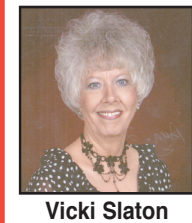




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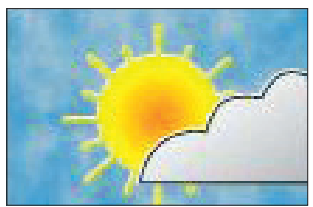


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## Gutierrez indicted for murder

*16 individuals true-billed by Howard County grand jury*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man accused of shooting his wife to death with a 12-gauge shotgun in mid-June has been indicted on charges of murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon by a Howard County grand jury.

Tommy Gutierrez Jr., 48, currently being held in the county jail, was indicted Thursday on charges of murder, a first-degree felony, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony.

Gutierrez allegedly shot his wife, 45-year-old Patricia Ramirez Gutierrez, in the back with a shotgun dur-

ing a domestic dispute during the early morning hours of June 15 at the couple's home in the 1200 block of Sycamore.

According to District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, Gutierrez is also being charged with aggravated

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## Sorry! Our bad

We regret to inform our readers that due to press repairs, the *Big Spring Herald* may be thrown later by carriers than normal, because we are having to print the paper at our sister newspaper plant in Sweetwater.

We apologize to our readers for any inconvenience caused, but we are making repairs to our equipment as quickly as possible.



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A boy chows down during a hot dog eating contest at the Dora Roberts Community Center Friday afternoon. The contest was one of the activities related to KWES-TV's "Under West Texas Skies" tour, which stopped in Big Spring Friday.

## Kentwood Exemplary

*Leads the way for BSISD's improved ratings from TEA*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials were all smiles — or almost so — after the release of the Texas Education Agency's accountability rankings Friday afternoon.

Several district campuses showed improvement over last year in the rankings, which take into account student performance in a variety of areas, including state scholastic aptitude testing and graduation and drop-out rates.

Leading the way was Kentwood Elementary, which nabbed an Exemplary rating — the highest possible — from TEA.

"I'm very proud of our students and our teachers, because they're the ones who did all the work," said Kentwood Principal Dana Byrd. "I think it's just one more step in the direction the district is going as a whole and it means a lot to me that we can show all of Big Spring that the district is moving in the right direction."

This marks the second time in four years Kentwood has

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Byrd

earned Exemplary status.

Other BSISD elementary campuses scored superior ratings as well — Moss, Marcy and Washington elementaries all earned Recognized status, the second-highest possible, from TEA.

Big Spring High School, which had been labeled as Academically Unacceptable by TEA last year, moved back up to Acceptable status in the latest ratings. Also earning Acceptable status was Bauer Elementary and Goliad Middle School.

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## Ratings indicate area schools show academic improvement

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Area schools fared well in the latest round of Texas Education Agency campus ratings.

The ratings, which were released Friday afternoon, measure student performance in a variety of areas, including scholastic aptitude test scores and graduation and drop-out

rates.

All three Coahoma Independent School District campuses earned Recognized status — the second-highest possible. While the elementary campus is no stranger to the superior rating, this marks the first time in several years that the junior high and high school have moved into that exclusive area.

"Our elementary has been Recognized consistently, but our junior high and high school have not been Recognized in awhile, so this is an exciting way to go into the new school year," CISD Superintendent Randy Brown said. "This gives us a little positive momentum."

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# 'A faithful servant of the Lord'

## A friend remembers Bender's contributions to the community

The city of Big Spring has a huge spiritual hole in it with the passing of our dear friend, Everett Bender.

I have never lost a loved one outside the family that put a hole in my heart like Everett. I met Everett shortly after he came to Big Spring. He was an instructor for Dale Carnegie and, through his work, met his wife Evelyn. It was at a Full Gospel Businessmen's meeting that I vividly remember him.

After he and Evelyn were married, he worked several jobs, as Big Spring was not the avenue he had been walking in previously. He even became frustrated at times. He always said during his ministry time, especially to our Sunday morning Bible Study group, that his job was as janitor at Miss Royale. He was the world's best janitor!

I think this is when the Lord really started working on him. He wanted what Evelyn had spiritually. I can remember he often spoke of what he learned from the old timers in the church and Evelyn's continual prayers. I guess it was at this time the springboard of his spiritual life began.

He established the Christian Training Center in 1995. He would hold monthly community Bible study/seminars, and when it had run its course, the Lord seemed to guide him in different spiritual opportunities. He then formed a Sunday morning Bible study meeting that was still active after he was diagnosed with cancer, until a few months back. We met at 9:15 a.m. at Miss Royale. His teaching touched so many lives and he will always have a spot in the heart of many

residents of Big Spring and elsewhere.

Through the Christian Training Center, the Kingdom Leadership Group was birthed in 2003. It started with a few businessmen who desired a deeper walk with the Lord and an enriched prayer life. They came from all denominations and various types of business.

This began a bonding of these businessmen. At the beginning of each year, the ones participating selected others they thought would benefit from his training and his message on prayer. This was successful and continued, even after Everett was diagnosed with cancer. In fact, he continued until he could not speak clearly. It is my prayer that one of these men will pick up the torch and continue this ministry; what a legacy to Everett' memory.

Everett and I had a really fine relationship going. I think it all started with the National Day of Prayer. He would ask me to do some small task, and as time passed, the calls came pretty regularly. During periodic luncheons, he wanted me there to assist in those famous name tags and registration.

He was very involved with the Hurricane Katrina relief program set up by the wonderful volunteers of Big Spring. Our mayor was so proud of this group of volunteers for the speedy handling of Katrina survivors' needs, preparing for their needs right on their arrival by bus. It was at this time that the Faith Based Task Force was formed by Everett to involve the churches to serve the victims/survivors of Katrina. I still have that contact group and call on them as needed.

He was a faithful servant of the Lord. He walked what he talked — a man of prayer always willing to pray no matter where or when.

For instance, when I was in Denver in 2003, I



Everett Bender with his wife, Evelyn.

was there three months with my little sister dealing with cancer. He called once a week, if not twice a week at times, checking on Letha and me. Sorry to say my pastor at that time only called once in the whole three months.

Then, when I had knee surgery in '06, I was in Midland Memorial and he came twice, my pastor just once. In rehab he came once and called often. He even asked if I needed anything or wanted anything.

I said I'd like an apple, but that I would need a knife.

He said, "Don't worry, you will have an apple." I think it was the next day a friend of his in Midland brought me apples, a paring knife and some other goodies. I had the pleasure of meeting her again at his passing last week.

That was Everett, a man after God's heart!

It was opportunities to serve the Lord, such as those above, that I would receive a call from him, asking, "Do you love me?"

I would naturally say, "Yes," and he would then tell me he had a task for me. This went on and on, until eventually it was, "How much do you love me?" And then the one I laughed and cried at was when he sang to me, "Have I told you lately that I love you?" Boy, I knew it must be a big one, and it was the Alon explosion thanksgiving. That was our working relationship, and this is why I have a big hole in my heart.

The Sunday before his death, he'd been at work. The next morning when I walked in, he gave me a sheet of paper that had the names of family, friends, Kingdom Leadership and others. He tried to tell me

something and though I could not understand what he was saying, I knew he wanted me to contact those named. That was Everett!

I have asked the Kingdom Leadership men and pastors to write a few lines remembering Everett and how he touched their lives.

The thing that Joel Miller remembers about Everett was his praying for Miller in spite of his own condition. "He was always so upbeat and confident of his healing through prayer. Like Bro. Cotton said, 'Our prayers were answered for Everett, just not the way we wanted.' His influence on me has shaped my life a lot in the last five years."

Pastor Wayne Frost wrote: "Everett was one of the first people of the community to greet me when we arrived here over five years ago. He attended my installation as pastor and prayed for our church when we began our evening prayer services. He was a powerful source of encouragement during some dark times in my life. His one prayer was for unity among churches and their leaders — for God's kingdom to come and His will be done among us in Big Spring. When the Kingdom Leadership Group heard his diagnosis, we gathered around to encourage him, and I told him that he was the kind of man I wanted to be. That still stands! Someone like him comes along once in a generation. We were blessed. Thanks for Evelyn for praying him into the Christian faith."

Chief of Police Lonnie Smith wrote: "When I first met Everett Bender, he had come to me to lead the public in the Pledge of Allegiance at the first National

Day of Prayer. He was so full of enthusiasm and hope for our community. His fervor was catching and spread. He was a person you could not turn down, no matter what. The other reason you could not turn him down was he only asked for things that would benefit the community, not for personal gain or praise. He grew to be one of the few people I felt I could turn to and talk with no matter what the topic. When the local law enforcement lost its chaplain, he stepped forward and led a rally to create a new chaplaincy program which would be bigger and encompass more chaplains than we had before. No matter what you needed, he was there beside you, and offering to lead with prayer for the answer and it helped. I've never seen one person have as big a heart and love for this community. His earthly presence will be missed. He touched and guided many of us in his time with us. We have many lessons of life to grow with, thanks to his love for us and this community."

