. "My job is to help them get things in order to pursue those ideas."

The alliance, a two-year-old program based out of Amarillo, is making its mark on the Big Spring community. To this point, McLain has worked with more than a dozen people who have ideas in retail and service business. The other half of his acquired clientele is involved with existing businesses.

"We were looking forward to coming to Big Spring because, just like the other communities, it is unique in its own way," McLain said. "It

is a community with deep roots in oil and gas, but it also sits on the interstate, which makes it even more interesting and open to possibilities."

According to McLain, it doesn't matter if you are an individual with an idea for a business or an existing business that is just not as healthy as you would like it to be, there is a way for him to help. He received his entrepreneurship degree from the University of North Texas and works with a network of resources in order to provide resources and direction to his clients.

"This is just one more way the EDC is evolving and putting resources back into the community," McLain said.

"They are putting the focus on local business and local entrepreneurs."

The main focus of the EDC is to bring in industry from outside the community. However, McLain said, when you look at it whether you are working individually with 50 local people who start up 50 local businesses, you are working towards the same goal and serving the same purpose as drawing in an industry from outside the community, but you are keeping it local.

At the end of the one-year period, the BSEDC will evaluate the progress and impact of the program and decide to keep the program in the community or not.

According to McLain, the

best thing anyone wanting to start a business can do is to keep an eye on where the capital will come from.

"It does take money to make money, but it doesn't necessarily have to be your money," McLain said. "Remember to live below your means, save and take care of your credit score, especially if you will be needing a loan."

To take advantage of the free service, contact the BSEDC office at 264-6032 or call McLain directly at 806-316-7600 to make an appointment.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

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Tim Beck, 709 W. Seventh St., Big Spring

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Sandy Martinez, P.O. Box 43, Stanton

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Rolando Mata, 33, and Alberta Sarah Martinez, 24, both of Big Spring.

Joel Rojo, 29, and Jessica F. Olivas, 23, both of Big Spring.

Nathan Lee Sundy, 21, and Samantha Lee Savell, 24, both of Big Spring.

Domingo L. Rodriguez, 22, and Katelin N. Lyons, 22, both of Big Spring.

Michael H. Dominguez, 40, and Gwendolyn N. Olivarez, 35, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings:

Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. Angela and Shannon Smith, accounts, notes and contracts.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. Bryan Pearson, accounts, notes and contracts.

Jennifer Wheeler vs. Michael Olivarez, application for protective order.

Ashley Lee Ramos vs. Freddie Ramos, application for protective order.

State National Bank of Big Spring vs. Estate of David Murphy, accounts, notes and contracts.

Starla L. Hernandez vs. Luis M. Lopez, divorce.

Dora Quinonez vs. Michael A. Bustos, divorce.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Citimortgage Inc.

Grantee: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

Property: Lot 14, block 13, College Park Addition.

Date: May 23, 2011.

Grantor: Theodore E. Moulas

Grantee: Ronald D. Adkins

Property: Lot 7, block 5, Monticello Addition.

Date: Aug. 16, 2011.

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum

Grantee: Michael Nairn

Property: Lot 9, block 11, Washington Place Addition.

Date: Aug. 15, 2011.

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Grantee: Benny Lee and Kathy Pickett

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Date: Aug. 15, 2011.

Grantor: Carlene Rose

Grantee: Marcellous Weaver

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Date: Aug. 1, 2011.

Grantor: Ronald Gore

Grantee: Derwood C. Zant

Property: Tract out of lot 10, block 14, McDowell Heights Addition.

Date: Aug. 5, 2011.

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Grantee: BDC Properties/Construction Inc.

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Date: Aug. 12, 2011.

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:

Grantor: Elton B. Turner

Grantee: Seth Wilson

Property: Lots 5 and 6, block 20, Fairview Heights Addition.

Date: Aug. 12, 2011.

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few months of decline.

