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### County jail construction said on time

Routine agenda facing commissioners Monday

#### By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Routine items top the agenda for the Howard County Commissioners Court Monday, with budget amendments and change-orders for the new county jail expected to highlight the meeting.

And according to County Judge Mark Barr, routine will be just fine with him and the rest of the commissioners.

"Everything has been so fast and furious with the budget and the construction of the new jail, a routine agenda sounds like a nice change of pace right now," said Barr with a laugh. "It really does."

While the work in the commissioners courtroom may slow down slightly Monday morning, Barr said work on the new \$11.57 million county jail



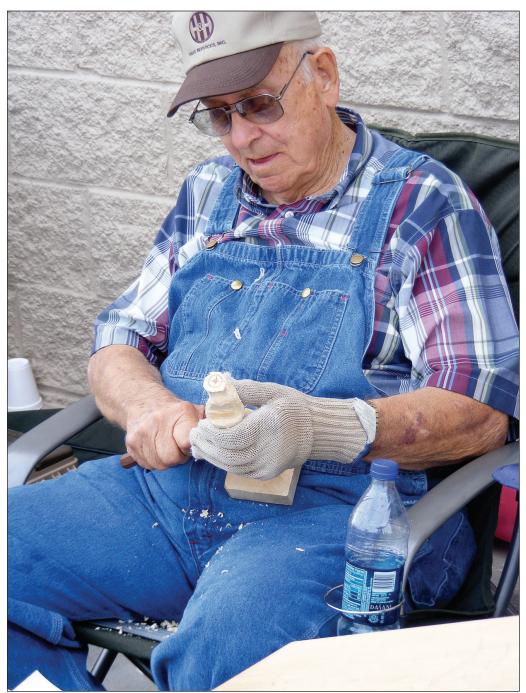
### have construction completed in March 2009."

—Mark Barr, county judge

is on pace to be completed sometime in March 2009.

"I'd say the jail is about 30 percent complete at this point," said Barr. "They're doing the masonry block work right now, and they are working on some of the doors and steel ceilings for the jail cell area. Accord-

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Fred Henderson of the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club works on one of his creations during the club's demonstration Saturday in front of Wal-Mart. The club will hold classes beginning Monday leading up to its annual Show and Sale Friday and Saturday at Dora Roberts Community Center.

## Fun Fest

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 SUNDAY

Senior event slated Oct. 24

### By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Senior Center will be teaming up with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program

(RSVP) for a knee-slappin' good time Oct. 24, as the two groups present their annual Senior Fun Fest. Now in its



Now in its fourth year,

the Fun Fest — which was developed to replace the annual Canterbury Spookhouse and Senior Health Fair — continues a tradition organizers say is just as important to the Halloween holiday as trick-ortreating.

"This is a chance for the adults and seniors in the community to get together and have fun and network," said Nancy Jones,

### **D**RINK MOO MILK



Courtesy photo

Students at Washington Elementary give Miz Moo a squeeze. The pink bovine visited Big Spring Independent School District campuses this week to encourage children to drink milk.

# Source: Chrysler, GM mull merger, acquisition

### By TOM KRISHER

AP Business Writer

DETROIT — General Motors Corp., Chrysler LLC and Cerberus Capital Management LP have held preliminary talks about a merger or an acquisition of Chrysler by GM, according to a person familiar with the talks.

Chrysler, which is 80.1 percent owned by Cerberus, already has a joint venture with GM making a hybrid gas-electric powertrain, and has discussed a full merger or acquisition with GM, said the person, who did not want to be identified because the talks have not been made public.

The Wall Street Journal, citing people it described as familiar with the discussions, reported that Cerberus, a private equity firm that also owns 51 percent of GMAC Financial Services, proposed trading Chrysler's automotive operations to GM in exchange for GM's remaining 49 percent stake in GMAC.

The New York Times, also citing people familiar with the talks, reported that the automakers were discussing a merger.

GMAC, primarily an auto lender, also has significant mortgage lending operations that have been hit hard by the crisis in that industry.

The talks have stalled because of the

recent turmoil in the financial markets, according to the Journal. Its sources said negotiations could resume if markets stabilize because both GM and Cerberus want to quickly divest the assets under discussion.

The negotiations between 100-year-old GM and 83-year-old Chrysler have began more than a month ago. The Times said its sources pegged the chances of a merger being completed at "50-50."

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### FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WRAPUP Stanton holds off Forsan, 21-14 Noland paces district-opening win in Battle of the Buffaloes

### **By JEFF LANE**

Special to the Herald

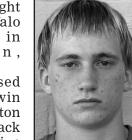
STANTON — In high school football, district play can lead to some of the best games of the year. Add the fact that the contestants are long-time rivals and what you get can be even better.

• Sports

The 2008 Battle of the Buffaloes did not disappoint in that respect as Stanton squeaked by Forsan

Friday night Buffalo at Field in Stanton, 21-14.

Showcased in the win was Stanton running back Robbie Noland, who



Noland

exploded for 272 yards and two use our size advantage in the touchdowns on 42 carries as he running game and our quarterled Stanton (2-4, 1-0) to a crucial District 7-A win.

"This was such a big game for both teams," said Stanton Head Coach Lee McCown. "We definitely view Forsan as a contender in district and needed to get this win. Robbie was great for us tonight. We were really able to

back made some great passes when we needed them."

Forsan got its first dose of Noland early in the first quarter. Stanton started from its own 20-yard line and Noland carried the ball nine straight times, ending with a 2-yard touchdown and giving Stanton the lead, 7-0.

"We knew exactly what they were going to do with Noland", Forsan head coach Tommy Thompson said, "We knew that coach McCown was very patient with his offense and would line up and run right at us. We simply had to step up and stop them. Our guys fought hard, but their

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**HERALD** photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring Steers quarterback Matt Ritchey dives across the pylon for a touchdown in District 4-4A football action from Friday night in Memorial Stadium. The Steers dropped their district opener to Frenship, 39-21.

### Frenship runs away from beat up Steers

### Area Roundup

Grady, Garden City win first district games

### **Herald Staff Report**

GARDEN CITY - Garden City's Jake Schwartz lived up to his honorable mention all-state honors he received for his efforts in the 2007 season with a five-touchdown performance against Sterling City Friday night.

Schwartz and the Bearkats cruised to their first district win of the season, 52-6, with the game ending with 4:42 left in the third quarter, courtesy of the 45-point mercy rule that governs Texas six-man football.

Schwartz caught a 34-yard pass from quarterback Levi Schaeffer to end the game. It was the fourth score Schaeffer had thrown to Schwartz with the others coming from 60, 34 and 29 yards out. The allstate utility back's other score came via a 12-vard run.

#### **By JONATHAN HULL**

#### **Big Spring Herald**

BIG SPRING — The Frenship Tigers opened up the 2008 District 4-4A season the same way they ended it in 2007 by registering a lopsided victory.

The Tigers (6-0, 1-0) took advantage of several special teams mistakes by the Big Spring Steers (3-3, 0-1) to claim a 39-21 victory.

"To start 1-0 in district is always impor-

tant," said Frenship head coach Brad Ritchey. Davis. "After the first week, you're either tied for first or tied for last. We're glad to be tied for first."

Despite the 18-point margin of victory, both Davis and Big Spring head coach Phillip Ritchey were quick to point out how improved the Steers are this year as compared to past seasons.

"I don't care what the scoreboard says. This is a good football team," said

Big Spring played without six of its starters, with five missing from the defensive side of the ball. All-state middle linebacker Cade Hollandsworth missed the game after suffering a knee injury two weeks ago in Sweetwater. Fellow linebacker Martin Yanez was also missing from action Friday due to an injury from the same game.

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Sterling City's only points came in the first quarter when Kobi Wright caught a 26-yard pas from Tate Horwood. The Bearkats held the Eagles to just 131 total vards of offense.

Garden City (6-1, 1-0) plays at No. 5 Fort Davis, who ripped Rankin, 66-20, Friday night, next week. The Bearkats defeated Fort Davis last season.

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### Coahoma's late rally falls short, **Tuscola Jim Ned wins 29-22**

#### By BRANDON HALLFORD

#### Special to the Herald

COAHOMA - There are those games you feel you can win and then there are those you know you should have won. However, sometimes because of penalties and other miscues a loss occurs, leaving a team wondering what could have been.

Coahoma Bulldogs (0-1, 4-2) Head Coach Stacy Martin experienced the latter Friday night as the Jim Ned Indians (1-0, 3-3), powered by Joseph Mayfield's 201 rushing yards, took full advantage of the 29-22 in the District 7-2A opener for both squads.

"It's hard to win when you only play half a game," Martin lamented after the game. "We came out here rusty and flat and you just can't do that in this district."

their first gift of the night, an errant pass that Jordan Gibbs snagged at the Bulldogs 41, returning it 27 yards and setting up Jim Ned deep inside Coahoma territory.

Mayfield, the district's leading rusher, took over from there as he carried the ball

Bulldogs' lack of focus to win four consecutive times, finally going around the right side from the 6 for the 7-0 lead.

Coahoma responded by using thirteen plays to travel 64 yards with P.J. Daylong finishing it off with a 9-yard jaunt.

The point after however, The Indians cashed in on failed leaving the Bulldogs down 7-6 with 10:32 remaining in the half.

> The Indians finished off the first half scoring on their next drive courtesy of a 37-yard field goal by Frankie Rohr, giving Jim Ned a 10-6 advantage

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Coahoma's, Adrian Amaro (front right), Chase Clanton (63), Damian Bailey (left) and Lane Douglas converge on a Jim Ned ball carrier in District 7-2A football action from Friday night in Coahoma. The Bulldogs fell 29-22.

CROSSROADS FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD							
				WEEK 6			
	Frenship 39 Big Spring 21	Stanton 21 Forsan 14	Jim Ned 29 Coahoma 22	Grady 52 Aspermont 28	Garden City 51 Sterling City 6	Sands (4-2) bye	Check bigspringherald.com late Friday nights for each week's scores.

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### BIG HERALD

Blessing Of The Animals

he annual Blessing of the Animals held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church gathers together a mix of pet lovers and their creatures for a short Christian celebration

of nature.

"It's an opportunity to bring your pets of all different shapes, sizes — scaly or furry — and have them blessed in honor of St. Francis," said Mother Kelly Conkling, priest-in-charge of St. Mary's.

Life

On Saturday, Oct. 4 — St. Francis Feast Day — a handful of people and their animals did just that. Little Tony came, arriving with an authoritative bark. Grinning and holding up his clawed-scared arm, Steve Campbell said he hoped Mother Kelly would perform an exorcism on his wife's cat, Bomber, who was clearly outnumbered by the canine variety at the event.

Jack the guinea pig decided he liked staying in his cage. Brewtus, a dachshund, waddled in late towing his owner behind and Lady, a Sheltie, acted just like her namesake during the whole ceremony.

Faced with the task of blessing everything from hermit crabs brought by Po Grassman to Mika Jensen's stuffed animal, the Rev. Conkling made her rounds through the small crowd efficiently while the animals — and their owners — stayed on their best behavior.

"On St. Francis Day, it's been a tradition for quite a while...that we offer a blessing to people's animals knowing how, for so many people, their pets are a large part of their family," Conkling said.

The act of blessing the animals recognizes them as God's creation, she continued, how animals share in the fortunes of human existence and have a part in human life.

During the years, Conkling has blessed many different types of creatures brought to her by loving owners.

"I always like to ask people to leave their snakes in a cage," she said. "I don't like to pick the snake up. I bless them through the glass, but you get everything. You get rats, you get snakes. You get children who bring their stuffed animals, you get horses — that's the biggest thing I've blessed — frogs, frogs are interesting to bless. The most fun was the chicken who was part of the church service."

"One of my acolytes brought her chicken to church," she recalled. "The blessing was part of the main Sunday service, and we held it outside in the courtyard. She had her chicken in a basket and the chicken processed with the acolyte."

The event is held on St. Francis Feast Day because Francis, the founder of the Franciscan Order, is known as the patron saint of animals, the environment and Italy.

"In the Episcopal Church, we recognize saints as those examples of Christians who've gone before us that we can pattern our lives after," Conkling said. "We honor these saints on what we call feast days in recognition of who they were and what they did to change us as Christians and how we can live out our Christian faith." Francis of Assisi, who lived from the late 12<sup>th</sup> to the early 13<sup>th</sup> Century, was born a wealthy merchant son, but gave up his wealth to lead a life of poverty, dedicated to serving God and the poor. He was also known for his love of animals. Pope Gregory the Ninth named Francis a saint in 1228.



Herald Photos/Lyndel Moody The Rev. Kelly Conkling gives a little attention to Cohen held by Hawley Lewis.



- Lyndel Moody



Herald Photos/Lyndel Moody At left, Gloria Bain holds Bewtus while the Rev. Conkling blesses the dog.

Herald Photos/Lyndel Moody Michael Jensen takes special notice of some hermit crabs brought by Po Grassman



Herald Photos/Lyndel Moody Conkling gives a very uncomfortable Bomber a blessing while his owner, Rhonda Campbell holds him.



### **Obituaries**

### **Clark Franklin Sundy**



Clark Franklin Sundy passed away Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008.

He was born March 10. 1924 to Mac and Susie Sundy in Flompton, Ala. The family moved to the Big Spring area while he was small. He attended school in Knott, then served in the U.S. Army in the medical field in Europe and France.

After the war, he attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock and became an electrical engineer. Clark worked for Texas Electric Service Company for 35 years prior to retirement. He married Johnnie Lou Tannehill in 1953. The couple had three beautiful children together, Charles, Carolyn and Betty.

He was preceded in death by his parents: son. Charles; brothers, Albert, Jimmy and Monroe; and sister, Ida Bell Bankston.

Clark is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Johnnie Lou; daughter, Carolyn Franklin and husband Dennis and their son, Robert; daughter, Betty Thibeau and husband Tom; step-grandchildren, Jason Thibeau and wife Melissa and their two girls; Devon Warren and husband Tim and their two boys; brother,

Allen Sundy; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008. at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008, at Shady Grove Cemetery in Burnet.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland. To place online condolences, please visit www.mem.com.

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### Manuel Cervantes Sr.



Manuel C. Cervantes Sr., 87, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008, in a Lubbock hospital. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13, 2008, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating and Deacon Horatio Yanez, assisting. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 15, 1921, in Quito and married Maria Quintela Nov. 28, 1938, in Marfa.

Mr. Cervantes came to Big Spring in 1942 from Marfa and worked for the City of Big Spring as a plant operator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, retiring after 31 years. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and a member of the Cursillistas for more than 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Cervantes of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Manuel, Jr. and Margaret Cervantes of Big Spring; two brothers, Rodolfo Cervantez of Sacramento, Calif., and Raul Franco of San Antonio; one sister, Maria Diaz of Big Spring; three grandsons, Michael Herrera, Manuel Cervantes III and Donald Cervantes, all of Big Spring; four granddaughters, Sylvia Milan of Big Spring, Priscilla Haro of San Antonio, Belinda Herrera of San Angelo and Joanne Cervantes of Big Spring; 17 great-grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Manuel Cervantes; one daughter, Noemi Herrera; his parents, Antonio and Margarita Cervantes; two sisters, Maria Martinez and Lupe Bihl; two brothers, Ramon Franco and Juan Cervantez; and one great-grandson, Richard Haro, Jr.

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

### S.F. Britton

S.F. "Porky" Britton passed away Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, in Stanton. Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday. Oct. 13, 2008, at Belvue Church of Christ in Stanton, with Don Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton. The family will receive guests Sunday, Oct. 12, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

He was born Dec. 13, 1941, to Souval and Mozell Smith Britton in Huntington Beach, Calif. The family moved to Martin County in 1946 to farm.

He graduated from Stanton High School where he played football and was active in 4-H and the Future Farmers of America.

Mr. Britton was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his two sisters, Fran Rose and her husband Bennie, and Cindy Jenkins and her husband Scooter, of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Porky Britton Scholarship Fund at Permian Basin Area Foundation, 200 N. Loraine, Suite 500, Midland 79701, or Gifts of Hope, 400 N. Garfield, Suite 100, Midland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

### **Donna Murphy**



Donna Murphy, 76, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, 2008, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 27, 1932, in Gladewater to Mattie and Claude DeFord. She moved to Big Spring in Oct. 1958 from Midland. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband: J. O. "Jim" Murphy of Big Spring; five sons: Bobby Stark and his wife Lawana of Odessa, Chris Chaney and his wife Terri, Keith Chaney, Joe Chaney and his wife Tammye, and Kevin Murphy and his wife Shirley, all of Big Spring; two daughters: Joy Linn Landis and her husband Forrest of Tucson, Ariz., and Diane Hatch of Nederland; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother: Jim DeFord and his wife Maxine of Pensacola, Fla.; and one sister: Pat Moore and her husband Dub of Denton.

The family will be at 501 Edwards.

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

### Alex Patterson

Alex Patterson, 82, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 10, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Take Note

• A benefit for the family of the late Crazy Charlie will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St. A barbecue dinner, auction and opportunities to win prizes will be available. The

event is sponsored by the Cossacks and

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This is my wife Michelle with my sons Seth, age 9, and Jack, age 3. We live in Howard County and my children attend school here. As you can see, I have a big investment in Howard County. My wife and I have been married for 11 years and I was born and raised here in Howard County. I graduated from Big Spring High School in 1991, Texas Tech in 1995 with a B.S. in Agricultural Economics; and, received my Juris Doctor degree in 2001 from Texas Wesleyan. Upon completing school, I was given the privilege to practice law with my father, Lanny Hamby, until he retired in 2004. I have a general practice, which includes criminal defense work and I represent defendants in all of the courts in Howard County. I have an understanding of both sides of the criminal docket and I have all of the qualifications to serve as your County Attorney.

### Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday: • KENNETH MACLIN,

51, 1704 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order.

• ABILENE MOJICA, 26, 8200 County Road E, was arrested on two capias warrants.

• CODY HAWKINS, 26, 801 Cherry, was arrested on a capias warrant and Howard County warrant.

• JASON DIAZ, 28, 605 N. Scurry, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• KRISTINA MILLER, 26, 1809 Mittel, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and two local warrants.

• GUY TALAMENTEZ, 33, 1103 Mulberry, was arrested on two local warrants.

ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth. • ASSAULT CLASS C/ FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 800 block of Cherry.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2500 block of Kentucky.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of Stanford and the 1000 block of Stadium.

 POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 700 block of San Antonio.

• THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Washington and the 400 block of Fourth.

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 900 block of Bell.

• VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry.

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### **Dorothy Moates**



Dorothy Moates, 91, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dorothy was born Sept. 11, 1917, in Clyde to Charlsie and George Burlerson. She was a resident of Howard County for 75 years. Dorothy married Henry Lee Moates April 23, 1941. He preceded her in death Nov.

22, 1992. They lived and farmed in the Luther Community until 1992. Dorothy was a member of Vincent Baptist Church.

Dorothy is survived by one son, Mike Moates and his wife Sheree of Big Spring; and two granddaughters: Kirstie Boydstun and her husband Justin of Lubbock, and Lindsay Bailey and her husband Heath of Mineral Wells.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Lonnie Burlerson.

Pallbearers will be Marion Newton, Jeff Wilson, Terry Pate, Craig Bailey, Gary Phillips, Jason Choate, Caleb Choate, and Lance Tissue.

The family suggests memorials to Hillcrest Baptist Youth, 2000 W. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

268-4952. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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### Support Groups

#### TUESDAY

• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.

•The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

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### SPORTS

FHS-Seicks 3 run (Ratliff kick), 10:15

FHS-Dotson 7 run (Ratliff kick), 0:16

FHS BSHS

Rushes-yards 31-140 39-202 Passing yards 117 63

Comp.-Att.-Int. 10-16-0 7-21-0

Punts-avg. 3-25.3 3-32.3

Penalties-vards 5-42 4-26

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS** 

Fumbles-lost 1-0 1-1

21

RUSHING; Frenship, Preston Dotson

6-57, Bryan Seicks 11-54, Tyler Lloyd 4-15,

Ross Jackson 2-11, Cole Martin 1-4, Landon

Lamb 3-4, Zach Edwards 2-(-5), Brandon

Hanslik 1-(-1); Big Spring, Matt Ritchey

16-104, Zamir Linton 20-86, Pavel Plakhotny

PASSING: Frenship, Lloyd 10-16-0 117;

Big Spring, Ritchey 5-10-0 36, Linton 2-9-0

Parker 2-13, Josh Harris 1-3, Plakhotny

BSHS - Linton 3 run, (Ritchey kick),

Third Quarter

Fourth Quarter

**TEAM STATISTICS** 

First downs 17

0:28

3-12.

1-2.

### **STEERS**

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The worst injury news for Big Spring occurred Thursday night. Four more starters were involved in a one-vehicle accident with each player suffering mild to severe concussions, forcing them out of Friday's game. Among them was leading rusher Monte Anderson.

"I think Big Spring is as good as anybody in the district when they're healthy," Davis said. "They're banged up. They lost their middle linebacker against Sweetwater and he's a great player. Then they had a wreck last night that cost them some key players. They're just having some hard luck, but when they're healthy they're a very good football team."

The Tigers pounced on the

#### their opening drive courtesy of an 11-yard pass from Tyler Lloyd to Ben Christian. The Steers fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Frenship capitalized four plays later when Preston Dotson ran into the end zone untouched from 7 yards out. The Tigers converted for two points, placing them ahead 15-0 with 6:58 left.

Steers early, scoring on

Big Spring actually outscored Frenship 14-10 from that point until halftime, but the Tigers held a 25-14 advantage at intermission.

Frenship's strong special teams play carried over into the second half as the Tigers

force Big Spring into a threeand-out, then blocked the punt attempt, returning the ball to the Steers' 3-yard line. Bryan Seicks plunged into the end zone one play later, putting the Tigers

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size up front was definitely an advantage tonight.'

Forsan opened the second quarter by coughing up the ball on a Jace Sandridge fumble, giving Stanton the ball in Forsan territory on the 34-yard line, which meant one thing - Noland was getting the ball.

"If it works, keep using it," said McCown. "We got a big break on the fumble on their side of the field and just felt we needed to use what was so successful for us already in the game until they showed they could stop it."

This time it took Noland six carries before he crossed the goal line from three yards out, giving Stanton a 13-0 lead with 9:34 to go in the half.

Noland set up one last score in the first half.

After Forsan's Alex Huckabee landed a punt at the Stanton 1-yard line, the ball was once again placed in Noland's care. Four plays later, he had Stanton

out of trouble to the 33-yard line. Stanton widened their lead to 21 points after Fulton connected with receivers for gains of 18 and 55 yards and then plunged into the end zone from the 1 with 46 seconds left in the half.

Coming out in the second half. Stanton controlled the ball for most of the third period, but it was Forsan that saw the momentum swing in its favor for the first time in the game.

A revitalized Forsan defense stopped the Stanton offense on a 4th and 9 and took possession of the ball at its own 30-yard line.

Forsan decided to give the ball to freshman Ty Johnson, who took Forsan down to the Stanton 36 with seven carries.

Two plays later, Huckabee dropped back and found wide out Jeremy Robbins, who outjumped a Stanton defender and trotted five yards to paydirt giving Forsan its first score of the game.

With 2:41 left in the third, Stanton took over hoping to

### **District 4-4A Football** Standings & Schedule

Team	Dist.	Overall
Frenship	1-0	6-0
Lake View	1-0	4-2
Cooper	1-0	3-3
<b>Big</b> Spring	0-1	3-3
Hereford	0-1	2-4
Plainview	0-1	2-4
Week 6 res	sults: 1	Frenship 39, Big
Spring 21; Lak	e View	40, Plainview 21;
Cooper 42, Her	reford 13	3.
Week 7 sc	hedule	: Big Spring at
Plainview, H	Iereford	d at Frenship,
Cooper at Lake	e View.	
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ahead 32-14.

Team

Plains

Sundown

"Special teams hurt us all night," said Ritchey. "It's been a problem all season and it really kept us out of this game tonight. Take away those mistakes and it's a different ball game."

**District 7-A Football** 

Standings & Schedule

**Overall** 

4-2

4-2

Dist.

0-1

1-0

Dotson scored his second touchdown with 16 seconds left in the third. Big Spring made the score a little more respectable, with Zamir Linton finding paydirt with 28 seconds remaining in the game.

Big Spring travels to Plainview (2-4, 0-1) next week, while Frenship hosts Hereford (2-4, 0-1).

**FRENSHIP 39, BIG SPRING 21** Frenship 15 10 14 0-39 Big Spring 7 0 7-21 **First Quarter** 

FHS-Ben Christian 11 pass from Tyler Lloyd (Lance Ratliff kick), 8:53 FHS-Preston Dotson 7 run (Landon

Lamb pass from Jedidiah Mannon), 6:58

BSHS - Matt Ritchey 15 run (Ritchey kick), 0:24

#### Second Quarter

FHS - Ratliff 25 field goal, 9:26

BSHS-Zamir Linton 3 run (Ritchey kick), 4:54

FHS - Bryan Seiks 4 run (Ratliff kicks), 2:05

speedy back the chance to show he was healthy and handed him the ball five times on the drive.

rewarded Sandridge Thompson's faith in him by pounding the ball down to the one, including carries of 14 and 12 yards.

He scored with a little more than 8 minutes left in the game, serving notice that Forsan intended to fight to the end.

With the score 21-14, Forsan got one final chance to score with 4:17 on the clock, but a timely interception by Fulton delivered the district-opening and rivalry game victory to Stanton.

"Forsan just showed what good coaching they have in the second half," McCown said. "They made the right adjustments at halftime and showed us some things we had not really prepared for over the last week. Still, our guys played hard and in the end came up with the big stop we needed to win the game."

Next week, Stanton will travel to play Seagraves, which beat

#### 27, Tyler Tannehill 0-3-0 0. RECEIVING: Frenship, Ben Christian 3-59, Lance Ratliff 3-37, Lamb 2-14, Asheton Hastings 1-10, Ricko Garcia 1-(-3); Big Spring, Thaddeus Straughter 3-45, Sidney

Tahoka Friday, 40-0.

Forsan, which felt it let another one slip away against Stanton, will play host to the top team in the district Sundown's Roughnecks, who took care of Plains this week. 34-10.

Forsan 0 0 7 7-14 Stanton7 14 0 0-21

First Quarter

Stanton - Robbie Noland 2 run (kick good); 4:53

Second Quarter

Stanton - Noland 3 run (kick fail); 9:34 Stanton - Tyler Fulton 1 run (2pt good); :46

Third Quarter

Forsan - Jeremy Robbins from Alex Huckabee 14 pass (kick good); 2:41

Fourth Quarter

Forsan - Jace Sandridge 1 run (kick good); 8:03

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing: Forsan - Ty Johnson 14-54, Huckabee 8-48, Sandridge 8-47; Stanton -Noland 42-272, Nathan Nix 4-3, Fulton 7-(-11)

Passing: Forsan - Huckabee 5-16-1 37; Stanton - Fulton 2-4-1 72

Receiving: Forsan - Robbins 2-19, Kody Willis 2-10, Zane Herrin 1-8; Stanton Thomas Ramos 1-54, Jacob Cazares 1-18



#### Seagraves 1-0 3-3 Forsan 0-1 1-5Stanton 1-0 2-4 Tahoka 0-1 1-5Week 6 results: Stanton 21, Forsan 14; Sundown 34, Plains 10; Seagraves 40, Tahoka 0. Week 7 schedule: Stanton at

Seagraves, Sundown at Forsan, Plains at Tahoka.

diminish the building emotion of a Forsan team which suddenly had found life. But, Stanton got away from its strength in the running game and added to the Forsan momentum as Huckabee jumped in front of a Stanton receiver to intercept a Fulton pass, putting Forsan back in business on the Stanton 47.

Forsan, which welcomed Sandridge back this week from a hamstring injury, gave the

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LeAnn Edens  $\mathcal{E}$ Casey Richbourg Oct. 17, 2008 Ruidoso, N.M.

Codi Lynn and Russell Edens of Big Spring announce the engagement of their mother Jamie LeAnn Edens to Casey Richbourg, the father of Kaite Richbourg of Graham.

Casey and Jamie will be united in marriage Oct. 17, 2008, at Ruidoso, N.M.

Jamie is the daughter of James and Linda Hoover of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Inez Owen of Sand Springs and Bub and Mary Hoover of Childress.

Casey is the son of Jerry and Judy Richbourg of Kerrville.

### **Stork Club**



### Ethan Cash Gannaway Aug. 6, 2008

Jay and Stephanie Gannaway of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Ethan Cash Gannaway. Ethan was born at 9:39 p.m. Aug. 6, 2008, weighing 2 pounds, 2 ounces and was 14 inches long.

He is the grandson of Donna Gannaway and Lynn Gannaway, both of Big Spring, and Dusty and Hilda Thomas of Lubbock. He is the great-grandson of M. Richardson Jr. and Joyce Richardson, both of Lubbock.



### Charly Rae Meeks Sept. 27, 2008

Rachel Minor and Justin Meeks of Midland announce the birth of their first child, daughter Charly Rae Meeks. She was born at 11:22 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, at the Permian Regional Medical Center in Andrews weighing 6 pounds, 8 1/4 ounces and 19.3 inches long.

Her paternal grandparents are Patti and Terry Meeks of Big Spring and Janice and Michael Gomez of Lubbock. Her maternal grandparents are Betty and John Minor of Andrews.

Her great-grandparents are Clarence and Sharon

Minor of Fort Mill, S.C.; Chester and Francis Guerro of Alamo Indian Reservation, N.M.; Clifford and Beanie Shipp of Lubbock, Ursula Gomez of Big Spring, D.C. and Myrtie Lee of San Springs and the late Barbara Darrow and Ross Darrow.



### Haddie Rae Meadow Oct. 6, 2008

Amber Sleight and Caleb Meadows announce the birth of their daughter Haddie Rae Meadows, born Oct. 6, 2008, at Trinity Medical Center in Carrollton weighing 8.10 pounds and was 21  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. Her paternal grandparents are Gary and Bethany Sleight of Big Spring. Her maternal grandparents are Dan and Diana Meadows of Lake Dallas.

Issiah Reye Baeza Oct. 5, 2008

Crystal Baeza of Big Spring announces the birth of her son Issiah Reye Baeza, born at 10:03 a.m. Oct. 5, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 18  $\frac{1}{4}$  inches long.

Issiah's maternal grandparents are Lydia Baeza and Pete Baeza of Big Spring.

# HOWARD COUNTY TEACHER'S GUIDE



### **Big Spring/Howard County Retired**

**Teachers Association** The Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet at Howard College's Cactus Room, Monday at 11:30 a.m. After a Dutch treat lunch, the group will conduct a business meeting and have a guest speaker. The guest speaker is Eddy Spurgin of the Natural

**Resources** Conservation Service.

The local RTA is open to

anyone eligible for the for the invocation, fol-Retirement Teacher System, and we invite any interested person to attend our meetings. We are not limited to teaching personnel, but all others who were employed by a school district. The meetings are short and interesting.

### Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Oct. 6 in the Howard College's Cactus Room. President Debbie Wegman called on Fran Emerson

lowed by the approval of the minutes and financials.

Kudos went to Walter and Pat Ward for their leadership and hard work to organize our County Fair booth. They were there early and late and deserve many thanks.

This year's Fair booth generated more income for KBSB than ever.

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Megan Parrish, Coahoma High School junior, was recently named to the Region 6 All-Region Choir at an audition held in Odessa. She earned a chair in the 2nd soprano section competing against singers from the Midland-Odessa area, San Angelo, Seminole, Big Spring and other area schools. Megan will perform on the Region Concert in Midland on Saturday, Nov. 1. She is the daughter of Greg and **Candy Parrish.** 

### • News briefs

Major industrial countries pledge strong action to combat global credit crisis as markets melt

WASHINGTON (AP) - Financial officials from the world's wealthiest industrial countries are pledging decisive action to deal with the biggest upheavals to hit the global financial system since the Great Depression.

The big question is whether their onepage action plan will be enough to stop the bleeding as investors watch trillions of dollars of wealth melt away.

In an effort to expand the firepower the United States is bringing to the problem, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson announced late Friday that it had decided to go forward with a plan to buy a part ownership in a broad array of American banks. It would be the first time the U.S. government has employed such a program since the 1930s.

President Bush invited Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and their counterparts from the other G-7 countries to come to the White House Saturday morning for a meeting that the administration hoped would demonstrate global resolve in attacking the current crisis.

Bush, speaking on the economic chaos for the 21st time out of the past 26 days, said Friday that the government's rescue program was aggressive enough and big enough to work. "We can solve this crisis and we will," he pledged.

### U.S. to remove North Korea from terror blacklist on Saturday

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States is ready to drop North Korea from a terrorism blacklist, the Associated Press has learned, in the latest attempt by the administration to salvage a nuclear deal with Pyongyang before President Bush's term ends.

The act of striking North Korea from the list of countries said to be perpetrating terrorists acts could come as early as Saturday, now that Bush has approved it, say diplomats briefed on the initiatives pressing the North to abandon its atomic weapons program.

The removal would be only provisional, officials said, and North Korea would be put back on the State Department's "state sponsors of terrorism" list if it doesn't comply with inspections.

### **Obama fund-raiser, convicted of fraud, spills beans**

CHICAGO (AP) — Jailed political fund-raiser Antoin "Tony" Rezko, the real estate developer who helped launch Barack Obama on his political career, is whispering secrets to federal prosecutors about corruption in Illinois and the political fallout could be explosive.

Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich, whose administration faces multiple federal investigations over how it handed out jobs and money with advice from Rezko, is considered the most vulnerable.

Rezko also was friendly with Obama — of-

fering him a job when he finished law school, funding his earliest political campaigns and purchasing a lot next to his house. But based on the known facts, charges so far and testimony at Rezko's trial, there is no indication there will be a so-called "October surprise" that could hurt the Democratic presidential nominee — even though Rezko says prosecutors are pressing him for dirt about Obama.

"I think this strikes fear into the Blagojevich administration and the Statehouse Democrats but not into the Obama campaign," says state Sen. Kirk Dillard, a John McCain delegate to the Republican National Convention but an old friend of Obama.

Rezko, 53, a real estate developer, was convicted in June of scheming to use his clout with the Blagojevich administration to squeeze \$7 million in kickbacks out of a contractor and seven money management firms seeking to do business with the state.

Within two months, Rezko was seen in U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald's office, along with his attorneys.