Dr. Rudy Haddad wrote: "Because of Everett, my prayer life is much richer, frequent and rewarding. Because of Everett, I spend more quality time with God every day. I lost my father at the tender age of 16, so the word father was not in my lexicon. Because of Everett, I now truly feel that God is my Father in heaven, and my relationship with him became a father-son relationship. As you can imagine, this has enriched my life immensely. To me, Everett is the true example of how to be Christ-like, meaning Christian."

Mayor Russ McEwen

wrote: "Everett Bender was a beacon for the cause of Christ. His positive influence will be sorely missed and I can only pray that there will be Christians who will step up and try to fill the void that Everett's passing has created. I know that it will take more than one person, because Everett took on the tasks of many and completed them without complaint. Everett was a friend and mentor to so many in Big Spring. He left a legacy that will be remembered for decades. We will always remember him and embrace all that he did for everyone in Big Spring."

Roy Don Beauchamp wrote: "Everett was the perfect example of a man. He was always trying to do something for someone. He was the most helpful man there was. He was my mentor and best friend. He was gentle but firm. He will be really missed. I loved him like a father!"

I have to share this, because it is so funny. Everett was always so properly dressed, like stepping out of Sachs Fifth Avenue.

Well, one day he was working in the yard, and I can't remember for sure why he was digging, I think he was planting something and he hit the sprinkler water line. At just that time, Roy Don turned the corner with some burritos he thought he would share with Everett. Roy Don said it was the funniest thing, Everett was wet and covered with mud. Can't you see that? But the timing of the Lord, with Roy Don arriving was perfect. He turned the water off and I think they had their burritos, then fixed the damage. Everett told us about it the following Sunday morning at

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# Obituaries

## Ralph Wilson Gossett

Ralph Wilson Gossett passed away July 31, 2009, in Midland, at the age of 92. A graveside service will be held at the Grassland Cemetery at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3.

Ralph Wilson Gossett was born Jan. 4, 1917, on the family farm west of Post to Ed Lee and Sarah Gossett. He graduated from Post High School and later from Texas Technological College in 1939 with a B.B.A degree in business administration. At Texas Tech Ralph met his future wife and the love of his life, Edith Barnett. With the advent of World War II, Ralph joined U.S. Army Counter-Intelligence Corps. On Kentucky Derby Day, May 3, 1942, Ralph and Edith married in Kansas City, Kan.

After the war, Ralph and Edith settled temporarily in Lubbock for several years, and permanently in Big Spring in 1955. Ralph was an insurance agent until his retirement in 2006. Ralph was a past president of the Big Spring Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. Ralph loved to read (especially history), jogging, farming and flying. Ralph and Edith had a large circle of friends with whom they loved to travel.

Ralph was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years; his parents; his brothers, Ed Gossett, Hugh Gossett and Dr. James Gossett; and his sisters, Madge Mathias Webb, Kate McFarling and Enid Gossett. He is survived by his children, Greg Gossett and wife, Leslie, of San Angelo, Robert Gossett and wife, Diane, of Prosper and Ellen Gossett of Midland; his grandchildren, Stephen Gossett, Sarah Cypert and husband, Wade, Allison Chapman and husband, Matt, Jared Gossett and wife, Leslie, and Jeffrey Gossett; and nieces and nephews, all for whom he cared deeply.

There are too many names to mention, but the family gives special thanks to the staffs of Royal Estates in San Angelo and the Manor Park Mabee Healthcare Center in Midland for their loving care of Ralph.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to First United Methodist Church of Big Spring, your local Alzheimer's Association or a charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be left at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid obituary*

## H.W. 'Bill' Sublett

H.W. "Bill" Sublett, 90, of Houston, formerly of Big Spring died in Houston. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 3, 2009, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with Chaplain Scott Jimenez of the VA Medical Center officiating.

He was born June 16, 1919, in Cisco.

He will be buried next to Lorraine, his wife of 50 plus years. She preceded him in death on Aug. 28, 2001.

Bill was a decorated ex-prisoner of war, serving his country in the United States Marine Corps. He was captured on Corregidor during World War II where he was held captive for 3 1/2 years. Bill was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

He is survived by his two children, Delores and Fulton.

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

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

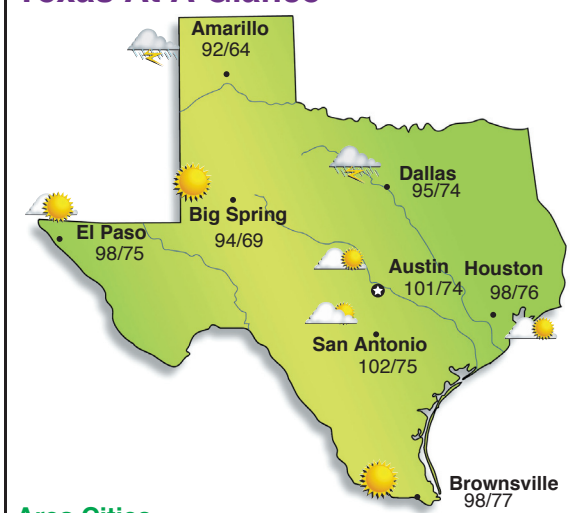
- JOHN FLORES JR., 44, 1517 Sycamore, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- DANA LOCKHART, 25, 1302 W. Leatherwood, was arrested on a local warrant.
- EUFEMIO ORTIZ JR., 17, 1401 S. Aylesford, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported in the 2000 block of Runnels.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported on 14<sup>th</sup> Street and the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1200 block of 11<sup>th</sup>.

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Beaumont	93	75	cloudy	Lubbock	94	70	sunny
Brownsville	98	77	sunny	Lufkin	95	75	t-storm
Brownwood	97	72	t-storm	Midland	94	73	sunny
Corpus Christi	98	80	pt sunny	Raymondville	102	78	sunny
Corsicana	93	72	t-storm	Rosenberg	98	75	pt sunny
Dallas	95	74	t-storm	San Antonio	102	75	cloudy
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El Paso	98	75	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	92	73	t-storm
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### Schwartz-Nichols

Christine Marie Schwartz and Justin Wayne Nichols of Midland are planning to be married at 6 p.m. Oct. 17, 2009, at the Villa De Cortez in Weslaco. A reception will follow.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Wayne and Belinda O. Schwartz of Rio Grande City. She is the granddaughter of paternal grandparents the late Reinhart and Myrtle Schwartz of San Antonio and maternal grandparents Benilde Olivarez and the late Rogerio Olivarez of Rio Grande City.

The groom-elect is the son of Darrell and Sheri Nichols of Big Spring. He is the grandson of paternal grandparents Dorothy and Charles Bailey and the late Wayne Nichols and maternal grandmother Pat Sides, all of Big Spring.

Schwartz, a 2001 alumnus of Rio Grande City High School, is a 2005 cum laude graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., where she earned a bachelor of science degree in both sociology and communication studies. In 2008, she earned a doctorate of juris prudence from Texas Tech School of Law. She is currently employed as an associate attorney with Morales & Navarrete in Midland, working primarily in criminal defense and family law.

Nichols, a 2001 alumnus of Big Spring High School, is a 2005 cum laude graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in history. In 2008, he earned a doctorate of juris prudence from Texas Tech School of Law. He is currently self-employed as an attorney and petroleum landman in Pecos.



Justin Wayne Nichols and Christine Marie Schwartz

## Who's Who

Permian Basin Area Foundation announced \$202,125 in scholarship awards during its 13<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship dinner, held July 23 at the Midland County Horsehoe.

Among the awards and recipients were:

### Big Spring

DeAnn N. Martinez, Association of Energy Service Companies Scholarship.  
Michael B. Steelman, Frank Cowden Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

Daniel E. Budke and Rory K. Matthews, Marie Hall Scholarship.

Daniel E. Budke and Tori N. Gauer, Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship.

### Coahoma

Ashley L. Martin, Cap Rock Energy Scholarship.

Jovi A. Paniagua, Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship.

### Gail

Anna Katherine Froman, Marie Hall Scholarship.

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### Garden City

David C. Schwartz, Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship.

### Knott

Logan Gaskins, Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship.

### Lenorah

Kaitlyn J. Blocker, Cap Rock Energy Scholarship.

Benjamin J. Kennady, J. Alez and Roby Haggard Scholarship.

Lindsey Chavez and Justin Tubbs, Grace Loveless Jones Scholarship.

Kaitlyn J. Blocker, Johnny Peugh Memorial Scholarship.

### Stanton

Brennan R. Harp, Jonathan Ireton, Kelly Sloan and Rachel L. Simpson, John Connell Scholarship.