"This is the highest tax receipt for the month we have seen in two or three years," said Glenn Fillingim, BSEDC secretary/treasurer.

Once the yearly approvals were given, the board considered and accepted two incentive agreements — Acme Energy, DBA Big Dog Rig Movers and Desert Tanks LLC. The agreement between Big Dog and BSEDC is a five-year loan for \$450,000 with a \$450,000 down payment. Stipulations to the agreement require the company to meet a \$900,000 payroll in order to receive the forgiveness on the loan. A majority of the board approved the lease

agreement.

Desert Tanks received full board approval on its lease agreement, which will go toward company expansion. The 10-year, forgivable loan is capped at \$800,000. According to Wegman, the loan will be used to purchase equipment.

"Desert Tanks has invested capital of \$1.35 million in the project and their financials look good," Wegman said. "The execution of the note most likely won't take place until December or the first part of next year."

With the expansion of the facility, the capacity will be doubled and there will be 26 employee positions added, bringing the total employment to around 50. The 2010 payroll will serve as the base payroll as far as the forgiveness

credit is concerned.

"In order to receive the forgiveness credit towards the loan, the payroll has to exceed and go beyond existing payroll," Wegman said.

At this point, the facility the company is expanding into at the airpark has been cleaned out. The outside of the building needs a little more cleanup, he said. The lease agreement with the airpark for the location has not been finalized, but according to Wegman after speaking with airpark officials there should be no problem with obtaining the lease.

Other prospective ventures include Electrical Industry Training Institute (EITI) joining in a partnership with Howard College to offer training in Howard County. EITI, Howard

College and BSEDC will be meeting with local contractors in order to determine the specific need for the area. If EITI feels there is sufficient need for the program, the services will be provided on the Howard College campus with EITI instructors.

"Howard College has already agreed to provide not only the classroom space, but also acreage in order for them to have their hands-on training," Wegman said. "The project seems to be coming along, but we will know more Monday."

The Howard County Health Center was able to provide numbers to

BSEDC for July and according to reports the employee count has moved up to nine and payroll is more than \$14,000 for July.

Wegman reported the wind energy transmission line project is moving along with leased land already acquired to store the equipment. Through this project there will be 1,000 jobs in the field as well as an additional 30 to 50 positions in office, according to Wegman.

"The project is ramping up and moving right along," Wegman said. "We should start seeing some activity kick off sometime around October and especially early

next year."

There has been positive progress of the planned Ports-to-Plains reliever route around the west side of Big Spring and the Texas Department of Transportation should have needed approvals in September or October to move forward.

The next BSEDC meeting is set for 5:15 p.m. Sept. 20 in the Chamber Board Room. To find out more information, visit the BSEDC website at bigspringtx.com.

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That's why we haven't worked previously to this week."

"I've seen on radar the increase in reflectivities and how the cells responded, so I would say we had a positive effect," said Jennifer Puryear, a meteorologist for the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation

District. "They're very supportive of our program and they obviously think it works. They are farmers and ranchers, so they are directly affected by what we do, so if it was not effective, we probably would not have the program."

Quite a few organizations have ended their programs because of claims that seeding was actually helping to create severe weather conditions.

Some say cloud seeding conserves water because it produces more rain, lessening the need to irrigate.

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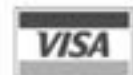
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COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM Public Notice
Effective September 1, 2011
The Howard County Indigent Health Care program is based on the rules and procedures mandated by the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.