COUNTY

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ing to the architect, once the masonry work is finished — which should take about two months, with four or five weeks already completed - the rest of the construction should go very quickly."

Barr said the March completion date for the facility, which was approved by voters in November 2007. should allow county officials to have the facility up and running sometime in April.

"The construction manager is telling us we're on pace to have construction completed in March 2009," said Barr. "That's about nine months from the start date, so we're very pleased with it so far. Once the facility is finished, we should be able to be moved in by April. It takes a lot to get moved in, and clean up is a major concern.

"We're very pleased with how the project has gone so far. Honestly, it's gone better than I had expected it to go. There have been

very few change orders and most of them have been small and minor."

Barr said one of the items on Monday's agenda will be a change order to correct an oversight in the jail's visitation facilities.

"When we approved everything, we approved a video visitation system, which will allow visitation to happen without bringing the inmate out of the jail," said Barr. "However, no one thought to ask the question, 'What happens if that system goes down?" So we're adding a glass wall with

telephones to cover that possible situation. The change will cost about \$15,000."

Commissioners are expected to consider some minor budget amendments during the meeting, according to Barr.

The meeting is set for 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

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

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Terry Hodnett, 55, died Wednesday. Memorial services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Dorothy Moates, 91, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Donna Murphy, 76, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral

### **FEST**

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RSVP director. "We have approximately 30 tables set up for the Fun Fest, ranging from games to non-profit organizations that are trying to get their message out. There's no admission or hidden costs, just an opportunity to have a good time."

Jones said the good time is set to begin at 9 a.m. and continue through 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Center until about 11:30 a.m.," said Jones. "We're going to have all kinds of fun and games, in sort of a school booth atmosphere. There's going to be plenty of information available to area seniors on the issues that are closest to them.

"One of the most important and exciting additions to the Fun Fest this year is flu shots, which will be offered by Angels Home Health Care. Flu shots are such an important thing for seniors, and this will

"We'll be at the Senior give them a chance to take care of that and still have fun."

> Jones said the Fun Fest will pick up again that evening at Canterbury South.

"There will be a chili supper and dance at Canterburv South," said Jones. "The chili supper is set for 6 p.m. and the dance will begin at 7 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m. We won't be holding a dance at the Senior Center that night, so our seniors can have a great time without missing out on their weekly

dance.

"We want to give area seniors a chance to see what Big Spring has to offer, and we want to give area businesses a chance to show off. A lot of seniors simply don't know what's out there. And best of all, everything is free! What more could anyone ask for?"

For more information on Senior Fun Fest, contact Jones at 267-1628.

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Home. Alex Patterson, 82, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



### MERGER

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mor, as we've often said, GM officials routinely discuss issues of mutual interest with other automakers," GM spokesman Tony Cervone said in an e-mail.

"The company is looking at a number of potential global partnerships as it explores growth opportunities around the world," Chrysler said in an emailed statement issued Friday night.

"Beyond those partnerships already announced, however, Chrysler has not formed any new agreements and has no further announcements to make at this time."

A tie-up between the au-

tomotive giants would be historic for the industry and solidify GM's position as the global sales leader, which it has been in danger of losing to Toyota Motor Corp. GM and Toyota finished 2007 essentially even in vehicles sold worldwide.

This would not be the first time Detroit's automakers have explored mergers.

GM talked with Daimler-Chrysler AG in 2007 about acquiring Chrysler before Cerberus made a deal to acquire most of the automaker, but the talks fell through when GM decided it should concentrate on cost savings and efficiencies by globalizing its own operations.

In 2005, GM and Ford Motor Co. reportedly held talks regarding a potential business combination.

Cerberus acquired its GMAC stake in 2006 for \$14 billion and bought 80.1 percent of Chrysler from Daimler AG in August 2007 in a \$7.4 billion deal. Cerberus and Daimler confirmed last month they are in talks for Cerberus to acquire Daimler's remaining Chrysler stake.

The auto industry has been hit hard in recent weeks by the effects of the credit crisis, prompting GM and Ford to issue statements Friday to dispel the notion that they might be headed for bankruptcy. GM and Ford shares were

battered with the rest of the stock market this week, falling to lows not seen in decades. GM shares lost about half of their alreadydepressed value during the week, closing at \$4.89 on Friday. Ford shares fell similarly, ending the week at \$1.99.

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### **Sports**

### **Cowboys to test Arizona's home-field advantage**

#### By BOB BAUM

**AP Sports Writer** 

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**First quarter** 

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GLENDALE, Ariz. — This could be one of the biggest shootouts in Arizona since Doc Holliday and Wyatt Earp caused all that ruckus at the OK Corral.

The Dallas Cowboys and Arizona Cardinals bring two of the best offenses in the NFL to Sunday's showdown in Glendale.

"It's the closest to a playoff atmosphere that we're going to get until we get to the playoffs," Arizona cornerback Eric Green said.

Not surprisingly, Dallas (4-1) brings drama. too.

First, there's the emotional Terrell Owens, who read a statement in last

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GC - Jake Schwartz 60 pass from

SC - Kobi Wright 26 pass from Tate

GC - Chudej 20 pass from Schaeffer

GC - Schwartz 34 pass from Cole

GC - Schwartz 12 run (Schaeffer kick),

GC - Schwartz 29 pass from Schaeffer

Schaeffer (Schaeffer kick failed), 7:19

Schaeffer (Schaeffer kick), 4:59

Schwartz (Schaeffer kick), 6:38

Horwood (kick failed), 3:18

(Schaeffer kick), 0:11

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week's post-game news conference then left without taking questions after catching a 57-yard touchdown pass from Tony Romo in a 31-22 victory over the winless Cincinnati Bengals.

Then there's Adam "Pacman" Jones, who will play Sunday despite getting into a scuffle with his bodyguard at a Dallas hotel on Tuesday. Jones came to Dallas after serving a 17-month league suspension for a series of arrests and legal problems.

"This is not that big of a deal," said Dallas nose tackle Tank Johnson, no stranger to off-field trouble himself. "Nobody's in jail, nobody's in trouble, nobody's hurt. We're all here ready to practice, ready to work."

In contrast, the Cardinals are downright boring, until they get their offense in high gear.

"We feel we can do well against anybody we play," Arizona wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald said. "The focus is on us - make sure we don't make any turnovers or stuff. That's the key.'

The Cardinals (3-2) have yet to commit a turnover at home, with their opponents having nine of them. Arizona, trying for its first playoff appearance since 1998, are alone atop the NFC West. The Cardinals know it's never an ordinary game when the Cowboys come to town.

"We're excited about this football game because this is a good team," coach Ken Whisenhunt said. "There's a lot of attention that comes to the Dallas Cowboys. If we can play well, it's a good challenge for our team.'

Dating to last year, Arizona (3-2) has won five straight at home and eight of its last 10. In their two home games this season, the Cardinals have outscored their opponents (Miami and Buffalo) by a combined 72-27.

Kurt Warner, who bounced back from an awful outing against the New York Jets to pick apart Buffalo with short passes, will take on a banged-up Dallas secondary. Safety Roy Williams was limited in practice this week with a forearm injury and cornerback Terence Newman could miss his second game in a row with a groin injury.

G - Bryley Pinkerton 20 fumble return for the Grady Wildcats, even six-Dylan Cox completed 15-of-21 (Cook kick), 7:53 man football isn't decided after passes for 226 yards and four Fourth guarter touchdowns. Shane Teague was G-Teague 11 pass from Cox (kick failed), Aspermont's Hornets used big on the receiving end of two of 9:37 G - Cook 1 run (kick failed), 6:42 plays defensively and with their those scores. G - Cook 5 run (kick failed), 4:17 Grady (5-1, 1-0) hosts Ira, who running game to jump out to an G - Cook 14 pass from Cox (kick failed), mercy ruled Spur 56-6 Friday, early 22-8 lead over Grady in the 0:54 first quarter and held a 22-14 next week. **Team Stats** 

Grady	8	6	14 :	24-52
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#### First quarter

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A - Jacob Smart 34 run (kick failed), 9:50

### **District 7-2A Football** Standings & Schedule

Team	Dist.	Overall
Colorado	1-0	4-2
Ballinger	1-0	3-3
Jim Ned	1-0	3-3
Coahoma	0-1	4-2
Grape Creek	0-1	3-3
Wall	0-1	2-4
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Wall at Ballinger.

5-20, Garcia 4-18

Receiving: J - Holson 5-125, Mayfield 3-26, Bo Bryant 1-23; C - Roberts 3-33, Josh Paniagua 2-3, Abreggo 2-34, Ray Gutierrez 1-20, Lane Douglas 1-5, Daylong 1-43

	GHS	AHS
First Downs	11	13
Rushes-Yards	20-123	58-377
Passing Yards	226	24
CompAttInt.	15-22-1	3-8-1
Punts-Avg.	0-0	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	6-2
Penalties-Yards	4-29	9-60

#### **Individual Stats**

Rushing - Grady: Joe Cook 11-81. Passing - Grady: Dylan Cox 15-21-1 226 Receiving - Grady: Jacob Rodriguez 4-125

Coahoma 0 6 0 16-22 Jim Ned 7 3 6 13-29

#### First quarter

J - Mayfield run 6 (Rohr kick good)3:29

#### Second Quarter

C - Daylong run 3 (Kick failed), 10:22 J - Rohr field goal 37 yards, 2:03

#### **Third Quarter**

J - Mayfield run 1(Kick failed), 2:34

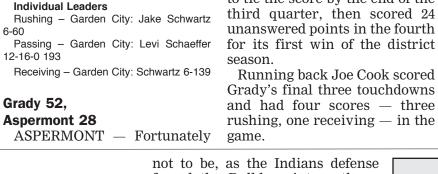
#### **Fourth Quarter**

C - Lupe Abreggo pass from Deporto 21 (Abreggo pass from Deporto), 10:02 J - Holson pass from Gibbs 74 (Kick

Failed), 9:41 C - Daylong pass from Deporto 43 (Garcia

pass from Deporto), 7:51 J - Mayfield run 14 (Rohr Kick), 2:55

Rushing: J - Mayfield-28-208, Noland 3-17, Holson 3-(-3), Gibbs 6-(-24); C -Daylong 14-188, Deporto 8-32, Roberts



COAHOMA

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#### going into the locker room.

The Indians capitalized on a gift from Coahoma quarterback Nathan Deporto in the third quarter with Mayfield scoring on a 1-yard run, giving Jim Ned a 16-6 advantage.

Coahoma answered with an impressive drive of their own, moving the ball the 80 yards in 10 plays with Deporto finding Lupe Abrego for a 21-yard touchdown pass.

Deporto and Abrego liked the feeling so much that the duo again connected on the ensuing two-point conversion, bringing the Bulldogs to within 2 at 16-14 with 10:02 left in the game.

Momentum, which bounced back and forth the entire second half, again switched sides as the Indians needed just one play to score as Holson and Gibbs connected on a 73-yard strike, making the score 22-14.

With the Bulldogs, facing a third and 9, Deporto found Corey Roberts for the fourteen-yard completion to the Coahoma 35.

Daylong took over from there.

After two runs by Daylong garnered 22 yards, Deporto and Daylong dialed up one long distance call, covering the final 43 yards via the air and leaving the score at On the two-point attempt, the Bulldogs worked the tip drill to perfection as Deporto's pass glanced off the hands of Lane Douglas and landed in the hands of a surprised Hunter Williams to tie the game at 22 with 7:51left in the game. Jim Ned was not to be denied, though, as the Indians mounted the final drive of the night riding the legs of Mayfield the entire way. He carried the ball on 8-of-10 plays with the final run being a 14-yard scamper with just under three minutes to go, leaving everyone to wonder if the winds of fortune could switch one more time.

not to be, as the Indians defense forced the Bulldogs into a three-

one quarter of play.

advantage at intermission.

However, Grady fought back

to tie the score by the end of the

and-out to cement the win.

"I don't know what it is but we are going to have to find a way to come out and play an entire game with emotion," Martin said. "Someone is going to have to step up and take the lead or we are going to be in a whole lot of trouble in this district.

"We told the boys that at halftime and they seemed to respond." he continued. "I don't know what it is. It could have been the week off but they (Jim Ned) where off last week too. We will go back and look at the film and get ready for Ballinger. That's about all we can do. There is some history between the two schools so maybe that will help motivate them."

Last year, the Bulldogs played Ballinger twice, losing both games with the last being in last years bi-district contest.

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quarter
Villiam Luke 42 run (Quentin McLaury
:03
Shane Teague 5 pass from Dylan Cox
Ramirez kick), 4:16
nd quarter
Jacob Rodriguez 53 pass from Cox
iled), 3:04

Third quarter

G - Joe Cook 21 run (kick failed), 8:51

### ahoma 22; Colorado City 31, Grape Creek 28; Ballinger 23, Wall 0.

Week 7 schedule: Ballinger at Coahoma, Colorado City at Jim Ned,

Passing: J - Gibbs 9-11-174-1; C - Deporto 10-19-138-2



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Aspermont 28

(Schaeffer kick), 9:36

(no PAT), 4:42

Team stats

First downs

**Rushes-Yards** 

Passing Yards

Comp.-Att.-Int.

Fumbles-Lost

Penalties-Yards

Punts-Avg.

6-60

GC - Schwartz 34 pass from Schaeffer

GC

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1-43

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14-89

15-20-0

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Unfortunately, for the Bulldogs and their fans it was



### West Stages an Extravaganza

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There are plays in bridge that are undoubtedly correct and yet are almost certain to be overlooked when the crucial moment arises. This is usually because the play would not normally be made in most circumstances.

For example, consider this case where South is in three notrump and West leads a heart. If you look at all four hands, there seems to be little to the play. Declarer wins East's jack of hearts with the king and plays the ace and another spade, West winning with the king. Thanks to the favorable division of the spades, South eventually winds up making four notrump, and the players go on to the next deal

But when the hand was actually played, declarer went down one! When South cashed the ace of spades at trick two, West played his king on it! This naturally caused declarer to believe that the king was a singleton and that East had started with the J-10-8-6-2 of spades.

South therefore abandoned further spade leads and, with eight tricks now assured, tried to score his ninth trick by leading a diamond to the jack. East won with the queen and returned a heart to dummy's ace. Declarer then cashed the A-K of diamonds, but when the ten did not fall, he had to go down one.

West's inspired play at trick two had much to recommend it. He realized that if declarer had the A-x or Ax-x of spades, the contract could not be stopped with normal defense. Accordingly, when South played the spade ace at trick two, West dropped his king on it in an effort to divert declarer from the winning line of play, and he happily reaped his reward at the end.

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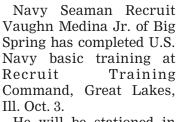
Vaughn Medina Jr.

Keesha L. Krapf

Navy Seaman Recruit Keesha L. Krapf, daughter of

Virginia D. and Joseph W. Krapf of Colorado City, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Training Recruit Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Krapf completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.



He will be stationed in San Diego, Calif..

Seaman Recruit Medina is the son of Toni Medina of Big Spring and Vaughn Medina Sr. of Big Spring and a 2008 graduate of Big Spring High School.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Krapf is a 2008 graduate of Westbrook Independent District School of Westbrook.

### Who'sWho



Anthany Everett

Anthany Laurence Everett received his master's in plant pathology from Texas A&M University Aug. 8, 2008. He has been accepted to the doctorate program in the bio-chemistry department. Anthany is the son of Garv and Bethany Sleight

of Big Spring.

### Area Menus

**Big Spring City Senior Citizen's** Center Monday barbecue sandwiches, potato salad, beans, milk, peach crisp. Tuesday chicken strips, mashed potatoes, English pea salad, cookies, ice cream, milk. Wednesday

chopped beef steak, brown gravy, potatoes/butter beans, milk, bread, peaches & cream. Thursday spaghetti/meat sauce, tossed salad, bread sticks, milk, fruit. Friday chicken dumplings, Harvard beats, salad, crackers, milk, lemon pudding.

**Forsan ISD** Monday: School Holiday Tuesday

Breakfast: cereal, yogurt, juice, milk. Lunch: stuffed baked potato, tossed salad, fresh fruit, Texas toast, milk. Wednesday Breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: corn dog, oven fries, baby carrots w/ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk. Thursday Breakfast: muffins, applesauce, juice, milk. Lunch: nacho grande, lettuce & tomatoes, orange smiles, corn bread, milk.

Friday Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice,

milk.

### CLUB NEWS Continued from 2C

Walter's report received a robust round of applause. Bobby McDonald reported on the up-coming E-Waste collection to be held Nov. 8. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information will be forthcoming.

Walter Ward told of the progress of the beautification going on near the Big Spring. This project is almost complete.

Pat Simmons announce the addition of 18 new business members to KBSB. We would like to have many more business partners. Make a Difference Day will be Oct. 25. Make plans to take part.

Midland Oct. 29. A nominating committee was named to project a slate of new officers for 2009. The group was reminded of the United Way Empty Bowl fund-raiser. Kathryn Wiseman and Pat Simmons led the group in singing a theme song "Beautiful, Beautiful Texas," telling

### Tops TX No. 21

next meet Nov. 3.

Tops TX No. 21 (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) met Monday night for their weekly weigh-in and club meeting. Laura Sickles conducted and let the

what we are all about. We

Lunch: oven fried-chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fancy gelatin, milk.