Angelica Moreno, Bob and Dorothy Deavenport Scholarship.

Naomi C. DeLao and Stephen A. Reyes, Marie Hall Scholarship.

Stephen A. Reyes and Jonathan Tunnell, Clayton Welch Henson Memorial Scholarship.

Michael O. Church, Bob and Bobbie Hill Scholarship.

Donald Fulton, Travis Jezek and Laci Luna, Grace Loveless Jones Scholarship.

Joe B. Bryand, Jimmie and Dorothy Mashburn Scholarship.

Robert J. Noland, Dan and Billye Saunders Scholarship.

Ramsey Fleckenstein, Stanton Lions Club Scholarship.

Naomi C. DeLao and Eva H. Dyck, Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship.

Eva H. Dyck, J.M. Yater Memorial Scholarship.

### Tarzan

Lauren P. Robinson, Della and Tom Campbell Family Scholarship.

Lauren P. Robinson, Clayton Welch Henson Memorial Scholarship.

### Welch

Lori E. Straley, Marie Hall Scholarship.

Kyle Lloyd Newton of Conroe graduated from Texas A&M University May 15, 2009, from the Dwight Look School of Engineering with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He is a member of Chi Epsilon National Civil Engineering Honor Society.

Kyle is a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2006 graduate of Howard College.

He is the son of Marcia Newton and the late D.L. Newton of Big Spring and the grandson of Jean Newton and the late David Newton of Big Spring and Dora Jerpe and the late Raymond Jerpe of Fresno, Calif.

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## Reunions

### Class of 1959

Coordinators for the Big Spring High School Class of 1959 50<sup>th</sup> year reunion scheduled for Sept. 18 and 19 are seeking information on the following BSHS grads. Anyone with information should contact Pat Rogers Anderson at 267-6143 or by e-mail at pja01@suddenlink.net

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Wesley Phillips  
Amelia Rosas Johnson  
Marvin Simmons  
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Lougenia Smith

Langdale  
Nell Sneed Bronaugh  
Shirley Thurman  
McPhaul  
Mary Jane Trego  
DeLozier  
Sylvia Valdez

### Class of 1968

The BSHS Class of '68 will be combining their 41st reunion with the Class of '69 during Homecoming this fall. The Class of '68 needs help with updating addresses of classmates. Anyone with information can contact Jeanie Johnson Knocke at (432) 263-1757 or e-mail Nancy Mathis Marshall at nmarshall@suddenlink.net. The following classmates addresses need updating:

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Myrla Benjamin  
Ardelia Brown  
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Chapple Burns  
Robert Boren  
Melissa Cunningham  
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Debney Estes Farris  
Fred Fielder  
Leonard Evans  
Gay Williams Garcia  
Joe Haro  
Carol Knight

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Johnny Hardeman  
Gilbert Hernandez  
John Hernandez  
Nora Hernandez  
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Keila Hill  
Jamie Hulan  
Randy Hurrington  
Marla Jackson Hickman

Brian Jenkins  
Terry Jenkins  
Debra Jimenez  
Arva Jones  
Jimmie Jones  
Charles Leyva  
Bill Little  
Ronald Little  
Angela Loftis  
Cheryl Loper  
Mary Loper  
Celina Lucio  
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Mark Madigan  
Mark Martin  
Lawrence Martinez  
Antonio Mata  
Dianne Mayo  
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Kirona Montgomery  
Maria Moreno  
Roberta Morgan  
Larry Marrow  
Cynthia Mullins  
John Murray

Peggy Lecroy  
Theresa Majors  
Ray Meek  
Beverly Merrick  
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Danny Nichols  
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Toinette Rains Griford

Reggie Robertson  
Greg Shepherd  
Calessa Smith  
Charles "Little Chuck" Smith  
Linda Switzer Wolf  
Carl Van Vleet  
Larry Watkins  
James Webb  
Greg Willis  
Ray Worsham  
Helena Wozencraft

Class of 1979  
Big Spring High School Class of 1979 is having its 30-Year Reunion Sept. 18-19. We are still missing information on several classmates. Please contact Cheryl Carter Joy at joycheryl79@hotmail.com (432) 267-7755 or Debby Salazar Valverde at debbyev@bigspringchamber.com if you have any information on any of the following people:

Deborah Adams  
Pedro Amaro Jr.  
Yolanda Arriaga  
Annetta Baker  
Jimmie Barrier  
Terri Beard  
James Bedford  
Brenda Begley  
Dale Brown  
Jim Brown  
Steven Bryant  
Teresa Burroughs  
Connie Butler  
Scott Campbell  
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Police and Emergency Medical Service personnel responded to the scene of a one-vehicle rollover on S. Highway 87 Friday morning. Reports stated that the vehicle left the roadway and ended up in the ravine east of Comanche Trail Lake. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries.

## INDICTED

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assault with a deadly weapon because he threatened a second family member with the shotgun after shooting Patricia Gutierrez.

According to police reports, officers with the Big Spring Police Department responded to the home at approximately 1:40 a.m.

"The victim was shot once in the back with what is believed to have been a 12-gauge shotgun," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, following the altercation. "The investigation into the shooting revealed the victim had allegedly been shot by her husband, who fled

the scene prior to officers' arrival."

Several hours later, Gutierrez — who is originally from Loraine — turned himself in to police officers at the Troy M. Hogue Law Enforcement Center, where he was taken into custody and charged with murder.

If found guilty, Gutierrez faces five to 99 years to life in prison, while the aggravated assault charges carry a sentence ranging from two to 20 years in prison. Both charges also carry a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Indictments were also handed down for the following individuals during the grand jury:

- Clifford Leon Anglin, 25, currently in the county jail, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony)

and aggravated robbery (first-degree felony).

- Pedro Chavarria, 39, of 1210 Marijo, theft — more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000 (third-degree felony, enhanced), possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony, enhanced) and burglary of a building (third-degree felony, enhanced).

- Ernest Garcia Jr., 37, of 2001 Runnels, possession of a controlled substance (first-degree felony, enhanced), burglary of a habitation (two counts, both first-degree felonies, enhanced), burglary of a building (third-degree felony, enhanced).

- Clint Rankin Elliott, 46, of 202 Circle Dr., driving while intoxicated (first-degree felony, enhanced).

- Leslie Luciana Li-

mones, 26, of 305 E. Fifth St., possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (first-degree felony).

- William St. Girard Thom Jr., 26, of 305 E. Fifth St., possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony) and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (first-degree felony).

- Jesse Rodriguez Lopez, 41, currently in the county jail, delivery of a controlled substance (third-degree felony, enhanced) and forgery (third-degree felony, enhanced).

- Eduviges Hernandez Marquez, 50, of 2345 N. Moss in Odessa, theft by check (state jail felony) and theft of livestock — less than 10 head, less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).

- Dustin Noble, 18, of Coahoma, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

- Dylan Lane Thurman, 18, of 506 N. Second St. in Coahoma, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

- John Steven Renfro, 42, currently in the county jail, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony, enhanced).

- Johnny Juan Smithwick, 42, of 207 W. 17th St., driving while intoxicated (second-degree felony, enhanced).

- Juan Manuel Borunda, 18, of 803 E. Third St. Apt. C in Roswell, N.M., graffiti — place of worship (state jail felony).

- Jon Paul Proctor, 31, of 1804 Dixie, aggravated sexual assault of a child (two counts, both first-degree felonies).

- Amador Rios Jr., 28, of 1200 Dogwood, evading arrest (state jail felony).

## AREA

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Brown said there was no secret to the campuses' success.

"It's not a result of anything specific we did; it's just a result of hard work on the part of students, staff and parents," he said. "But we do have some initiatives in place to help us improve our scores even more in the future."

CISD earned a district rating of Academically Acceptable.

At Forsan, Elbow Elementary earned an Exemplary rating — the highest possible — from TEA, while the high school/junior

high campus was rated Academically Acceptable, a step down from the previous year.

FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said the high school's completion rate — 83.8 percent of the Class of 2008 graduated on time — was responsible for the down-tick in the ratings.

"We had to have a completion rate of 90 percent to qualify for Recognized status," Johnson said.

Johnson offered congratulations to students and staff at Elbow and promised increased effort at the high school/junior high to bring that campus' rating back up.

"For the second year

in a row for Elbow to be rated as Exemplary and that's a wonderful thing," Johnson said. "As for the high school/junior high, all the numbers were very good with the exception of that one category. Of the 16 categories that TEA studied to compile their ratings, our (high school/junior high) students were Exemplary in 12 areas, Recognized in three areas and Academically Acceptable in one."

FISD earned a district rating of Academically Acceptable.

Other area school districts' ratings include:

- Glasscock ISD — The elementary and

secondary campuses both earned Exemplary ratings, while the district was given Recognized status.

- Stanton ISD — The elementary campus earned Recognized status, while the middle school and high school both were rated as Academically Acceptable, the same rating given to the district.

