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Life in prison

Former Big Spring man sentenced in drug roundup

By THOMAS JENKINS

A former Big Spring man was sentenced to life in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine this week, as federal prosecutors wrapped up the last case in a massive drug bust that netted more than a dozen Howard County residents and former resi-

Eric Paul Kreuger, 38, of Fort Worth and formerly of Big Spring, was sentenced to life in prison for conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine by a federal jury Thursday in Midland. Krueger had been found guilty in the same court Oct. 1, 2008, alongside Filomeno Trevino "Teeny" Franco, 40, of Cedar Park and

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Child pornography

Big Spring man enters guilty plea

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man pleaded guilty to child pornography charges in federal court Thursday, spurring pre-sentence investigations into motion.

Rory Dale Worthan, 43, of 2613 Ann Drive, was indicted alongside several other men in mid-September on two counts of possession of child pornography, two counts of receipt of child por-

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Work on an addition to the science building at Howard College is to begin within the next few weeks, officials said. The work is part of a campus-wide renovation project expected to take two years to complete.

Trustee appointment, renovations face HC

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Replacement and renovation will be the main topics of discussion when Howard College trustees hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building Tumbleweed Room.

The board is expected to begin the process of finding a replacement for long-time District 4 trustee Don McKinney, who recently died following a long illness, as well as hear an update on the progress of a campus wide renovation project.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said finding a replacement for McKinney will likely take two or three

If trustees follow the same procedure as they did following the October death of trustee Harold Davis, they will name a search committee to find candidates for the position, then recommend a successor to the full board for action.

Tentatively, officials should have a See HC, Page 3A



appointed in March, Sparks said. Whoever is appointed to succeed McKinney must be a resident of District 4,

recommendation for the

board in February, with the

new trustee being officially

which covers the north-

east quandrant of Howard County. That area includes parts of Big Spring and the communities of Coaho-

ma and Vincent. Once appointed, the new trustee would serve until 2010, at which time he or she could stand for election to fill the remainder of McKinney's unexpired term, which runs through 2012,

On the renovation front, trustees will hear a progress report on work that is figuratively turning the Big Spring campus into a hard hat zone.

Because of ongoing or planned proj-

Sparks said.

Hangar 25 to honor local veteran

Orville Spradling has been named Hangar 25 Air Museum's Veteran of the Month for January.

Spradling was enlisted in the Army Air Corp during World War II. He served combat duty as a sargeant in the 3rd Army in the European Theater of World War

A reception in his honore will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday in the museum's Briefing Room. The public is invited. Refreshments will be

For more information, call 264-1999.

'Audience Choice' concert set

The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra will play the third concert of the 2008-2009 concert season Saturday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Titled "Audience Choice (People's Choice)," the concert will feature pieces commonly requested by audience members following Big Spring Symphony concerts.

Among the selections will be the 1st movements of both the Tchaikovsky 1st and the Rachmaninoff 2nd piano concertos, the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 by J.S. Bach, the Hebrides Overture (Fingal's Cave) by Mendelssohn, Blue Danube Waltz by Strauss and Bolero by Ravel.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students and may be purchased at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Blum's Jewelers, Big Spring Herald, Faye's Flowers, First Bank of West Texas and the Heritage Museum.

For more information, call 264-7223.

County to discuss law enforcment pact with city

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will discuss and possibly vote on an inter-local agreement between the Sheriff's Office and the Big Spring Police Department that could help quell violence and drugs outside the city limits.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the agreement which will be presented to the court Monday morning will pave the way for sheriff's deputies and city police officers to work together, regardless of municipal lines.

"It establishes a way for the two agencies to work together, something we haven't had in the past. It's certainly a step in the right direction."

-County Judge Mark Barr

"This agreement would give the Big Spring Police Department the right to go outside of the city limits to chase drug dealers and other criminals down," said Barr. "It establishes a way for the two agencies to work together, something we haven't had in the past. It's certainly a step in

the right direction."

Also Monday, Ann Farley, project director for the proposed health center for Howard County, is to meet with commissioners concerning the \$80,000-plus grant from the federal government to begin the health center effort.

"We haven't received the

non-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service, and that's something that's required to receive the grant," said Barr. "The IRS hasn't turned down the application or anything like that, it just hasn't gotten around to approving it yet." Barr said the court will con-

fer with Farley on what the next step will be in the grant process since approval of the non-profit status could take an undetermined amount of time. Also Monday, the court will

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Bulldogs slip up again in 7-2A play

Herald Staff Reports

GRAPE CREEK — One quarter of poor play once again cost the Coahoma Bulldogs their first win in District 7-2A play Friday.

If only the first, second and fourth periods were taken into account, the Bulldogs would have pulled out a 5-point victory over the Grape Creek Eagles. However, there are four quarters played in basketball and the third one does apply.

The Eagles outscored Coahoma, 13-6, in the third stanza, leading to a 48-46 victory.

The result leaves Coahoma (18-6,

0-3) in a significant hole to climb out last five games, travel to Tuscola to of in order to qualify for the Class 2A playoffs.

The Bulldogs — ranked 20th as they entered the district season led by three at intermission, but didn't come out of the locker room focused, allowing Grape Creek to take a 4-point advantage. Coahoma simply couldn't get enough breaks and the ball didn't bounce the way it hoped in the final stanza.

Cody Sheppard scored a game-high 20 points, but was the only Bulldog to break into double figures.

The Bulldogs, losers of four of their

take on Jim Ned's Indians at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Jim Ned has been ranked in the Top 10 of the state poll at times

Coahoma **Grape Creek** 11 14 13 10—48

Coahoma (18-6, 0-3): Cody Sheppard 20, Isaac Garcia 8, Lane Douglass 6, Jovi Paniagua 5, Josh Paniagua 4, Carly Griffin 2, Hunter Williams 1. Grape Creek (12-10, 2-1): Yonts 15, Farmer 13, Doss 9, Lovette 8, Ashley 3.

Free throws: Coa 6-16, GC 12-14. 3-point goals: Coa 4 (Garcia 2, Sheppard, Jovi Paniagua), GC 6 (Yonts 3, Lovette 2, Ashley).

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roundup Grady, Sands set for pivotal district matchup

Herald Staff Report

ACKERLY — The Sands Mustangs needed to defeat the eventual state champion Borden County Coyotes during this past football season to win a district championship. It couldn't be done as no one could beat the

Now, in basketball season, the Mustangs needed a win over the Coyotes in order to remain in the thick of the hunt for a District 9-IIA championship.

This time around Sands picked up exactly what it had to as the Mustangs edged the Coyotes, 52-48, Friday in

The Mustangs jumped out to a 15-8 advantage after one period of play and led by nine at the break. That margin proved too large for the Coyotes to make up.

Seth Fry led the Mustangs with 18 points, while Mason Parker added 10. Brendan Tarleton led the Coyotes with 18 with Karl Lamming chipping in 11.

The Mustangs travel to Lenorah Tuesday in a pivotal district game against rival Grady.

Borden Co. 8 10 16 14-48

15 12 12 13—52 Borden County (9-2, 4-1): Brendan Tarleton 18,

Sands (14-7, 4-1): Seth Fry 18, Mason Parker

Grady 49,

Loop 28 LENORAH — Keyed by Dylan Cox's game-high 32 points, the Grady Wildcats now set up a huge District 9-IIA matchup vs. the Sands Mustangs at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Lenorah after crushing Loop, 49-28, Friday.

There is now a three-way tie atop the district standings with Sands, Grady and Borden Co. each sitting at 4-1. Borden County handed Grady its only district loss, while Sands dealt Borden County its sole defeat of the season Friday.

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Lady Buffs in control

Forsan tops McCamey, 36-34, for District 7-A lead

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — Back and forth it went, but in the end it was the Forsan Lady Buffaloes coming up with a huge win in District 7-A girls basketball.

The Lady Buffs took control of the district Friday night with an upset win over favorite McCamey, beating the Lady Badgers, 36-34. The Lady Buffs (19-6, 2-0) fell behind

early in the first period, but some hot shooting in the second frame put the momentum in Forsan's favor going into the half up, 19-17. The Lady Buffs outscored McCamey 14-6 in the The third period belonged to

McCamey, however, and the Lady Badgers managed to hold a 30-26 advantage heading into the final The Lady Buffs clamped down

defensively, giving up just four points to McCamey in the fourth and pulling out the 2-point win to remain undefeated in district play.

Forsan Head Coach Robert Hillger said he is pleased with where the

team is, but knows some tough basketball still lies ahead. "We are playing really well at times

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Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan's Shelby Jones (22) defends a pass attempt by a McCamey Lady and still not so well at times," said Badger in the Lady Buffs' 36-34 win Friday night in Forsan. With the victory, the Lady Buffs take control of District 7-A.

Nowitzki, Howard lead Mavs to rebound victory over Pistons, 112-91

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks bounced back from a humiliating loss in a big way.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 26 points, Josh Howard added 22 and Dallas routed the Detroit Pistons 112-91 on Friday night, two nights after a 34-point loss in Milwaukee.

"It was a disappointing loss the other day but a big win tonight," Nowitzki said. "We need that confidence when we go to Boston on Sunday to play the world champions."

Brandon Bass added a season-high 18 points, and Jason Kidd had 11 points and 10 assists for Dallas, which lost 133-99 to the Bucks.

"The last time we were out on the floor, we gave up 133 points, so I don't think Coach was going to need to say much to make us understand that we needed to come out hard," Kidd said. "After Milwaukee, tonight was about pride."

Richard Hamilton, coming off the bench for just the second time in his Detroit career, led the Pistons with 17 points, and Tayshaun Prince added 12 - 10 from the free-throw line.

Allen Iverson finished with 11 points on

3-of-9 shooting. "We couldn't do anything in transition,

because we never got any stops," Iverson

said. "We just got outplayed on both ends of the floor."

Dallas shot 66 percent in the first half, building a 63-51 lead.

"I liked the way we responded tonight," Nowitzki said. "Detroit is a great basketball team, especially at home, so it was important for us to come out at the start and make things happen."

Howard, Nowitzki and Jason Terry combined for 43 points in the half.

"I tried to stop Dirk, but when a 7-footer is shooting that fade, it is tough to do anything against him," said Amir Johnson, who has been starting instead of Hamilton. "They are a tough matchup for us, but we've got to play better than that."

Things didn't get any better for Detroit in the second half, as the Mavericks led by 18 at the end of the third and by 25 in the

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle thought Kidd's double-double was a key to the improved performance.

"I thought he really set the tone," he said. "His playmaking was huge and we're using him a lot more playmaking situations."

Notes: The Mavericks will go for the first season sweep by either team when they face the Pistons in Dallas on March 17.



Dallas Mavericks' Josh Howard, left, goes to the basket past Detroit's Rasheed Wallace in the first half of their NBA basketball game Friday in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Sports in brief

Big Spring baseball

boosters meeting Monday The Big Spring Steers Baseball Booster Club is meeeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Athletic

Training Center. All parents of high school baseball players are encouraged to attend.

Big Spring Little League organizational meeting today

Big Spring Little League will hold an organizational meeting for the upcoming season at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Parker Hydraulic building on 2109

For more information, contact Robert Smith at 263-7331, ext. 244.

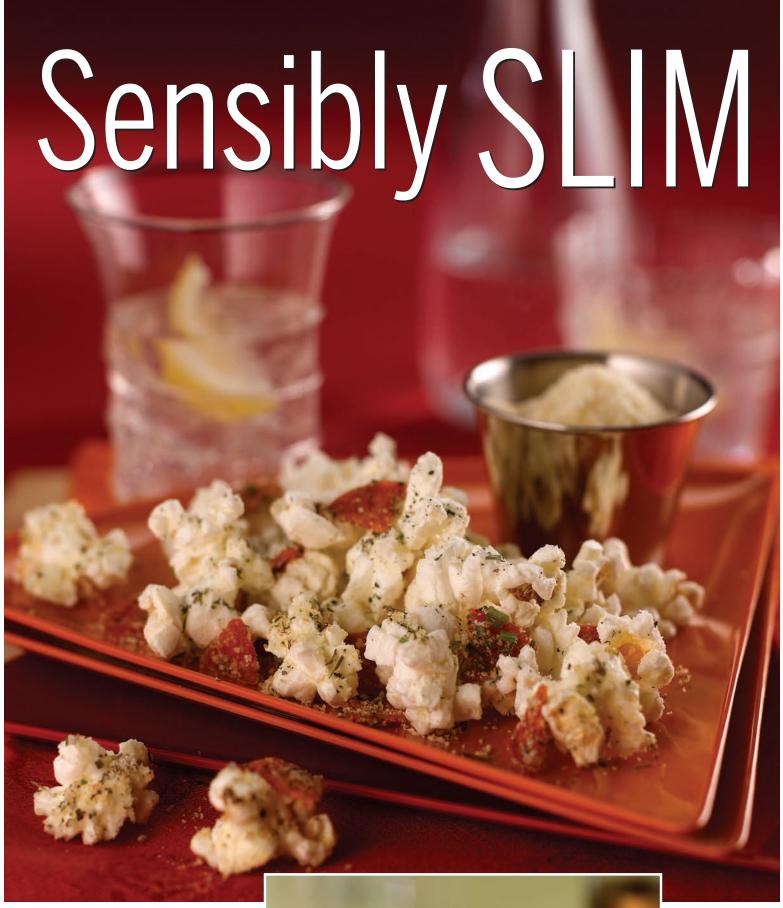
Coahoma softball alumni needed for annual game

The 7th Annual Coahoma Softball Alumni Game has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and will be played at the Coahoma High School

Any former player interested in participating should call Amy Dunn at 263-2228 or 394-4323.

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Cheesy Pepperoni Popcorn

FAMILY FEATURES

orget fad diets and boring food. Slimming down and improving overall health is about making smart food choices every day. Choosing vegetables, whole grains, low-fat milk and dairy products, and lean protein is the most effective way to achieve long-term health and weight goals.

While it may be tempting to skip meals, studies show that eating smaller, nutritious portions throughout the day can help boost metabolism and aid weight loss efforts. So, if you're hungry midmorning or mid-afternoon, grab a sensible snack that can help keep you going while satisfying those hunger pangs.

Popcorn is a whole grain food that can meet those needs. It's not only low in calories, but a good source of fiber. Fiber slows digestion, making you feel full longer. Consuming at least 3 or more ounce equivalents of whole grains per day can reduce the risk of several chronic diseases and may help with weight maintenance.

Compared to many snack foods, popcorn is low in calories. Air-popped popcorn provides only 30 calories per cup. When oil-popped, it contains only 55 calories. Even drizzled lightly with butter, it's only 90 to 120 calories per cup. And with so many ways to dress up popcorn, snacking will never be boring again.

Today's health guidelines recommend at least half your daily intake of grains should come from

whole grains. That means at least three servings of whole-grain products each day. If hunger strikes and mealtime is hours away, grab a whole grain snack such as popcorn to feed the need for delicious nutrition.

For more nutritional information about popcorn, and for more popcorn recipes, visit popcorn.org.

Mediterranean Popcorn

Perfect Popcorn Poppin' Tips

The first step to popcorn snacking is popping perfection. And here's how to pop it right:

- Warm a heavy pan or heavy skillet. Be sure the lid is loose enough to allow steam to
- Add 1/4 cup of cooking oil to the pan. Allow the oil to heat. The best popping temperature is between 400° to 460°F. Note: Oil burns at 500°F, so if your oil starts to smoke, it's too hot.
- Test the heat of the oil by dropping in one or two kernels. When the kernel spins in the oil,

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- you're ready to add the remaining popcorn. Pour just enough kernels to cover the bottom of the pan.
- Cover and shake the pan to be certain the oil coats each kernel. When you hear the last few pops, remove the pan from heat and empty the popped popcorn into a large bowl.
- For added flavor, sprinkle warm popcorn with herbs (such as marjoram, thyme, summer savory, basil, rosemary or sage) or spices (such as garlic, dry mustard, curry or chili powder).

Cheesy Pepperoni Popcorn

Yield: 12 cups

- 1/4 cup nonfat Parmesan cheese
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon dried marjoram leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil leaves 1/8 teaspoon dried sage
- Black pepper, to taste
- 12 cups air-popped popcorn
- 3/4 cup turkey pepperoni, cut into bite-size bits

Olive-oil cooking spray

Combine Parmesan cheese, garlic powder, oregano, marjoram, basil, sage and pepper in a small bowl; mix well. Place cooked popcorn and turkey pepperoni in a large bowl; spray lightly with cooking spray. Sprinkle popcorn and pepperoni with cheese mixture and toss to coat evenly.

Spicy Rosemary and Thyme Snack Mix

Yield: 1 quart, about 5 cups

- 5 cups popped popcorn
- 1 teaspoon roasted red pepper oil 1 teaspoon fresh or dried thyme leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon minced rosemary
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher or table salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Preheat oven to 325°F. Spread popcorn on a baking sheet and sprinkle with roasted red pepper oil. Sprinkle with thyme, rosemary salt and pepper. Bake 7 minutes and serve

Tamari and Spice Popcorn Mix Yield: 7 cups

Warning: This recipe contains peanuts.