An Application Form can be obtained from the County Indigent Health Care Office located at:
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#7083 August 21, 2011

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This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on September 8, 2011. You have until March 6, 2012, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1318 Instant Powerball** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 2.80. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on September 23, 2011. You have until March 21, 2012, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1270 Weekly Grand** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 3.91. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on September 25, 2011. You have until March 23, 2012, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1327 Black Cherry Doubler** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.76. These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on October 26, 2011. You have until April 23, 2012, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#1320 3 Times The Money** (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.85, **#1344 Find The 9's** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.60, **#1304 Double Dollars** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.31, **#1306 Cactus Cash** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.31, **#1319 Blackjack** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.85, **#1143 Double It!** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.87, **#1258 Bonus Cashword** (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 3.44, **#1275 Big Money Bingo** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.62. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$1,000,000 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery Supports Texas Education. #7082 August 21, 2011

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CAUSE NO. STYLE
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
5414
Howard County, et al vs. Juan De Los Santos
All of Lot 5, Blk 20, Government Heights to Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 5428
Howard County, et al vs. Robert Powell
Personal Property-Mobile Home-Label #NTA0560748 5557
Howard County, et al vs. Harold Atkinson aka Harold D. Atkinson, Lucille O'Brien and Kevin Matteson
A 0.782 acre tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sc. 43, Blk 31, T1N, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit; to include 14x56 mobile home LBL# TXS0545895 5715
Howard County, et al vs. John Slay Fuglaar Aka John S. Fuglaar, Michelle Sullivan, Ind, and as Ind. Adm. of the Estate of John Slay Fuglaar, Tyra Lendermon aka Tyra Denette Rainey
A 2 acre tract or parcel of land out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit 5718
Howard County, et al vs. Jack Coleman and Peggy Coleman

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Lt 8, Bk 16, Boydston Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 5798
Howard County, et al vs. Erasmo H. Sosa and Linda J. Sosa
Lt 31, Bk 29, College Park Estates, a Subdivision to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 5824
Howard County, et al vs. J. R. Coyle and Viola Coyle
Lt 15 and E/25' of Lt 16, Bk 2, Hayden Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 5898
Howard County, et al vs. Jimmy Howard
Lot 23, Bk 1, Bates Addition to the town of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas; to include 28x70 mobile home 5739
Howard County, et al vs. Mike Gressett
Being a 19.724 acre tract of land out of the NW/4 of Sc 40, Bk 32, T1S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit, including 14x76 mobile home
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#7085 August 21, 2011

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Bid# 12-007
Fleet Fuel Services
Bid# 12-008

Dora Roberts Community Center
Janitorial Services
Bid# 12-009
Radio Tower Maintenance
Bid# 12-010
Uniforms
Bid# 12-011
Lube and Oil Change Services
Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s).
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Breakfast, could be the best thing you can do all day



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(Family Features) — When the morning alarm sounds and the morning rush to get out of the house begins, breakfast often takes a back seat to other pressing matters. But eating a nutritious breakfast could be the best thing you do all day.

While the majority of U.S. adults say that breakfast is the most

important meal of the day, nearly half (45 percent) say they don't eat it due to lack of time, according to the Seneca Farms 2011 Children's Nutrition Survey. The survey also found that:

- Nearly 60 percent of moms admit their child skips breakfast.
- More than half of moms wish their child

ate a more nutritious breakfast.

• 48 percent of American women say they're either too tired or don't have enough time to eat breakfast.

"Skipping breakfast is a big mistake for anyone, but especially children," said Elizabeth Somer, a registered dietitian and author of

11 books.

"Students who eat breakfast perform better on memory and recall tests, react faster, think more clearly, are in better moods, pay attention better, and are less restless compared to students who skip breakfast. They even score higher on IQ tests and have an easier time managing their

weights."

Somer says that a nutritious breakfast should follow the "1, 2, 3" rule. The breakfast should have:

1) A whole grain to provide needed high-quality carbs for the brain during the morning hours.

2) A little protein to keep your child satiated and maintain even blood sugar levels throughout the morning.

3) 1 to 2 colorful fruits and/or vegetables.

To help you out, here is a week's worth of quick-fix, on-the-go breakfast ideas. Try them out, and you and your child will not only feel better, but you'll both have a more productive day:

- Quick-serve oatmeal, such as Seneca Farms Oatmeal, served with a glass of low-fat milk and a bowl of watermelon or berries. It takes just 45 seconds to make in the microwave and you don't have to add milk or water, a great breakfast for people on the go.