- Sands CISD — Both the district and campus earned Exemplary ratings.

- Grady ISD — Both the district and campus earned Exemplary ratings from TEA.

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Elva Chavera, 62, of Big Spring, died Tuesday. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial followed at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ruth Katherine Slate Brock, 85, died Wednesday. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial followed at Westbrook Cemetery in Westbrook, Texas.

Roger Lee Edwards, 53, of Big Spring, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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**Who's Who**

Jessica F. Stone, a 2009 Big Spring High School graduate, has been named the recipient of this year's Permian Presidential Scholarship Award from the Permian Honor Scholarship Foundation.

The daughter of Rebecca Stone of Big Spring, Jessica was awarded a \$15,600 scholarship to attend the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, where she plans to major in biology.

To qualify for the scholarship award, Stone had to rank in the top 2 percent of her graduating class and score a minimum of 29 on the

ACT or 1,200 on the SAT college entrance exams.

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Amanda Stuckel graduated June 6 with a 4.2 plus average for all four years from Trinity Christian High School in South Bend, Ind. She was also a member of her high school basketball team that won the state championship for two years. She was the recipient of the Lily Scholarship, a \$200,000, four-year college scholarship. She will attend St. Mary College in South Bend, Ind.

She is the granddaughter of Ray and Rose Stuckel of Big Spring.

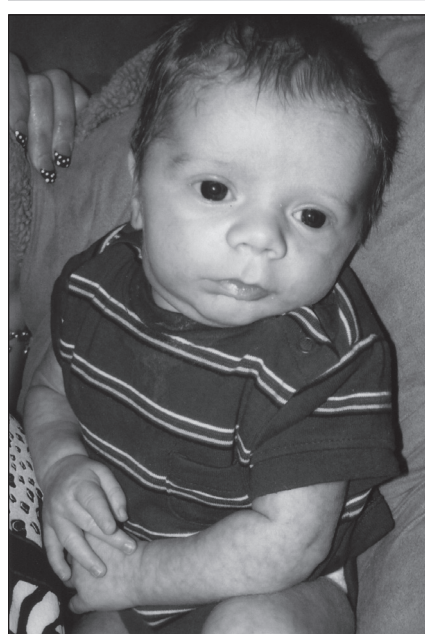
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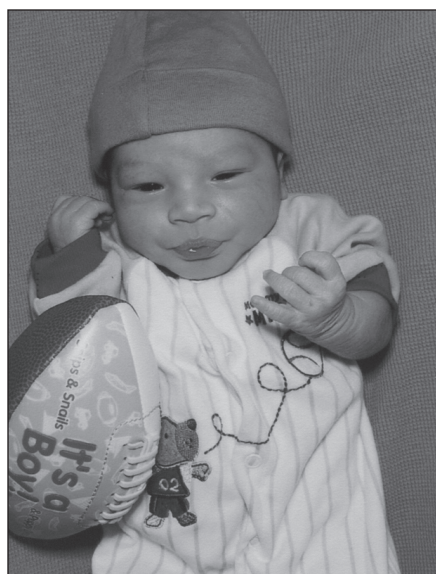


**Ty Tanner Sanders**

Tanner and Shaina Sanders of Odessa announce the birth of their son, Ty Tanner Sanders, born at 3:27 p.m. May 22, 2009, weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long.

He is the grandson of Terry and Cindy Sanders of Big Spring, Robert Pringle of Joquin and Fred and Susan Zellars of Odessa.

Ty was welcomed home by his two-year-old big sister, Rylie.



**Adam Gabriel Rubio**

Gilbert and Marissa Rubio Jr. announce the birth of their son, Adam Gabriel Rubio, born at 12:26 a.m. June 30, 2009, weighing

7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Margarita Yanez of Big Spring and the late Margarito O. Yanez Sr. His paternal grandparents are Gilbert and Martha Rubio Sr. of Big Spring.

Adam was welcomed home by big sister Gabriella.



**Trenton J. Thixton**

Clay and Aubrey Thixton of Ackerly announce the arrival of their son, Trenton J. Thixton, born at 3:45 p.m. Friday, July 10, 2009, weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Montie and Alison Foster of Ackerly and his paternal grandparents are Wesley and Betty Thixton of Big Spring.

Trenton was welcomed home by sibling Tucker and Truett Thixton.

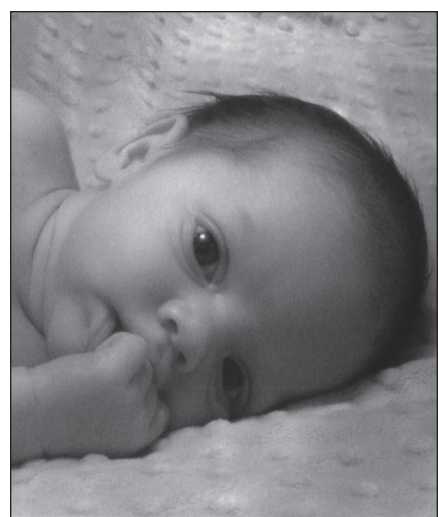
**Annalisa Lainett Michelle Ascona**

April Michelle Silguero of San Marcos and Enrique Ascona Jr. of Austin announce the arrival of their daughter, Annalisa Lainett Michelle Ascona, born at

9:58 p.m. July 26, 2009, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Gregorio Silguero and JoAnna Silguero. Her paternal grandparents are Enrique and Agapita Ascona.

Annalisa was welcomed home by sibling Enrique Ascona IV and April Michelle Silguero.



**Bransen Lee Beckham**

Ben and Brandi Beckham of Big Spring announce the birth of their son, Bransen Lee Beckham at 6:41 p.m. June 19, 2009, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and 20-1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Sharon Plantt of Big Spring, Monte and Audrey Beckham of Shallowater and Tama Beyer of Lubbock. Grandparents are Merv and Kathie Hayner of Boerne, Karrell and Glenda Humphries of Riverside and Merle and Maxine Johnson of Glendale, Ariz.

He was welcomed home by big brother Brenden.

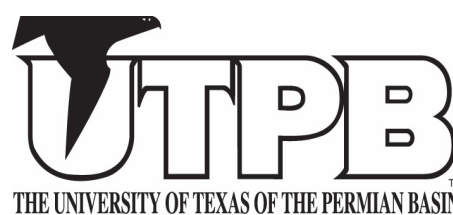
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- T F 6** *Most victims of family violence are not seriously injured.*
- T F 7** *If a battered women would leave her abuser, she'd be safe.*
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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEW

# Girl Scouts really need place of own

It's not often that a reader's letter to the editor prompts an editorial in this space, reflecting the views of the entire Big Spring Herald Editorial Board, but a couple of weeks ago, Erica Partlow-Melton's message proved to be an exception.

So, we're going to include her letter again.

She wrote, "I have had the most wonderful experience of my life this year. I had a beautiful baby girl, settled into my own home and spent some of time volunteering for the Girl Scouts.

"I was a Girl Scout for many years as a young girl and had a truly inspirational leader who changed the direction of my life.

"In our community with all of the gangs, drugs and shootings, our community needs to work together to give youth opportunities to change the path of their futures.

"I am writing this because, in the past, the Girl Scouts had their own Girl Scout Hut. Unfortunately they no longer have that facility.

"The First Baptist Church of Big Spring graciously offers space for the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to meet weekly during the year, and have for years, from what I understand.

"I am asking the great citizens of Big Spring to help out the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest (the new name of Girl Scouts of the Permian Basin) with a donation of an empty building that would be cleaned, updated and well cared for by the Girl Scouts of Howard County.

"With Girl Scouts growing at a fast pace here, having a place to craft, create and grow is what we are looking for.

"If anyone has any suggestions for a new home for the Girl Scouts, please let me know. Again, thanks to Big Spring for supporting all of our local youth charities, especially Girl Scouts. They are our future."

The bottom line, is that we couldn't agree more.

With the number of empty buildings and office spaces we have in this community, surely one of them could be made available so local Girl Scouts have a place to call their own.

So we want to urge local property owners who can, to answer that call. You'll be doing not only the girls of our community, but everyone else a big favor.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Today, may we make a commitment to You, Lord, and start living a blessed life.

Amen

# Wilbur's girlfriend a true blonde

As most of you already know, I recently became single when my wife of 40-plus years, Maggie May, ran off to Mexico with an Oreck vacuum cleaner salesman. The whole dang mess came as a surprise, I have to tell ya, and I s'pose I should have been suspicious, what with all the new-fangled vacuum attachments she'd been flauntin' around, but some things tend to just pass ol' Wilbur by, if ya know what I mean.

With divorce behind me and my years with Maggie set firmly in the past, I decided a few weeks ago to once again take up dating. Not that me and my lil' June Bug aren't just happy as a couple of clams on our own, cause God knows things around the ol' homestead have been quieter since Maggie and her cat, DaVinci, ran off.