7 cups popped popcorn

- 4 cups crispy corn and rice cereal
- 1/2 cup peanuts 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup light or dark corn syrup
- 1/3 cup butter
- 2 teaspoons tamari or soy sauce 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1/8 teaspoon cayenne, optional

Preheat oven to 300°F. In a large, foil-lined baking pan, spread popcorn and cereal.

Sprinkle peanuts on top; set aside. In small saucepan, stir together brown sugar, corn syrup, butter, tamari sauce, cinnamon, ginger and cayenne, if desired, over medium heat. Cook and stir until butter is melted and mixture is blended. Pour over popcorn mixture and stir to coat.

Bake 30 minutes, stirring twice. Remove from oven and stir: allow to cool. Break into pieces. Serve immediately or store in an airtight container.

Mediterranean Popcorn

Yield: 12 cups

- 1/3 cup sun-dried tomatoes, packed in oil, drained
- tablespoons olive oil teaspoons dried mixed Italian herbs (or use fresh herbs, rosemary basil, oregano)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- tablespoons unsalted butter
- cups air-popped popcorn
- 1/2 cup pine nuts

In a food processor or blender, combine first four ingredients. Process to form a paste. In a small saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Stir in tomato paste. Mix well. Drizzle over popcorn and toss to coat evenly. Toss in pine nuts. Serve immediately.

Cinnamon-Spice Berry Popcorn

Yield: 6 cups

- 3 tablespoons brown sugar 3 tablespoons light
- corn syrup 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- teaspoon ginger 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon cloves 1 1/2 tablespoons light
- margarine 1/2 cup Craisins
- 6 cups air-popped popcorn

Combine brown sugar, corn syrup, spices and margarine in microwave-safe bowl; cook on high heat for 2 1/2 minutes or until bubbly hot. Add Craisins to popcorn; toss

with hot sugar mixture until well coated. Cool mixture before serving or store in airtight container.



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Obituaries

Louise Hale



Louise Hale, 82, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park Big Spring with the Rev. Joey Bacon, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Dec. 30, 1926, in Comanche and married Walker "Spike" Hale Jr. Dec. 24, 1950, in

Denver City. He preceded her in death Oct. 17,

Mrs. Hale grew up in Comanche and Denver City. She and her husband lived in Odessa for 17 years before moving to Big Spring in 1970. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Rocky and Yvonne Hale of Big Spring; one daughter, Stormy Ward of Big Spring; four granddaughters, Amy Otho of Greenwood, Ashley Ward of Big Spring, Melissa Hale of Midland and Courtney Endsley of Amarillo; two grandsons, Chase Ward of Coahoma and Brian Hale of Big Spring; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters and four brothers.

The family suggests memorials be made to Big Spring State Hospital Patient Fund, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Big Spring 79720.

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

Andy Rey Perches



Andy Rey Perches, 40, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel led by Teresa Rocha. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. He was born Dec. 14, 1968, in

Roswell, N.M., to Prestina and Andres Perches. He worked on farms, ranches and drove a truck. He lived most of his life in Howard County and was a

He is survived by his wife, Olga Perches of Big Spring; a son, Andres Reyes Perches III of Knott; father, Andres Perches Sr. of Knott; a brother, Rogelio Perches of Big Spring; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

Adelaida Garcia Rosales

Adelaida Garcia Rosales, 91, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at her residence. Rosary was to be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Funeral mass was to follow at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church with Father Bernard Gully officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 22, 1917, in Big Spring to Antonio Rosales and Juana Garcia. She was Catholic.

She is survived by six generations of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, M.G. Rosales; and seven sisters, Guadalupe Marquez, Juventina Garcia, Natividad Rodriguez, Damiana Jimenez, Reinalda Puente, Melecia Santillan and Amalia Martinez.

The family suggests memorials be made to Holy Trinity Catholic Church, P.O. Box 951, Big Spring 79721.

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

Take Note

- Big Spring High School Class of 2010 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, in the high school library to discuss the prom. For more information, contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.
- The Howard County Pachyderm Club will meet noon Thursday at the Big Spring Country Club off Driver Road. Lunch may be purchased for a nominal fee. Come and join us. Contact Melanie Gambrell for more information at (432) 267-7387.
- · The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military



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Don Bowles - Owner 267-6411 Doyce Gene Mitchell



Doyce Gene Mitchell, 55, of Stephenville, passed away Monday Jan. 19, 2009, in Granbury.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at the Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gary Don Sands officiating. Interment will follow at the West End Cemetery in Stephenville.

Doyce was born Sept. 3. 1953, in Big Spring to Robert and Eva

McNeese Mitchell. He married Christine Cypert on Oct. 28, 1989, in Bluff Dale. Doyce previously worked for Tarleton State University as the housing maintenance supervisor. He had resided in Stephenville since 1984 after previously living in Big Spring.

Doyce is survived by his wife, Christine of Stephenville; sister, Robbie Landrum and husband David of Arizona; brother, Ronnie Barber of La Port; niece, Tiffany Walder of Hull; nephews, Ryan Barber Stephenville, Shannon Landrum, and Jerry of Huckabee; great-nephew, William Patrick Walder; father-in-law, Kenneth Cypert of Stephenville; and sister-in-law, Lisa Cypert of Austin.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Online condolences maybe made at www. stephenvillefh.com

Paid obituary

Felix Resendez

Rosary for Felix Resendez, 69 of Ralls will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Ralls. Mass will be celebrated Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at the same church with the Rev. Ernesto Lopez officiating. Burial will be in Ralls Cemetery under direction of Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

Felix died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at his home in Ralls.

He was born Nov. 20, 1939, in Stamford to Pedro and Maria (Diaz) Resendez. He moved to Ralls in 1950 and attended Ralls Schools. Felix joined the U.S. Army in 1958 and served until 1962. He worked in the cotton compress industry for 49 years of which the last 35 were spent at the Ralls Compress. On Aug. 8, 1982, he married Petra Hernandez in Ralls.

He is preceded in death by a brother, Macario Resendez.

Survivors include his wife, Petra of Ralls; a son, Jose Luis Resendez of Ralls; a daughter; Sonya Rios of McKinney; a brother; Albert Resendez of Big Spring; three sisters, Mercedes Diaz of Ralls, Margaret Cervantes of Big Spring and Maryann Davis of Arlington; and five grandchildren.

www.adamsfuneral.com

Edmond Wilson Farrington

Edmond Wilson "Eddie" Farrington, 64, of Lenorah died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Chaplain Chris Tyler officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

He was born Oct. 23, 1944, in Stanton and was a member of Lenorah Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Connie and Mary Farrington of Lenorah; three brothers and sistersin-law, Connie R. and Lucille Farrington of Big Spring and Nolan and Darla Farrington and Roger and Brenda Farrington, all of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

The familiy suggests memorials to the American 20. Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-5, Midland 79701.

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

Beatrice Banks

Beatrice Banks, 70, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral

personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

· Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.



Your Local Weather

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A mainly sunny sky. Warm. High 77F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 40s.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

Support Groups

 The local National Alliance on Mental Illness group meets every two weeks in the basement of the Howard County Library. For dates and times, contact Ramona Blassingane at 263-9748.

MONDAY

- · Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

• PRISCELLA RODRIGUEZ, 53, 1010 N.W. Second, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of 16th and the 600 block of Interstate

- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/ **INVALID** was reported in the 800 block of W. Third.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 200 block of Airbase Road.
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Duncan's 30 leads Spurs over New Jersey

threw down more dunks, he says he might better understand why NBA fans have made him an All-Star starter for 10 consecutive seasons.

The New Jersey Nets probably know

The slumping Nets scraped and matched San Antonio nearly shot-for-shot throughout a tense fourth quarter, but Duncan scored six of his 30 points down the stretch and Michael Finley sank a backbreaking 3-pointer with 22.6 seconds left to lift the Spurs to a 94-91 win on Friday night.

Duncan also grabbed 15 boards — his 28th double-double this season — in carrying San Antonio to its fourth straight win heading into a three-game road swing out West that will be its toughest so far.

First up Sunday, the Los Angeles Lakers. Then Utah. Then Phoenix.

"It's going to be a tough road trip either way," said Duncan, who also had five assists and blocked four shots. "We would have loved to close the one out a little earlier than we did tonight, but you never complain about victories."

The Spurs are getting used to eking out wins. The victory was San Antonio's ninth in 11 games this season in which the margin of victory has been three points or

Devin Harris scored 27 and Vince Carter had 26 for the Nets, who left the court flustered with how their fifth straight loss ended.

San Antonio had walked back to its locker room and the dancers were nearly a minute into a full-court celebration routine before officials ruled after a film review that 0.2 seconds on the clock still

That gave the Nets hope — but not enough time to catch-and-release a shot. Carter fielded the inbound and instantly sailed a 3-pointer that misfired, but officials blew the game-ending whistle before the shot even left his hand.

Carter and Nets coach Lawrence Frank rushed to halfcourt to protest, but the game was over.

Carter pounded his hands together in frustration and marched back to the locker

"It's two-tenths of a second and you can't catch it, all you can do is tip it," Nets coach Lawrenece Frank said. "The question is should there have been two-tenths or three-

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If Tim Duncan tenths? With two-tenths all you can do is tip it. You're not allowed to control it."

It may have been a different ending entirely if it wasn't for Finley's clutch shot. Manu Ginobili found the veteran forward wide open in the corner after it looked as though he might stumble out of bounds on the baseline with Carter blanketing him.

For Harris, a veteran of some Mavericks-Spurs thrillers from his days in Dallas, the play looked awfully familiar.

"You know you have two guys setting back picks and he slipped a guy to the corner," Harris said. "It's money in the bank. I told Pop I've seen it a lot of times in Dallas."

The Nets arrived losers of four straight — the Celtics clobbered them twice — but kept the Spurs on their toes from the start.

Carter set the tone with two quick jumpers and a hard, one-handed dunk after wrapping around Duncan that ushered the first "oohs" of the game. Carter, who finished third in All-Star voting among guards in the East, finished the first half with 15 points.

The Nets opened the second quarter on a 13-0 run with Duncan and Tony Parker on the bench for the Spurs, and Harris hit a pull-up 3-pointer on a fast break with 28.8 left to give New Jersey a 50-44 halftime

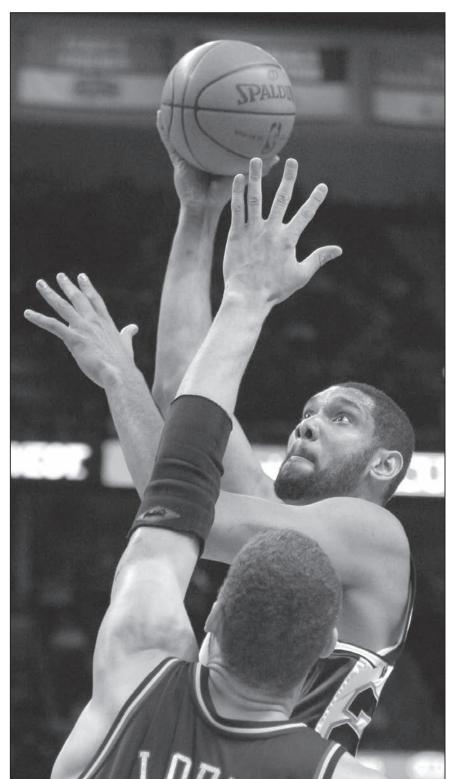
The schedule gets easier for the Nets. New Jersey finishes the latter half of its four-game road swing at cellar-dwelling Memphis and Oklahoma City.

Carter shot 9-of-18 from the field and rookie Brook Lopez had 15 for New Jersey.

Parker scored 17 points and Roger Mason had 14 for San Antonio.

"Timmy carried us tonight," Parker said. "He was huge tonight."

Notes: During a timeout midway through the second quarter, players from both teams paused to applaud thousands of military personnel in attendance. ... For a small-market team, the Spurs apparently have a lot of fans — or their fans know how to stuff the All-Star ballot box. Spurs F Bruce Bowen, playing fewer minutes this season than any point in his 13-year career, finished third among Western Conference forwards with 1.39 million votes.



San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan, top, shoots over New Jersey Nets center Brook Lopez during the second quarter of their NBA game in San Antonio Friday. Duncan scored 30 to lead the Spurs to a 94-91 win.

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Births



Levi Kade Lancaster

Todd and Paige Lancaster of Granbury announce the birth of their son, Levi Kade Lancaster, born at Lake Granbury Medical Center in Granbury at 6:17 p.m., Dec. 19, 2008, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He is the grandson of Steve and the late Polly Lancaster of Big Spring, Howard Chance of Sweetwater and the late Darla Chance of Sweetwater. He is the great-grandson of Jean Lancaster of Big Spring.

Levi was welcomed home by big brother Riley.



Meagan Olivia Bronaugh

Mat and Misty Bronaugh of Bertram announce the arrival of their daughter, Meagan Olivia Bronaugh at 12:38 p.m. Dec. 5, 2008, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Jr. and Kim Savell of Betram, Joe and Sharon Adams of Big Spring and Chuck and Ronda Bronaugh of Big Spring. She is the great-granddaughter of Marva and Preston Daniels of Big Spring, Neu Clark of Big Spring, Fern Bronaugh of Big Spring and Laverne Lockhart of Lindale.

Meagan was welcomed home by big sisters Elizabeth and Katie.



Joseph Kyle Lopez

Bobby and Amanda Lopez of Big Spring announce the arrival of their son, Joseph Kyle Lopez, at 11:43 a.m. Dec. 16, 2008, weighing 8 pounds and 20 inches long.

His grandparents are John and Andrea Lyons, Paul and Kathy Starr, all of Big Spring, Joseph Lopez of Beaumont and Audie K. and Quana Jones of Cleburne.



Patton Inez Marie Permenter

Samantha Savell and Daniel Permenter of Big Spring announce the birth of their daughter, Patton Inez Marie Permenter, born at 10:33 p.m. Jan. 15, 2009, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Lori and Jose Arenivaz of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are Beebe and Vernon Permenter of Big Spring.



Elle Calet Granado

Paula Granado Perea of Big Spring announces the birth of her daughter, Elle Calet Granado, born at 6:12 p.m., Jan. 2, 2009, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.

Her grandparents are Elida S. Granado and the late Ladislao Granado of Big Spring.

Elle was welcomed home by siblings Rudy and Michelle.



Sirena Maria Diaz

Tiodoro Diaz and Stephanie Torres of Big Spring announce the arrival of their daughter, Sirena Maria Diaz at 5:38 p.m. Dec. 31, 2008 — New Year's Eve — weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 $^{3}4$ inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Joe and Nora Torres of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are Maria Diaz and Nicolasa P. Diaz.

Tiodoro was welcomed home by siblings Alexander and Esperanza Quintana.

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Francisco Sebastion Cervantes

Heidi Arriaga and Frank Cervantes, both of Big Spring, announce the birth of their son, Francisco Sebastion Cervantes, born at 5:38 a.m. Jan. 14, 2009, weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Alicia Morales and Fernando Arriaga Sr., both of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Carmen Castillo and the late Roy G. Cervantes Sr.

Francisco was welcomed home by big sister Heidi Magdalena.





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AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Education moved a step closer to dropping a 20-year-old science curriculum requirement that critics say is used to undermine the theory of evolution.

After two days of heated debate, the board made a key vote Friday in favor of dropping a mandate that teachers address both "strengths and weaknesses" of scientific theory.

A panel of science teachers had recommended that the language be dropped, suggesting instead that students be required to analyze and evaluate scientific explanations.

The new standards the board ultimately approves — a final vote on the curriculum proposal is not expected until March — will be in place for the next decade. They also will dictate how publishers handle the topic of evolution in text-

Critics of the "weaknesses" language argue that watering down the teaching standards of origin of man is an attempt to promote creationism in public schools.

Federal courts have ruled against forcing the teaching of creationism and intelligent design.

the hearing. Taylor was

arrested and indicted

as part of Project Safe

Childhood, a nation-

wide initiative designed

to protect children from

online exploitation and

Taylor pled guilty to

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formerly of Big Spring. who was convicted of conspiracy to distribute 5 kilograms or more of

Franco was sentenced to 23 years and two months in federal prison as a result of the conviction.

According to United States Attorney Johnny Sutton, Kreuger and Franco were the last of 15 defendants sentenced in the large-scale drug bust and related investigations.

Among those convict-

- Spencer Lee Coker, 38, of Big Spring, 19 years and seven months in prison.
- · Jancy Jeanette Cunningham, 40, of Big Spring, three years and

to \$250,000. Both will be

required to register as a

According to docu-

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Worthan admitted that

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- Michael Zachariah Gomez, 27, of Fort Worth, four years and nine months in prison.
- Usbaldo "Rick" Castillo, 24, of Amarillo, nine years in prison. • Patricia Sue Howard,
- 38, of Big Spring, eight years and one months in prison. • Christopher Wren
- Hamby, 32, of Big Spring, three years and five months in prison. • Randy Rene Olvera,
- 46, of Big Spring, 10 years in prison. Michael Terrell Ran-

dall, of Coahoma, 20

- years in prison. • John Corbett Williford, 35, of Big Spring, eleven years and eight months in prison.
- Kristin Rene Hawkins, 26, of Big Spring, six years and five months in prison.
- · Kevin Dwayne Rod-

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Taylor admitted that

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the Internet Nov. 5, 2007,

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video depicting a female

child engaged in sexual-

U.S. Attorney Steven M.