**Coahoma ISD** Monday Breakfast: waffles, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: smothered steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, sliced pears, wheat bread, milk, Sloppy Joes. Tuesday Breakfast: donuts, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots, fresh apples, milk. Wednesday Breakfast: French toast, syrup, ham, grape juice, milk. Lunch: breaded chicken, country gravy, cheese potatoes, strawberry cups, bread, milk, burritos. Thursday Breakfast: sweetened rice, sausage, apple juice, milk. Lunch: chicken, dumplings, fruit cups, peas, carrots, milk, ham sandwiches, chips. Friday Breakfast: gravy, sausage, orange juice, milk. Lunch: enchiladas, mexicali corn, pears, milk, corn dogs.

### **Big Spring ISD** Monday

Breakfast Elementary: breakfast pizza, fruit juice. High School: pancake sandwich BB.

Breakfast Elementary: cheese omelets, biscuits, applesauce cups. High School: sausage biscuit, fruit juice, Trix BB. Lunch: chicken breast, brown rice, mixed vegetables, Mandarin oranges, rolls, Animal Crackers. Wednesday Breakfast Elementary: baked cheese sticks, peaches. High School: sausage biscuit, fruit juice, Cinnamon Toast BB. Lunch: chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rainbow bar, rolls Thursday Breakfast Elementary: pancake sausage-onstick, fruit juice. High School: sausage biscuit, fruit juice, Fruity Cheerios BB. Lunch: chicken fajitas, ranch beans, Spanish rice, green peas, Rice Krispy Treats Friday Breakfast Elementary: banana loaf, fruit cocktail. High School: PBJ uncrustables, pears. Lunch: hamburgers, lettuce/tomato salad, French fries, fresh fruit, fruit cocktail.

Lunch: deli sandwich, potato chips,

applesauce, carrot sticks.

Tuesday

bers.

The program was titled "Walking In Another's Shoes," by Lynn Criswell and assisted by Linda Staples and Laura Sickles. A discussion then ensued of ways to help others and thereby help yourself. The point was made that no one loses weight the same way as another. We need to remember we are all trying. Sharing our helps and challenges with others can be helpful to all. For more information

about TOPS meeting time and place, call Frank Sickles 432-213-1342 or Olnee Menges 432-263-6819. All visitors are welcome. Please come and meet with TOPS if you have extra pounds you want to lose.

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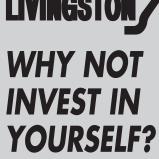


Several members plan to attend the Keep Texas Beautiful Training in

### TOPS cheer. Duffy Yancy led the TOPS Pledge and Laura Sickles led the KOPS Pledge. The welcome song was then led by Lynne Criswell and sung

by all members. Linda Stapel read the minutes of the previous meeting. Olnee Menges read "Have A Healthy Holiday."

Members had a total of 7.75 pounds loss for the week with nine TOPS and one KOPS answering the roll call. Weekly best loser was Linda Stapel and Lynne Criswell. They tied with a two-pound loss each. Best winner for the month of September was Frank Sickles with a loss of 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pounds. Hurrah for these hard-working mem-



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**OTHER VIEWS** 

### Drug money worsens Afghan woes

ake no mistake about the depth of Afghanistan's problems. The Taliban is staging a frighteningly resilient comeback after being trounced by U.S. forces in 2001. Under our watch, the amount of Afghan land under opium cultivation has grown from 20,000 acres in 2001 to a high of 476,000 last year.

When drugs and insurgencies combine forces, disaster ensues — as the United States knows all too well. Look at the near-civil-war conditions Colombia endured in the 1990s after right-wing paramilitary groups and leftist guerrillas joined the drug trade. Consider the same violent scenario unfolding in Mexico.

Now think of potentially billions of dollars in heroin sales going to the Taliban, which hosted al-Qaeda in Afghanistan as it planned the 9/11 attacks.

What's worse is that the United States could have prevented this drugs-and-cash scenario but decided not to. U.N. officials have warned for years that the people running Afghanistan's drug trade were the Northern Alliance, the formerly anti-Taliban forces who helped U.S. forces defeat the Taliban.

Northern Alliance commanders have since disarmed their forces and assumed top positions in President Hamid Karzai's government. But they have not severed links with these illicit smuggling operations, which they've ceded to the Taliban.

Against that backdrop, The New York Times reported this week that Karzai's brother appears to have a shockingly hands-on role in managing multimilliondollar Afghan heroin shipments — an allegation he denies. What's undeniable is that large cash infusions from drugs are helping revive the Taliban's recruiting and armament efforts, which they are using to inflict steadily rising casualties on U.S. and allied troops. America's war effort depends on our ability to cut off the sources of funding behind the Taliban's resurgence. Wiping out Afghanistan's opium is essential. But it must be accompanied by viable programs ensuring that peasant farmers aren't rendered destitute and, therefore, easy recruitment targets for the Taliban. Harder still is the problem of high-level corruption, which is eroding international support for Karzai. If he is serious about fixing his nation's problems, he must move quickly and decisively to put his own house in order.

### he masses yearn to flip back the calendar to simpler days.

Those of us with tickets punched for geezer status work overtime in the cobwebs of selective memory. With world economies bobbing like yo-yo's on the string of

life, we are awash in words, wishing for bygone days when much was left unsaid.

On our hurting planet, politicallycharged news bites refer to "streets" more specifically, Wall Street, Main Street, as well as streets of the world. When our nation

was younger, guard-

ians of the people seemed more plentiful. Such courageous guardians, in their respective ways, worked the streets in the public interest. Ever vigilant, they risked their necks, asked tough questions and grew thick skin.

Many didn't dress the part, and may or may not have had material wealth. They were both Republicans and Democrats. sometimes in highly visible assignments, but often working quietly behind the scenes.

Whatever, the streets got worked. And these guardians — often reporters — knew that their community status could change on a dime. One said, "They'll name a street after you one day and chase you down it the next."

Yet, they pressed on.

Two such guardians who worked the streets are now at rest. Each of them served for more than 60 years, Carl Freund in metropolitan centers and Jack Scott in a small West Texas town.

Freund was a newspaper reporter whose career included work in Waco, Dallas and Fort Worth. Scott

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Working the streets was the colorful editor-publisher of the Cross Plains Review for much of the 20th century.

They loved their God, families and communities, worked untiringly and were doggedly committed to fairness for the masses.

These journalists worked both sides of the streets, fearlessly asking penetrating questions. They lived in an era when it was not easier to apologize than ask permission. Accountability reigned.

Keenly was remembered for his visits to offices of public officials; Freund arrived with the predictability of a milkman.

Always smiling and with the warmth of a choir boy, he had a clever and unchanging opening question: "Is there anything I should be asking you?"

Often, there was...

The conscience of his community, Scott was able to secure a loan at age 20 to purchase an interest in ownership of the Review. Immediately he assumed the position of editor.

His life invested in the community, Scott asked the right questions of the right people. Readers eagerly anticipated his weekly column, The Hometowner.

He embodied the words of Lord Byron: "Without or with offense to friends or foes, I sketch your world exactly as it goes."

These friends lived when spades were called spades, not shovels, digging instruments or earth-moving tools.

They experienced the Great Depression, digging deep for faith to persevere.

Scott was proud of his hometown bank, now called Texas Heritage Bank. (It's had a couple of other names previously.) He delighted in bragging that for more than a century, the bank ended each year stronger than it began. He was also proud that no depositor ever lost a dollar.

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When some depression-weary depositors scurried to close their accounts, he took them to task in his column. He called them "yellowbellied skunks."

A few weeks ago, the now "Texas Heritage Bank" was honored by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce.

Selected minutes of directors' meetings provided proof that in its early years, the bank operated on short rations. Once in 1934, the board voted to buy 5,000 paper towels and 5,000 drinking cups for \$17.88.

One director held out, contending that "a good gourd is hard to beat for holding liquids."

No doubt, this item made Scott's Hometowner column.

I imagine that he may have taken the matter a step further, cautioning that "progress" should be taken in small steps.

Maybe if they'd gone from a gourd to a tin dipper first, the paper cup purchase might later have sailed through without comment.

Memories of such conservatism warm the heart.

Indeed, life was simpler then. One banker pensively recalls yesteryear's "1-2-3" banking. "We paid 1 percent on savings, charged 2 percent on loans and went fishing at 3 in the afternoon."

They asked the questions during the loan process that so need to be posed today, on Wall Street, Main Street and the streets of the world. As Americans revisit lifestyles that demand that we pay as we go, let's hope that our advocates working the streets ask Freund's unchanging question: "Is there anything I should be asking you?"

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### YOUR VIEWS

#### TO THE EDITOR:

The family of Arlin Bynum would like to express their appreciation for all the kindness, love, prayers and wupport we have received from our friends and neighbors. Arlin's disappearance has been incredibly hard on all of us who knew and loved him. He will always be remembered for his bright smile, warm personality and his amazing ability to make people laugh. We will never forget the great love he had for his family and friends, and will forever miss his warm hugs.

The support from our community has also been amazing and we want to thank each of you for your individual contributions. We certainly cannot name all of you but your efforts in supporting this family and the police in our search for Arlin will never be forgotten. And we will

continue our search for him and the \$10,000 Howard County Crime-Stopper reward is still in effect for information on the recovery of Arlin. The family hopes someone willl come forward; Arlin deserved better.

Many of you gave monetary contributions to help in the search for Arlin, and that generosity will go on to benefit others. The family has established a scholarship fund to honor Arlin's memory, using proceeds from those contributions. If you would like to contribute, please use the information below:

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### A cure for what ails us

hronic diseases afflict 100 million Americans, cause seven out of 10 deaths, and consume two out of every three dollars spent on health care.

Yet much of the burden — both personal and financial - can be prevented with simple lifestyle choices. A major contributing factor is physical inactivity. Americans just aren't moving enough, and it's killing them.

To combat this burgeoning health threat, my department has just released a practical road map to a

healthier lifestyle, called the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans. Developed with the help of the nation's leading physical activity scientists, these guidelines provide specific recommendations on what we need to do and how long we need to do it.

More than 50 percent of American adults do not get enough physical activity, and one-quarter of adults are not active at all in their leisure time. As a consequence, conditions such as obesity, coronary heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, colon and breast cancer, and depression affect more than 100 million adults.

Inactive children are at increased risk for eventually developing illnesses like diabetes and heart disease. The cost of treating these chronic conditions accounts for more than 70 percent of the \$2

trillion-plus that America spends on health care each year. In other words, by just sitting around and not exercising, Americans waste \$1.4 trillion every year!

Thankfully, the cure for what ails us hardly costs anything at all. You don't need to belong to a gym or health club. You don't need fancy equipment. Most of us don't even need a doctor's permission before beginning therapy. These guidelines state that adults should get at least two and a half hours each week of moderate-intensity aerobic activity like fast walking, dancing or raking leaves.

Adults should also do activities to strengthen muscles and bones at least two days per week such as lifting weights, doing pushups, working with resistance bands, or digging in the garden.

After you get in decent shape, you can save time by replacing some or all of the moderate-intensity aerobic activity with vigorous-intensity physical activity like jogging, fast swimming and other activities that take more effort.

Vigorous-intensity activity provides comparable health benefits to moderate-intensity activity in about half the time.

It's important to keep in mind that some physical activity is better than none.

These guidelines present scientific evidence that Americans who are currently inactive can begin to gain health improvements by adding as little as 10 minutes of physical activity every day.

Being physically active is an important part of living a longer, healthier, happier life. It can help relieve stress, reduce feelings of depression and anxiety, and improve self-esteem.

In addition to reducing the risks of chronic conditions and helping to achieve and maintain a healthy weight, physical activity helps build and maintain bones, muscles and joints, builds endurance, and enhances flexibility and posture.

These guidelines reinforce my priorities as secretary, which have been to create a culture of wellness to help Americans prevent debilitating and costly health problems. Built on the foundation of individual responsibility for personal wellness, this culture emphasizes regular physical activity, a healthful diet, preventive health measures such as medical screenings, and avoidance of risky behaviors like smoking and drug abuse.

There are many ways to build the right amount of activity into your life. Whether it is activity already a part of your day or an activity you used to enjoy that you haven't done in a while like basketball, tennis or yard work, let's learn from these new guidelines and become a nation that is more physically active. On the Web

www.healthfinder.gov — To learn how to get started and stay active www.health.gov/paguidelines -For additional information about the 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans.

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### Unique ways to remember a lost pet

(Family Features) The death of a pet is something many families face but don't know how to handle, especially with children. An important thing to remember is that grieving over a pet is normal. Pets are a part of the family and the bonds are deep and real.

Amy Cantazaro, M.S., Human-Animal Bond Counselor at the Iowa State School of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital, counsels families on how to deal with their loss. "Sometimes people don't understand that a pet's death can be as deep of a loss as a loved one," says Ms. Cantazaro. "They'll get responses from others like, 'It's just a dog,' or 'It's just a cat,' which are not very helpful."

Ms. Cantazaro recommends finding a way to create a lasting memory of the pet. Some ideas: Plant trees or flowers
Put a special marker, like a statue, bird bath or stone lantern in the garden

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• Put a picture of the animal somewhere special in the house

• Create a scrapbook or other memorial art that reflects the pet's significance.

### New trend in memorial art

Iowa artist Silvia Engel, who experienced the loss of her own pet, was inspired to create a unique way to help other pet owners handle their grief. When her family lost their beloved dog, Kiki, "My two young children were devastated," Ms. Engel recalls.

With the idea that she could help other pet owners cope with their losses, Engel founded Love Ashes, a design studio specializing in artistic memorial jewelry and memorial plaques. Memorial art is a growing specialty that helps pet owners who are in search of ways to remember a beloved part of the family. was originally developed by NASA for use in satellite mirrors. Many ultrathin layers of exotic metal oxides are sprayed onto

Experimenting with the



Silvia Engel designs glass pendants that carry beloved pets' ashes.

special dichroic glass she used in her jewelry, Engel began mixing ashes into the designs. Dichroic glass

was originally developed by NASA for use in satellite mirrors. Many ultrathin layers of exotic metal oxides are sprayed onto glass to create unique reflective and refractive properties. Engel ultimately perfected a technique for firing loved ones' ashes into her unique and brilliant glass art and jewelry pieces.

Creating the jewelry is satisfying, but Engel says the letters she receives are overwhelming. Pet owners write her and send pictures of their lost pets, along with stories of how Love Ashes memorial art has helped them cope with their loss. "It's gratifying to know I'm helping others," she says. "And it helps me to remember Kiki, too."

To learn more about Love Ashes or to contact Ms. Engel, visit her website, www.loveashes.com.

### VICTIM SERVICES

A mother walking the streets at night with her children at her side, no where to turn she has been beaten mentally and physically. Can you just walk on by?

A child in a fetal position not speaking: He has been physically abused. Can you walk on by?

A young mother has left during the day as he is at work, with only her baby and her clothes on her back. Can you walk on by?

A young teen has been harassed and bullied to death. Can you walk on by?

### Every Crime Has a Victim Every Victim Needs our Help

October is National Domestic Awareness month. Victim Services has served 194 cases involving family violence from January - December of 2007. In the state of Texas there were 120 women kill due to family violence in 2006.

Static show that:

1. Minimum age was 14, Maximum Age was 68

### 'I love you, but I'm not in love with you.' Aaarrrrgggh.....

**Dear Margo:** I am a 23-year-old woman who is dating a 47-year-old man. Age never has been an issue with us. We get along wonderfully and share so many things. About three months into our relationship (we've been together for one and a half years) I told him I was in love with him.

He said he "loved me, but would never be in love with me." He has been hurt in the past and still feels bitter about his last girlfriend, a woman he describes as a "manipulative user."

I feel at this point he is "in love" with me but doesn't want to admit it to himself. Is it too much for me to expect to hear the words from his mouth? Or should I just leave it alone? — Out of My Mind

**Dear Out:** Honey, you are wasting your time. I am so tired of the dodge "I love you, but I am not in love with you" I could scream. That is such a crock.

What it means, in plain English, is that you are not his heart's desire, but he's happy to kill time with you ... in the sack. I would tell

him to take a hike and send him off with the hope that at some point he can distinguish the "manipulative users" from the women of worth.

You are too young to cling to a bitter, middle-aged man whose fears have immobilized him. — Margo, dismissively

> The Backstreet Boyfriend

**Dear Margo:** I've been with the same man for three years, two of which we've lived together. He's an amazing person: loving, funny, caring, thoughtful ...yada, yada, I'm sure you've heard this enough to have memorized the rest.

My only problem is that I'm out and he's not. My family loves him, as do my friends, but he's yet to mention me — even as a roommate — to his family. He has told his best friend (who was in love with him, until she found out he was gay) and after a few months she accepted me.

He's promised many deadlines for when he's going to out himself to family and friends, but I know from significant other's life without feeling like his "mistress." — Unsure and Unknown

Dear Un: Your s.o.'s bifurcated love life is interesting. He is out to your family and friends but not to his own — supposedly excepting the hetero female best friend.

Whatever is motivating him (whether it's religious, professional or his own sense of ambivalence) he wants your relationship on the down low. Given the way human nature works, however, it is hard to imagine his orientation is really unknown. Your beau's family may be willfully in the dark, but I suspect some friends have guessed.