- A whole wheat tortilla with scrambled egg whites and salsa, a cup

of low-fat milk and a small can of sliced pears.

- Top a whole wheat English muffin with thick slices of tomato and thin slice of low-fat cheese and heat in the toaster oven. It's like having a slice of pizza in the morning. Serve it with freshly-squeezed orange juice and you're good to go.

- A smoothie made with low-fat milk, orange juice concentrate, a banana, wheat germ, and frozen strawberries.

- A toasted whole grain waffle topped with peanut butter. Serve with an individual serving of canned fruit (packed in its own juice).

- Fill a 1/2 cantaloupe with non-fat lemon yogurt and sprinkle with granola.

Breakfast matters, for you and your child. And it's easier than you think to get the day started off right. For more information about Seneca Farms Oatmeal, visit www.seneca-farms.com.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll express your creativity through today's interactions. You have an amazing way of staying tightly controlled and yet simultaneously free-flowing. The effect is mesmerizing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your comedic instinct is well honed. You're simply quick to notice what's funny, and you'll call it out in a truly original way. You'll have an appreciative audience that laughs at your jokes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you get the feeling that everything about your appearance is crucial now, you're right. You're being considered for a kind of "role." Someone is checking you out and paying attention to the details.



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CANCER (June 22-July 22). You wisely realize that you can't be everything to everybody all at once. So you set limits and let go of the less significant responsibilities. Even superheroes need a day off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Before entering new situations, rehearse in your imagination. Think about what you want to happen, and set an intention. Business and pleasure go better because of this kind of preparation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Not all of your abilities need to be exercised today. You'll see opportunities that you could easily seize. Whether it would benefit you to seize them is another story entirely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Trying to be perfect is not only futile, but it can also hurt your popularity. Everyone feels uptight around perfectionists, who are known to be much less fun than the so-called

"real" people who aren't trying to impress anyone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone develops differently. What you learned early in life, someone else is learning late. Your patience and guidance in the matter will be a valued gift.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a low tolerance for boredom. So when things get too quiet, you'll find a way to ignite the action. It's time to plan another vacation, party or other form of entertainment to keep things interesting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your goal gleams in the distance. Though you can see it clearly, it

will be several weeks before you reach this milestone. Stick to it until you get where you want to go.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You like to look on the bright side. Doing so will require that you suppress some bit of unpleasantness that others are paying a good deal of attention to. This will work for you. Perception is reality.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You want to connect with the magic in the universe. You don't have to reach far to do so, because the magic is not "out there." It's right where you are. Expect to experience it, and you will.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have six siblings. Our childhood was traumatic. My dad was an out-of-control drinker who was frequently violent, and Mom wouldn't stand up to him.

When Dad wasn't beating us, my parents would pit us against each other by encouraging family gossip, tattling and playing favorites.

Out of all my siblings, I am the only one who never married. Over the years, there have been holiday gatherings at my parents' home, and my siblings would attend and bring their children.

Bedrooms were always assigned to my married sibs, and the additional bedrooms were assigned to their kids. I was told to grab a pillow and blanket and sleep on the couch.

When I protested that such a choice was more appropriate for the kids, I was told that they could fit more kids into the bedrooms than on the couch. I told my mother she was singling me out for lesser treatment, but she refused to hear me.

My sister's kids were allowed to treat me with disrespect, so I finally stopped coming to family gatherings.

My parents are now getting up in years and downsized to a two-bedroom house. When I visited a few years ago, I was told to vacate the spare bedroom because another sister and her husband were coming. I left and did not come back.

Dad is now sober and wants the family together again. I have NO interest in rejoining my "loving" family. They assigned rank and decided I was expendable.