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U.S. Attorney's Office is

prosecuting both cases.

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Following their guilty

gers, 34, of Big Spring, 20 years in prison.

- Rachel Francine Zavala, 23, of Big Spring, four years and nine months in prison.
- Robert Edward Baker Jr., 35, of Big Spring, nine years and two months in prison.
- Angela Coker Mayhall, 40, of Big Spring, three years and five months in prison.

According to Sutton, the evidence presented during the trials proved that during 2006 and 2007, Franco had been a major supplier of cocaine to several of his co-conspirators from Big Spring, many of whom testified against him at trial.

Sutton said the evidence — which was gathered by the Midland Police Department, with prosecution handled by Assistant Unit-

sentencing dates to be

scheduled after those

investigations are com-

pleted. Both defendants

For more informa-

remain out on bond.

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investigations

ed States Attorney Jeff Parras — also showed Kreuger was a supplier of methamphetamine to many of the same people, and the cocaine and methamphetamine supplied by the defendants and others eventually found their way into Big Spring, Midland and other surrounding areas.

"Dope dealers Kreuger destroy lives and ruin families," said Sutton. "Those who enter this evil business will pay a huge price."

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Beatrice Banks, 70, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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ects, many offices and classes have had to take up temporary residence elsewhere. For example, many businesses offices have been transplanted from the administration building annex, which is undergoing reconstruction, to the East Room of Garrett Coliseum.

Some classes have been pushed off campus altogether — some continuing education courses are now being offered at the Big Spring Mall while certified nurse's aide classes are being held at the Texas State Veterans Home and other courses have

been moved to SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf,

"And we're preparing to displace some other programs, as well," she said.

The next major project on tap is the addition of a wing to the science building. Work is expected to begin within the next few weeks, Sparks said.

Other projects to follow include renovation work on the Horace Garrett building, the main administration building wing and the student union building, which will mean even more classroom disruption.

Sparks said officials are working overtime to minimize the ef-

fect of all this moving around. "Our main goal is to do our best

not to disrupt the learning process of our students," she said. "Because of that, we're going to do as much of the work as we can over the summer ... We are not going to close or delay any classes."

In other business, trustees will consider:

- · Change orders for the new Workforce Training Center at
- · Bids and handbook and catalog changes.
- The annual college president evaluation.

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from County Auditor Jackie Olson, who is expected to present invoices, purchase requests and amendments to the jail con-

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas will discuss personnel considerations and a pay-

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Ronny Bryan, Courtney Ballard, thank you for

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A special thank you to the pallbearers.

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The Family Of James A. Gunn

roll report, including a quarterly treasurers report. Also on the agenda, County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will discuss pipeline crossings and road maintenance in the county, as well as ask for permission to take bids to purchase a crew cab truck for his department.

Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman will present matters concerning training, while Sheriff Stan Parker will ask the court to possibly take action on the purchase of a radio tower.

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the second floor of the courthouse.

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Chiefs fire Herm Edwards Friday

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Herm Edwards, the head coach of the Kansas City Chiefs during the worst two-year span in team history, was

Edwards goes out with a three-year regular-season record of 15-33 and with one year remaining on a fouryear, \$12 million contract. As head coach of the New York Jets in 2001-05, he had a regular-season mark of 39-41 and was 2-3 in the playoffs.

Edwards had been waiting to learn his fate since president and general manager Carl Peterson abruptly resigned on Dec. 15. When Scott Pioli was introduced as Peterson's successor on Jan. 13, he was noncommittal and said only that he intended to speak with Edwards.

"This was not an easy decision.

and a man of integrity. We appreciate his leadership over the past three seasons, and we wish him all the best in the future," Chiefs owner Clark Hunt said in a written statement.

Pioli said he has had several conversations with Edwards over the last week.

"After careful consideration, Clark and I felt that it was best to make a change," Pioli said.

Bob Moore, a spokesman for the team, said the Chiefs didn't have a timeline for replacing Edwards. He said all the assistant coaches still with Kansas City are under contract.

Edwards expressed his gratitude to the Hunt family and said he respected "the tough decision that was made to move in a new direction."

"There is not a more gracious fami-Herm is an outstanding football coach ly in all of professional sports than

the Hunts," Edwards said in a statement released by the team. "To the players and coaches who worked so hard for our team, I appreciate their efforts."

After Edwards and Peterson launched a full-fledged rebuilding project in 2008, youth and injury led to a 2-14 record and a distressful twoyear tally of 6-26 that cost both men their jobs. Particularly embarrassing to Edwards was a defense that managed only 10 sacks this season, gave up a team-record 332 yards rushing in one game and a team-record 54 points in another. Edwards had promised on his first day as head coach to repair the weak defense that characterized the five-year Dick Vermeil regime.

Following a 10-year career as an NFL cornerback, Edwards' first experience with Kansas City came as a training camp assistant in 1989. Seventeen years later, he had the distinction of being the first man to become head coach of the team that brought him into the NFL through the league's minority coaching fellowship program.

In spite of the losses, his players remained loyal to their charismatic coach whose background as a cornerback on Philadelphia's 1980 Super Bowl team gave him a special rap-

"A coach's main job is to make sure a team is prepared," Pro Bowl guard Brian Waters, one of the Chiefs' few veterans, said shortly before Kansas City ended this season. "There is no doubt that this team has been well prepared every week. Herm and the

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49ers interview Reeves for OC position

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Longtime Denver Broncos coach Dan Reeves interviewed for the San Francisco 49ers open offensive coordinator position on Friday.

Reeves met with Niners coach Mike Singletary and general manager Scot McCloughan at the team's facility as the team tries to fill the gap created in their coaching staff by Mike Martz's firing Dec. 30.

Reeves was a head coach for 23 sea-

sons in the NFL with Denver, the New York Giants and Atlanta. But he has been out of coaching since being replaced by Wade Phillips with three games left in the 2003 season with the Falcons.

Reeves, 65, had a 190-165-2 record as a head coach, making the postseason nine times and losing in all four trips he made to the Super Bowl.

Reeves won the AP Coach of the Year award twice in his career, getting it for his work in 1993 with the Giants and '98 with Atlanta. He spent his first 12 years of coaching in Denver.

Earlier Friday, Baltimore Ravens quarterbacks coach Hue Jackson also interviewed for the open San Francisco coordinator job.

San Francisco's next offensive coordinator will be the team's seventh in seven seasons. The 49ers offered the job to Scott Linehan earlier this month, but the former St. Louis Rams coach turned it down and took the same job with the Detroit Lions on

Singletary has interviewed former Boston College coach Jeff Jagodzinski, Cleveland offensive coordinator Rob Chudzinski and Indianapolis receivers coach Clyde Christensen for the job. Denver assistant Rick Dennison also interviewed, but stayed on the Broncos' new coaching staff.

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Finally, the Wildcats are responsible for Sands' one blemish on its district record. Grady used a big fourth period to pull away from the Mustangs with a 46-36 victory Jan. 10. It was the district opener for both squads.

Since then, Sands has won four straight.

Loop (1-4): Bell 9, Sellers 2, Foster 10, Bingham 2, Bogan 5. Grady (17-5, 4-1): Shane Teague 5, Dylan Cox 32, Jose Cook 3,

4 (Teague, Cox 3). Total fouls - L 19, G 10. Fouled out - Sellers.

17 8 13 11-49

Johan Wieve 1, Jacob Rodriguez 8. Free throws - L 4-11, G 11-20. 3-point goals - L 2 (Bell, Bogan), G

Iraan 52,

Stanton 37

IRAAN — Stanton got down early to the Iraan Braves and couldn't muster a rally in a 52-37 loss. Iraan led by 19, 31-12, at the half and Stanton

never cut the margin out of double digits in the second half.

Tyler Fulton led the Buffs with 16 points, while Jacob Cazares added 10.

There will be a Battle of the Buffs on the hardwood Tuesday night in Stanton as the Forsan Buffaloes pay a visit at 8 p.m. Forsan defeated Stanton in the finals of the Sterling City Tournament earlier this season.

Stanton 4 8 10 15-37 aan 14 17 4 17—52
Stanton (6-12, 1-1): Tyler Fulton 16, Trace Sidle 4, Jacob Cazares Iraan

Steven Reyes 5, Nathan Koonce 2. Iraan (10-4, 1-1): Dakota Green 22, Zack Owen 6, Call Cade 2,

Bradley Ledford 8, Terry Galindo 2, Alex Arnold 2, Ector Galindo 10. Free Throws - Stanton 8-18, Irann 3-3. 3-point goals - Stanton 3 (Fulton 1, Sidle 1, Reyes 1), Iraan 1 (Ledford). Total fouls – Stanton 12, Iraan 18. Foul out - None.

Garden City 57, Water Valley 35

GARDEN CITY — The Bearkats continued their domination of District 10-IIA Friday night with a 57-35 win over Water Valley. Garden City was led by the dynamic duo of Brett

Chudej and Brett Halfmann, who scored 20 and 19 points, respectively. The Bearkats will try to roll through the second

half of the district season as easily as they did the first when they travel to Robert Lee at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Water Valley 8 12 6 9-35 Garden City 17 18 10 12-57

Garden City (10-8, 4-0): Brett Chudej 20, Brett Halfmann 19, Travis Gully 6, Jesse Montes 4, Aaron Long 3, Brian Hirt 3, Michael Clarke Water Valley (9-12, 1-3): Travis Frank 15, Dylan Doss 6, Trey

Armond 4, Sheyenne Smith 4, Justin Hahn 2, Devon Gray 2, Zach Glass 2. Free Throws - GC, 10-11, WV, 12-22. 3-point field goals - GC 4

(Gully 2, Long 1, Hirt 1), WV 0. Total fouls – GC 23, WV 11 Fouled out



Girls basketball Garden City 71, Water Valley 25

Everyone contributed in the Garden City Lady Bearkats' 71-25 win over Water Valley Friday night as every player on the roster posted at least one point.

Kate Halfmann led all scorers with a season-high 23 points. Morgan Schwartz added 12.

The No. 13 Lady 'Kats are now 5-0 in District 10-IIA play and get a road test against rival Robert Lee at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

3 3 7 12-25 Water Valley 24 15 16 16-71

Garden City (22-3, 5-0): Kate Halfmann 23, Morgan Schwartz 12, Macy Schwartz 8, Paige Niehues 7, Melissa Hirt 6, Brooke Halfmann 6, Amber Halfmann 4, Vikki Garza 4, Britton Avery 1.

Water Valley (14-9, 4-1): Brook Ham 12, Kali Demere 7, Chandra Lee 5, Shelbie Hutchins 5, Briana Glass 3. Free throws - GC 9-13, WV 13-24. 3-point field goals - GC 4

(Schwartz 2, K. Halfmann 1, Hirt 1), Water Valley 0. Total Fouls - GC 20, WV 11. Fouled out - WV Analara Brown.

Stanton 55,

Iraan 35

STANTON — Stanton's Lady Buffaloes picked up their first win of District 7-A play Friday night, blasting Iraan, 55-35.

The Lady Buffs got 13-point performances from Rachel Fleckenstein and Ashton Snellgrove.

Stanton hosts rival Forsan at 6:30 p.m. in the ladies' version of the Battle of the Buffaloes.

Stanton 14 11 14 16-55

Iraan 6 11 5 13—35

Stanton (12-13, 1-1): Ashton Snellgrove 13, Keslie Jones 7, Tiffani Saucedo 9, Rachel Fleckenstein 13, Adrian Carrasco 7, Krista Sanchez 6.

Iraan (0-2): Rita Galindo 7, Kenna Ledford 2, Jennifer Perry 6, Bailey Hernandez 7, Dawn Petralba 4, Megan Mason 2, Laura Ybarra

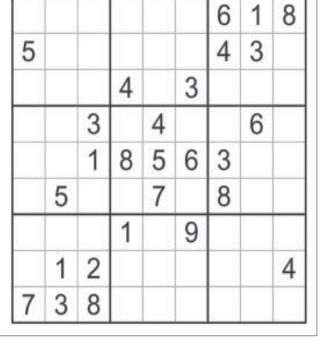
Free Throws - Stanton 10-21, Iraan 9-17. 3-point goals - Stanton 5 (Snellgrove 1, Salcedo 3, Carrasco 1), Iraan 2 (Hernandez 1, Ybarra 1). Total Fouls - Stanton 23, Iraan 21. Foul out - Stanton (Jones, Fleckenstein), Iraan (Perry, Hernandez).

Loop 42, Grady 34

LENORAH — Grady had a setback in its contention for a girls basketball District 9-IIA title Friday

sudoku

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



night with a 42-34 loss to Loop, despite holding a 19-17 advantage at the break.

Grady was outcored 25-15 in the second half. Lauren Robinson scored 13 points to lead Grady,

while Eva Dyck add 11. Grady hosts rival Sands at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in a

contest that will decide who gains the upper hand on second place in the district.

11 6 15 10-42 15 4 7 8—34

Loop (12-10, 2-3): Kelli Young 16, Teresa Ramirez 10, Carli Cartwright 9, Delores Ramirez 5, Caytlin Isbell 2

Grady (15-9, 3-2): Lauren Robinson 13, Eva Dyck 11, Maegan Blocker 4, Julia Schuelke 4, Kaitlyn Blocker 2

Free throws - L 8-14, G 4-7. 3-point goals - L 2 (D. Ramirez, T. Ramirez), G 2 (Dyck, Robinson). Total fouls - L 9, G 15. Fouled out - K. Blocker.

Borden County 48, Sands 44

ACKERLY — Borden County's duo of Taylor Richey (27 points) and Olivia Key (18 points) proved to be too much for Sands' formidable pair of Brittni Blagrave (14 points) and Ashli Stockton (12 points) as the Lady Coyotes left Ackerly with a 48-44 vic-

Sands led 24-19 at intermission, but the Lady Coyotes came out of the locker room on fire in the second half, outscoring Sands 18-8 in the third

The win puts Borden County in control of the District 9-IIA standings, while Sands is now tied with Grady for second.

That tie will be broken Tuesday as Sands travels to Lenorah for a game against rival Grady set for 6:30 p.m.

Borden Co. 10 9 18 11-48

Sands 15 11 8 10-44

North dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

Borden County (19-8, 4-1): Taylor Richey 27, Olivia Key 18. Sands (14-11, 3-2): Brittni Blagrave 14, Ashli Stockton 12.



By Steve Becker **Author Anonymous**

NORTH **↑**Q62 **♥**J7 **♦** A J 2 ♣A K 7 6 2 WEST EAST **♠** K 10 9 5 3 ♥K ◆9765 ♥ A Q 10 9 6 2 **SOUTH ♠** A J 7 ♥8543 ♦ K Q 104

The bidding: North 1 East South West 2 NT 3 NT Opening lead — eight of spades.

History does not record the declarer of this hand played many years ago, so South, unfortunately, will have to be remembered only by the name of Author Anonymous. East-West were playing weak

jump-overcalls, and East's twospade bid was designed only to harass his vulnerable opponents. West's three-heart bid was more of the same. However, the East-West tactics were successful because they jockeyed North-South into a poor three-notrump contract.

West led a spade, and South won East's nine with the jack. Declarer

could see only eight tricks and little

that if he attempted to give up a club trick early in the play in order to establish the suit, the defense would then run five or six heart tricks. But South considered the matter

hope of developing a ninth. He knew

carefully and, in due course, came up with an ingenious scheme to steal the contract. At trick two, he led the three of hearts! This apparently suicidal play

worked out just as declarer had hoped. West did not go up with the ace of hearts, which would have settled South's hash immediately, but made the normal play of the queen. East, forced to win with the king, returned a diamond.

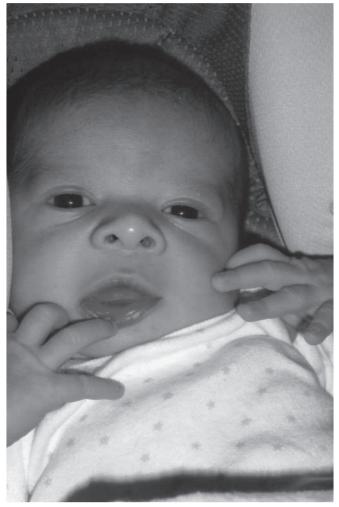
Declarer won in his hand, led the nine of clubs and ducked it to East's queen. The party was now over. East returned another diamond, and declarer finished with 10 tricks consisting of two spades, four diamonds and four clubs. South had realized that West's

heart holding could not very well include the A-K-Q, or he would have led the suit originally. Since West had introduced his hearts at the threelevel, South placed him with a sixcard suit and East with a singleton honor. And if the honor was the ace or king, the low heart lead was almost sure to succeed. West could have saved the day,

of course, but how many players do you know who would have gone up with the ace of hearts?

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Births



Raymond Jamar Porter Jr.

Raymond and Vanna Porter, stationed in Fort Lee, Va., announce the birth of their son, Raymond Jamar Porter Jr., born at 5:14 a.m. Jan. 6, 2009, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Tina Johnson and Paul George of Big Spring and Vance and Deana Gaston of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Alice Summer and Otis Porter of Big Spring.

His great-grandparents are Linda Johnson of Lewellen, Neb., and Susan Gaston and the late Van H. Gaston of Forsan.