As for how long it makes sense for you to stick around as the furtive friend, there is no particular length of time that constitutes the "right" answer. You have to determine the point at which it becomes insurmountably problematic. I hope you will be able to convince him that in this day and age the reasons for concealment aren't what they used to be. You also might suggest that it may not be the secret he imagines it to be. Good luck. – Margo, honestly <sup>®</sup> 2008 MARGO HOWARD DISTRIBUTED BY CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

- 2. 6 Children were killed due to family violence
- 3. There were 77 Homicides and 43 Murder-Suicides

Cause of Death

Perpetrator Relation to Victim

1. Common law wife	15
2. Estranged Wife	12
3. Ex-girlfriend	9
4. Ex-wife	
5. Girlfriend	29
6. Wife	51

We need your help. Victim Services will be conducting training for volunteers. Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30 hours training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you.

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JACK & JILL DAYCARE Open 7 days a Week 5 am-Midnight Birth to 12 years old 1708 S. Nolan 267-8411 00425 experience that it's not as easy as circling a date on the calendar. I guess my question is this: When does it become ridiculous for me to stick around? Three, five, 19 years? I love him, but I'd also like to be part of my





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### LOCAL

# What is a responsible breeder?

### Shared Knowledge From Animal Control

### By TRELLIS LUCAS and ANN SANDERS

hat is a responsible breeder? You hear the terms bounced around, "Responsible Breeders," "Puppy Mills," "Back Yard Breeder," "Hobby

Breeder." The term "Responsible Breeder" can fit any of these o

Breeder" can fit any of these or fit none of them. A responsible breeder is some one who breeds and raises healthy animals.

See where your puppy was born. Visit the breeder and ask to see the parents of your puppy. Ask questions about the breed, what health problems it may have. The breeder should be happy to show off their animals and answer all your questions about their facility and animals. Also, ask about health guarantee and return policy. Most reputable breeders will ask you questions about your home. Do you have a fenced yard? Do you have other pets? A responsible breeder will have started puppy vaccines and checked for worms and will not let you take it home until it is eight weeks old or older They will give you a schedule of what has been done and when you should follow up with more veterinary checks and vaccines. You might be asked to sign a contract requiring you to spay or neuter, attend training classes, and contact them if for some reason you can't keep the puppy though out its life. They will be glad to hear from you if there is a problem, or just to know that

you and your puppy are doing well, because they want to place their puppies in the best homes possible. You can find a responsible breeder by asking people who have the breed you are interested in or by checking the AKC Web site for a breeder listing. Contact some one in your local Kennel Club for help.

Back Yard Breeder is another term that can be misleading. This can be some one that breeds the family pet once a year, to make a few extra dollars, or a serious hobby breeder.

Sometimes these produce excellent pets at reasonable prices. The parents may be nice, healthy pets that are well cared for. It is the responsibility of the buyer to ask about health and temperament issues and what recourse you have if there is any problems with the puppy you get. Sometimes these are the puppies that you find in the back of a pickup truck in parking lots. What was for sale yesterday may be given away, when there are no buyers. Raising a litter of puppies can be very costly.

It could also apply to the serious hobby breeder who breeds one of their champion show dogs,trying for another show quality puppy. These are the people you will see and meet at dog shows, proudly showing off their animals. These breeders put a lot of time and money into producing the soundest animals possible.

Only a few puppies will have the qualities to be kept as show and breeding stock. The rest will be sold or placed as pets. Some may have miss-marked colors, be a bit to large or too small for the standard, which can prevent it from be a show prospect.

These puppies make healthy well adjusted pets, since they are raised in a home setting with lots of attention. These breeders will usually only sell or place a pet that is spayed or neutered. They will require you to sign a contract to return the animal to them if you should decide that you can't keep it. If there are problems with the animal, they will usually work with you to solve them, or offer to replace your pet with a more



suitable one.

One sign that you are speaking to an unscrupulous breeder is that they will not let you see where the puppy was born. They will make arrangements to meet you at a parking lot, on the side of the road, maybe even have the puppy delivered to you. This isn't a courtesy, this is to prevent you from seeing where they keep and raise the puppies. They won't be interested in keeping in touch with you and definitely will not be responsive if you have problems or complaints about your new puppy.

Pet stores that sell animals

usually get their puppies and kittens from large commercial breeders that are in the business to make money. These baby animals may have been shipped thousands of mile across country in trucks, packed several to a cage. They are shipped to stores when they are five to six weeks old, much too young to be separated from mom. They aren't old enough to have puppy shots done, so are more prone to all the diseases and parasites that puppies can get. Some problems the puppy could have are parvo, distemper, kennel cough and pneumonia, as well as parasites such as coccidia, giardia or worms, fleas and ticks.

Pet stores and puppy mills are not usually cheaper than a responsible breeder. Pet stores actually charge as much or more than a good breeder does. Be sure to check on the return or replacement policy when buying from pet stores. Each one may vary greatly.

Considering what you don't get with your pet store puppy healthy parents, a mentor/ friend to be there as you raise your puppy, helping you do the best job you can of raising a healthy happy dog — the pet store puppy may cost you much more in dollars and heartache.

Internet buyers, beware!. This can be very risky. You have no way of knowing what you are getting when you buy a puppy sight unseen from an internet site. You may get nothing for your money. Responsible breeders do use the internet to advertise and display their animals. You will be required to fill out a questionnaire and be put on a waiting list. Very few reputable breeders will have puppies available up on request. If a breeder has more than two litters of puppies available at any given time, consider it a red flag. A reputable breeder won't have puppies available all the time. They will only breed one or two litters a year.

### Popular dog breeds by trend and fads

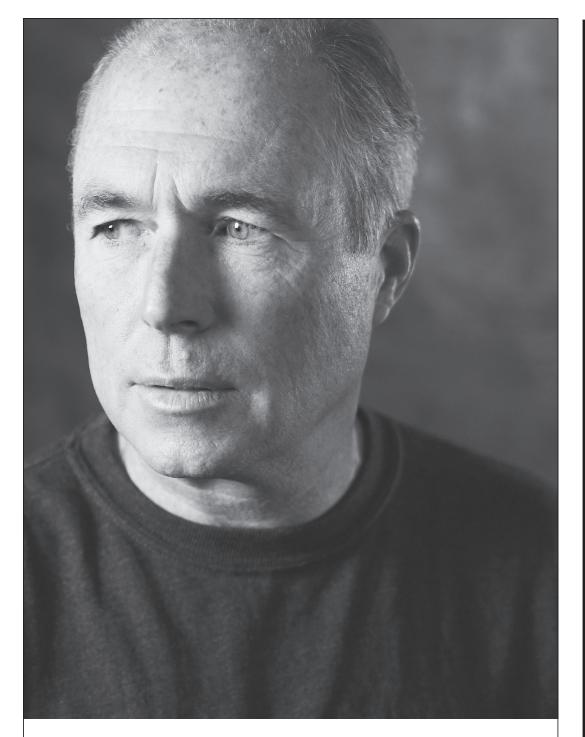
Irresponsible breeders will take advantage of breeds featured in movies and TV programs to feed the fad. These poorly bred animals will overwhelm animal shelters and rescue agencies. A lot of people get these dogs because they saw them in a movie or TV program and think they want a dog like the movie dog.

Movies dogs are no more real than movie stars. You have just seen a movie with a trained animal. Any dog of this breed that you buy will not act like this in your home, unless you put in years of training. They may have medical problems and behavior problems and be a big disappointment to live with. When you make the decision to get a pet, it should be a commitment for the life of that pet.

Think about adoption. Check your local animal shelters first. Not only will you save a life but your money is not going to support a puppy mill. Most shelters and rescue groups have puppies and adults available, or can assist you in finding a pet to fit into your life.

If you have any questions about pets or animal regulations in Big Spring, Contact Animal Control at AC@bigspringpd.net

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- Proud graduate of Howard College
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- Currently hold the highest certification, Master Peace Officer, from the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE)
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The current fragile state of Howard County finances dictate two of the largest budget items, the Sheriff's office and the new jail, must be administered by a person proficient in law enforcement management coupled with the ability to operate a small business.

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### **BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURE** BIG **HERALD** SPRING

Do you have an interesting item for the Business and Agriculture pages? Call John Moseley, 263-7331, Ext. 230. or leave a voice mail.

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**Big Spring Community Foundation trustee** Jerry Worthy, left, presents a check for \$6,000 to Meghan Bias, administrator of the Hangar 25 Air Museum. The foundation's donation will be used to supplement museum operations during the 2009 fiscal year, Bias said.

**HERALD** photo/Steve Reagan

### **Energy Watch**



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a senior vice president of investments of A.G. Edward's Midland office. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior assistant to the branch manager. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.



How did we get here? It's likely that the postmortem on the current financial crisis will be covered in detail in many expansive business school tomes; today we'll attempt to provide a simple answer to a complicated question as we see a few significant factors that may have lead to the current crisis.

First, as our economy was recovering from the "tech wreck" of the late 90s, the Federal Reserve allowed interest rates to remain too low for too long. These low interest rates, albeit for high quality debt, created a "thirst for yield" from investors and Wall Street. Banks, recognizing the strong demand for "yield products," sought to supply that market with a wide range of products like mortgage-backed securities (MBS). No problem so far.

Then, as the supply of high-quality borrowers began to dry up, profit-minded lenders relaxed standards and expanded access to more risky products, allowing low-quality borrowers to get loans. This easy access to cheap money fueled speculation in many housing markets. Prices rose. Consumers took risks that they may not have taken had interest rates been higher or they were betting more of their own money on the outcome.

Then the economy weakened, oil prices rose and consumer confidence faltered. The bubble had burst, the fat lady had sung, and the chickens had come home to roost. You choose your own metaphor.

For us, the housing bubble appeared to be sustainable as long as two conditions were met: housing prices went up and cash was cheap and easy to get. It is not clear which condition was violated first, but the popping of the housing bubble has led to the broader financial crisis.

Who has been impacted? The impact has been widely felt by banks, brokerages, insurance firms and investors around the globe. As was the case with the bubble in technology and internet stocks. it's pretty painful when it pops. This current credit crisis has seen the collapse of several large organizations once deemed too big to fail and significant write-offs from others who are weakened but have managed to survive. For crude prices and producers, the slowing global economy equals shrinking demand. In fact, the U.S. demand in the past four weeks is down 7.1 percent from the same time last year. Demand concerns were reinforced last Friday after the Labor Department reported non-farm payrolls fell by 159,000 in September. This was the steepest decline since March 2003 and more than one and a half times expectations. "As we lose jobs, we lose people needing to drive to work. It's a cold, harsh reality, and it is playing into the lower demand." said one energy risk management firm. So who is impacted? You are. From your 401k to your miles per gallon to your state of mind. This bubble, like most, has spread well beyond the sector in which it was created. In the short term, it's almost impossible not to be concerned; however we believe the long-term outlook should still be your most critical concern.

### October brings lots of work in the garden

t's a good thing that the days are cooling down as October brings a lot of work to your yard. Now is the time to plant bulbs and fall and winter flowers as well as dividing and

resetting such perennials as phlox, violet, hollyhock, iris, day lily and shasta daisy. It won't hurt to apply some compost to any pyracantha or hollies later in the month, especially if they have a heavy set of berries.



WALTER WARD tion and placement are the next most important parts to healthy gardening. Bog plants will never do well in a xeric bed. Cacti do not flourish in a swamp. I won't belabor that point, but don't ask plants to do more than they are genetically capable of doing. Feed your soil, select and place plants to optimize their growth, provide water and a minimum of care and you should have a garden that will be healthy and attractive.

As they start to fall, begin collecting leaves for the compost pile. If you don't have and don't want a compost pile, call me. I will take your leaves off your hands with only a minor lecture



Dr. Martha Couch was keynote speaker at the Howard County 4-H Banquet.

### **County 4-H group** stages banquet

October is a good time to clean up the yard and garden and help reduce next year's insect and disease problems. Twig Girdlers lay their eggs in the part of the twig that falls to the ground, so cleaning these up and burning or shredding them into the compost heap will help break the cycle.

Pulling up all the summer annuals that have spent their blooms and removing the tops of all herbaceous perennials that have finished flowering will help reduce next year's problems and improve the appearance of your plantings.

Fungal Blackspot can be a problem in roses in the fall. A weekly application of fungicides such as Benomyl or Funginex can help keep the foliage healthy and provide an outstanding fall bloom season. I added that for those of you who still insist on treating the symptom rather than the problem.

Healthy plants can have a touch of almost anything going and still function at or near peak. By the time a disease becomes detrimental to the appearance of a plant it has generally progressed so far that drastic measures are needed, such as fungicides. Keeping the plant healthy in the first place is the key to a disease and insect free garden.

The foundation of any garden is the soil. A healthy soil will grow healthy plants. Plant selecas to why you should have your own compost pile. The compost pile is a better place for them than the sanitary fill. I will have more to say about compost in November and December.

Store tulip and hyacinth bulbs in the vegetable crisper in your refrigerator until mid or late December before planting.

Keep Christmas Cactus in a sunny spot where night temperatures can be kept below 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Buds will drop if you allow night temps to go above 70 or if you let the plant get too dry. They should also be kept in total darkness from 5 p.m. until 8 a.m. the following day. Do this for about 30 days to initiate flower buds.

If you have saved seeds from your favorite plants, allow them to become air dry, then place into an airtight container and store in the refrigerator. Don't forget to label the container as to the contents.

Remember also that hybrid plant seeds will seldom resemble the parent plant.

Prepare beds for planting pansies if you haven't already done so. They can go into the ground from now through early November.

For more information, call Walter Ward at (432) 935-6455 or visit the Howard County Master Gardeners Web site at www.howard*countymastergardener.org* 

The Howard County 4-H Achieve ment Banquet was held at 7 p.m., Oct. 7 at KC's Steakhouse with about 50 people attending.

Dr. Martha Couch, recently retired associate director for 4-H and Youth Development of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and former Howard County 4-H member was the banquet speaker. She talked about how 4-H can be an influence in lives 30 years from now as it has been in her's for the past 30 years. This she pretended to determine from the Big Spring Herald of 2038.

Members cited for achievement include Brittney Hergert, goats, rabbits; Sloan Miller; swine; Blaze Yeater, goats, beef, foods & nutrition; Yanci Yeater, goats, food & nutrition, swine, citizenship & civic education; Logan Gaskins, swine, shooting sports, leadership; Molly Walker, clothing & textiles, citizenship & civic education; Ali Knight, beef, livestock judging; Faith Parum, food & nutrition, swine; Aubrey Parum, clover kids; and Cassidy Gamble, clover kids.

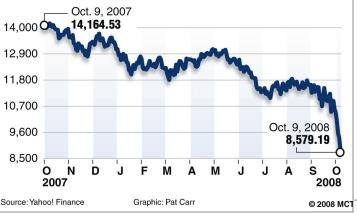
Also, Christian Gamble, foods & nutrition, swine, rabbits; Sterling Freeman, clover kids; Chandler Freeman, livestock judging; Harrison Chevalier, swine, goats, safety, shooting sports, citizenship & civic education; Judson Chevalier, poultry, swine, goats, shooting sports, citizenship & civic education; Nathan Gomez, goats, rabbits; and Tanner Christie, sheep, goats, swine, livestock judging.

Molly Walker, 4-H reporter

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### Blue chip's very bad year

Since October of last year when the Dow hit its all-time high, the index has lost more that 5,500 points - or 40 percent of its value as investors unnerved by the credit crisis sell off.



### Oil plunges to 13-month low

### **By STEVENSON JACOBS**

#### **AP Business Writer**

NEW YORK — Oil prices plunged in another violent sell-off Friday, briefly tumbling below \$78 a barrel as investors grow more pessimistic about the prospects for resolving a mushrooming global economic crisis.

A barrel of oil hasn't been this cheap in 13 months. The steep losses came as

Wall Street extended its

staggering decline for an eighth straight day and headed for its worst weekly drop ever. The Dow Jones industrial average was down more than 500 points in mid-afternoon trading.

"Oil is mirroring the stock market right now. There's a total lack of confidence. It's fear driving more fear," said Phil Flynn, energy analyst at

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### 6A NATION BIG SPRING HERALD Sunday, October 12, 2008 'No letting up' for Bush in last 100 days

#### By BEN FELLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — So how will it end?

President Bush is down to his final 100 days in office as of Sunday. Don't expect a quiet fade into the Texas night.

The bleakest economic downturn in decades has changed the dynamic drastically, keeping Bush and his financial team in activist mode to the end.

While the powerful heads of the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve keep making radical moves, no one elected them. Bush is the one charged with reassuring the nation that an abysmal economic period will give way to better days, even if he is long gone from

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Washington by the time that happens.

The president will keep speaking about the economy, calling world leaders about it, meeting with business owners, perhaps attending an overseas summit. His final act will be overseeing the \$700 billion buyout of devalued assets from banks, in hopes that credit will start flowing to an anxious, weary country.

"It looks like I'm going to have a lot of work to do between today and when the new president takes office," Bush said this past week.

The scope of the credit crisis is so vast that it will likely overshadow anything else Bush does before he leaves office on Jan. 20.

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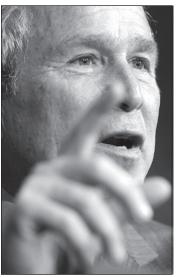
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President Bush

"We will stand together in addressing this threat to our prosperity. We will do what it takes to resolve this crisis. And the world's economy will emerge stronger as a result," the president said Saturday in the Rose Garden after meeting with finance ministers from the world's economic powers.