However, we both decided it'd be nice to have a lady around from time to time, so the search began.

Now, June Bug is all over that there Internet like white on rice, and she signed me up for a couple of different dating services, included some Yahoo deal and something called eHarmony, where I had to answer about a million questions before they'd even set me up with someone.

Despite being overweight, partially bald and rather partial to overalls — I got denim overalls for my everyday affairs, and a pair of black ones for special, more formal events — an ol' widow lady from Sand Springs

sent me a message and wanted to go out on a date.

Lookin' at her pictures on her Internet profiles, she — her name's Sally, by the way — had the purdiest blond hair I do believe I've ever seen, and having spent so many years with a brunette, I figured I was getting off on the right foot.

Needless to say, I was shocked when we met in person for the first time and she had brown hair. She told me she was sick of all them dumb blond jokes and had decided to dye her hair.

Things went well, and not too long ago, we decided to take a trip to see some of her friends in South Texas.

Let me tell ya, that there is some beautiful country, all green and full of trees, nothin' like it is out here in West Texas.

On the way back, we passed by a field where an old cowboy was tending to the biggest dang flock of sheep this ol' country boy had ever seen. Sally wanted to stop and talk to the sheep's owner and get a closer look at the cute li'l fellers, so I eased my truck over to the shoulder of the road.

"Those are the cutest li'l sheep I've ever seen," Sally gushed to the ol' cowboy, who just smiled. "You sure do have a lot of them."

"Yes ma'am, some days it seems like too many," said the cowboy.

"I have a wager for ya. If I can guess the exact number of sheep you have out here, will you let me pick one out and take it back home with me?" she asked, puttin' on the purdiest smile she

could. Needless to say, i was dang happy we'd decided to take the pickup for this trip.

The ol' cowboy laughed and looked at how spread out the sheep were. He musta figured there was no way she'd get it right, so he nodded in agreement. Sally stood there starin' out over the field for another 30 second or so, then she blurted out, "There's 313 sheep out there."

The cowboy was shocked. "Yes ma'am, that's exactly how many sheep I have out here. How in the world did you do that?" he asked, but it was too late, as Sally was already busy pickin' out her sheep.

A few minutes later, she found the purdiest, most playful and friendly sheep among the bunch.

"I'll take this one," she said, wrappin' her arms around the furry li'l feller. The cowboy grinned wide.

"Ma'am, I have a wager for you," he said, thick with Texas twang. "If I can guess your real hair color, will you give me back my dog?"

*Wilbur T. Hogg is a genuine son of West Texas, esquire and bonafide, with degrees in cactus rasslin', tumbleweed paintin' and country-based logic, at least in the mind of Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins. Send your questions, comments or just round' about musings to Hogg at wilburhogg@suddenlink.net or snail-mail them in care of the Big Spring Herald to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720.*



## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Today (July 26) is a big day. Today we make a 140-mile journey to deliver an autographed Hawks baseball to Jonathan Baggett, Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth.

Six months ago J.B. was an outstanding soccer player in North Richland Hills. At 17 he was 150 pounds of endurance and speed and then, suddenly, one day he felt tired. Nothing more, nothing less ... just tired.

Doctors found leukemia and the nightmare began. Treatment involving chemotherapy was followed by several operations to correct other issues, including massive infections from leaks in his intestine. And more recently infection in the brain.

The diagnosis and treatment were each in the early stages while the Hawks were in Fort Worth at the regional tournament, and through the family of Hawks' pitcher Chase Adams, we were introduced to one of the assistant coaches. I took a moment and requested an autographed baseball in hopes of introducing some emotional support for J.B.

"We'll take care of it," was the young coach's reply and then it was time for the game to start and we've not talked to each other again. He had other things on his mind and it would have been understandable if he'd simply forgotten our conversation.

The doctors have since that time told the family how close

we all came to losing Jon as his weight dipped below 100 pounds in a matter of a few weeks.

The promised baseball and a team photo were delivered to us by Chase and his mother recently and today it makes its way to J.B.

We are thankful we even have the opportunity to deliver the baseball and for that we rejoice. For those who wonder if prayers are answered, J.B. is an example of someone who needed all the prayers and all the top-notch medical care he could get to survive.

Today, he remains in the hospital. He isn't out of the woods by any stretch of our imagination but after basically a month of being sedated while doctors fought for his life, Jon is back among us, communicating and doing limited rehab.

The gesture on the part of the Hawks is appreciated ... some of the young men who signed that baseball will never understand how much their simple signatures can mean to another athlete. Moments of kindness cross athletic boundaries from baseball to soccer as easily as a smile between life-long friends. They are like family by simply being athletes.

This is simply a letter from a step-grandfather that attempts to communicate how appreciative we are for J.B.'s survival and for the gesture on the part of the Hawks family.

Winning a national championship was nice! But we'll remember the Hawks for another reason.

GARY EDWARDS  
SPORTS EDITOR  
MINEOLA MONITOR

TO THE EDITOR:

Lately we have been noticing a change in Big Spring. On two different occasions my wife and I have gone out to a restaurant and we have been caught by a man asking for someone to feed his family.

Each time he has a story with it and it always starts out the same way, that they are coming back from San Antonio and were pulled over by a DPS officer who asked him to get out of the car and when he did, he left his wallet on the top and drove off losing his drivers license and all his money.

However, each time we have heard the story the ending has changed, one time he was going home to Lubbock and the next time it was Amarillo. Each time he has caught us it has been where no one can see on the side of the building or has us blocked in between two different vehicles.

My wife and I both have felt very uncomfortable around him. Something always seems to be not exactly right about his

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### NEW DOCTORS IN TOWN



Courtesy photo

Dr. Carlos Ricaldi, with scissors, and Dr. John Lang, center, participate in a ribbon cutting in their honor this past week at Malone and Hogan Clinic, hosted by Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

### Energy Watch



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



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

Well, so much for the bears and that head and shoulder top they ranted and raved about only two weeks ago. That old, widely known chart formation of the DJIA meant, as we were told by purist technicians, that basically the end of the Western world was upon us.

Now, nine days later, both the DJIA & S&P 500 are up 12 percent. Obviously, the bears and sidelined cash decided that if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. We appreciate the help, but our advice, as we joined the bullish camp back in March, is not to "join 'em" at this level but enjoy the ride and wait for a decent, normal pullback before adding to long positions. The risk/reward ratio at these levels looks too dicey for us.

In our opinion, the main fundamental reason for the recent surge has been much better than projected second quarter earnings, but we feel that game is getting old and should end soon. But, it is also clear that momentum remains very positive here and of course we respect that. So, if the market is able to quickly catch its breath and continue up, then we will join it again.

However, at the moment we feel some caution is in order. Today, there are some very important uncertainties facing investors. For the stock market, the biggest uncertainty remains just how good the economic recovery will be doing in 2010. Another big uncertainty is just how things will go in Washington, where we have a major health care program as the current big, hot button. The cap and trade legislation also has most in a state of confusion, as do probable future tax hikes on the "rich" and finally let's not forget a record federal deficit.

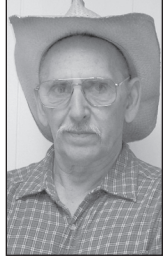
Another bearish point of interest came last week as the well-known economist Nouriel Roubini, added his opinion to Martin Feldstein's of Harvard, that the global economy may fall back into recession by late 2010 or 2011 because of rising government debt, high oil prices, and a lack of job growth. Although that possibility is a long time off, we feel that after its recent big run up, the market is vulnerable to almost anything. We continue to project a higher market by year end and that the bear market ended March 9. However, it is not unusual, according to our Economist Gary Thayer, for double dip fears to start popping up as a recession ends.

The DJIA closing well over 9,000 and the S&P 500 over initial resistance could attract some sidelined cash that has been asleep for four months, but for most we do not advise chasing stocks here. In the near term, we will be watching to see how much energy the bulls have left.

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### Isn't rainfall wonderful?

The rain we have been getting has sure helped my plants. There is some undefinable benefit to natural rainfall that can't be found in irrigation. There have been many theories to try and explain it, but they all fall short in one way or another. If anyone knows the answer let me know; idle curiosity runs in my family. Well, maybe it's just the curiosity, the idle I finagled on my own.



WALTER WARD

There is not a lot that needs doing this month, but it is important to do it now when it will pay dividends later rather than put it off and get less favorable results from your work. Spring flowering plants such as Iris, Shasta daisy, Gaillardia, Cannas, Day-lilies, Liriope and Ajuga may be divided now. Plant fall perenni-

als from transplants like Salvia, mums, fall Aster and Sedums. Also plant fall annual flowers from transplants like celosia and marigolds.