Military News

Army Pvt. Michael Slayton has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, Slayton received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history, core values and traditions. Ad-

ditional training included development of basic combat skills and battle-field operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

He is the grandson of Linda and Rudy Halfmann of Coahoma and a 2008 graduate of Coahoma High School.

► Anniversary





Alex and Yolanda Escanuela Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Escanuela Sr. of Big Spring celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary with a recognition mass, dinner and a small gathering of friends and family. Their children hosted the celebration.

Alex was born in Wink. Yolanda DeLeon was born in Big Spring. The couple met at a party among friends and were married Jan. 24, 1959.

The couple have five children, Alex Escanuela Jr., Elzabeth Palomino and husband Arthur, and

Pricilla Gamboa, all of Big Spring, Leticia Guillen and husband Mark of San Antonio, and Daniel Escauvela of Austin; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Alex is retired after working for the Howard County Road and Bridge Department. Yolanda is retired from the Big Spring Independent School District. They attend St. Thomas Catholic Church.

The couple enjoy gardening, golfing, camping, fishing, attending athletic functions and traveling.

Menus

Big Spring ISD Breakfast Monday

Cereal variety, sausage patty, assorted fruit juice, milk

Tuesday Biscuits, chicken nuggets, applesauce cup, milk

Wednesday Baked cheese sticks, assorted fruit juice, milk

Thursday
Pancake sausage on a stick,
peaches, milk

Friday Banana loaf, assorted fruit juice, cheddar cheese portions, milk

> Forsan ISD Breakfast

Monday Uncrustable peanut butter and jelly, banana, juice, milk

Tuesday Donuts, yogurt, juice, milk

Wednesday Cheese crackers, toast, juice, milk

Thursday Biscuit, sausage gravy, juice, milk

Friday Cereal, toast, juice, milk

> Lunch Monday

Burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, sugar cookie, milk

Tuesday Barbecued chicken, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad,

Wednesday
Pizza choice, tossed salad,
fresh banana, chocolate cake,

milk

chilled pears, cornbread, milk

Thursday
Fajita chicken over rice,
broccoli and cheese,
seasoned corn, french bread
stick, apricot fruit fluff, milk

Friday
Steak fingers, mashed
potatoes and gravy, green

beans, hot roll, frozen cherry bar, milk

Big Spring Senior Center Monday

Lasagna with meat sauce, steamed cauliflower, tossed salad with dressing, garlic bread, margarine, strawberry shortcake, milk

Tuesday

Oven friend chicken, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrot and celery stocks, rolls with margarine, banana cake with icing, milk Wednesday Sliced ham, ranch style beans, seasoned greens, cornbread

with margarine, cherry cheesecake, milk Thursday

Beef and vegetable stew, deviled egg salad, cornbread with margarine, tossed salad with dressing, fruited gelatin with marshmellows, milk

Friday
Smothered steak and
onions, buttered rice, mixed
vegetables, creamy coleslaw,
ross and margarine, apricot



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Krista LaDawn Blagrave

Texas Tech University student Krista LaDawn Blagrave of Lubbock qualified for the President's Honor List with a grade-point ratio of 4.0 during the 2008 fall semester. Krista is a 2004 Graduate of Sands High School in Ackerly. She is a senior in the College of Education at Texas Tech, seeking a bachelors of science degree in early childhood education. Her parents are Stan and Carla Blagrave of Ackerly.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Our View

AARP volunteers deserve applause again at tax time

't's almost income tax time. And although that April 15 deadline is still a few months away, local residents can get a little help handling the receipts, forms and various documents needed to file a tax return because the local AARP will begin its annual Tax-Aide program on Monday.

AARP spokesperson Gloria Hopkins said the program is designed to help people that might not otherwise be able to file a tax return by helping residents make sense of the tax laws and forms that seem to get more and more complicated with each successive year.

The program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to those who cannot afford professional tax help — senior citizens, people with disabilities, those that cannot speak English and those with lowto-moderate income.

As we've noted before, the program is nothing short of a necessity for many area residents who can't afford to have their taxes prepared professionally, and the heart and soul of the operation are vol-

AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. They help complete returns, as well, right down to any refunds that might be due the taxpayer.

AARP volunteers will begin doing taxes Monday and continue on each Monday until just before the April 15 tax deadline.

"People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent information with them, including a tax booklet if one was received through the mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms," Hopkins noted. "They also need to bring any forms that show their 2008 earnings and their 2007 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing.'

The possibility that another stimulus payment from the federal government could be in the works could make preparing tax returns more difficult than in years past, but Hopkins says the staff will be ready.

"We handled last year, so there's no reason we can't make it through this year," Hopkins said.

Volunteers will also be looking at some changes in the way homeowners treat their property taxes. In the past, property owners had an itemized deduction. But this year they're part of the standard deduction. As a result, homeowners need to be sure to bring proof they paid their 2008 property taxes.

Taxpayers also need to show how much they received in last year's round of stimulus payments if they received one. It won't affect the amount of taxes you pay, but the IRS is requiring it be included in your returns.

And as always, those who cannot physically get to

the senior center can still get help.

"For those that are homebound and can't get to the center with their tax information, if they will call us, we'll be happy to pick up the information and get the taxes ready," Hopkins added.

The Senior Center is located at 1901 Simler Drive on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

For more information on the program contact

Hopkins at 267-6733. And as tax season approaches, we again want to

recognize Hopkins and her volunteers for providing a valuable free service to our community.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we remain receptive to Your word, Lord.

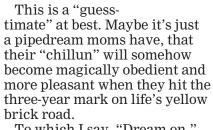
Don't forget your toothbrush

eader alert: Be advised that this is a "Mother Hubbard" treatise. These random thoughts offered periodically are comparable to preachers' "Mother Hubbard" sermons.

They, in turn, are like "Mother Hubbard" dresses--the ones that "cover everything but touch nothing.'

Let the far-afield ramblings begin....

Parents and grandparents agree that children's "terrible two's" now greatly exceed 12 months.



Don

Newbury

To which I say, "Dream on." There are, however, flickers of hope in the late three's or early four's, when the youngsters 'want to help."...

Our grandson Jonah, nearing the four-and-a-half year milestone, is racking up good conduct stars, suddenly wanting to 'help out."

He thought he'd spotted a way to help when he and his mom left the optometrist's office.

As they walked toward the car, he blurted, "Wait, Mom, you forgot to get your new toothbrush!"...

In homes across the land, folks are putting away the last holiday turkey in as many "make-do" recipes as Bubba recited for shrimp in the Forrest Gump movie.

Most people are "turkeyed-

Likewise, most of us have had a full complement of TV clips

showing charitable meals being served, often to hundreds of hungry, disadvantaged, homeless, elderly and/or lonely. Usually, of course, turkey was the main

For the past 25 years, they've hosted Thanksgiving luncheons in Brownwood. My friend Bill Fishback has been in charge for the past 16 years, and he says this "do unto others" project helps him and his cohorts embrace the holiday spirit.

More than 100 volunteers, including food service personnel at Howard Payne University where the meal is served, look forward to the event. They typically serve, or deliver, upwards of 2,000 meals annually.

Sometimes, Bill and his gang encounter unexpected situations...

Last year, delivery folks came upon an unlikely scenario.

As they approached one home, they saw a note on the front door. "If we're not at home, leave our meals in the pick-up truck in the driveway, and flip the lock." No one answered the door, so

that's what they did. At a recent clean-up session. a pair of false teeth was found,

wrapped in a napkin. "They'll be claimed," Fishback said as he pocketed the chomp-

Sure enough, a few minutes later, a woman returned to see if they had been found, laughing that she'd need them for upcoming meals...

Thus a segue is provided for one of my favorite stories.

An older man penned a letter to Ann Landers.

He wrote: "Dear Ann: I have a jealous wife. Every evening after dinner, I go out for a walk. Afraid that I'm going out to meet other women, she hides my dentures. What should I do?" He signed it, "Gumming in Alabama."...

The columnist offered a grand

"Dear Gumming:" she wrote. "Be thankful that you've got the kind of wife that you do, she's trying to keep you from biting off more than you can chew."...

Let the bugles blow for Tony Dungy, the first African-American head coach in the National Football League, and the first one to win a Super Bowl.

I was saddened to learn of his retirement. He's as "good as it gets." Now, he's leaving the Indianapolis Colts to spend time with several humanitarian projects beyond football.

"Quiet Strength," his bestselling book, now has a million copies in print. It's a marvelous book filled with important life lessons. Even readers whose interest in football is nominal love it.

A powerful Christian, he credits many others who uplifted him along the way. One was his high school coach, Dave Driscoll, who provided many admonitions, including: "Talent is God-given, be thankful; Praise is man-given, be humble. Conceit is self-given, be careful."...

I'm always amused by classified ads that request "serious calls only."

One in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune caught my eye the other day. Under the "FOR SALE" column, "steak cows" were offered.

"Steak cows?"

Not sure I'd ever heard of such, I called friends at the paper. They explained that the ad was taken over the phone, and the corrected version made more sense — "steak house" rather than "steak cows."

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Let's all help out the new president

hese are curious times. Barack Obama has given so many press conferences, made so many addresses to the nation, issued so dense a blizzard of proposals that it seems he should be running for reelection by now.

Rush Limbaugh, that madcap rightwing loony, has gone so far as to label our current economic crisis "the Obama Recession."

Obama has said over and over that we have only one president at a time, but he's obviously wrong.

We had one and a half presidents and George Bush was the

DONALD

KAUL

The problem up to now has been that the guy with the ideas had no power and the guy with the power had no ideas. Obama could give all the press conferences and speeches he wanted but nothing was going to get done until he got to Washington and began his wrestling match with Congress. Like now. But there's another prob-

lem: We hired him to steer us through difficult rapids---which before our very eyes turned into Niagara Falls. How in the world can anyone

hope to stop this recession in its tracks, put people back to work, save the auto industry, fight global warming, rescue Social Security, make health

care cheaper and better, get out of Iraq, win in Afghanistan, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, protect the environment, improve our failing schools, rebuild our crumbling roads and bridges, restore integrity to our financial system and give up smoking---all at the same time?

Batman couldn't do it. Not alone, anyway. Which is why I think we should all gather around President Obama and give him the support he needs. And advice, don't forget that. He needs our advice.

In that spirit I would like to offer some suggestions that he and his brilliant Harvard-drenched staff might not have thought of: 1 — Slap a \$2-a-gallon tax on

gasoline right away. I know, there will be some who object to this (no more than 98 percent of the population) but the price of gasoline has fallen from \$4 a gallon to less than \$2 a gallon and what have people done? Started using more gas. Goodbye to car-pooling, mass transit, hybrid cars and ethanol. Hello to giving our money to tyrants in Russia, Venezuela and Iran. A \$2-a-gallon tax would stop that. The loss to taxpayers could be offset by directing the extra money into a comprehensive health care system, rather than the pockets of suspicious-looking foreigners.

2 — Stop pretending we're neutral in the Israel-Palestine conflict. We're not and no one in the Middle East thinks we are. We are on Israel's side and we should be. By virtue of ethnic ties and a shared political

philosophy it is the only country in the region for which we have an affinity. The Arab world is just going to have to get used to that. As a matter of fact, I'd favor making Israel the 51st state. This would immediately raise this nation's average IQ, give us experienced boots on the ground in the Middle East and access to a crack intelligence apparatus. Israel would get the security that comes with knowing that anyone who attacked it would be attacking the most powerful nation on earth. They have some issues with the separation of church and state we'd have to resolve but I think it could work.

3 — Give up on the idea of a playoff system for college football. It's not going to happen, and it's a lousy idea anyway. It would extend an already too-long season for young men who are ostensibly students, increase the already grave risk of injury and it would seldom see the best team win. It would merely be (gag) Super Bowl Lite. Better than that is to go back to the old system of bowl games where half the teams ended the season with a win and several of them could claim to be the best. That's a start for you, Mr.

President. If you have any questions, don't be afraid to ask. Call collect.

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Amen

Granger leads Pacers past Rockets, 107-102

INDIANAPOLIS(AP)—The Indiana Pacers took advantage of Yao Ming's injury by going to the free-throw line at will against his much-smaller replacements.

Yao, the Houston Rockets' 7-foot-6 center, left Friday night's game because of a sore right knee and did not play after halftime. The Pacers made 26 free throws in the second half of their 107-102 victory.

Yao missed much of the second quarter while sitting on the bench with an ice pack on the knee. He returned later in the quarter, but couldn't go after being examined at halftime. Houston coach Rick Adelman said Yao's absence hurt because his backup, 7-2 Dikembe Mutombo, didn't match up well with the Pacers.

Yao said he hurt the knee early in

coaches can't go onto the field and

make plays. That's up to the players,

and that's just something we haven't

have been overlooking Brodie

the first quarter. He said X-rays revealed no breaks.

Houston already was missing Tracy McGrady and Ron Artest because of

Artest missed his 13th game of the season because a bone bruise in his right ankle. McGrady sat out his 16th game with a sore left knee.

Luis Scola, who scored a careerhigh 25 points for the Rockets, said the injuries weren't an excuse for failing to play better in the second

Indiana led 50-40 at halftime before holding the Rockets at bay with the free throws.

Danny Granger scored 12 of his 25 points from the line, and T.J. Ford scored 13 of his 21 points on free

Troy Murphy had 14 points and 16

when he went down for the season

Edwards' first year in Kansas City

was a success. The Chiefs went 9-7

and captured the last wild-card play-

off spot. He became only the fifth man

to take two different teams to the

postseason in his first year as head

with a knee injury.

Croyle's history of injuries and designating him as the foundation quarterback. A third-round pick out of Alabama in 2006, Croyle could never stay healthy and was 0-8 as a starter

game losing streak.

rebounds for the Pacers, who snapped a two-game losing skid.

Carl Landry and Rafer Alston each scored 17 points for the Rockets, who had won three straight.

Houston cut Indiana's lead to 79-75 early in the fourth quarter on Aaron Brooks' basket, but the Pacers responded with a 7-2 run. Ford's 3-point play put the Pacers ahead

Minutes later, Granger hit a 3-pointer with Landry in his face as the shot clock wound down to make it 91-81 midway through the period.

Scola scored on a baseline spin move and finger roll with 1:44 left and trimmed Indiana's lead to seven at 97-92 with 1:44 to play. Von Wafer's 3-pointer with 26 seconds left cut it to

Scola fouled out on Indiana's next

coach; the Jets went to the playoffs three times in his five seasons there.

He wanted to begin dismantling an aging team and start rebuilding in 2007. But he ran into opposition from a front office that felt there was enough left for another playoff run. After an encouraging 4-3 start, age and ineffectiveness at several key positions created problems and Kansas City ended 2007 on a nine-

With Hunt's blessing, Edwards

possession, and Jack took advantage by making two free throws with 25.5 seconds to play to push the Pacers'

lead back to four. Wafer tried to score again, but

Granger stuffed his dunk attempt. Ford made two free throws at the other end.

Houston made one last effort. Shane Battier made a 3-pointer with 5 seconds left, but Ford made two more free throws with 4 seconds to play to

end the threat. Indiana forced 20 turnovers and held Houston to 39 percent shooting. Indiana shot just 43 percent, but outscored Houston 33-22 from the freethrow line.

"Basically, our defense won this game," Ford said. "It's probably the first time we shot that bad and actually won."

finally launched his youth movement in 2008 and opened the season at New England with the youngest squad in the league.

He knew it was going to be a difficult chore because of all the youth. But he did not foresee an injury epidemic that robbed him of his two top quarterbacks, made a shambles of the linebacker corps and weakened the defensive line, offensive line and secondary.

done this year. In no way do I think Herm is responsible for our record." Edwards' most costly mistake may

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Hillger. "We know we can play with anybody when we are on, but it is the heart and desire of these

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girls that pulls us through when we aren't at our best. They really want it and lay it on the line every

Amanda Longorio had another typical night, scoring 16 points and grabbing eight boards. Seven of those points came in the crucial fourth quarter when the Lady Buffs grabbed the lead with 2:45 to play after trailing much of the half.

Forsan was also hot from behind the arch, with Shelby McDonald, Miranda Park and Faith Belew all connecting from downtown.

Keelin Wiley led all McCamey scorers with 14 points, but was held scoreless in the final period with some tough defense by Tori Gauer, who pressured Wiley all night. McCamey falls to 1-1 in dis-

The Lady Buffs will travel to take on rival Stanton at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

McCamey 11 6 13 4-5 14 7 10-36 Forsan

McCamey: Stacey Bradford 2, Taty Gonzales 5, Keelin Wiley 14, Megan Mesa 8, Jerrica Esparza 5

Forsan (19-6, 2-0): Shelby McDonald 6, Tori Gauer 4, Miranda Park 5, Faith Belew 3, Shelby Jones 2, Amanda Longorio 16.

Free throws: MC 4-6, FHS 6-11. 3-point goals: MC 0, FHS 4 (McDonald 2, Park, Belew. Total fouls: MC 13, FHS 8. Fouled out:

Buffs 70, McCamey 31

The Forsan Buffaloes improved to 2-0 in District 7-A, and to an overall mark of 19-2, easily dispatching the visiting McCamey Badgers Friday night,

The Buffs had control from the opening tip, ripping through the Badgers defense to the tune of a 24-2 first quarter drumming.