People are panicked about their retirement accounts and the markets are reeling. Behind the daily drumbeat of bleak economic news, Bush leaves behind a national debt that has soared from less than \$6 trillion when he took office to more than \$10 trillion now. That staggering bill will fall on future generations to pay.

Beyond the financial mess, there is a daunting list of unfinished items for a president who has a history of making bold promises. But hope and time are diminishing.

Before his presidency ended, Bush wanted a Mideast peace deal built around the outlines of Palestinian state. That is unlikely. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert resigned in a corruption scandal, negotiations stalled and the same issues that have divided the parties for decades seem as irreconcilable as ever.

The ambitious priority of pushing an international effort to rid North Korea of its nuclear arms is in jeopardy. The U.S. says North Korea must allow a verification of its nuclear program. The communist nation is balking and wants to be lifted from Washington's terrorism blacklist first.

Bush's diplomats are working diligently to salvage the deal.

Perhaps most notably, the United States and Iraq still are without an agreement governing the presence of U.S. forces after Dec. 31, when the U.N. mandate runs out. The two sides are hung up legal jurisdiction for U.S. troops and contractors, and a timeline for U.S. withdrawal.

On top of that, White House staff members are devoting valuable amounts of time to pave the way for the next president. The transition between administrations, always a complicated endeavor, is the first in the post-Sept. 11 world.

Bush has made clear to those who work for him that he wants a smooth transition to the next president. In terms of the sheer time and energy involved, Bush counselor Ed Gillespie said, "I suspect the last 100 days are going to feel more like the first 100 days than any of us would have hoped."

The last days of an administration can be filled with desires to wrap up issues, if not desperation.

Michael Green, Bush's former senior adviser on Asia, said he expects no dramatic gestures or concessions from the White House in the pursuit of final deals. He said challenges such as the nuclear threats in North Korea and Iran will be passed on in the best possible position, keeping diplomatic efforts intact.

"My sense is they're not going for a last-minute grab at glory that would put the next administration in a bad position," said Green, an analyst for the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank.

Meanwhile, just when all his clout was supposed to be gone, Bush has earned scored some recent victories.

He signed a civil nuclear cooperation deal with India and won approval for oil drilling off the U.S. coastlines, both of which have lasting implications. The White House holds dim hopes that Congress could take up trade deals with Colombia and South Korea if it holds a lameduck session.

In what has already been his busiest year of foreign travel as president, Bush has at least one more trip left. He plans to go to Peru in November for the annual summit of leaders of Pacific Rim nations.

There is always the possibility of a trip the White House never announce in advance for security reasons, such as a final visit by Bush to Iraq.

Bush also is expected to do a final review of pardons and commutations. His predecessor, Bill Clinton, pardoned 140 people in the closing hours of his presidency. Don't expect Bush to do that. Gillespie said the president will likely make those decisions "well in advance of leaving office."

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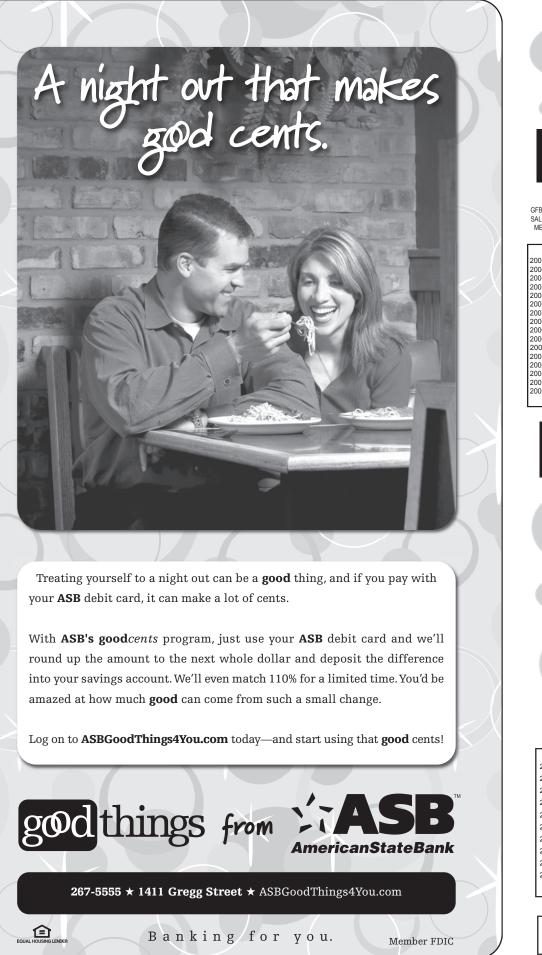
### October 2008 Employee of the Month Chris Hewtty

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#### **County Court Decisions:**

Judgment and Sentence: Ysa Rubio Sr., criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$324 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Danielle Krystyn Reyna, theft of service by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$324 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Antonio Joe Flores Jr., reckless driving, \$200 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probated).

Probated Judgment: Melissa Ann Pearsons, theft - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Johnathan J. Zeno, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs.

Probated Judgment: Roberto Dutchover Perez, driving

while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation). Probated Judgment:

Thomas Rios, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Anthony Eugene Trevino, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Manuel Junior Mata, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Jenny Juarez, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation). Probated Judgment: Adan Vasquez, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Robbin Barnes Jr., possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Linda Ann Foster, failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.

#### **District Court Filings:**

Bonnie Klaassen vs. James Roberts, protective order. Shayna Marie Acuff vs. Jeremy Oliver Acuff, divorce.

Sharp Image Energy Inc. vs. Paul Rankin, accounts, notes and contracts.

Kathy S. Wright vs. David L. Wright, divorce.

U.S. Bank National Assoc. vs. Sara Beth Warren, accounts, notes and contracts. Kayla Torres vs. Joe Eric Arredondo, divorce.

Marriage Licenses: Hilario Curreon, 45, and

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Graciela Navarrete, 47, both of Big Spring.

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and Reyna E. Callejas, 30, both of Big Spring. Treavor Justin Partlow, 26,

and Callie Nicole Warren, 34, both of Big Spring. Derek Tarver Moffett, 29, and Cynthia Perez Munoz, 37, both of Big Spring. Sisto Furillo Subia, 26, and Tiffanie Jo Smith, 27, both of Big Spring.

Wayne Ward Vanhoesen, 47, and Dana Gwen Gregory, 46, both of Big Spring. Michael Dean McGee, 45, and Inez Martinez Petty, 67, both of Big Spring.

#### Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Marcelina Anna Haunte Grantee: Bernardo Haunte Property: Lot 5, Block 3, North McEwen Addition Date: Oct. 2, 2008

Grantor: Larry W. Sparks Grantee: Tommy Churchwell and Laurie Churchwell Property: Lot 12, Block 2, Sunset Place Date: Oct. 2, 2008

Grantor: Ascension and Carlos Flores Grantee: Carolina Flores Property: Lot 10, Block 14, **Brown Addition** Date: Oct. 3, 2008

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Property: Lot 10, Block 2, Lakeview Addition Date: Oct. 3, 2008

Grantor: Frank R. Peters, Mark P. Peters and Mary Beth Michaelis

Grantee: Robert R. McEwen and Laura McEwen Property: Lot 27, Block 3,

Highland South No. 4 Date: Oct. 3, 2008

Grantee: Michelle White Property: Lots 16 and 17, Block 16, Monticello Addition Date: Oct. 3, 2008

Grantor: Kent Robinson Grantee: Betty R. Buck Property: A tract out of Section 14, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Oct. 3, 2008

Grantor: Phyllis Carroll Grantee: Anthony martinez Property: A portion of Lot 2, Block 3. Lockhart Addition Date: oct. 3, 2008

Grantor: Carolyn Williams Grantee: Larry R. Valverde and Debra Valverde Property: Lot 6, Block 8, Capehart Addition Date: Oct. 6, 2008

Grantor: Victor Martinez Jr. and Mary Martinez Grantee: Maggie T. Christian and Claud Christian Property: Lot 21, Block 4, **Highland Park** Date: Oct. 7, 2008

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Grantor: Eugene Bryant Grantee: Alfonso Barreras Property: Lot 7, Block 39, College Heights Date: Oct. 7, 2008

Grantor: Joshua Salter, David Ray Crooks, Debra Crooks and Darrin Jay Crooks Grantee: Peggy Crooks Property: Lot 1, Block 4, Muir Heights Date: Oct. 8, 2008

Grantor: Karen Burden Grantee: James Phillip Reid and Shyrlee Reid Property: Lots 16-17, Block 12, Original Town of Coahoma Date: Oct. 8, 2008

### Warranty Deeds

with Vendor's Lein: Grantor: D&D Coates Inc. Grantee: Manuel Cervantes Property: A 5 acre tract out of Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Oct. 2, 2008

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Grantor: Tiffany Morrow Grantee: Josh Slayden and Gentry Slayden Property: Lot 13, Block 1, Edwards Heights Date: Oct. 2, 2008

Grantor: J. Hopper Homes inc Grantee: Michael Cade Peterson, Mike L. Peterson and Penny Peterson Property: Lot 6, Block 3, **Caroline Court** Date: Oct. 2, 2008

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Date: Oct. 2, 2008

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Grantor: Dolores Jenkins Grantee: Ron Phillips and Andrea Phillips Property: A 2.3 acre tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Oct. 6, 2008

Grantor: Dale Coates and Daphne Coates Grantee: Luis Puga Jr. and Julia Gomez Puga Property: A 1 acre tract outf Section 1, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Oct. 6, 2008

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Date: Oct. 3, 2008

Grantor: Ricky Don Clayton

### OIL

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Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago.

Light, sweet crude for November delivery fell \$8.01 to \$78.61 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after earlier falling to \$77.28, its lowest level since Sept. 11, 2007.

Crude has now lost about 47 percent since hitting a record \$147.27 on July 11, tumbling as a deepening credit crisis caused by the subprime mortgage fiasco wreaks havoc around the globe and drives down energy demand.

Investors have shrugged off an array of market-stabilizing efforts by world governments, including a \$700 billion U.S. financial rescue plan, several bank bailouts and a coordinated interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve and central banks around the globe.

Underscoring Americans' waning appetite for fuel, a gallon of regular gasoline dropped 5.3 cents overnight to a new national average of \$3.35 a

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gallon, according to auto club AAA, the Oil Price Information Service and Wright Express.

Prices dipped below \$3 a gallon on average in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. If crude keeps falling, the rest of country should see sub-\$3 gasoline in the next few weeks if not sooner, experts say.

Oil market traders were also fixated on signs of falling energy demand around the globe.

The International Energy Agency on Friday cut its global oil demand forecasts for this year and 2009, pointing to the worsening economic conditions and the tight credit supply.

The Paris-based energy watchdog cut its forecast for oil demand this year by 240,000 barrels per day, and slashed its 2009 forecast by 440,000 barrels per day. The IEA now expects global oil demand to total 86.5 million barrels per day this year and 87.2 million barrels per day next year.

"The fundamental game for oil has changed. In the last decade, oil went up be-

Grantor: Property Pros of Texas LLC Grantee: MCBW Properties LTD Property: Lot 2, Block 1, Stanford Park Date: Oct. 7, 2008

Grantor: Trevis Larson Grantee: Jeffrey Todd Stehle Property: Lot 1, block 6, **Douglass Addition** Date: Oct. 7, 2008

cause of strong global economic growth. That story for the near term is over, so everybody has to reevaluate," Flynn said.

Crude's steep losses came despite signs that the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries may tighten output to put a floor under falling prices.

OPEC said Thursday it will hold a special meeting Nov. 18 to discuss how the economic crisis is affecting oil prices, while the head of Libya's national oil company, Shukri Ghanem, called on oil producing nations to cut output.

But analysts doubt an OPEC cut would reverse the extreme downward momentum on oil. OPEC's decision last month to cut production by 520,000 barrels a day failed to halt the losses.

Flynn said another output cut "may actually accelerate the slide."

"What's driving this market right now is fear of demand destruction and lack of credit," he said. "If you can't borrow money to buy crude, then demand falls more and so do prices."

### **F**EATURE

### Fender on the fritz? Take it to Austin's master

By RICARDO GANDARA Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — vSmall pliers, wrenches, screwdrivers, a vise, chemicals and intensely bright lamps cover this working man's table like confetti. Mark Erlewine is cradling a vintage Fender Jazzmaster.

"It's certainly been altered. The finish is worn. The controls aren't working properly," he says. "The foam under the pickup needs to be replaced, and so will the strings. The frets, too."

Every guitar that's been played hard, busted over someone's head or is just plain old needs the TLC, knowledge and craftsmanship of someone like Erlewine. People have doctors, horses have vets and guitar players depend on their luthiers to keep them strumming. The steel-guitar-playing Erlewine, 57, is that man, and he's been doing it for almost 40 years.

Many remember him from his original shop on the Drag, where he started repairing and making guitars for musicians far and wide, including Willie Nelson, Bob Dylan, Ted Bruce Nugent, Springsteen, Sting, Bo Diddley and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

"Willie once told me as long as I kept Trigger going, his career would keep going," he says about the beloved Martin N-20 classical guitar distinguished by a hole Nelson has created with his heavy playing and frequent use. Erlewine has lost count of how many times he's braced the wood to strengthen the wood around the hole.

On this morning at his workshop, however, he's working on a 1978 Jazzmaster owned by James Faron of Austin. To determine "where's it's been" he uses a 6-inch the neck).

It's an overhaul. "To make it play and be pretty says Faron. again," Because the owner intends to sell it, Erlewine saves all the old parts of the guitar. A collector who will display it, not play it, will demand everything original.

All Erlewine's ever known is music or guitars. He picked up his first guitar when he was 14 and joined his first band at 19. He's from Ann Arbor, Mich., where in 1969 he served as an apprentice for his cousin Dan Erlewine, who'd made a name for himself in the guitar repair industry. At the time, Mark Erlewine was playing at honkytonks in the Detroit area. A fellow musician. James Machin. visited Austin in 1973 and called Erlewine. "You have to bring your shop here," he told him. "This is the mecca of countrv music."

Erlewine moved here in 1974 to find an eclectic music scene at places like Armadillo World the Headquarters, the Soap Creek Saloon in Westlake Hills and The Split Rail. He joined the New Oso Band that backed up the rockabilly Reynolds Sisters.

"In those days a young guy could play music till midnight, because that's when the bars closed, and run a guitar shop during the day," he says.

His rent at his shop, located back then next to a massage parlor often visited by the vice squad, was \$135 a month.

"Crazv. wonderful times. Austin was a small, homegrown community of music. Willie was just get-

across the fingerboard of ting here. B.W. Stevenson, Plum Nelly, the Dixie Diesels and Freda & the Firedogs were playing around town."

> The hard life of a touring musician — the Reynolds Sisters gig took him around Texas. Louisiana and Oklahoma - took its toll. "For my sanity and health. I realized that I had more control over my life in a shop than playing on the road," he says.

> His guitar playing days. however, were not over. In 1981, he played pedal steel guitar for the number "Leila" on ZZ Top's "El Loco" album. For years, he'd been friends with the band's Billy Gibbons and made several guitars for him.

> That's the other big part of Erlewine's business.

> He's made more than 1,000 guitars through the years, including his trademark "Chiquita" traveling guitar that he designed with Gibbons. Christopher Cross purchased a custom left-handed guitar for Paul McCartney. John Lennon ordered one a week before he was killed, but it was never made.

As you would expect from someone who works with musicians, Erlewine has stories to tell. A couple of years ago, a married couple walked in. The man was toting a black trash bag. Inside was his Martin in pieces, thanks to his wife, who used it on his head to make a point.

"The couple was going through counseling and were trying to mend their relationship. That was touching. Part of the process was fixing the guitar that she broke over his head," he says.

A West Texas family brought him a small



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Mark Erlewine repairs a vintage Fender Jazzmaster guitar at his shop in Austin Sept. 8. Erlewine has been building and repairing guitars in Austin for more than 30 years.

Martin acoustic guitar made in 1853. "Their great, great grandfather was a Confederate officer. The guitar was his only companion in a prison camp. They wanted me to refurbish it. That's the fun part of this job, doing the research on an old guitar and then applying what you know to fixing it."





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metal ruler to "measure the action," that is, the height of a guitar string at the 12th fret. Then, he inspects the neck, using a straight edge.

For two weeks or so, he will work on and off with the guitar — that's how it's done, especially when he applies glue or lacquer to the finish that requires more than a day to dry. Faron's guitar, which he found online, also will need the electronics (potentiometers) to be repaired or replaced, the foam on the pickup (the electric component that picks up the sound of the guitar strings) replaced, as well as the guitar strings and 21 frets (metal pieces



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### HEALTH **BIG SPRING HERALD** Sunday, October 12 2008 Pursuit of happiness: You can't buy it, experts say

### By BONNIE RUBIN and JEREMY MANIER

MCT

CHICAGO — Americans have seen their retirement savings shrivel, home equity evaporate and job security vanish. The only numbers zooming upward seem to be gas and food prices.

It may look like there's nothing to smile about, but that shouldn't stop us, said Ed Diener, a psychology professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who has been studying happiness for more than a quarter-century. Here's what he wants you to know: That disappearing 401(k) balance? It's no more a barometer of sadness than winning the lottery guarantees life satisfaction. It's all a matter of perspective.