There are other examples of such treatment. How do I explain that they burned that bridge a long time ago? — Cold in Michigan



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Cold: We're going to assume there are a lot of underlying emotional issues, because giving up your bedroom so two kids can sleep there instead of one on the couch seems a rather petty reason to disown your family.

You had a rough childhood and obviously harbor a great deal of resentment not only toward your parents, but also toward your siblings. You don't have to attend family gatherings if you feel unappreciated, but please consider counseling to help you deal with the rest.

Dear Annie: Are we the only people who think charitable organizations have gone off the deep end?

We don't want the pins and certificates of appreciation or the plastic membership cards. We can't possibly use 15 wall calendars, six pocket calendars and four packages of greeting cards.

We don't want T-shirts and tote bags with the organization's name emblazoned on them.

We also don't appreciate the envelopes with stamps attached that are apparently intended to produce a guilt trip. We've written to ask them to take us off their mailing list. What else can

we do to stop the waste? — *Disgusted Givers from Illinois*

Dear Disgusted: Not much. Some of those "gifts," like tote bags and T-shirts, are a form of advertising for the organization. You can find out how specific charities spend their money by checking with the American Institute of Philanthropy (charitywatch.org) or Charity Navigator (charitynavigator.org).

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Disappointed Grandmother," whose grandchildren never sent thank-you notes.

When my parents were in their 80s, I helped them mail gifts to the grandchildren. They wanted a thank-you note, not only as an acknowledgement of their gift, but in order to hear from their grandchildren.

I solved the problem. When I sent the gift, I enclosed a stamped, self-addressed thank-you card along with it.

It took only one little nudge, and they sent thank-you notes to my parents from that time on. I never told my folks what I did, but they were very proud of their well-mannered grandchildren. — C.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Scotts honored with Good Scout Award



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John and Cindy Scott were honored with the Good Scout Award on Aug. 11 at the Big Spring County Club. This was the second year for this award to be presented, but the first time it was presented to a couple. The Good Scout Award is presented to those who demonstrate the principles Scouting teaches youth, officials said.

Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast: sunrise bites, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: pizza, baby carrots, ranch dressing, rosy applesauce, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: breakfast pocket, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken spaghetti, spinach romaine salad, ranch dressing, corn, apricots, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: baked cheese sticks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: beef taco, border beans, lettuce/tomato salad, mandarin oranges, salsa, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: pizza bagel, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: hot dog on bun, broccoli rice casserole, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: pancake on a stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: barbecue beef, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, strawberries, fresh fruit, milk.

Lunch: popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit variety, milk.

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast: cereal yogurt, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken fajitas, refried beans, corn, orange smiles, pudding and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: egg, bacon and toast, juice and milk. Lunch: barbecue rib sandwich, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple/orange salad and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: muffins, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green peas, roll, cookie and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice and milk. Lunch: meat and bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, rosie applesauce and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: biscuit and gravy, juice and milk. Lunch: submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, oven fries, carrots with ranch, apple and milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: cinnamon roll, juice, milk. Lunch: ravioli, green beans, garlic toast, apples and oranges, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: turkey sandwich, veggies, sun chips, baby carrots, fruit cup, brownie, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuit, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, fancy gelatin, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: sausage on a stick, juice, milk. Lunch: hot dogs, tater tots, pinto beans, sparkly apple, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Senior Center

Monday: beef macaroni casserole, green peas, tossed salad, rolls, cake, milk.

Tuesday: baked chicken breast, roasted potatoes, okra and tomatoes, rolls, pears and peaches, milk.

Wednesday: steak fingers with gravy, french fries, orange glazed carrots, biscuits, orange wedges, milk.

Thursday: chicken enchiladas, casserole, fiesta corn, tossed salad, cornbread/banana, milk.

Friday: fried catfish, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, cornbread, lemon bars, milk.