McCamey showed some life in the second frame, however, and actually outscored the Buffs 14-13 in the period,

"We played really well to start the game," said Buffs Head Coach Terry McDonald, "I think we got a little too relaxed in the second period, but overall we are right where we want to be at this point in the season. Over the next couple of weeks is where I'd like to see us peaking."

Forsan put the clamps on in the second half, holding the Badgers to just 15 total points.

Offensively, Jeremy Robbins continued to light it up, scoring 19 points to lead all scorers. Nathan Atkerson added 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds, while Tristian Clay and Alex Huckabee each scored 10 points.

The Badgers, who fell to 0-2 in district play, were led by Brett Smith with nine points. Ryan Acosta and Daniel Velez each had six.

The Buffs will be in Stanton Tuesday. They will tip off following the girls game at approximately 8

McCamey 2 14 7 8-31 Forsan 24 13 17 16—70

McCamey: Ryan Acosta 6, Vivian Sanchez 4, Brett Hill 9, Daniel Velez 6, Joe Hanson 4, Markos Reyna 2

Forsan: Jeremy Frietag 4, Jeremy Robbins 19, Jace Sandridge 6, Tristian Clay 10, Evan Burton 4, Alex Huckabee 10, Zach Dykes 4, Nathan Atkerson 11.

Free throws: MC 6-9, FHS 5-7. 3-point goals: MC 3 (Smith 2, Sanchez), FHS 3 (Huckabee 2, Clay). Total fouls: MC 9, FHS 11. Fouled out: None.



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Grape Creek 50, **Bulldogettes 26**

Grape Creek jumped out early and finished strong in a 50-26 rout of Coahoma's Bulldogettes Friday.

The Lady Eagles held 21-8 advantage after the first period, played a little lackadaisical in the second and third periods and then blew up for 18 more points in the fourth. Coahoma failed to score more than eight points in any period of play.

The win sets the Bulldogettes (8-13, 1-4) way back in contending for the third and final postseason spot available out of District 7-2A as Ballinger and Grape Creek now have the upper hand in contention for it.

No Bulldogette broke into double digits scoring with Kylie Gee's nine points being the highest mark.

The Bulldogettes travel to Tuscola Tuesday to take on the 11th-ranked Jim Ned Lady Indians (19-8, 4-1), who held off Ballinger for a 43-42 win Friday night.

8 6 8 4—26 21 7 4 18—50 Coahoma **Grape Creek**

Coahoma (8-13, 1-4): Kylie Gee 9, Kalea Neff 5, Ashley Martin 3, Mackenzie Stone 2, Alex Moore 2, Berkley Iden 1, Gonzales 4. Grape Creek: Wilson 17, Burner 13, Stephenson 10, Walter 8, Allen

Free throws: Coa 6-16, GC 13-20. 3-point goals: Coa 2 (Neff, Martin), GC 3 (Burner 2, Wilson).

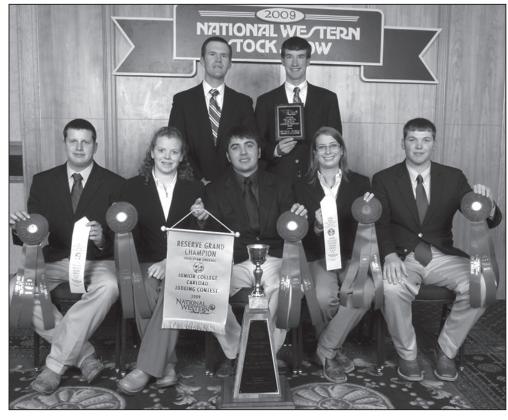


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ernieleyba.eventpictures.com Pictured from left to right are, front row, Lakin Aaron of Ozona, LuCinda Birkenfield of Ozona, Jonathan Reyes of Stamford, Jessica Kimbro of Paradise, Ross Wyatt of Olney, and back row, Daniel Woolley, faculty, and **Charlie Hensy of New** Kirk, Okla.

Energy Watch



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Change is stressful. Last week we had a change in market action and then a major change as we prepared for a new president to take over. The stock market sold off and gave back one-fourth of the 25 percent rally from the Nov. 20 lows. The change in market action was stressful and raises the question of whether last week represented a "timeout" or a "top-out." For now, we will assume this pullback was a normal time-out of our in place advance, until market action says oth-

By design, our nation's really big change comes every four years in the form of a peaceful transition of power, one of the main things that make this country great. Today there is no question that we need changes to occur in our economy, in the confidence of our people, and a national reduction of stress. However, we are all human beings, mere mortals, and we all make mistakes. So will President Obama; no one man can fix this problem. He will change a lot of things and until they are proven right or wrong, our nation's stress level will probably go up.

The big question facing the stock market is how patient investors will be and how forgiving of mistakes that will certainly be made. No one knows the answer. We do know that the stock market put in an important bottom Nov. 20, and that everybody is fully aware of the current economic problems and that great fiscal and monetary stimuli are in, or soon to be in place.

We believe the change back towards confidence in the future of our economy started under President Bush and will continue under President Obama.

The Democrats have unveiled an \$825 billion stimulus package with \$275 billion for family business and tax cuts. This amount is more than 25 percent of our annual federal budget and of course the gigantic budget deficit will be a problem, but that's off a couple of years and another debate.

For now, ordinary people are very anxious for anything that might turn the economy around. It all comes down to confidence for both a better stock market and a better economy.

The bear market is 16 months old and has already taken the S&P 500 down 52 percent, the economy is in terrible shape. Most long term investors are wondering why they ever bought stocks to begin with and almost everyone is risk averse. It seems the stock market today is like a game of chicken — who is going to be first to take a stance and buy some stocks? We believe some brave institution will soon start to buy, which will get the ball rolling.

Nothing succeeds like success and nothing helps the stock market go up more than the stock market going up; it's still a lemming world.

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Howard College livestock team brings home honors The Howard College Livestock show discipline and character by

Judging team members showed their skills in Denver, Colo., recently and brought home the Reserve Champion Team award from the Carload Judging Contest at the National Western Stock Show.

"We are very proud of these students," said Daniel Woolley, agriculture faculty and livestock judging director. "They are a great group of students that working as hard as they do to be successful."

In addition to the team award, individuals also took some top honors as Jessica Kimbro brought home third place high individual and Lakin Aaron snagged the fifth place high individual award.

Competition was steep as the students competed against their peers from 28 other junior colleges from across the nation.

The HC Sophomore Livestock Judging Team that competed in the event includes: Lakin Aaron and LuCinda Birkenfeld of Ozona, Jessica Kimbro of Paradise, Texas, Jonathan Reyes of Stamford, Ross Wyatt of Olney and Charlie Hensy from New Kirk,

For more information about Howard College, visit www.howardcollege.edu

Garduño returns to **Abilene**

ABILENE — Lauren D. Garduño, P.E., has been named district engineer for the Abilene District of the Texas Department

of Transportation.

The made Amadeo Saenz, P.E., TxDOT exdi-

and rector. was effective

Jan. 1. Garduño returns to the Abilene District after serving as Odessa district engineer since July 1, 1999. Garduño, a 22-year Tx-

DOT veteran, has also served the past year as the Interim West Region manager during the department's ongoing reorganization of district functions.

He joined TxDOT's Amarillo District as a summer hire engineering aide in his hometown of Borger while earning his bachelor's degree in civil engineering at Texas Tech University. After graduating in 1987, Garduño worked full-time as an engineering assistant in the Abilene District. He also designed plans for farm-to-market roads in the Austin and Houston districts before moving to the Abilene Area Office in 1990.

After returning

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Wal-Mart joined hands with Howard College and the Kids College by donating \$1.000 to help with the cost of the summer program. The program serves children in grades 1-6 with fun, educational opportunities on the campus of Howard College while they explore different activities and classes. Pictured left to right are Manny Negron, Wal-Mart assistant manager; Tim Walsh, Wal-Mart store manager; Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College; Dianah Collom, outreach coordinator and Kids College director; and Jeff Ward, director of outreach services for Howard College.

Harley to cut 1,100 jobs as 4Q profit falls

By DAN STRUMPF

AP Auto Writer

NEW YORK — Harley-Davidson Inc. said Friday it will cut 1,100 jobs over two years, close some facilities and consolidate others as it grapples with a slowdown in motorcycle sales.

The Milwaukee-based company also reported its fourth-quarter profit fell nearly 60 percent, and said it is slashing motorcycle shipments in 2009 to cope with reduced demand.

The iconic motorcycle maker said it will consolidate two engine and transmission plants in Milwaukee into its facility in Menomonee Falls,

Wis. It will shrink its paint and frame operations in its York, Pa., plant and close its distribution facility in Franklin, Wis., whose duties will be handled by a third party.

Harley also is exiting its domestic transportation operation — its fleet of long-haul truckers who transport parts between manufacturing facilities — and outsourcing duties to a third party. The cuts make up slightly more than 10 percent of the company's total work force.

"Harley-Davidson is not immune to the current economic conditions,"

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News in brief

Hutchison meets campaign supporters

AUSTIN (AP) U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is meeting with more than 300 supporters at a private strategy session for her 2010 campaign for Texas governor.

Hutchison said she is challenging Gov. Rick Perry in next year's Republican primary and that Saturday's meeting is the first for her statewide campaign organization. Members of Congress, local politicians and big-name business people attended the gathering at an Austin hotel.

Later in the day, Perry is working to rally his base of social conservative supporters with a speech at an anti-abortion rally at the Capitol.

Hutchison has said she favors some abortion rights, but believes in abortion restrictions and reducing the number of abortions.

High winds, dry conditions fuel Texas grass fires

HOUSTON (AP) High winds and dry weather combined to fuel grass fires that left thousands of acres of Texas blackened this weekend.

"We're critically dry across the state," Nick Harrison, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service, said Saturday.

Winter frost that has killed grass and lack of rain has left the landscape receptive to burning.

"We get a frontal passage through. Lots of times it's dry, we experience low humidity, extremely high winds and the last couple of days we've had unseasonably warm days,"

No injuries were reported Saturday.

Officials warned conditions across South Central Texas and the Hill Country also were favorable for fires Saturday with winds up to 25 mph and humidity dropping as a cold front was blowing through from the north.

Many areas of the

state had readings into the 80s on Friday Fort Worth was 80 degrees and Waco 84. On Saturday, temperatures there were likely to reach only the low 40s, forecasters said. Highs in Abilene reached 82 on Friday but temperatures were in the mid-

20s there during the late

morning Saturday. On Friday, a 53-yearold man died of burns suffered in a morning fire near several homeless camps in a wooded area of southeast Austin. The man, burned over 90 percent of his body, was taken to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio where he died.

Round Rock police seeking mother of newborn

AUSTIN (AP) Authorities are urging the mother and other family members of a newborn boy left on the porch of a Round Rock home to come forward.

The 1-day-old boy was in good condition at a hospital and was

expected to be released Saturday, said Chris Van Deusen, a spokesman with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Police want to find the mother or a least a family member to obtain medical information that might be unknown to doctors, said Eric Poteet, spokesa man with Family and Protective Services.

"She could face charges of abandoning and endangering a child, but that's really low on our priority list," Poteet said of the mother. "Right now, we just need to find out who the mother is and if this baby needs any medication or further medical attention."

The baby was only a couple of hours old when he was left at a home in the South Creek neighborhood in Round Rock on Thursday. A neighbor told police he saw a black woman in her late teens, around 5 feet tall and about 120 pounds, walking in the neighborhood and carrying a baby around noon. The infant was found on the porch by the homeowners around 6:15 p.m, Poteet said.

Woman pleads guilty to injuring newborn child

BROWNSVILLE (AP) A woman whose newborn daughter was found dead and stuffed

in a suitcase has pleaded guilty to a charge of injury to a child.

Jacqueline Reich, 24, of Laguna Vista, entered the guilty plea Friday in the September 2005 death of her newborn, named Ava.

Reich will remain in jail pending a Feb. 12 sentencing hearing, according to Friday's online edition of The (McAllen) Monitor.

Reich's family discovered the newborn's body in a suitcase in the bathroom and alerted police.

Authorities believe the baby had been dead for at least two weeks before it was discovered, but attorneys on both sides of the case dispute whether the child was born alive or a stillborn. Cameron County District Attorney Villalobos Armando said pathologists who performed autopsies on the child had conflicting opinions.

"It would have been a difficult case to try, but one we're prepared to try," he said.

Reich faces five to 99

years in prison — the same prison sentence for murder. Villalobos said. She also would be eligible for probation.

Reich's attorney, Ed Cyganiewicz, did not immediately return a phone call late Friday from The Associated Press.

Former Harris Co. detective charged in sex crime

HOUSTON(AP) - Aformer Harris County sheriff's detective was in jail Friday after being accused of molesting an 8-year-old girl.

Richard Allen Dorman, 59, was being held in the Harris County Jail Friday on a charge of sexual assault of a child. Bond was set at \$30,000 bond, according to Harris County Jail records.

Dorman was arrested Thursday on allegations he sexually assaulted the girl at his home around Thanksgiving of 2007, prosecutor Justin Wood said in the online edition of the Houston

Chronicle. He lived on the same street as the girl in Shoreacres, a small town on the coast about 25 miles southeast of Houston.

Investigators are lookingintomoreallegations

of similar assaults. Dorman began working at the Sheriff's Office in 1977 and retired in 2003, the paper report-

He currently works as a field maintenance technician for Harris County Toll Road Authority.

Ex-first lady Laura Bush at future Dallas home

DALLAS (AP) Former first lady Laura Bush dropped by the Dallas house where she and ex-President George W. Bush will live.

Video shot from overby KTVT-TV shows Laura Bush smiling and waving to the station's helicopter, as she and several people were on the grounds of the house Friday after-

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County Court Decisions:

Judgment and Sentence: Domingo Lujan Galaviz, criminal trespass, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 60 days in jail. Judgment and Sentence: Domingo Lujan Galaviz, failure to identify giving false information, \$100 fine, \$270 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Juan Jose Acuna Jr., resisting arrest, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Brandon Joe Robinson, purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor, \$250 fine, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Nathan Robinson, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$378 court costs, 90 days in jail. Judgment and Sentence: Nathan

Robinson, possession of marijuana two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$378 court costs, 90 days in jail. Probated Judgment: Gracie James,

theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Jaime

Hernandez, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Chance Lang,

resisting arrest, \$500 fine, \$278

court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Meliton Viera, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$250 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Phillip Eugene

Bebee, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Rene Salazar-Perez, driving while intoxicated - open container, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Robert
Aldridge, burglary of a vehicle, \$1,500
fine, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.
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fine, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.

fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Monty Allen Hendricks, driving while intoxicated

second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$443
 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Richard Arthur Dexter, deadly conduct, \$1,000 fine,

\$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation). Judgment and Sentence: Justin Rodriguez, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328

court costs, 45 days in jail. Judgment and Sentence: Nicholas Adam Lopez, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$278

court costs.
Probated Judgment: James
Pierce Hoover, driving while license
invalid with a previous conviction or
suspension, \$500 fine, \$278 court
costs, 180 days in jail (jail time

Judgment and Sentence: Jamey Scott Johnson, criminal trespass, \$278 court costs, 27 days in jail. Judgment and Sentence: Lorenzo

suspended, 6 months probation).

Ferrera Yanez, criminal trespass of a habitation, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Lorenzo

Ferrera Yanez, resisting arrest, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Arthur
Callaway, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$308 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Debra

Renee Shaeffer, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$278 court costs, 84 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Veronica

Christine White, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Frank Trevino,

possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation). Probated Judament: Paul Torres.

Probated Judgment: Paul Torres, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Nathan Robinson, possession of a controlled substance, \$1,500 fine, \$378 court costs, 90 days in jail. Probated Judgment: Marcelino Leon

Perez, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Jonathan

Sykes, 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: Amanda

Judgment and Sentence: Amanda Gail Eggleston, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Linda Eva Rodriguez, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Jamey Scott Johnson, criminal trespass, \$278 court costs, 27 days in jail.

District Court Filings:

Howard County vs. Eduviques Marquez, tax suit. Howard County vs. Mark Lyle and

Cindy Lyle, tax suit. Howard County vs. Justin Lloyd and Mandy Towner, tax suit.

Howard County vs. Lourdes Luna as custodian for Jorge L. Luna Jr. and Jorge L. Luna Sr., tax suit.

Howard County vs. David Lownes and Janie Lownes, tax suit. Howard County vs. Raymond Lopez

and Cindy Lopez, tax suit. Howard County vs. Estella Linfernal, tax suit.

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Howard County vs. Joyce Edwards
Lawrence, tax suit.

Howard County vs. Sixto Lara and Petra Lara, tax suit.

Howard County vs. Annie Bell Labrew, tax suit. Valence Operating Company vs. Marvin Fiddle, accounts, notes and

Juana Silva vs. Jesse Martinez, protective order.

Jolene Laraine Deel vs. James Lin Deel, divorce. The State of Texas vs. Kaniel

Miramontes and Shelby Tissue, civil suit.

Angela Marie Smithie vs. Shannon

Dwayne Smithie, divorce.

Marriage Licenses

Justin Eugene Casey, 41, and Carol Ann Snelgrove, 49, both of Big Spring. Shane Mayhall, 45, and Jo McGuirre Carruth, 43, both of Big Spring.