Plant wildflower seeds toward the end of the month. If you are planting Bluebonnet seeds, they must germinate in late summer or early fall, to develop a good root system and be ready to grow in spring when the weather warms. Warm season grass seed can still be planted this month but be sure to keep the seed moist in order for germination to occur.

Pruning trees and shrubs is probably not a good idea this month. Pruning promotes new growth which may not have sufficient time to harden up before freezing weather hits. Spring flowering shrubs should have been pruned back in July. If you failed to get that job done it is still possible to do it in August but hope for a late winter. Additionally, summer pruning is not recommended due to the trans-

mission of the Oak Wilt fungus spores by sap eating beetles, which are still active. The spores are not as plentiful in August, but why take a chance on giving it any inroad into your trees?

A better procedure is to mark the branches that need pruning with flagging tape so you can easily recognize them in early winter after the trees have gone dormant and the beetles are no longer active. Pruning paint is not needed if you prune correctly as the proper cut will trigger the tree's natural defenses which generally work better than anything you can apply. To learn the correct procedure visit [http://www.na.fs.fed.us/Spfo/pubs/howtos/ht\\_prune/htprune.pdf](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/Spfo/pubs/howtos/ht_prune/htprune.pdf) for a 12-page printable manual or contact the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236 or any master gardener.

To keep your annual flowers blooming well, ensure they have sufficient water and keep the old

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### Texas receives \$10.4 million for water conservation projects

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is making \$10.4 million available through the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) for five water conservation and water quality projects on Texas agricultural working lands.

"AWEP is a voluntary conservation initiative that provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to im-

prove water conditions on their agricultural land," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "With water supplies short across Texas, this is just one more way agriculture can help conserve its use."

Funded projects in Texas include:

- Water quality improvement project for the Leon River sponsored by Texas State Soil and Wa-

ter Conservation Board.

- Texas agriculture water conservation project for the Ogallala Aquifer sponsored by the Texas Water Development Board.

- Lake Arrowhead watershed project to improve available water quantity sponsored by the Chisholm Trail Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D),

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### Tarzan 4-H student wins scholarship

COLLEGE STATION — "Celebrating 50 Years of 4-H Scholarships" was the theme of the 2009 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program during the recent 63rd annual Texas 4-H Round-up. This year more than \$2.2 million was awarded to more than 230 4-H members from across Texas.

Lauren Robinson of Tarzan County was awarded a Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo scholarship in the amount of \$15,000.

The Texas 4-H Scholarship program is the largest 4-H scholarship in the United States with more than 40 donors contributing to the \$2.2 million in higher education scholarships.

Scholarships are awarded for youth who have recently graduated from a Texas high school and who will be attending a Texas college or university. Members seeking bachelor's and technical degrees, as well as former 4-H members who have completed more than thirty college hours, were

honored with the more than 230 scholarships presented.

"The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program in partnership with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation is so fortunate to partner with our donors to help these outstanding 4-H members throughout Texas with their college cost," said Dr. Chris Boleman, Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program director.

Donors for the scholarships include the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo which presented the first scholarship 50 years ago.

Assisted by 40,000 volunteers and several hundred AgriLife Extension agents operating in every county across the state, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service's 4-H Program engages more than 600,000 young people between the ages of 8 and 18 in an array of pursuits aimed at learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.



Courtesy photo

Lauren Robinson of Tarzan was awarded a \$15,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship.



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situation. Recently we have figured out why. We ran into him once again but this time he was not asking for any help, he was leaving a restaurant.

We found out that he is not a resident of Lubbock or Amarillo, but he is resident of Big Spring. We would like to make everyone aware of this scam artist so no one else has to feel the way my wife and I have felt in this situation.

CASEY KIDD  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Don't replace the old sign on top of the Settles Hotel. What we should really do is replace the sign with one that spells out "BIG SPRING" in large red and blue neon letters.

Think about how eye catching and cool that would be as seen from the interstate at night. People would remember where Big Spring is located.

After all it is no longer the Settles Hotel. We might be the only city with its name up in lights in the middle of town. Let's not let a good idea slip through our fingers.

FRANKLIN EARLEY  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Wednesday, July 29, your editorial page had a political cartoon that I think hits the present situation in our country right on the head.

Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought a liberal newspaper would have published such a cartoon. Maybe even the press is waking up.

CARL WYRICK  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Two calls have been received during the past week asking if we could help, and do anything about, the plight of two birds at Comanche Lake. They both reported that the birds have monofilament line wrapped around their legs, and are concerned that the legs will be drastically affected if the birds are not captured so that the filament can be removed.

We explained to them how difficult it can be to capture birds at the lake. If they get into the water it is very hard to get them, even from a boat, which has been tried before, with not much success.

Occurrences such as these have been happening for years at the lake. Animal Control has been notified several times by many different people, and it has tried very hard to capture injured birds, but, as mentioned before, it is very difficult to capture one of the birds.

We also explained that control of the lake lies in the hands of the city council, and any solution to the problem has to come from the council. Until/unless they take action, these birds are going to continue to suffer.

As I have stated earlier, there seems to be only two methods available to stop this torture.

Either stop all fishing at the lake, or remove all of the birds from the area, transfer them to a safe environment and do not allow anymore birds to accumulate. Most of the birds that are now on the lake are the result of people having "Easter ducks," and others, tiring of them, and then releasing them at the lake.

The council's inaction implies that they condone the miseries that these animals endure.

Also, the lack of open concern from the citizenry is regrettable. If anyone has feelings about the welfare of any form of life besides humans, I ask that they contact council members to express their concern and hopefully get them off dead center.

This community is sending a wonderful message to visitors to the lake. Big Spring - Big Heart - Balderdash!

ARDIS McCASLAND JR.  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

First off, I agree with the man that wrote about the pro shop and the kids not getting their pool so the guys can play golf while our kids did not have anything to do. How sad is that?

This morning, while at breakfast with friends, we talked about how Big Spring was in the '60s. It was a great place to live with a lot for the kids to do. I know this because I lived here in '65.

We did a lot more things at the high school. We had the Jet Drive In to go to on Friday and Saturday night. We had a great skating rink, but I went to the one on the base. The churches had a high rate of kids attendance.

Big Spring was at that time an Air Force town and I know that did make a difference at that time. But what a shame we can not turn back the hands of time and live when we were not afraid to be outside for fear that someone would drive by and shoot you or someone near you.

The kids today go to the movies. Then there is someone who wants to fight them for maybe looking at them wrong, or they said something they did not like and want to fight.

I remember going to school football games and we did not have to worry about having the police there with their police dogs as they do now. We could walk around and visit, but now they cannot do that.

Oh, if we could turn back the hands of time and live not in fear, but in a worry-free time in our lives.

I was raised up in the Air Force and was taught to respect everyone and most importantly all elders. Today kids talk to adults like they are trash in the street and laugh about it. If I talked to my parents the way I hear kids talk to their parents, I would still be in my room and grounded.

If we had a city council like we had back then, our city would be a better place in which to live.

MARILLYN GROESBECK  
BIG SPRING

Kentucky man charged in '80 slaying of Wis. couple

JEFFERSON, Wis. (AP) — Engraved beneath intertwined hearts that form a headstone at the grave site of Tim Hack and Kelly Drew are words that have haunted their small southeastern Wisconsin community for nearly three decades: "Kidnapped and Slain."

Hack was a farmer who drove a tractor nicknamed "The Lonesome Loser." Drew had just graduated from beauty school. Both 19, no one doubted they'd one day be married.

But two months after they vanished from an Aug. 9, 1980, wedding reception, searchers found the high school sweethearts' decomposed bodies in the countryside only a few miles from the reception hall, setting off a nearly 30-year whodunit with few leads.

Until now. On Thursday, Wisconsin investigators armed with a DNA match arrested a 76-year-old in Louisville, Ky., who had been a handyman at the reception site. Prosecutors have charged Edward W. Edwards with two counts of first-degree murder. He faces life in prison if convicted.

District Attorney Susan V. Happ declined to comment on what led investigators back to Edwards, saying only that new evidence had emerged since he was first questioned in 1980.

Drew's mother, Norma Walker, said she was shocked to hear the news from Jefferson County Sheriff Paul Milbrath. But instead of closure, the arrest has only ripped open old wounds, said Walker, now 70. She doesn't want to hear details and is dreading a trial.

"You hope this day would come, but now that it's here, it's really hard. Everything starts all over again. All the memories come back," she said. "He robbed me of my daughter, robbed me of Christmases, birthdays, weddings, everything families do together."

Online records in Louisville-Jefferson County, Ky., showed Edwards was in custody Friday and did not yet have an attorney. He was to be arraigned Saturday on a fugitive warrant. If a judge decides the warrant is valid, an extradition hearing will be held, prosecutors said.

According to the criminal complaint, Hack's father reported the couple missing on Aug. 10, 1980. They were last seen leaving the reception at the Concord House, a dance hall in Sullivan, a town about 40 miles west of Milwaukee, around 11 p.m. the night before.