"There are people who have little money and are quite happy ... and then there are people who feel poor making \$150,000 a year," Diener said. "If we ratchet down some of our aspirations and expectations, we can find contentment - even in a slowing economy."

He is no blithe guru spray-painting smiley faces along Wall Street. Researchers like Diener are trying to convey what philosophers have long written: True happiness lies in the pursuit of deeply held goals, not in fleeting pleasures and possessions.

We intuitively understand the commonsense distinction between short-term pleasure and long-term happiness. Research suggests the brain also processes those feelings differently - though exactly how the mind creates abiding happiness is unclear.

Diener is co-author, with his son, Robert Biswas-Diener, of the new book "Happiness: Unlocking the Mysteries of Psychological Wealth." He is part of the positive psychology



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Ed Diener, a professor of psychology at the University of Illinois and the co-author of the book "Happiness: Unlocking the Mysteries of Psychological Wealth," spends time with his grandchildren Alex Yannelli, 4, left, and Caroline Yannelli, 9, at his home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

about two decades ago and bypasses the Freud model of disease and dysfunction, instead focusing on emotional hardiness.

In their view, psychological wealth includes relationships, spirituality ("not necessarily religion ... but the feeling you are connected to something larger than yourself"), physical health and a sense of engagement.

What separates those

their ability to adjust. "That means controlling what is controllable ... diversifying your stocks, then returning to the areas of your life that are going well, such as friends and family," he said. "It means making a conscious decision to be resilient."

It takes strong character to find happiness in the face of adversity, but scientists often have found that aspect too vague a topic to study. Understanding with psychological wealth how the brain processes

movement that started from miserable peers is raw feelings of desire and pleasure is far easier. Most creatures seek pleasure in some way. Pleasure motivates us to seek food, sex and a multitude of things that ensure the survival of an individual or species.

> "There's an enormous evolutionary advantage to getting pleasure from these things," said Martin Cassell, a professor at the University of Iowa. "The more long-term aspects of what causes happiness are much less well

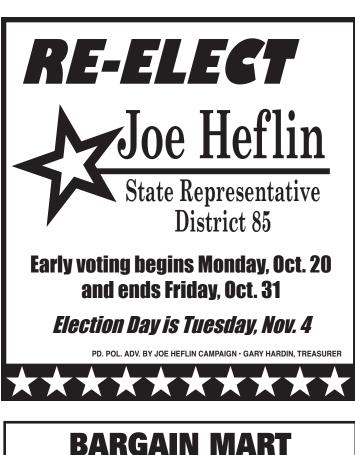
understood." Cassell said he believes a key brain area for both pleasure and long-term happiness is the insular cortex, a region buried under the flaps and folds toward the front of the brain. Also called the insula, the region has been linked to sensations of joy, disgust and pain and even to out-of-body experiences. But beyond joy, a hallmark of human beings is the ability to forgo immediate gratification for the sake of some deeper contentment. be That aspect of happiness psychologists believe, but takes willpower - another big subject neuroscientists have found difficult to study. "We have no precise sense of what willpower means in the brain, or why some people are better at it than others," said Todd Braver, a professor of psychology and neuroscience at Washington University in St. Louis. Braver's team is studying how the brain area called the prefrontal cortex is involved in long-term decision-making. They want to understand how the anticipation of a reward far off in the future - such as the increased satisfaction of a fulfilling but low-paying job - can sometimes overrule the

enticement of short-term pleasure.

The mysteries of human behavior and happiness have long dominated Diener family dinner conversations. Diener, 62, also known as "Dr. Happy," had ample opportunity to reflect on the nature of happiness during his early-marriage years in Champaign, when dining out meant a \$1 entree with his wife, Carol, also a psychologist.

Three of their five children went into the family business, including Robert, a psychologist and lecturer at Portland State University. The father and son have traveled all over the world, collecting data on well-being from tens of thousands of subjects in more than 100 countries.

Whether in the gold markets of Dubai or the Australian outback, the scientists have learned happiness goes beyond genes and circumstances. We require enough material wealth to self-sufficient, the thelevelsofcontentmentdo not dramatically increase after our needs are met. While there is a spike after a major acquisition - like a new car - the euphoria over leather seats doesn't last. The same is true with setbacks: Watching one's nest egg dwindle is enough to pull anyone into a deep hole, but a year later, people typically rebound. Some people find happiness in escaping the seesaw of fleeting gains and losses.StevenBiedermann, 45, an investment banker, was living the good life in a Gold Coast condo with all the requisite perks - but he longed for meaning, not bigger bonuses. Then came the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. "That was the match that lit up a bundle of kindling that had been piling up for years," he said. The next fall, Biedermann sold everything and joined the Peace Corps. He headed to Kiribati in the Central Pacific, swapping the condo for a small stick hut and swanky restaurants for fish and rice. He grew closer to his Christian faith. Upon his return, he was hired to manage the Chicago Public Schools investment portfolio - a way to make use of his skills, but with a loftier purpose. Though he earns less than he did his first year after graduating from DePaul University in 1986, Biedermann said he's fulfilled. "It's about serving others, not being served. That's where my happiness comes from."





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for heart disease

and cancer, there

is hope. Research

now clearly shows that lifestyle

duce the odds of developing the

changes can significantly re-

largely preventable disease.

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calculator can't diagnose diabetes, it can help identify those most at risk, allowing for more careful medical screenings that can treat problems before much damage is done. Developing diabetes is not inevitable, even for people with pre-diabetes (a condition

A new questionnaire, the

Diabetes Risk Calculator, has

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marked by blood glucose levels that are higher than normal, but not high enough to be classified as diabetes). The Finnish **Diabetes Prevention Study and** the Diabetes Prevention Pro-

gram — two landmark population studies — both report that lifestyle changes could decrease incidence by 58 percent. In addition to lowering diabetes risk, participants in these studies also showed improvements in heart-related problems and decreased markers of inflammation throughout the body.

The benefits that are seen with lifestyle changes are owed, at least in part. to improving the effectiveness of insulin in the body and allowing high insulin levels to return to normal. In addition to improving blood sugar, reducing high insulin levels can halt metabolic changes that promote increased growth and development of cancer cells. The potential health benefits of implementing lifestyle changes

are enormous, as they could possibly lower risk of diabetes, cancer and heart disease, too.

So what do we mean by lifestyle changes? For starters, research shows that weight loss is one of the most important steps for people who are overweight. According to published data from the Nurses' Health Study, participants who were overweight were 5 to 10 times more likely to develop diabetes than those with a healthy BMI; women who were obese were 30 times more likely to get the disease.

But reaching what you might consider an ideal weight is not necessary to see benefits. A modest loss of 5 to7 percent of body weight (10 to 14 pounds for someone who weighs 200

pounds) is enough. And it's a goal that can be achieved by simply reducing baseline calorie consumption by about 450 calories a day.

A second crucial step in diabetes prevention programs is establishing a pattern of regular physical activity. Most programs ask participants to aim for at least 150 minutes a week. the equivalent of at least 30 minutes of walking or other moderate activity five days a week. Several studies show that even without weight loss, insulin resistance can be reduced 30 to 85 percent after just three to four months of daily aerobic activity. Decreased insulin resistance means lower circulating levels

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### Pasta with sun-dried tomatoes

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Simplicity and intense flavor characterize this week's recipe. Featuring whole-grain pasta combined with sun-dried tomatoes and crunchy pine nuts, it's an unexpected and welcome change from the usual spaghetti with red sauce. With a touch of red pepper, this hearty dish is the perfect choice to warm you up on a cool autumn day. It also makes great leftovers.

Although the true origins of pasta are as slippery as spaghetti itself, one thing is certain: Italy's climate provides the perfect setting for growing durum wheat — a hard wheat that produces semolina, the primary ingredient for dried pasta. Dried pasta became popular in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, as it could be stored easily on ships, including those setting out to explore the New World.

Those long arduous journeys of early explorers are also credited with introducing the tomato, native to South and Central America, to the Mediterranean coast. The plant was thought to be discovered by the Spanish explorer Cortez in the early 1500s. Conventional wisdom is that he brought seeds back

Europe they where were planted as ornamencuriosital but not ties,

The eaten. first indications of tomatoes as a food source only date back to the first half of

the 18th century. Sun dried tomatoes, which now line the shelves at gourmet supermarkets, were originally introduced as a means of preservation.

This week's dish features fettuccine or "little ribbons" in Italian. These robust pasta strips are thick enough to hold the hearty sun-dried tomato sauce. Be sure to choose a wholewheat variety as they typically have two to three times the fiber content of regular enriched pasta.

### Pasta with Sun Dried Tomatoes

1 1/2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil, divided

1/4 cup pine nuts 1 cup sun dried tomatoes, packed dry - not in oil 1 cup boiling water 6 cloves garlic, pressed 1/4 tsp. salt 1/4 tsp. red pepper, or to taste 1/4 tsp. black pepper 1 1/2 Tbsp. dried Italian seasoning 1/2 pound whole-grain fet-



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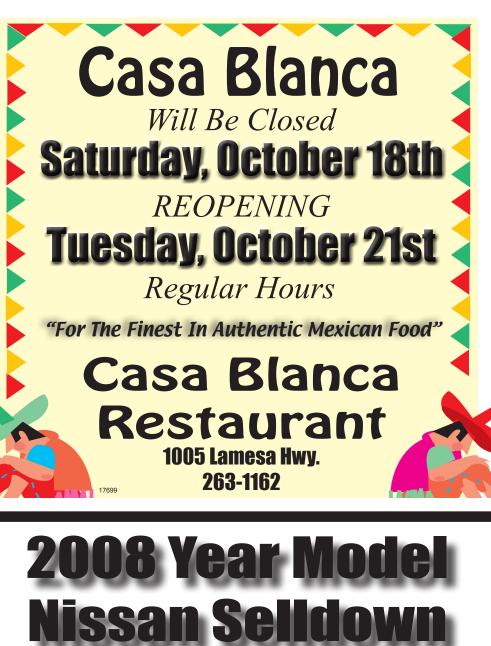
1 oz. freshly ground Parmesan cheese

Heat 1/2 Tbsp. oil over medium heat in small skillet. Add pine nuts and cook, stirring frequently until lightly browned. Place in small bowl and set aside.

Place tomatoes in a small bowl. Pour boiling water over them and let them soak until tender. Drain tomatoes, reserving the liquid Coarsely chop tomatoes and set aside.

Heat remaining oil in small skillet over medium heat. Add garlic, chopped tomatoes, salt, red and black pepper, and Italian seasoning. Stir frequently until garlic is browned. Add the reserved tomato liquid to the mix.

Cook pasta al dente according to package directions. Drain pasta and gently, but thoroughly, toss with sauce and stir until liquid is absorbed. Top each serving with equal amounts of pine nuts and Parmesan cheese. Makes 5 servings.

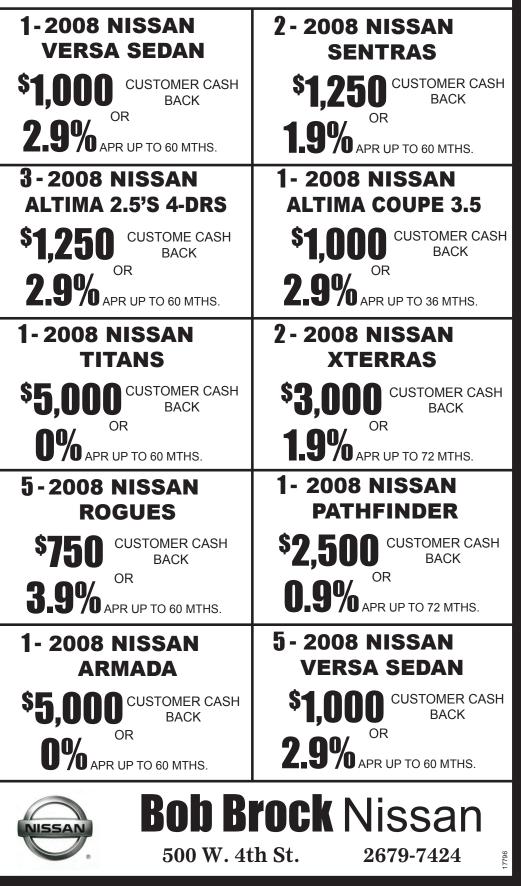


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### Wash. voters weigh assisted suicide measure

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — The emotionally charged battle over end-of-life decisions has taken to the airwaves as Washington state voters decide whether to allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication to terminally ill patients.

Recent TV and radio ads by opponents feature actor Martin Sheen, who calls the measure a "dangerous idea" that could be used by the most vulnerable in society. Supporters are on TV with an ad spotlighting a widow who says it lets those who are suffering have control over their final days.

With both sides having raised a combined \$3.5 million. much of it still unspent, more ads are expected in the coming weeks.

The measure would allow physicians in Washington state to help terminally ill patients end their lives.

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Oregon, where voters first to \$75,000, with the largest approved the idea in 1994. is the only state with such a law.

A poll by independent pollster Stuart Elway found that the measure was popular, with 57 percent of voters supporting it, and 33 percent opposed. That poll, conducted in September, showed 10 percent were still undecided, while 16 percent were leaning 'yes' and 10 percent were leaning 'no.'

"It really is a matter of personal decisions and having the freedom to make your own decisions about end-of-life care," said Anne Martens, spokeswoman for Yes on I-1000.

Todd Donovan, political scientist at Western Washington University, said he wasn't surprised that Initiative 1000, also known as the "Washington Death with Dignity Initiative," is polling well.

"There is that libertarian streak in the northwest that it sort of taps into," he said.

the measure is But strongly opposed by religious groups. Archdioceses around the country, as well as other Catholic groups, have made contributions ranging from \$5

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But the total money from church groups - more than \$300,000 of the more than \$874,000 — is still less than the amount the measure's most prominent supporter, former Gov. Booth Gardner, has donated.

Gardner has waged a public campaign in support of the measure and has donated \$470,000 of his own money to the multimillion dollar effort. So far, supporters have raised more than \$3.2 million, and have spent \$1.5 million.

Gardner suffers from Parkinson's, which is incurable but not fatal, so he would not qualify if the initiative becomes law. But he has said his condition has made him an advocate for those who want control over how they die.

Gov. Chris Gregoire, a Catholic and a friend of Gardner's, has said she personally can't support the measure, but hasn't actively worked against it.

Officials from the church said their opposition to the measure shouldn't surprise anyone.

"Our teaching has always been in favor of life," said

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Sister Sharon Park, executive director of the Washington state Catholic Conference. "The purpose of law is to protect, and this certainly does not protect the vulnerable."

Outside of Oregon, advocates of the idea haven't fared well. California, Michigan and Maine voters rejected the idea, and bills have failed in statehouses around the country. In Washington, voters rejected physician-assisted suicide in 1991.

This year's proposal differs in that it would not allow doctors to administer lethal drugs on behalf of patients who couldn't do so themselves.

Initiative 1000 mirrors the Oregon law, which took effect in 1997 after a lengthy court fight, and would allow terminally ill people to obtain lethal prescription drugs for ending their own lives.

Any patient requesting the fatal medication would have to make two oral requests, 15 days apart, and submit a written request witnessed by two people, including one person who is not a relative, heir, attending doctor, or connected with a health facility where the requester lives.

Critics say assisted suicide laws could exploit depressed or vulnerable people who worry they've become a burden on their families.

"This is not an issue of choice and keeping government out of end of life issues," said Chris Carlson, chairman of the Coalition Against Assisted Suicide. "It is a matter of injecting government more into end of life issues and it raises serious questions about who will do the choosing." Those who support I-1000 sav it's a humane choice for those who feel they have no other option.

"The people who choose the law really want to live, and have likely been through chemo or surgeries, and now it's to the point where they can no longer choose life," said Arline Hinckley, a social worker who has worked with terminally ill patients and is working with the Yes on I-1000 campaign. "I think the person who can't choose life should have the right to chose the kind of death they want."

Forty-nine people died under the terms of the law last year. according to a report by the Oregon Department of Human Services. Since it went into effect, more than 340 patients have used the law to end their lives.

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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$11,059.73, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against DORA C. VELESQUEZ aka DORA C. VELASQUEZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 3, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DORA C. HOWARD VELESQUEZ aka DORA C. VE-LASQUEZ, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5211 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the exp ation of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 3 day of October, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof. then and there to show cause why iudqment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and 1801 E FM 700 22, 24, 25, 26, 205 COAHOMA COMMUNITY CENcosts, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH judgment herein, and all costs of this suit. Issued and given under my hand DOROTHY GARRETT COLISEUM and seal of said court in the City of 1001 BIRDWELL, BIG SPRING Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 3rd day of October, A.D. 2008. Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court

Howard County, Texas,

#5944 October 12 & 19, 2008

118th Judicial District.

### Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE NAME AND BY THE IN AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: R.L. FIELDS if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

W/5, of Lot 11, and all of Lot 12, Blk 10, Jones Valley Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,373.16, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against R.L. FIELDS AND against R.L. FIELDS AND MANUEL OLAGUE and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 2, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. R.L. FIELDS AND MANUEL OLAGUE, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5398 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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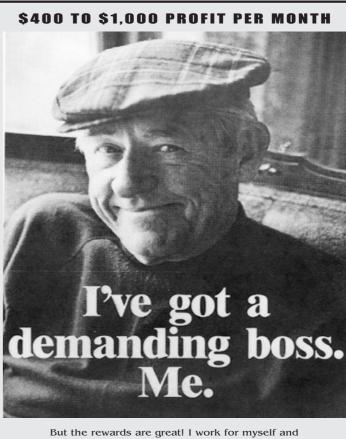
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the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 2nd day of October, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2008. Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5945 October 12 & 19, 2008



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# NASA marks 50th anniversary

#### By EVAN S. BENN

### McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — Nearly half a century ago, Sam Beddingfield walked into the NASA office and asked for a job, confessing he didn't know a thing about rockets.