Martin G. Leija, 43, and Cynthia H. Mendez, 38, both of Big Spring. Henry E. Tatum Jr., 29, and Delia G. Castillo, 26, both of San Angelo. John A. Gomez, 28, of Victoria, and Amiee Cantu, 31, of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Edward R. Moren Grantee: Fernando Delgado Property: Lot 9, Block 3, Cole & Strayhorn Addition Date: Jan. 8, 2009

Grantor: Carol Stephens Revocable

Trust
Grantee: J. Rutledge LLC
Property: Lot 1, Block 1, Carey
Subdivision

Date: Jan. 12, 2009

Grantor: Stacy Diehl Grantee: Victor G. Hutchinson Property: A 1.8 acre tract out of Section 34, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Jan. 13, 2009

Grantor: Juan Rodriguez Jr. Grantee: Jose A. Urias and Maria Urias

Property: Two tracts out of Section 29, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Jan. 13, 2009

Grantor: Laverne Dean Grantee: Shane Loel Viccinelli and Thomas Duncan

Property: Lot 9, Block 5, Hillcrest Terrace Date: Jan. 14, 2009

Grantor: Vance Christie and Amy Christie Grantee: Brandon Atkins and Holly

Atkins
Property: An 18 acre tract out of
Section 22, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR

Co. Survey Date: Jan. 14, 2009

Grantor: Gregery Turner Grantee: Frank Gonzales, Juan Gonzales, Jesse Gonzales and Jose

Gonzales
Property: A 3 acre tract out of Section
14, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co.
Survey

Date: Jan. 16, 2009

Grantor: Forsan Oil Co. Inc. Grantee: Robert C. Wash Inc. Property: A tract out of Section 130, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. Survey Date: Jan. 16, 2009

Grantor: Danny Lee Armstrong Grantee: Malinda Sue Armstrong Property: A tract out of Section 34, Block 32

Date: Jan. 20, 2009

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien: Grantor: Ruel Lynn Metcalf

Grantee: Hector and Marchu
Gimenez
Property: The W/2 of Lot 4, Block 79,

Original Town of Big Spring

Date: Jan. 8, 2009

Date: Jan. 9, 2009

Grantor: Gay Herren Grantee: John Stahley Property: A .7 acre tract out of Section 4, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey

Grantor: Brandon W. Atkins and Holly Atkins

Grantee: Timmy Atkins and Julia Atkins

Property: Lots 1, 2 and 10, Block Block B, Bates Subdivision Date: Jan. 12, 2009

Grantor: Derrick Yu and Valerie Yu Grantee: Steven Henry and Tammie Henry Property: Lot 9, Block 2, Jordan Park

Date: Jan. 12, 2009

Grantor: Justin Darden and Casie

Grantee: William R. Neal Jr.

Property: Lot 28, Block 12, North Park Hill Date: Jan. 12, 2009

Estates

Grantor: Colby Ditto and Atyka Ditto Grantee: James Perez and Lea Tolison

Property: Lot 25, Block 5, College Park Estates Date: Jan. 13, 2009

Grantor: Vance Christie and Amy Christie Grantee: Brandon Atkins and Holy Atkins Property: A 5 acre tract out of Section

22, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Jan. 14, 2009

Grantor: Leigh Ann Fleming Grantee: Justin L. Hobbs Property: A tract out of Section 6, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Jan. 15, 2009

Grantor: Marcellous Weaver Grantee: Tony Vines and Pat Vines Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 18, Cole & Strayhorn Addition Date: Jan. 15, 2009

Grantor: Joyce B. Hill Grantee: Dustin Glenn Williams and Amanda Williams

Property: Lot 12, Block 7, Kentwood Unit No. 2 Date: Jan. 15, 2009

Grantor: Farmers Cooperative Compress Grantee: Plains Cotton Cooperative Property: A tract out of Section 26, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Jan. 16, 2009

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Abilene as the district construction engineer, he was promoted to district maintenance engineer the same year. In 1997, Garduño became director of operations and in 1998 served as the district's interim district engineer.

HARLEY

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said Jim Ziemer, the company's outgoing chief executive, in a conference call. "We're going to show great discipline in protecting the value of the brand."

The company said the cuts include 800 hourly pro-

salaried positions. It said 70 percent of the job cuts will occur this year and the rest in 2010.

In an interview, Ziemer said about 650 of the cuts will be in Wisconsin, while more than 400 jobs will be lost at its facility in York, where its transportation operation is also based. About 85 cuts will be

duction positions and 300 non-production, mostly

made at the company's motorcycle plant in Kansas City, Mo., he said.

"Right now, it's more fear than anything else, and consumer confidence" that's hurting demand, Ziemer said.

While in Abilene, Garduño completed a master's degree in management at Abilene Christian University in 1991. Accepted in TxDOT's Master's Program in 1992, Garduño became a licensed professional engineer in 1993 and earned his master's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University in 1994.

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Garduño and his wife. Ketta, have two daugh-

Garduño and his wife, Ketta, have two daughters, Amber and Brooke.

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Obama pitches plan to halt economic slide

By PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama took to the airwaves Saturday to promote his economic aid plan in what's-it-meanto-me terms: thousands of better schools, lower electricity bills, health coverage for millions who lose insurance.

It was the latest appeal from the new president for a massive spending bill designed to inject almost \$1 trillion into the economy and fulfill campaign pledges.

As lawmakers consider an \$825 billion plan and Obama woos them with an eye toward a second economic package, he used his first radio and Internet address from the White House to update the public about his goals.

"Our economy could fall \$1 trillion short of its full capacity, which translates into more than \$12,000 in lost income for a family of four.

"And we could lose a generation of potential, as more young Americans are forced to forgo college dreams or the chance to train for the jobs of the future," Obama said in a fiveminute address.

act boldly and swiftly, a bad situation could become dramatically worse.'

Obama aides have refused to rule out that administration would seek a second economic recovery plan even before Congress approves the first — to patch an ailing econo-

Some are considering a sequel to assuage members of their own Democratic Party who fret that too little of the money is going toward public works projects that would employ their constituents.

"Look, let's get one done, and start seeing that impact on the economv before I get into hypotheticals about what we might do later on in the year," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Friday.

Along with the speech, Obama's economic team released a report designed to outline tangible benefits of the plan and shore up support.

Aides said they wanted people to understand exactly what they could expect if Congress supported the proposed legislation.

The United States lost 2.6 million jobs last year, "In short, if we do not the most in any single



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From left, House Minority Leader John Boehner and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi listen as President Barack Obama speaks to reporters during a meeting about the economy with Congressional leaders in the White House Friday.

year since World War II. Manufacturing is at a 28-year low and even Obama's economists say unemployment could top 10 percent before the recession ends. One in 10 homeowners is at

risk of foreclosure and the dollar continues its slide in value.

That harsh reality has dominated Obama's first days in office that brought his top economic advisers to the White House on their first Saturday in power to talk about the proposed stimulus package and the federal budget.

day earlier, he

invited Democratic and Republican leaders to the White House to hear their ideas on the economy. At that visit, he did not share the details he released Saturday. "We

presented President Obama with our ideas to jump start the economy through fast-acting tax relief not slow-moving government spending programs," House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio said in the weekly GOP address. "We let families, entrepreneurs, small businesses, and the self-employed keep more of what they earn to encourage investment and create millions of new private-sector jobs."

Boehner said the Republicans would cut taxes for every taxpayer, dropping even the lowest income tax rates. "That's up to an extra \$3,200 per family every vear - money that can be saved, spent or invested in any way you see fit," Boehner said. He also proposed a tax credit for home purchases, an end of taxation of unemployment benefits and tax incentives for small businesses to invest in new equipment and hire new employees.

"We cannot borrow and spend our way back to prosperity," Boehner said.

Obama also plans to travel to Capitol Hill on Tuesday to meet with Republican leaders, his latest move to bring along his rival party to pass an economic package that has GOP sup-

Many of the goals in the speech and report were familiar from Obama's two-vear campaign, such as shifting to electronic medical records and investing in preventive health care. Other parts added specifics.

Obama's recovery package aims to:

-double within three years the amount of energy that could be produced from renewable resources. That is an ambitious goal, given the 30 years it took to reach current levels. Advisers say that could power 6 million households.

—upgrade 10,000 schools and improve learning for about 5 million students.

-save \$2 billion a year by making federal buildings energy efficient.

—triple the number of undergraduate and graduate fellowships in science.

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The plan would spend at least 75 percent of the total cost — or more than \$600 billion — within the first 18 months, either through bricks-andshovels projects favored by Democrats or tax cuts that Republicans have pushed.

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Jan. 29 – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.

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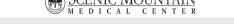
Movie Wednesday's, 1:00 p.m. "Wall-E"

Feb. 5 – Mall Walking, 8 a.m. Just Peachy Cafe, 10:00 a.m. \$3.50 Thursday's BUNKO, 5:00 p.m.

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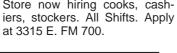
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NEW YORK (AP) — The departure of four Democratic senators this year has cast a new — and at times, unflattering — light on governors and their power to fill Senate vacancies.

While governors must call a special election to replace members of the House who resign or die before their term is up, 38 states allow governors the sole power to appoint an interim senator, according to the National Council of State Legislatures.

Just nine states require a special election to fill a Senate vacancy. In three other states — Hawaii, Utah and Wyoming — governors must select a candidate from a list of prospective appointees submitted by representatives of the departing incumbent's political party.

Choosing a new senator has led to considerable drama for the four governors tasked with doing so this year. All have weathered some level of opprobrium for their choices or for how they handled the selection, with one — Rod Blagojevich of Illinois — facing criminal charges for trying to barter President Barack Obama's former seat for

cash and favors.

"Politically, the choices made by the governors so far have been pretty odd," said Seth Masket, an assistant professor of political science at the University of Denver.

Most recently, New Gov. David York Paterson engaged in a messy, drawn-out effort to name a replacement for Hillary Rodham Clinton, Obama's secretary of state. The process was largely dominated by a high-profile lobbying campaign by Caroline Kennedy, the 51-year-old daughter of President John F. Kennedy hoping to win the nod.

Paterson spent weeks vacillating publicly about Kennedy, at turns praising her intelligence while criticizing her lack of experience. The governor hinted openly that he would choose Kennedy, then contradicted himself later by saying he was still considering other candidates.

For her part, Kennedy appeared tentative and unprepared, and she abruptly withdrew her name from consideration for the seat Thursday. Her departure launched a war of recriminations between

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her allies and Paterson's

— a spectacle that suggested Paterson had somehow lost control over the selection process.

Paterson announced Friday he had selected Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand, a moderate from the upstate region. But even that choice produced its share of grumbling.

Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, citing Gillibrand's opposition to gun control, vowed to challenge her in the 2010 Democratic primary, or to find another candidate to do so. McCarthy came to Congress after her husband was killed and son wounded during a shooting rampage on the Long Island Railroad in 1993.

Gillibrand is also largely unknown in voter-rich New York City and its suburbs, where most of the state's Democrats live.

"Gillibrand seems fine for her district, but this is a state where liberals can actually win statewide," Masket said. "It's not clear why the governor wouldn't pick someone more liberal."

In Illinois, Blagojevich prevailed in a highstakes game of chicken with Democratic leaders by naming former Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris to Obama's seat.

Senate Democrats had insisted that any candidate Blagojevich named would not be considered a legitimate replacement. They eventually relented and allowed Burris to be seated,

but he remains tainted by his connection to Blagojevich and may not be the strongest candidate to withstand a Republican challenge in 2010.

While less visible than the Illinois and Senate York replacements, retiring Delaware Gov. Ruth Ann Minner has withstood criticism for her choice to fill Vice President Joe Biden's Senate seat. And Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter's choice of a replacement for Ken Salazar, now Obama's interior secretary, has also mystified some.

In Delaware, Minner selected longtime Biden aide Ted Kaufman to serve until a special election in 2010.

Kaufman has made clear he will not run in the special election, clearing the way for Biden's son Beau, the state attorney general currently serving in Iraq as a member of the Delaware National Guard.

In appointing Kaufman, a relative unknown to most Delaware voters, Minner passed over the

state's popular Lt. Gov. John Carney — reinforcing the notion that the seat belongs to the Biden family and its loyalists.

In Colorado, Ritter chose Denver Public Schools Superintendent Michael Bennet to succeed Salazar, even though Bennet has never run for statewide office and is virtually unknown beyond Denver. The choice sets the stage for a strong Republican push for the seat in 2010.

Despite the inevitable missteps, allowing governors to fill Senate vacancies is generally a smart solution, said Jeff Bosworth, an assistant professor of history at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania.

"It's atypical to choose a senator this way, but it's worse to leave a state unrepresented for the time it takes to put together a special election," Bosworth said. "I can't see a better system than leaving it to the governor. They're elected, and if you don't like what they did, don't vote for them next time."

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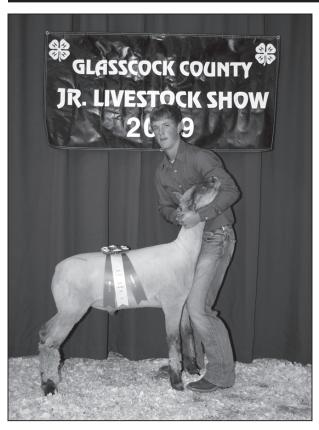
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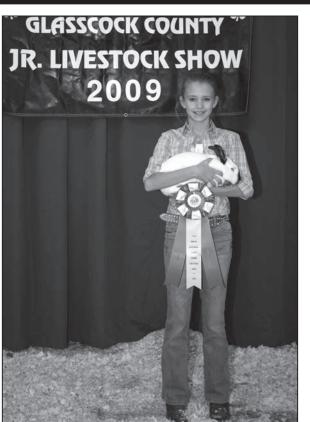
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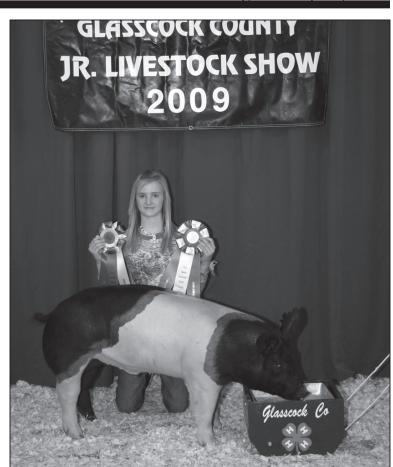
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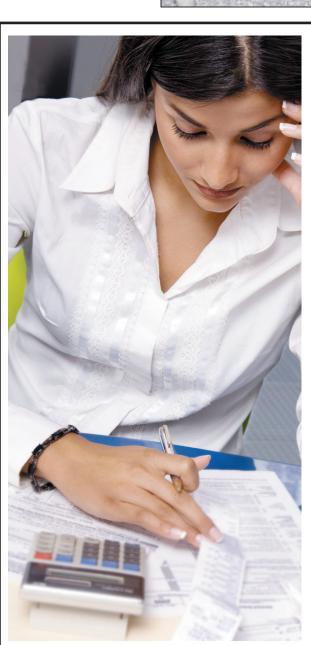
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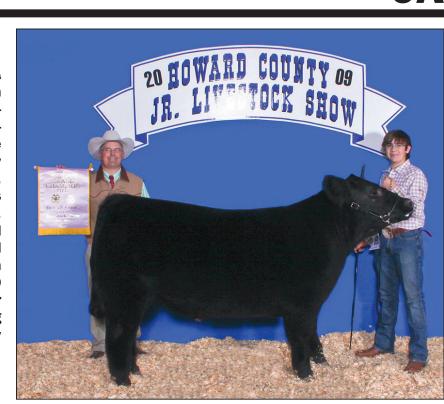
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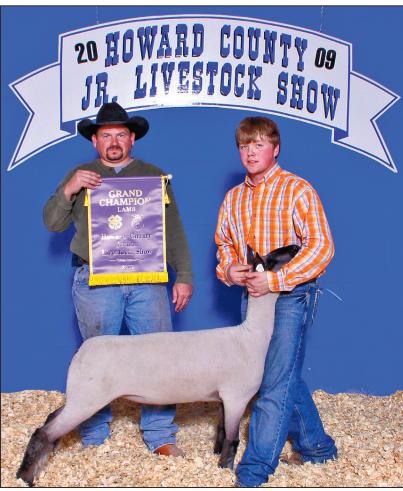
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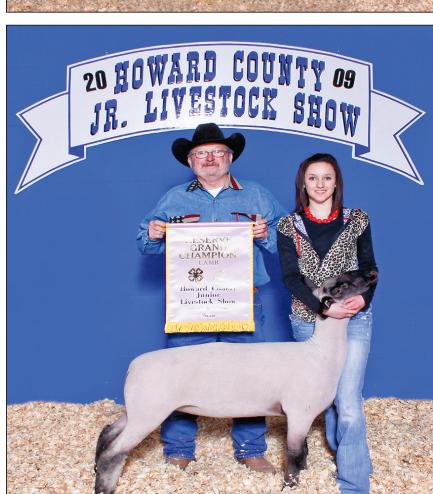