David Hack found his son's car in the hall's parking lot, still locked with his son's wallet inside. Five days later, investigators found Drew's shredded pants, panties and bra in the road about three miles from Concord House.

In October, hunters found Drew's body in the woods about eight miles from Concord House. Tim Hack's body was found in the same area the next day. A medical examiner found signs that Drew had been tied up and strangled, and her boyfriend had been stabbed.

Investigators learned Edwards was a handyman at Concord House and campgrounds next to the hall. Witnesses remembered Edwards had a bloody nose during the weekend the couple disappeared. He said he had hurt it deer hunting.

The complaint said Edwards and his family left Wisconsin in September 1980, shortly after detectives initially questioned him.

They interviewed Edwards again in June in Louisville.

He at first denied hearing anything about the couple going missing, the complaint said, but when detectives pressed him he said he had beers at the Concord House and may have seen the couple. He also said he had never been deer hunting.

Investigators took DNA from him then. Earlier this month, authorities said the state crime lab matched it to semen on Drew's pants.

Investigators arrested Edwards at his Louisville home Thursday without incident.



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Demetrio Alva, 11520 Arrow Rock, El Paso  
Terica Alvarado, 1100 E. 61<sup>st</sup> St., Odessa  
Daniel Antrim, 120 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Pl., Lamesa  
Fernando Arriaga Jr., 606 N.W. Eighth St., Big Spring  
Nancy Ramirez Banuelos, 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 1, Big Spring  
Christine Avalos Bara, 1405 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lamesa  
Amy Barber, 2602 Ent, Big Spring  
Toby Barnett, 1713 Dwayne Barnett, Lubbock  
Christopher Barrera, 1704 Goliad, Big Spring  
Teresa Baumann, 1509 E. Sixth, Big Spring  
Amy Benavides, 3001 N. Midland Dr., Big Spring  
Crystal Biles, 15885 S. Quartz, Odessa  
Vern Black, 329 WE Tennessee, Floydada  
Jeremy Bolton, N Avenue L, Lamesa  
Alexis A. Bowie, 2811 Lawton, Amarillo  
Dave Bracken, 2720 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lubbock  
Nohelia Hernandez Brito, 1505 Vines, Big Spring  
Wanda Heron Brown, 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 113, Big Spring  
Cristal Cabello, 1314 65<sup>th</sup> Drive Apt. C, Lubbock  
Melissa Camargo, 2100 Ave. N. Tahoka  
David Canales Jr., 2403 S. Runnels, Big Spring  
Donna J. Abbott Cantwell, 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 101, Big Spring  
Amy Castillo, 1806 Morrison, Big Spring  
Antonia Castillo, 206 Fuller St., Hereford  
Krisha Nicole Castillo, 905 Walnut, Colorado City  
Patsy Cate, 3227 Cornell Ave., Big Spring  
Weldon Montague Cheatham, 4502 Denison, Snyder  
Doyce Ray Coyle, 3301 Auburn, Big Spring  
Wesley Wayne Crow, 2400 Robb Lane, Big Spring  
Wanda Cunningham, 1505 Avion, Big Spring  
Corey D. Dancer, 2605 Alamesa Dr., Big Spring  
Larry Dean, 10209 E. CR 24, Big Spring  
Brandee A. Eberhardt, 197 Briarwood Lane, Big Spring  
Constance A. Elledge, 1709 Scotland Ave., Azle  
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Melissa Gonzalez, 2317 CR 220, Garden City  
Gabriel Guerrero, 411 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Big Spring  
Sharon Marquis Hanson, 1201 E. Co. Rd. 34, Big Spring  
Kristin Renea Hawkins, 405 North Moss Lake Road, Big Spring  
Patrick Kyle Heckler, 12501 N. Co. Rd. 35, Big Spring  
Rickie L. Henderson, 205 Providence Road, Big Spring  
Chris Henry, 3520 28<sup>th</sup> St., Lubbock  
Cherie Brandy Hernandez, 2006 Ave. L, Snyder  
Shauna Danielle Jenkins, 3301 40<sup>th</sup> Place, Snyder  
Sarah A. Barrow Johnson, 3402 D. State St., Big Spring  
Johnny Ray Jones, 501 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring  
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Kimberly K. King, 1711 Young, Big Spring  
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Christopher Max Martinez, 2870 S. Highway, Snyder  
Sandy Martinez, 1610 Eubanks, Big Spring  
Shawn G. McKay, 3107 Bonham Ave, Odessa  
Betty Jane McWilliams, 2308 Thorpe/2503 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Chad K. Merrill, 3300 Manor Rd. Apt. 174, Austin  
Joe Luis Miramontes, 1809 Nolan, Big Spring  
Monica Miramontes, 1809 Nolan, Big Spring  
Mari Montemayor, 627 State Street, Big Spring  
Rickie L. Nava, 707 Willa, Big Spring  
Nancy Ortega, 601 Abrams, Big Spring  
Christopher Eric Painter, 1503 S. Johnson, Big Spring  
Lisa M. Portillo, 1200 Stanford Ave, Big Spring  
Ruth Heinen Privett, 5822 Oak, Big Spring  
Rickie Dan Pruiett, 979 FM 977, Leona  
Richard Wayne Rains, 4501 Parkway, Big Spring  
Patricia Ramos, 538 Westover Road #226, Big Spring  
Bruce Allen Rawson, 4730 Orange Street, Bacliff  
Michael Dewayne Renteria, 2516 Dow, Big Spring  
Anna D. Rich, PO Box 1321, Denver City  
Jerrall Ray Richardson, 1481 Highway 81, Bowie  
Jennifer Roberts, 2500 Cheyenne, Big Spring  
Mandi E. Cevalos Rodriguez, 406 North Scurry, Big Spring  
Veronica Luera Rodriguez, 5709 Cedar Rd. No. 3, Big Spring  
Kenneth Wayne Ross, 12101 Dessau Rd., Big Spring  
Thomas Ross, 1206 Lela St., Jasper  
Thomas Castillo Ruiz, 1306 W. Tennessee, Midland  
Blanca L. Saenz, 1202 N. Sam Houston Ave., Odessa  
Mona Saldana, 400 Circle, Big Spring  
Nancy Carolina Sauseda, 1707 N. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Lamesa  
Carol Ann Sawyer, 700 S. Lancaster, Big Spring  
Monica Serbine, 304 E. 20<sup>th</sup>, Big Spring  
Stephanie Serrato, 1306 Wright, Big Spring  
Curtis W. Shelton, 3714 Millbrook Road, Big Spring  
Jonathan Michael Shorten, 1619 1-35 La Quinta, San Marcos  
Brian Paul Siverson, 589c Stoddard, Odessa  
Cade Smith, 410 McKee Lane, San Angelo  
Lisa D. Smith, 2010 Sierra Dr., League City  
Anthony Solis, 1303 Elm St., Big Spring  
Rosa Soto, 407 E. Vealmoor, Coahoma  
Mickey Jermain Starnes, 402 Holly Oak Dr., Tyler  
Matthew Henry Steadman, 801 W. Marcy, Big Spring  
Misty D. Sternadel, 457 Seventh St., Scotland TX  
Robert Summers, 1905 Wasson Dr. #5, Big Spring  
Tonya D. Conner Taylor, 1111 Moseley Circle, Hobbs, N.M.  
Liandro Ventura, 1905 Wasson No. 23, Big Spring  
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Candida Lynn Whitehead, 1405 runnels, Big Spring  
Tina Diane Whitlow, 1407.5 Settles, Big Spring

## County Court Decisions:

Judgment and Sentence: Arlinda

Rosalis Smith, theft of property by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$328 court costs, 10 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Derrick Allen Young, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Joe Ernest Valencia, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Joe Ernest Valencia, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Phillip Garcia, theft - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Johnny Jorge Rodriguez, Jr., criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: John Salazar, assault causes bodily injury - family violence, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: John Salazar, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: David Arthur Wittrein, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Saul Lopez, Jr., 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: Matthew Daniel Cantu, driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment - Deferred Adjudication: Robert Seamster, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$750 fine, \$328 court costs, 12 months probation.  
Probated Judgment: David Louis Flores, 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: Gary Lee Scott, driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension, \$750 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Jamey Scott Johnson, criminal trespass, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 15 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Ernest William Clark, criminal trespass, \$250 fine, \$278 court costs, 15 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Evan Kimball, criminal trespass of a habitation/superfund/infrastructure, \$250 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Mark William Edwards, theft of property - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 120 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Calvin Lynn Vela, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$750 fine, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Jessie Rodriguez Lopez, resisting arrest, search or transport, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.

## District Court Filings:

Arnold Solis vs. Amanda Darden, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.  
Sonia Biddle vs. Harold Lee Hancock II and Crystal Clear Lee, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.  
In Re Ashley Renee Garcia, family court.