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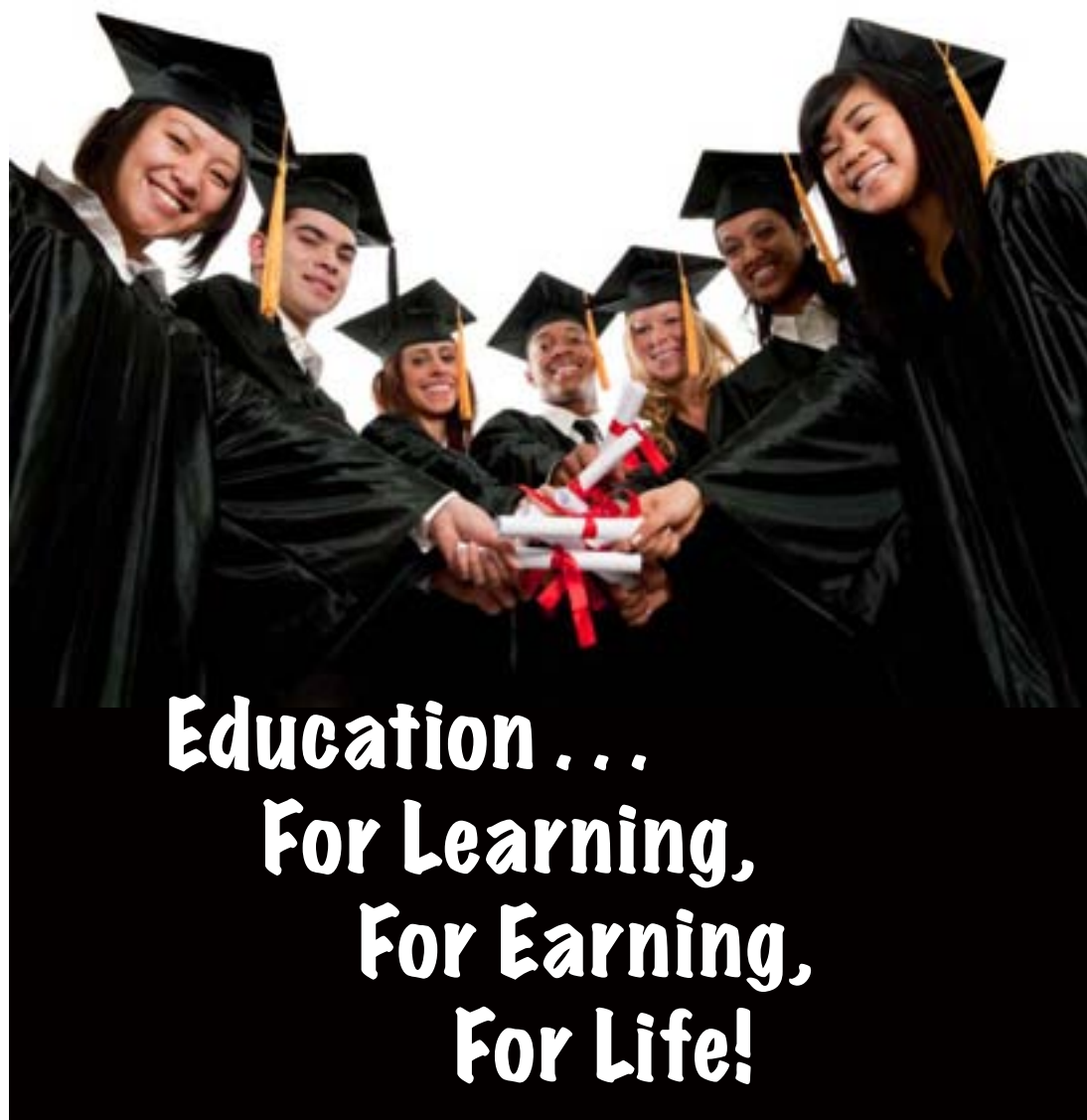
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