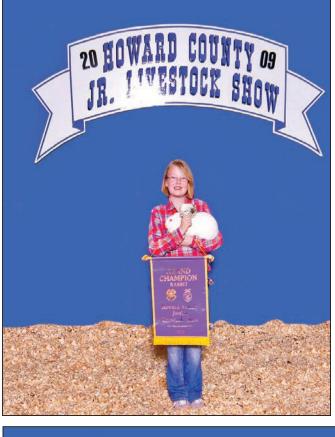
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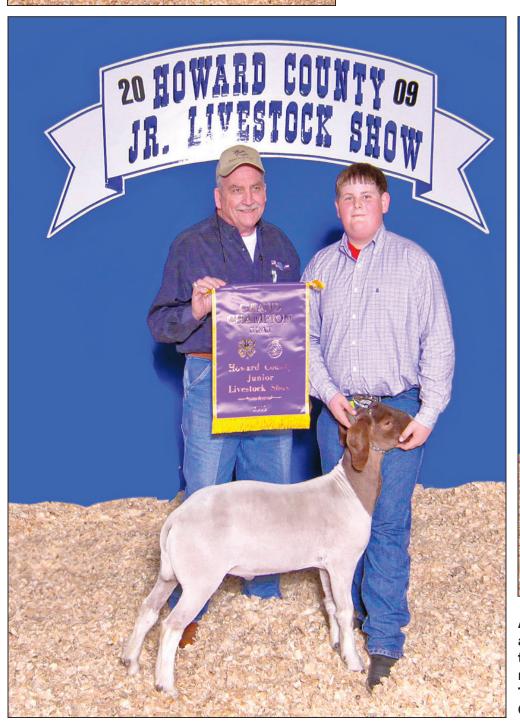
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At left, Braeson Ramey
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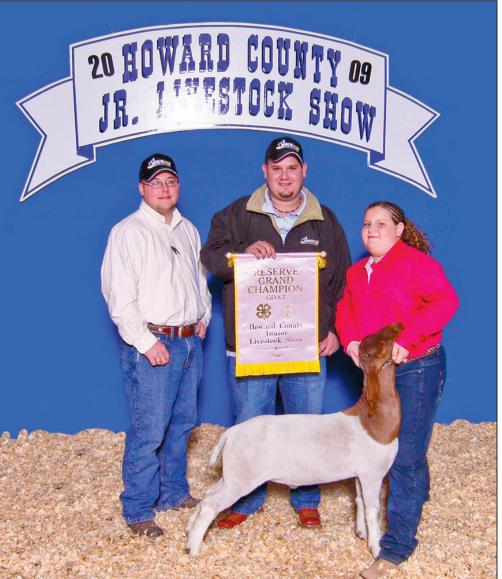




Lane Bond photos
Aubrey Parum of Howard County 4-H, left, exhibited the grand champion rabbit at the Howard
County Junior Livestock Show. Wal-Mart was
the buyer. At right, Shelbie Reid of Coahoma
FFA exhitibited the reserve champion rabbit. The
Jackie Hill family was the buyer.







Lane Bond photo

At left, Morgan Luce of Coahoma FFA exhibited the grand champion goat at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show. Texas Farm Bureau was the buyer. In the above photo, Ashley Luce of Coahoma FFA exhibited the reserve champion goat. The buyer was Andrews Pump and Supply of Forsan. The 2009 Howard County Junior Livestock Show was held Jan. 14-17 at the County Fairbarns.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (REAL ESTATE)

The State of Texas To any Sheriff or any Constable Within The State of Texas-

Whereas John G. Kelley on the 16th day of October A.D., 2008 in the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, in Cause No. 45950-A, John G. Kelley, Plaintiff, VS. Nancy J. Fields Defendant recovered a judgment against Nancy J. Fields for the sum of \$7,848.49, with interest from the 2nd of October, 2008 A.D., at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum, and all costs of suit.

THEREFORE, you are commanded that out of the property of said Nancy J. Fields subject to execution by laws, you cause to be made the sum \$7,848.49 with interest thereon from the 2nd day of October, 2008 A.D., at the rate of

five percent (5%) per annum, together with the sum of \$113.00 cost of suit, and also the cost of executing this writ and you will forthwith execute this writ according to laws and the mandates

BY VIRTUE OF A Writ of Execution issued out the Court of Howard County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered: 45950A; Issued November 19, 2008 A.D.; John Kelley versus Nancy Fields writ was delivered to me, as the Sheriff and directed and delivered, I will levied upon 3rd day of February 2009 A.D. at 10:00 in the morning at the north court house doors at 300 Main Big Spring, TX 79720, of said Howard County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all rights, title and interest if any, which defendant: had on the 19th day of November, 2008 A.D., or at any time thereafter, of in and to the following described property. **Property Legal Description:**

E/92 of LT 2 & S/10 W/48 of LT 2 BK 40 Original Town IRR 0704 LT 6 BK 4 Porter 50x140 402 BLK/Tract 40.161 Acres ACQ

LT 9 BK 1 Sunset Place Annex 50x140 549 BLK/Tract 10.161 Acres ACQ 060606

LT 5 BK 38 Cole & Strayhorn 50x140 738 BLK/Tract 380.161 Acres ACQ 060606

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this day of December 23, 2008.

Dean Restelli, Civil Investigator Howard County Sheriff Office Big Spring, TX 79720 Deputy Dean Restelli

432-264-2244 #6017 January 4, 11, 18 & 25,

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

San Juana Perez 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,

Improvements only on a tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sec. 48, Blk 32, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas:

Assessed Vaule- \$3,977.00 Amt. owed- \$2,492,16

A tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sec. 48, Blk 32, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached ex-

Assessed Value- \$7,560.00 Amt. owed- \$755.54

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,988.27, 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 GLORIA CANTU, JESUS PEREZ ADN SAN JUANA PEREZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on November 25, 2008. in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. GLORIA CANTU, JESUS PEREZ AND SAN JUANA PEREZ, 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 5540 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on

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.

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scribed, not made parties to this

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 par-

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 21st day of January, 2009 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 21st day of January, A.D. 2009.

Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District.

#6036 January 25 & February 1,

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LEGAL NOTICE: This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on February 16, 2009. You have until August 15, 2009, to redeem any tickets for this game: #1128 Holiday Treasures (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.88. These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on February 23, 2009. You have until August 22, 2009, to redeem any tickets for these games: #823 \$130 Million Spectacular (\$50) overall odds are 1 in 2.67, #833 \$130 Million Payout Bonanza (\$50) overall odds are 1

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sion Scratch-Off game will close on March 2, 2009. You have until August 29, 2009, to redeem any tickets for this game: #1122 Jingle Jumbo Bucks (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 3.75. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$999,999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Aus-Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for

more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of Executive Director. Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery Supports Texas Education. #6037 January 25, 2009

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

TO: Everette Junior Horn, Ellinor Kristine Horn & Kristina K. Quernheim

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: A tract of land out of the SE/4 of Sec. 32, Blk 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Survey, Howard County, Texas, more particularly described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit:

Assessed Value- \$23,583.00 Amt. owed- \$1,693.81 Personal Property mobile home 14x72; Lbl #TXS0548625: Assessed Value- \$3,629.99

Amt. owed- \$1,238.91 Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,932.78, 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 EVERETTE JUNIOR JUNIOR KRISTINE **ELLINOR** HORN AND KRISTINA K. QUERN-HEIM and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on December 30, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOW-ARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. EVER-ETTE JUNIOR HORN, ELLINOR KRISTINE HORN AND KRISTINA K. QUERNHEIM, 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 5634 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this

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.

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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 21st day of January, 2009 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 21st day of January, A.D.

Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #6034 January 25 & February 1,

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ties herein, all said parties shall

CITY OF BIG SPRING PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009, 5:30 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 307 E. 4TH STREET BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

for PROPOSED AMENDED ZONING **ORDINANCE**

The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Ordinance to amend Article 9 Sign Regulations as to regulate the placement, maintenance, and standards of signage allowable for the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas; containing a cumulative clause; containing a savings and severability clause; providing for a maximum

lars (\$500.00); and establishing an effective date of February 24, 2009. Citizens will have the opportunity to express any oral or written comments to Todd Darden, Assistant City Manager, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, call 79720 (432)264-2500.

#6029 January 19 & 25, 2009

CITY OF BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL **PUBLIC HEARING** TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009, 5:30 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 307 E. 4TH STREET BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

PROPOSED AMENDED ZONING ORDINANCE The City Council will hold a Public

CITY OF BIG SPRING

penalty or fine of five hundred dol-Hearing to consider the proposed Ordinance as an addition to Article 8 Supplemental Use Standard by adopting Section 8-7 to be described as "Freight and Portable

maximum penalty or fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00); and establishing an effective date of February 24, 2009. Citizens will have the opportunity to express any oral or written comments to Todd Darden, Assistant City Manager, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Texas 79720 or (432)264-2500.

Storage Containers" as to regulate the placement of freight and portable storage containers for the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas; containing a cumulative clause; containing a savings and severability clause; providing for a Legals

#6031 January 20 & 25, 2009

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY. FEBRUARY 3, 2009, 5:30 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 307 E. 4TH STREET BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

PROPOSED AMENDED ZONING **ORDINANCE** The Planning & Zoning Commis-

sion will hold a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Ordinance as an addition to Articel 8 Supplemental Use Standard by adopting Section 8-7 to be described as "Freight and Portable Storage Containers" as to regulate the placement of freight and portable storage containers for the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas: containing a cumulative clause; containing a savings and severability clause; providing for a maximum

penalty or fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00); and establishing an effective date of February 24. 2009. Citizens will have the opportunity to express any oral or written comments to Todd Darden, Assistant City Manager, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big 79720 Texas (432)264-2500.

#6030 January 19 & 25, 2009

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CITY OF BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009, 5:30 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 307 E. 4TH STREET BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

PROPOSED AMENDED ZONING ORDINANCE

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Ordinance to amend Articel 9 Sign Regulations as to regulate the placement, maintenance, and standards of signage allowable for the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas; containing a cumulative clause; containing a savings and severability clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of five

hundred dollars (\$500.00); and establishing an effective date of February 24, 2009. Citizens will have the opportunity to express any oral or written comments to Todd Darden, Assistant City Manager, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Texas 79720 or Spring, (432)264-2500.

#6032 January 20 & 25, 2009

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS: TO: Ray Morgan

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,

Lot 2, Block 39, Cole & Strayhorn Addition, City of Big Spring, How ard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,112.96, 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, FT AI as Plaintiffs. against RAY MORGAN and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 27, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL

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 4916 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.

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VS. RAY MORGAN, for collection

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 judg-ment 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

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 21st day of January, 2009 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 21st day of January, A.D.

2009. Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District. #6033 January 25 & February 1,

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Notice of Application for Fluid Injection Well Permit

P.O.&G. Operating, LLC, 5847 San Felipe, Suite 940, Houston, TX 77057 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Pennsylvanian formation, Griffin Ranch Lease, Wells #2 and #4. The proposed injection well is located 6 miles northwest of Vin-

cent, in the Hobo Field, in Borden County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 7.055 to 7.110 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27

of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are

adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Arson suspected in Fourth St. fire

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Local investigators are seeking information on a Thursday night fire at a Big Spring business that caused an estimated \$50,000 in damage to the structure.

According to Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray, the fire was reported at a local car detail shop located in the 1500 block of W. Fourth Street shortly after 8:30 p.m.

"Firefighters arrived on the scene at approximately 8:45 p.m. and finished up around 10:40 p.m., so it took nearly two hours to completely extinguish the fire," said Condray. "The fire started around back of the business, where there was a wooden lean-to shed against the back wall.

"The shed was completely destroyed by the fire, and there was considerable heat and smoke damage to the building itself. The fire also managed to get inside the structure, so we're looking at \$45,000 to \$50,000 in damages to the structure alone. That's not counting damage to any inventory or equipment."

Condray said there is considerable evidence the fire was not accidental.

"We're treating this as a case of arson," said Condray. "There are just too many suspicious circumstances. First, this is the second fire at the location in less than a week. Monday someone splashed an accelerant on a concessions building at the business and lit it on fire. The fire went out before any serious damage could be done, however."

Condray said there's no obvious connection between the two fires at the detail shop and the December fire that ripped through the Kids' Zone play equipment at Comanche Trail Park, but the "element"

is certainly the same.

"The truth is we have some pretty scurvy individuals running around setting fires in our city," said Condray firmly. "There hasn't been anything to suggest these fires are related to the fire at the park, but it's certainly the same type of element."

Condray said no injuries were reported as a result of Thursday's fire, but suggested the fire bugs responsible might not be so lucky next

"As long as these people are running around setting fires, it's just a matter of time

before someone gets hurt," said Condray. "The building wasn't occupied at the time of the fire, but if it had been, things could have turned out much, much worse."

Anyone with information on the W. Fourth Street fires - or any other fires or criminal activity in the Big Spring area — can contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 264-2305 or the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550.

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

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In the midst of our sorrow, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our many relatives; friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the loss of our beloved husband and Father, Raul. We especially wish to thank Father Ariel Lagunilla for his consoling words, all the donors of the many beautiful floral offerings, the pallbearers, singer Cindy Chavez for their kindness and Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home for their efficient management of the services.

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News in brief

First day back to school for Gaza children after Israel ends operation against Hamas

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Tens of thousands of children wearing uniforms and carrying satchels flocked back to schools in the Gaza Strip on Saturday, days after Israel ended its fierce military operation against the territory's militant Hamas rulers.

Children returning to school presents another step back to normality for Gaza's 1.4 million residents, seven days after a cease-fire was called, ending Israel's 3-week air and ground assault in the tiny coastal territory, aimed at stopping Hamas rocket fire on southern Israel.

The onslaught killed 1,285 Palestinians, including some 280 children, according to the Palestinian Center for Human Rights. Thirteen Israelis, including three civilians, were also killed during the fighting, according to the government.

Along with Gaza's public schools, which have been run by Hamas since it took over the territory in 2007, the scores of schools run by the United Nations reopened their doors to the 200,000 children who attend them.

More than 30 U.N. schools were damaged in the fighting. The schools were also used as makeshift refuges by thousands of Gazans fleeing clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinian militants in border areas, and by others whose homes were destroyed in the fighting.

Crucial U.S.-China ties may face a rocky start early in Obama administration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has said no nation is more important to the United States than China. But ties between the two powers may be off to a rocky start just days into the Obama administration.

In his inaugural address Tuesday, President Barack Obama spoke of how earlier generations Americans had "faced down fascism and communism." China's state broadcaster quickly faded out the audio of its live broadcast, the camera cutting back to a flustered studio anchor.

Then, on Thursday, Obama's choice to lead the Treasury Department, Timothy Geithner, wrote that Obama believes China is "manipulating" its currency, which American manufacturers say Beijing does to make its goods cheaper for U.S. consumers and American products more expensive

Geithner's comments could anger Chinese officials, who closely follow U.S. political rhetoric and frequently decry what they consider foreign interference in China's internal affairs. The United States often criticizes China about human rights and trade abuses, but Washington and Beijing find themselves increasingly intertwined in a host of crucial economic, military and diplomatic efforts.

China's foreign minister, Yang Jiechi, said his country was committed to working with the Obama administration to strengthen ties and cooperation.

U.S. coalition says 15 militants killed in Afghan raid; villagers claim civilians killed

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. coalition said Saturday that an overnight raid killed 15 Taliban militants but village elders who quickly traveled to speak with government officials said the dead were all civilians.

A detailed U.S. statement said multiple teams of militants fired on the coalition forces during a raid in the eastern province of Laghman, including a woman the U.S. said was carrying a rocketpropelled grenade.

"We know the people who were killed were shooting at us," said Col. Greg Julian, the top U.S. spokesman in Afghanistan. "The people who were killed today were running around, maneuvering against our forces, and we killed them."

But Hamididan Abdul Rahmzai, the head of the provincial council in Laghman, said village elders arrived at his office hours after the early morning operation to complain that the 15 killed were innocent civilians.

Danville, Calif., welcoming back Hudson River pilot as a hometown hero

DANVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Friends and neighbors of the pilot who safely landed a crippled jetliner in New York's Hudson River planned to give him a hero's homecoming on Saturday.

The mayor and other officials were preparing to greet US Airways Pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and his family with a ceremony on Danville's town

Sullenberger, who lives in this San Francisco Bay Area suburb, has been lauded nation wide for gliding Flight 1549 to an emergency river landing on Jan. 15 after both of the plane's engines were disabled following a collision with a flock of birds. All 155 passengers and crew members were rescued.

Community members planned to celebrate his feat with music, an honor guard and other presentations.

Afghan female students brave threats and fear, returning to school after acid attacks

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Teenage girls in blue and green burgas pour into the schoolyard, where they pull off their coverings, stuff them in their book bags and head to class. It almost seems as if the acid attacks never happened.

But though classes have resumed, the students. their parents and the school's principal remain on edge two months later. The principal says better security promised by the government hasn't come. Some girls are too afraid to tell reporters their names or let their pictures be taken.

In November, three teams of men on motorbikes sprayed acid from squirt guns and water bottles onto 15 schoolgirls and teachers as they walked to the Mirwais Mena girls school in Kandahar.





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Lessons on economizing by some culinary legends

By JIM ROMANOFF

Times may be tough, but are they tough enough to tempt you with roasted veal's

It may seem small consolation in these rough economic times, but our has country been through this before. And each time, food writers and cooks have offered up their wisdom for keeping food affordable.

To see how many of those lessons still apply today, peeked at some famous — and not so budget cookbooks

from years past for timeless tips on how to stretch a dollar.