"It's OK," they told him. "No one does."

Wednesday marks the 50th anniversary of the agency's birth, when President Dwight Eisenhower promised the United States would lead the race to space.

The vision for the next 50 years is just as clear — revisit the moon, send astronauts to explore Mars and beyond — but the bottomless supply of money that fueled the agency's early success is no more.

The government has announced plans to retire the shuttle fleet in 2010 and return to orbit with new spacecraft by 2015, with a moon landing by 2020.

Publicly, National Aeronautics and Space Administration chief Mike Griffin has backed the Bush administration's plan, but in a recent leaked e-mail he said the White House was on a "jihad" to shut down the shuttle program without adequately funding a replacement.

"My own view is about as pessimistic as it is possible to be," Griffin wrote to colleagues in August.

If the shuttle program ends in 2010, it could mean a major loss of jobs along Florida's Space Coast, where the Kennedy Space Center plays a key role in launches and research, said Don Nelson, an engineer and mission planner who spent 36 years with NASA before retiring in 1999.

"There could be bad times coming, very bad times, if we abandon the shuttle program," Nelson said. "We could lose our investment in the International Space Station. And with 17.000 people working on the shuttle program, certainly some of them are bound to lose their jobs." Presidential nominees John McCain and Barack Obama have said they want to shorten the gap between the end of the shuttle program and the relaunch into space, but how they plan to do so is unclear. Adding to the uncertain-

ty, NASA said Monday that its high-profile mission scheduled for this month to repair the Hubble Telescope will be delayed un-



til next year because of a glitch in the orbiting camera.

"We're at a crossroads," NASA Deputy Associate Administrator Wayne Hale told The Associated Press about the agency's golden anniversary. "If we had done things the way we wish we could have, we wouldn't be here."

In 1959, NASA sent Beddingfield to Cape Canaveral a week after his hiring at the agency's Virginia launch base to work on Project Mercury and the first manned space missions. At the time, the 33 Space Coast employees were identified by numbers; Beddingfield was No. 4. Now, NASA has 18,000 employees and a \$17 billion annual budget.

"It was a different place back then," Beddingfield, 74, said Tuesday from the Titusville-Cocoa Regional Airport, where he hosts weekly tours of retired military aircraft.

"The spot where Kennedy Space Center is today was just a pile of dirt," he said. "And you had to watch out for gators and all kinds of animals wherever you walked."

As an aeronautical engineer, Beddingfield played instrumental roles in the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs, and went on to become deputy director of the space shuttle program before he left the agency in 1985.

The Mercury program launched Alan Shepard — the first American in space— into orbit in a windowless capsule on May 5, 1961.

On Feb. 20, 1962, John Glenn circled the Earth three times in just under five hours.

NASA's Gemini project expanded on Mercury's successes, sending twoman crews into space and letting them walk around up there.

The Apollo program brought three-man crews and lunar modules into space on more powerful rockets. On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong's moonwalk completed a goal President John Kennedy had announced eight years earlier when he said NASA would put an American on the moon.

The race to the moon was not without tragedy. On Jan. 27, 1967, the Apollo One capsule erupted in flames during a testing exercise at Cape Canaveral. Three astronauts died, including Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Beddingfield's Air Force buddy who helped

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### Tomorrow's Horoscope

#### BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

It's Sunday, and many take sanctuary in solitude, imaginative acts or silent moment of reverence with loved ones. Pisces moon supports activities that allow relaxation and time to melt away. As you ease into a fabulously comfortable and lazy day you get closer and closer to the splendor and magnificence of who you really are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are plenty of people around you who want in on your world. You can't accommodate them all -- or can you? An inclusive attitude is lucky. Everyone works out their own social dynamic wonderfully.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To the casual observer it may look like you're loafing about, but you're actually ready to spring into action at the slightest provocation. When you hear about a good deal, fantasy destination or fine opportunity, you're on it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are curveballs coming at you -- or are they? That's the thing about a curveball; it's so hard to judge. So just to be on the safe side, stay alert and ready to either dodge or knock one out of the park.

CÂNCER (June 22-July 22). If you're a bit off kilter you can steady yourself by asking how you might be able to enhance another person's experience. Focusing on helping others stops a tendency to overthink and gets you back on purpose.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You love to use your brain as much as the next guy. But this is not a crossword puzzle; it's your life. Unfurl that brow. If you're analyzing the moment, chances are you're not enjoying it. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your conversations get interrupted, your efforts thwarted by unexpected and pressing business. It could be a signal that you're on the wrong track. Rethink the plan that seems to be met with universal resistance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though you are currently inclined toward the more cutting edge and fashion forward ideas, you're not willing to clamor and crowd to be the absolute first person in line. You keep your cool, classy all the way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The affection you feel for someone has an actual physical effect. Your health seems to improve, you glow, your senses are heightened. You're increasingly attractive to yourself and everyone else.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The energy is scattered and things have a tendency to fall through the cracks. Taking a few hours to clean and organize will prevent you from missing out on important details.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have obligations to make a showing for endeavors you feel you really weren't cut out to do. It's awkward, but it may bring some solace to know that most people feel as uncomfortable as you do, or worse.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Do you want to start a business? You certainly have bankable ideas. Discussions with your nearest and dearest will invigorate your imagination. Also, collaborations are good for your relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your aim is to have the relaxed confidence of those you admire. You can achieve this winning attitude, though you simply must ease up on yourself to do it. Stop inwardly reviewing and criticiz-

ing yourself.

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### Legals

No. P-13,677 ESTATE OF DOROTHY PEARL CULLOM DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DOROTHY PEARL CUL-LOM, Deceased were issued on the 3rd day of October, 2008, under Docket No. P-13,677, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to John Thomas Jenkins, III.

Claims may be presented in care of John Thomas Jenkins, III to the estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Dorothy Pearl Cullom c/o John Thomas Jenkins, III 3729 Cork Place

Fort Worth, TX 76116 All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 3rd of October, 2008. JOHN THOMAS JENKINS, III, Independent Executor of the Estate of Dorothy Pearl Cullom, Deceased #5942 October 12, 2008.

### Legals

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL

ACCOUNTABILITY RATING Forsan ISD will hold a public meeting at the beginning of their regular Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 27, 2008, at the Administration Office located at 411 W. 6th Street in Forsan,

Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Forsan ISD's FIRST (Financial Intergrity Rating System of Texas) rating.

#5926 October 5 & 12, 2008

#### AMERICAN SELF STORAGE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, American Self Storage which is located at 3314 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, November 8, 2008, at 3314 East F.M. 700 Big Spring, Property will be sold to Texas. highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property may be sold item by item or in batches, or by the space. All sales are subject to Texas State Sales Tax. Sale is on the contents of:

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Tenant: Unit #54 Cluck, Holly Tenant: Unit #189 Heffington, Darla #5955 October 12 & 19, 2008

### Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS: TO: Manuel Carrasco

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

W/2 of Lot 3 and all of Lot 4, Blk 3, Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,963.95, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against MANUEL CARRASCO AND MARIA CARRASCO and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 30, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MANUEL CARRASCO AND MARIA CARRASCO, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pendand foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Inter-venors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 2nd day of October, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2008. Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5950 October 12 & 19, 2008

#### Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Vickie Elkins Ledesma if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 6, BK 7, Monticello Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$996.73, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against VICKIE ELKINS LEDESMA and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on May 30, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. VICKIE ELKINS LEDESMA, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5551 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE. Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment

#### and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinguent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 2nd day of October, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2008. Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5946 October 12 & 19, 2008

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Loretta Murphy if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 21, Blk 7, Suburban Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,402.37, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs against CHARLES W. MURPHY AND LORETTA MURPHY and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on July 31, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CHARLES W. MURPHY AND LORETTA MURPHY, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5283 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereina-bove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE. Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinguent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment

#### and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

Legals

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Inter-venors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 2nd day of October, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who

ing in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5539 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2008. Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5951 October 12 & 19, 2008

#### Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Roger Lee Edwards if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 9, Blk 20, Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$964.56, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY. ET AL as Plaintiffs. against ROGER LEE EDWARDS and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 30, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ROGER LEE EDWARDS, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5536 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 2nd day of October, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2008. Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5949 October 12 & 19, 2008

### Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Denver Heffington

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lts 23 & 24, BK 1, J.T. Price Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$969.10, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against DENVER HEFFINGTON and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 2, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DENVER HEFFINGTON, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5549 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove de-scribed, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 2nd day of October. 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County. Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2008. Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5947 October 12 & 19, 2008 CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Mark Edwards if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plain-

to-wit: Lot 8, BK 20, Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

tiffs' petition on file in this cause,

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,258.01, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against MARK EDWARDS and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 30, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MARK EDWARDS, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5537 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, se-

curing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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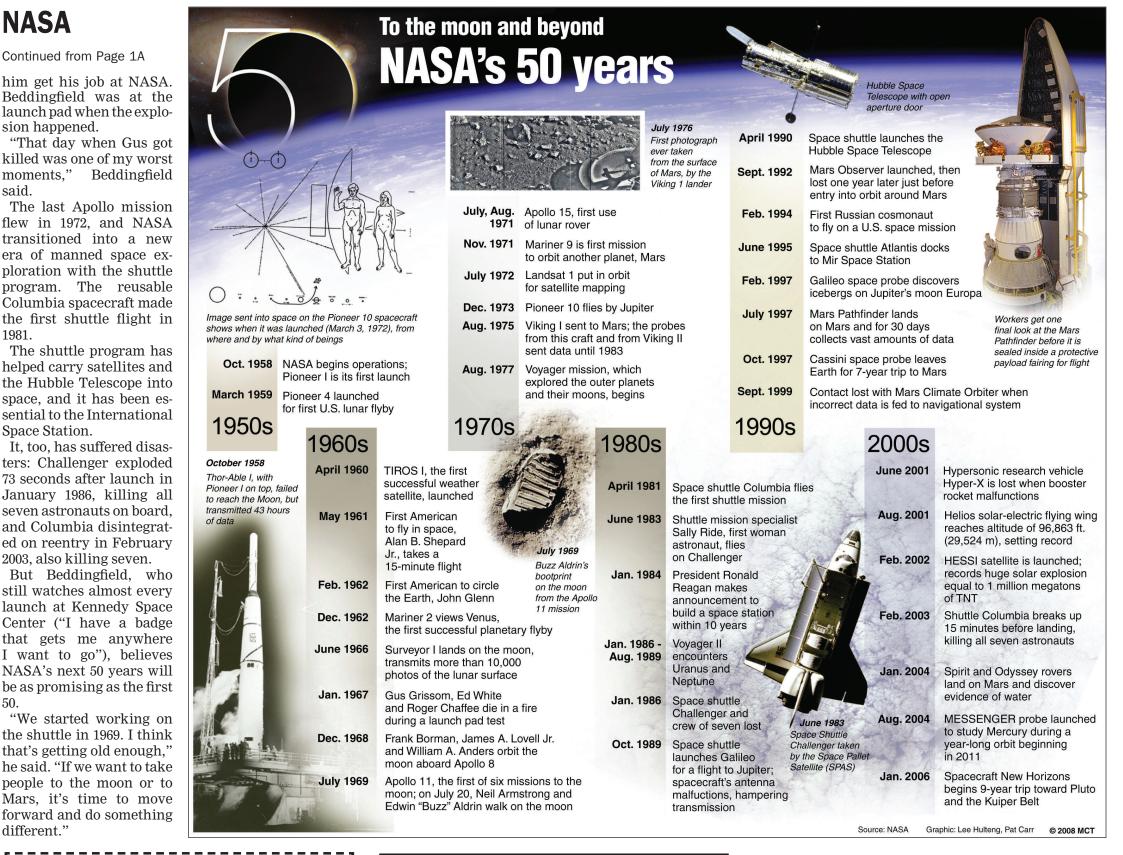
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 2nd day of October, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2008. Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #5948 October 12 & 19, 2008 50.

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### **F**EATURES

### Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My sister, "Julie," has been married four times and none of her marriages lasted long. She is now single again and living in an apartment for seniors.

Julie has three sons, all of whom married controlling women who hate their mother-in-law. They go out of their way to exclude her from their plans. Meanwhile, Julie spends every cent of her extra money buying birthday and Christmas gifts for her children and their families. She receives nothing in return. Her oldest son had a heart attack a few years back and didn't want anyone to tell Julie because "it was none of her business" and she's not welcome in his home.

That's the situation. Here's the problem: Julie is not the best driver and has had several minor accidents, the last of which totaled her very old car. She really needs a car to get to medical appointments and the grocery store. Her sons never visit, not even when she was in the hospital, and they absolutely refuse to take her anywhere. Because of her driving record, the decided Julie bovs shouldn't have a car and wouldn't help her get one. We siblings have our

own problems getting

around and cannot help Julie, so my brother-inlaw bought her a used car that she is paying off. Her sons are now mad at their aunts and uncles because we "interfered." How do we handle the problem with the car? And what can we do about these boys whose controlling wives are provoking hatred for my sister? -- Worried in N.C.

Dear Worried: Unless Julie's driving is so dangerous that she shouldn't be on the road, her children have no say in whether or not she owns a car. And it's unfair to blame the wives for all the hostility. No matter how nasty, their husbands are allowing them to treat Mom that way. It may not be possible to improve those relationships unless Julie's sons shape up. All you can do is be supportive of your sister and encourage her to be involved in activities that make her happy and bolster her confidence. She needs you.

Dear Annie: A friend of mine has an aunt who hoards cats. There are dozens of animals that urinate and defecate all over. My friend says no one will visit anymore because her house smells so bad and some of the children have allergies and can't breathe there.

What causes this behavior? Is there any advice I can pass along to my friend? -- Love Cats, But Really

Dear Love Cats: Hoarding of any kind is often linked to obsessive-compulsive disorder and mental illness. The aunt may not recognize that she is endangering the cats, but anyone who keeps large numbers of animals and cannot properly care for them is guilty of abuse and neglect. Your friend should call the local Humane Society chapter and have them investigate.

Dear Annie: This is for "Just Sad," who finally divorced her abusive husband, but now misses the life she had. I divorced my abusive husband after 28 years. I, too, walked away from a lovely home, friends, trips, etc., and ended up living in a mobile home park with one-quarter of the income I had previously enjoyed. My "friends" were suddenly very few. On long, cold nights, I yearned for the comforts of my previous life -- a hot tub and fireplace and no money worries. Then I would make myself remember what my life was really like underneath all those physical comforts and I would put on some music and tough it out.

Please tell "Just Sad" that those longings will pass as she discovers her life is so much better on the other side of her current struggle. After 14 years, I am alone but still happier than I ever could have been had I gone back. -- N.H.

Dear N.H.: Thank you for encouraging our readers not to stay in an abusive marriage for financial reasons.

Dear Annie: We have great friends who will be staying with us next month. The problem is, they want to bring their little dog, "Darling." The dog is old, cantankerous, longhaired and given a bath only three times a year. She is incontinent and needs to be watched.

In past visits, these friends left Darling with us during the day so they could meet up with old buddies, and it became our job to deal with their dog. They were extremely unhappy when we put Darling in a crate in their guest room and closed the door when we had to leave. They said it was unfair to their precious little dog. They apparently didn't mind being unfair to us.

The last time they were due for a visit, we asked that they not bring Darling since we had new carpet laid throughout the house. I also told them one of our dogs was feeling ill in the hope that it would keep Darling away. My pleas went in one ear and out the other. They brought her anyway, and we had to have the carpet cleaned when they left. They thought it was funny that Darling made a mess all over our family room. I was fuming.

Darling is not up to date with her vaccinations and she is a possible health risk to our pets. We assume this is why they can't get Darling boarded at a kennel. When we visit them, we leave our pets at home, hoping they'll get the message. They don't. Why can't they understand Darling is not welcome? --Not Our Darling

Dear Not Our Darling: They don't want to understand, so they ignore your hints and pleas. You need to be more direct and firm. Tell them you are so sorry, but vou cannot accommodate Darling. Period. If the dog shows up anyway, inform your guests that Darling will have to be kept crated since she is incontinent. We know they love their dog, but it is a huge imposition to bring her where she is not welcome and where she will make a mess of the carpets. (And you should have sent them the bill for the

cleaning.) Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Help Needed in Upstate N.Y.," who sent his daughter money for college necessities and she used it to take a vacation and ended up rooming with a guy. Dad was so angry he told her he will no longer pay for college and she can't live at home anymore.

I think he's right on target. I told my three sons what I expected from them when they started college (no drinking, good grades, being gentlemen with the ladies) and said if they didn't like the rules, they were on their own.

Our children held up their part of the deal and so did we. They are all adults now and respected professionals in their chosen fields. Parents need to stand up and give their children the information needed to make their own choices and then stick to them. We are all happier for the decisions made. --Proud Dad

Dear Dad: It helps to lay out the rules in advance, as you did. Punishment after the fact, with no recourse, is a harsh way to go. We hope Dad doesn't regret it.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar.





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