You can thank the great food writer MFK Fisher for the veal's head idea. In her 1942 book, "How to Cook a Wolf," she navigated the tricky culinary territory that marked the end Great the Depression and the start of World War

At a time when rationing was de rigueur. Fisher suggested creative economizing. To save energy and time, she suggested cooking twice the amount of rice or pasta needed. The energy cost of cooking a double batch is about the same as a single, plus you have leftovers on hand for easy meals

She even suggests saving the starchy water leftover from cooking pasta. Simmer it with onions and stock to make a "nutritious broth that would shame nobody," she says.

Fisher's recipes use cheap, available ingredients, yet still have a culinary dignity to them. She reminds us of the value of slowly savoring what she calls simple, honest foods, such as her Parisian Onion Soup and Chinese Consomme.

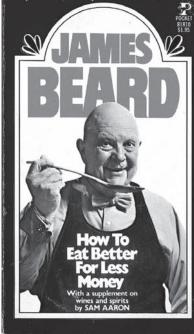
Many of us, however, probably would skip the chance to savor her two ways with veal head (simmered with carrots, celery, onion and lemon or cooked with lemon and white wine, then formed into a loaf).

Food legend James Beard and his brother, Sam Aaron, filled their 1953 book, "How to Eat Better for Less Money.' with practical tips for eating well without spending a lot. And

much of the advice holds

Buy in bulk, but only if you'll actually use everything you buy. Put your competitive side to work and do plenty of comparison shopping. And buy store brands whenever possible.

The brothers also praise what then was still a noveal concept at



(AP Photo/The James Beard Foundation) Food legend James Beard and his brother. Sam Aaron. filled their 1953 book, "How to Eat Better for Less Money," with practical tips for eating well without spending a lot. And much of the advice holds today.

home — the freezer. They called it a "food bank" for making creative meals from leftovers, saving money by cooking in large batches, and saving time by cooking in advance.

Not all their advice was quite so timeless. Thankfully, we no longer need to wonder whether grocers will butcher chickens for us (buying them whole is cheaper). And their view that frozen produce is pricey and of poor quality is dated.

And since the book dates to the days of for good bread and women mostly staying at home, some of the recipes tend to be a bit more involved than we are used to tackling on a weeknight, such as Oiseaux Sans Tetes, a mock stuffed bird made with inexpensive chuck rolled with a pork stuff-

But most cooks today would find the sections on making gourmet hamburgers and "instant meals," such as quick tamale pie with canned chili, beans, olives, a box of corn bread mix, an egg and some tomato juice. entirely approachable.

Beard and Aaron also are fans of a cost-saving technique that really should come back in vogue — using whole birds.

They have a guide for stretching a 16-pound turkey into six meals, including scalloped turkey, curried turkey

wings, turkey divan and turkey Reuben sandwiches.

The economic slowdown of the early 1960s gave us Sylvia Vaughn Thompson's "Economy Gastronomy" and "A Ann Rogers' Cookbook for Poor Poets and Others." In this case, the poets fare better than the gastronomes.

Thompson, daughter of a screenwriter and actress, grew up in Hollywood and had a privileged sense of what it means to economize. According to the jacket copy, she uses "wit, flair and enthu-

siasm" instead of costly cuts of meat.

Entertaining, haps, but probably not particularly filling.

But she does include an economical recipe for pot-roasted brisket from her friend Groucho Marx, and has lots of good advice for dressing up humble food with simple garnishes, such as using pimientos, capers, citrus slices and jellies.

Which brings back that old adage that we eat as much with our eyes as our mouths. A little effort spent gussying up a plate can go a long way to making affordable food feel like an indulgence.

Rogers focuses on creating elegant, satisfying meals from inexpensive foods, while always striving to keep enough of the budget left over

One tip that still holds true — if you don't already have a pantry stocked with seasonings, it can be cheaper to buy pre-seasoned ingredients, such as many canned beans. soup bases and sauces.

Her recipes — such as the red flannel hammade burgers with mashed potatoes and pickled beets are humble, appealing and feel right as our nation once again veers toward comfort foods.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

If you're not dreaming up something new or working on a fresh and fabulous venture, it's not too late. Set aside time for dreaming, scribbling and conjuring up your future. It would be a shame to miss out on the energy of the new moon and annular solar eclipse in Aquarius, which will bring a kiss of luck to the projects you kick

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Resign yourself to get a jump on adventures that will happen in the e a r l y spring. Outdoor

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events such as races, horseback expeditions, golfing tournaments or concerts will hold special appeal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have enjoyed time on your own, but this week you return to a state of blissinterdependence. You're a relationshiptype person at heart and it makes you feel fulfilled to have a purpose in another person's life. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You meet new people all of the time, but the ones you meet today are especially intriguing. You may quickly and casually pursue the relationship with an invitation that is very much of the moment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A stated goal is simply words strung together to make a sentence. You need something more powerful in order to get where you're going. Create vivid mental pictures and play them like a movie in you mind.

tors and the people you want to be like can sometimes be discouraging. Success seems so far away. Just remember that all of those people had to start somewhere. Stay optimistic and you'll progress quickly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's so easy to get off track now with lovely enticements to spark your imagination and friendly people filled with ideas about what

you could do with and for them. Allow yourself a limited time to explore, but do get back on task.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Working and playing with like-minded people is satisfying for you, but it's the ones who are nothing like you that have the most to teach. Don't stick so closely to your flock that you ignore other people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Does it seem that something is making it impossible for you to pursue what you want to be doing? It's even challenging for you to be happy for successful people lately. Relax and decompress. Everything has a time and you will,

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Peer pressure can be a problem at any age, so don't think you've outgrown it. Someone is asking for you to be part of something making weary. As soon as you decline you'll feel much better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The money going out happens so automatically now you hardly keep track of what it is. One transaction will awaken you to the reality of your spending. Then comes a minor adjustment that makes a major difference.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You wonder whether what you wish for is appropriate. Instead of ignoring your desires, it is fortuitous to try and steer them in a manner that might be beneficial to more than just you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are sure of yourself and someone finds your confidence extremely attractive. The connection here is interesting. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's as though you've Looking at your men-known this person before, or maybe it was someone with a similar dvnamic.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Monday brings in the Chinese New Year and welcomes the earth ox. In astrology, Taurus the bull shares many qualities with the ox, however Capricorn is widely associated with the ox as well.

Both Capricorn and Taurus are earth ele-

ments and their energy is amplified with other earth influences.

If the ox follows suit, this will be a powerfully auspicious period. Hard work is indicated, as the ox is known for tenacious productivity.

People who normally wouldn't be bothered to do more than is expected of them will go into hyper drive with fresh ambition.

The catch is that the results of all this industry are not likely to be immediate. The energy is slow and plodding. The steps are small, but they are numerous and necessary to lay the foundation for a different kind of tomorrow. In the months to come it will be so important to remember to celebrate one another.

When the intensity of work verges on obsession, other things, like relationships and the quest for fun and adventure, will not seem as pressing at the moment. It is crucial to make such things a priority. The moments romance and joy are a key contrast to work and will make it all worthwhile.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Soul diva Alicia Keys has the chart of a prodigy with her natal sun, Mercury and Mars in musical Aquarius.

The sun represents her core being, Mercury indicates her powers of communication and Mars speaks to a career course.

The summation of all three of these luminaries in harmonic Aquarius brings good fortune to Keys as she continues to unite listeners in song and spir-

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Friends **FOO**

Dear Margo: My best friend since elementary school (I'll call her CJ) is married to a man I

liked (I'll call him Phil).

have never

E v e n when they dated I considered Phil overbearing and foolish. I pleaded with her

not marry him, but she did. I agreed to be her maid

of honor because I wanted to be a supportive friend. Fast-forward 27 years. Her marriage is, to put

Margo

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it bluntly, a complete disaster. She talks constantly about leaving Phil but won't actually do it.

Phil hasn't worked in four years, even though they are strapped financially.

CJ is the breadwinner, and Phil does absolutely nothing but eat, complain and watch TV. For seven years CJ has been having an affair with a married co-worker. She fantasizes about a

life with this man. Her 16-year-old daughter goes to counseling and regularly has anxiety attacks, which I suspect are from living in a household where verbal abuse and hostility are the norm.

A couple of months ago, during one of their heated arguments, Phil slapped CJ hard across the face, leaving a bruise. CJ also started using me as a "cover" for meetings with her male friend.

That was the limit for me. I told her in no uncertain terms that I would not be a party to this mess. I have not heard from her since. Did I cross the line? Am

I a bad friend? — Missing

My Friend

Dear Miss: For all these years you have been a wonderful friend. It is she who crossed the line, my dear, not you. It is one thing to hang in there watching this train wreck of a marriage and quite another to be asked to supply an alibi for something you cannot condone. In other words, there's

a big difference between being a confidante and being a beard. If she lopped off your friendship because vou couldn't or wouldn't support her illicit activities, that knowledge should help you write finis to this chapter. – Margo, rationally

With This Degree, I Thee Wed? Dear Margo: I have a

23-year-old daughter who is in her third year of medical school.

She has always been levelheaded about most things but has little

experience in the relationship area.

Recently she met a man four years older than she. He is working, stable and seems to be a very nice person based on what she has told me. The problem is he is not educated.

He joined the military right out of high school, served for four years and is now working for the federal government.

In some ways I feel that one's educational level should not matter. In other ways I feel that attending college rounds you out in ways that can't happen without that experience. My daughter is some-

what uncomfortable about the disparity in educational levels, and my husband is quite upset about it.

His feeling is that we have put too much of a premium on education

in our family for my

daughter to even con-

sider dating someone who is not college educated.

Any thoughts on how we should deal with this? — Happy for MyDaughter, but Worried Dear Hap: I suspect

and hope that your daughter's final decision will be based on the intensity of her discomfort, or lack of it, regarding this man's level of education ... not on her father's.

I will tell you this: While college can often enhance a person's intellect and social abilities, there are other ways to acquire that kind of polish.

A number of people without a bachelor's degree read a great deal, get along very well and going back to school.

sometimes wind up I would suggest you husband and your refrain from being any more vocal about this

issue than you already

have been so your daughter can figure things out for herself, which is the way it needs to be.

Sometimes parental "guidance" has the opposite effect from what is intended. Do not ask me how I know this. — Margo, entreatingly

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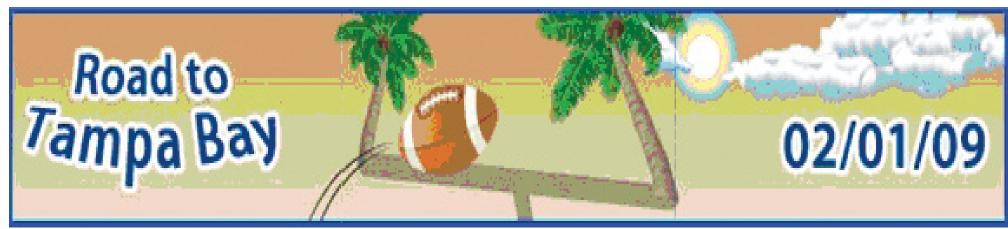
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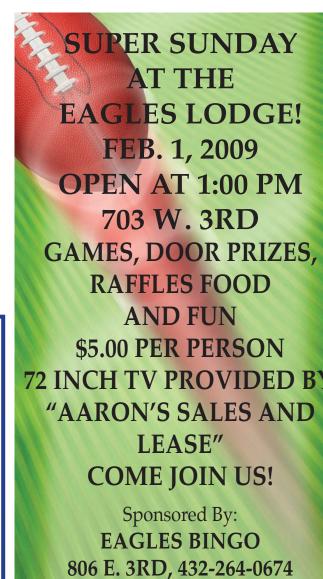
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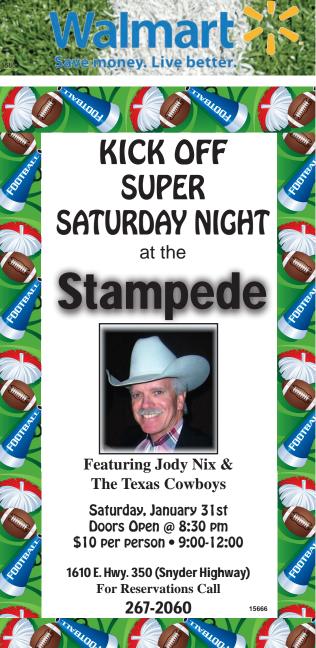
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College financial aid system facing stiff test

By DAVE CARPENTER

AP Personal Finance Writer CHICAGO (AP) — Finding financial aid for college this year promises to be tougher than any final exam.

The quest for money that begins for students and parents every January has taken on new urgency in 2009 amid fears that loans and grants will be scarcer than in the past due to the recession.

"The financing system for college is in real crisis," said Barmak Nassirian, associate executive director of the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers. "Every one of the participants in the system is experiencing hardship — higher education institutions, states, aid donors and families all are cashstrapped."

Federal student loans remain readily available — with some funding even increased recently by Congress. But the prospect that grants and scholarships may be cut at many schools, combined with the shrinking availability of private loans, has fueled widespread angst at a time when more people than ever are seeking help. Applications for federal aid for the current academic year already are running 10 percent above last year's record pace, according to the Department of Education.

Savings held in Section 529 plans the state-sponsored investment funds for college that are popular for their tax breaks — have been depleted by the worst bear market in decades and home equity values have plummeted. That has sapped two sources most tapped by parents to fund their children's higher education. Colleges' endowments have been similarly walloped.

Private student loans are especially hard hit. Last year, 60 private lenders provided \$19 billion to students. Now, 39 of those have stopped lending to students and the remaining firms have made it harder to borrow, according to Finaid.org, a Web site that tracks the industry.

"The stress level is high," said Rod Bugarin, financial aid adviser for the New York-based college consulting firm IvyWise.

Numerous revenue-short states are likely to consider cutting aid in one way or another, and public colleges and universities are expected to raise tuition — in some cases by double digit percentages — as they set rates for next year.

Scholarships from civic groups and local companies across the country also are likely to decline, Bugarin said, although it's too early to know the extent.

What it all means is that families and college counselors are having to hold difficult conversations about reduced savings and the need to take on more debt and lower sights to focus on more affordable schools.

"There are no sure answers because we're in new territory," said Bruce Hammond, a Washington, D.C.-based college admissions consultant and co-author of "The Fiske Guide to Getting into the Right College." "But

students with high need and lesser credentials are going to have to brace themselves for less aid."

Jean Kliphuis, 46, of Huntington, N.Y., is concerned about the tightening vise of college costs and how to pay for them as she studies aid prospects for daughter Katie, a high school senior who has applied to six schools. Jean is a librarian and her husband Tim is self-employed in the office equipment business. As middle-income parents of three children, their tab for college could be overwhelming if they didn't do all their homework on aid options.

"There is money out there, but you have to jump through a lot of hoops to get it," Kliphuis said. "So my husband and I are jumping through the hoops."

The key to success in the "convoluted" financial aid process is good information, she said, and there's lots of it available through schools' aid offices and online at such sites as Collegeboard.com and Princetonreview.com.

Indeed, the news isn't all bad. The federal government has authorized some \$95 billion in grants, loans and work-study assistance to help almost 11 million students and their families pay for college this year, and its recent commitments mean that total will all but certainly be exceeded next year.

"It's scary, but not as scary as people might think," said Lauren Asher of the California-based Institute for College Access and Success, an independent nonprofit

Among the encouraging developments for parents and students:

— The government broadened student borrowing in the midst of the credit crunch, ensuring the continued flow of federal loans that families depend on ahead of costlier private ones. Among other changes, annual borrowing limits for unsubsidized Stafford loans, which students can take out regardless of income, were raised by \$2,000 and parents can now defer repayment of federal loans until after their child leaves school.

Stimulus proposals that would give students more financial aid also are progressing through Congress.

"This certainly has been an unprecedented disruption in the student loan marketplace," said Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of Finaid.org. "But Congress and the Department of Education have acted quickly to avert a crisis."

– No school is known to have withdrawn pledged financial aid this academic year despite financial setbacks that have prompted them to make cuts elsewhere. A number of top institutions, from Harvard, Yale and Duke to smaller institutions with large endowments, announced expanded aid last year and have insisted they will stick to those commitments.

Aid can make a huge difference in affordability. The average list price of tuition and fees for the current academic year is \$6,585 for in-state

students at four-year public universities and \$25,143 at private colleges, with some costing far more. But grants and tax breaks lower the average net price to about \$2,900 at public universities and \$14,900 at private schools, according to the College Board.

 Some students will benefit from the turmoil, especially at colleges with high tuitions and scarce resources.

"These places

continue to jack it up," Hammond said of tuition increases, "so if you can pay the full outrageous fee in this economy, as long as you can walk and chew gum you will be admitted. And if you're pretty good — average, even you might get a \$10,000 merit scholarship."



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Katie Kliphuis, a senior at Walt Whitman High School, poses for a portrait at the school in **Huntington Station, N.Y. The quest for money** that begins for students and parents every January has taken on new urgency in 2009.

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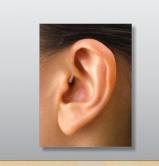
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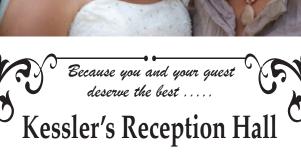
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