## Marriage Licenses:

Bennett T. Brooke, 84, of Austin, and Bessie Franks Nabors, 79, of Big Spring.  
Alex Rodriguez, 28, and Candace Deane Gamble, 25, both of Big Spring.  
Billy-Bob Keith Walker, 24, and Kristi

Leann Bridges, 23, both of Midland.  
Andrew Justin Amaro, 19, and Monica Marie Garza, 18, both of Big Spring.  
Tye Cameron Newman, 28, and Kacie Clairetta Boyd, 26, both of San Angelo.  
James Enoch Phelps, 31, and Patricia Renee Jernigan, 22, both of Big Spring.

## Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Edward Eugene Jones and Dorothy R. Derr Jones Revocable Living Trust  
Grantee: Ernesto Gonzales and Maria Rodriguez  
Property: North 50' of SE/4 of Block 27, College Heights Addition  
Date: July 17, 2009  
Grantor: Jack D. Birdwell and Jennifer G. Birdwell  
Grantee: Jack D. Birdwell and Jennifer G. Birdwell, trustees and successor trustees of The Birdwell Family Trust  
Property: Lot 26, Block 19, Amended Edward Heights Addition  
Date: July 20, 2009  
Grantor: Joe Don Zant and Dena Zant  
Grantee: Guy Will Zant  
Property: A 1.817-acre tract out of SW/4 of Section 31, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey  
Date: July 20, 2009  
Grantor: Angel Blanco and Tonnie Blanco  
Grantee: Sarwest Capital, LLC  
Property: Lot 7, Block 3, Piner Heights  
Date: July 20, 2009  
Grantor: Magdaleno C. Soto and Maricela Soto  
Grantee: Pedro Aranda and Maria Lorena Valles  
Property: Block 1, Lot 1, Manning Addition  
Date: July 21, 2009  
Grantor: Verl Shaw  
Grantee: The Verl Shaw and Ioma Shaw Revocable Family Trust of 1996  
Property: A tract out of S/2 of NE/4 of Section 11, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey  
Date: July 27, 2009  
Grantor: Debra Janelle Richter  
Grantee: Victor James Richter  
Property: A 0.367-acre tract out of Lot 4, Block 4, Thorp Subdivision of Tract 14, Kennebeck Heights Subdivision, Section 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey  
Date: July 27, 2009  
Grantor: Stephen M. Osborn and Jay Osborn  
Grantee: Chanz Reed and Amber Reed  
Property: A 3.60-acre tract out of SW/4 of Section 18, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey and the 30' wide road easement for the previously mentioned 3.60-acre tract.  
Date: July 27, 2009  
Grantor: Adobe Springs  
Grantee: Michael Nairn  
Property: South 50' of Lot 5, Block 1, McDowell Heights Addition  
Date: July 27, 2009  
Grantor: Amanda Harvell  
Grantee: Ronald L. Howell and Patricia M. Howell  
Property: Lots 3 and 4, Block 9, Wright's Airport Addition  
Date: July 27, 2009  
Grantor: Ray Mendoza  
Grantee: R.H. Weaver  
Property: A 5.19-acre tract out of NE/4 of Section 32, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey; a tract about 1-acre out of NW/4 of S3ction 32, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey; and a tract about 3.5-acres out of NW/4 of Section 32, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey  
Date: July 27, 2009

Grantor: Misty DeLeon  
Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum  
Property: Lot 8, Block 47, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: July 28, 2009  
Grantor: Trisha Valle  
Grantee: Craig Olson  
Property: Lot 7, Block 3, Avion Addition  
Date: July 30, 2009  
Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:  
Grantor: William Ray Ryan  
Grantee: Steven Nichols  
Property: Lot 11, Block 5, Muir Heights Addition  
Date: July 16, 2009  
Grantor: B&B Investments  
Grantee: John James Hilger, Jr.  
Property: A 4.456-acre tract out of West portion of Section 25, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey  
Date: July 17, 2009  
Grantor: Swartz & Brough, Inc.  
Grantee: Nancy Ashley  
Property: Lot 16, Block 34, College Heights Addition  
Date: July 20, 2009  
Grantor: Tom H. Allen and Judy K. Allen  
Grantee: Lauren Marie Pfluger  
Property: Lot 11, Block 19, Edward Heights Addition  
Date: July 22, 2009  
Grantor: Ted Tarbet and Melissa Tarbet  
Grantee: Daniel K. Woolley and Angela K. Woolley  
Property: A 0.685-acre tract out of SE/4 of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey  
Date: July 23, 2009  
Grantor: William R. Neal, Jr.  
Grantee: Clair Harrison and Joan Harrison  
Property: A 6.50-acre tract out of NE/4 of Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co. Survey  
Date: July 23, 2009  
Grantor: Robert Roever, Jaunell Roever and Elaine Sayles  
Grantee: Carroll West Texas Investments LLC  
Property: A 11.28-acre tract out of SE/4 of Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey; a 0.18-acre tract out of SE/4 of Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey; and a 0.75-acre tract out of SE/4 of Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co. Survey.  
Date: July 28, 2009  
Grantor: Steven Sloan and Traci Sloan  
Grantee: Trey Terrazas and Brenda Terrazas  
Property: Lot 4 and S/8 of Lot 5, Block 3, Indian Hills Addition  
Date: July 29, 2009  
Grantor: Teresa Faye Jackson and Anthony Jackson  
Grantee: Gail Higgins  
Property: Lot 5, Block 1, Stanford Park Addition  
Date: July 29, 2009  
Grantor: Joe Lusk and Debra Lusk;  
Sonia Lusk; and dba L&L Rental  
Grantee: Jeff Harrison and Krissy Harrison  
Property: Lots 8, 10, and a tract out of 9, Block 14, Edwards Heights Addition  
Date: July 29, 2009  
Grantor: Jeannine B. McKee  
Grantee: Matias Cisneros  
Property: Lot 15, Block 12, Kentwood Addition  
Date: July 29, 2009

# GARDEN

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spent flowers picked off. Along those lines, don't allow any fruiting plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture as they will

frequently drop their fruit under stress. This is also important for maximizing your Pecan crop as this is kernal filling time.

For any plants with yellowed chlorotic foliage, an application of iron or sulfur should correct the problem. For most of the packaged chemicals,

follow the directions closely as too little does little good and too much can kill the plant.

If you haven't already done so, start a compost pile to recycle all your household and garden waste. If done correctly, there is no offensive odor and the end product will benefit your

garden many times over the small amount of effort it takes.

For more information, call Walter Ward at (432) 935-6455 or visit the Howard County Master Gardeners Web site at <http://www.howardcounty-mastergardeners.org>

# PROJECTS

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Inc.

- Water enhancement projects for drought mitigation and water conservation on University lands owned and managed by the University of Texas System sponsored by the University of Texas.
- Brazos Bottom Irrigation Water Management sponsored by the Post Oak RC&D, Inc.

Funding is being made available for 63 AWEP projects in 21 states. Project proposals were developed by sponsors who offered services and resources, allowing the federal government to leverage its investment in natural resources conservation.

AWEP promotes ground and surface water conservation and improves water quality by helping farmers and ranchers implement agricultural water enhancement activities, including water quality or water conservation plan development, conversion to the production of less water-intensive agricultural commodities or dry land farming; water quality or quantity restoration or enhancement projects; irrigation system improvement or irrigation efficiency enhancement; and activities designed to mitigate the effects of drought.

AWEP was established by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) and funding comes from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). NRCS implements AWEP by entering into EQIP contracts directly with agricultural producers.

Everyone receiving assistance through AWEP must meet EQIP requirements. Though participating AWEP producers do not need to have existing EQIP contracts, they must be eligible for EQIP. All

partner proposals were selected competitively at the national level. Proposals for priority areas may have received higher rankings, and include property undergoing conversion of agricultural land from irrigated to dry land farming; projects that help producers meet regulatory requirements; and

projects located where there is a high percentage of agricultural land and producers in a region or area.

More information about specific AWEP projects visit: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>, or the USDA Service Center in Big Spring.

**MINUTES OF COUNTY FINANCES  
TREASURER'S REPORT**  
IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF TERESA THOMAS TREASURER OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS IN REGULAR SESSION JULY TERM 2009  
IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code, we, the undersigned, constituting the entire Commissioners Court of said County, certify that on the 13th day of July, 2009 at the Regular term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for June 30, 2009, and finding the same correct, entered an order in the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other assets on hand as \$11,435,669.51.

Mark Barr, County Judge  
Emma Brown, Commissioner Pct. 1  
Jerry Kilgore, Commissioner Pct. 2  
Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct. 3  
Gary Simer, Commissioner Pct. 4

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by Mark Barr, County Judge, and County Commissioners of said Howard County, each respectively, on this the 13th day of July, 2009.

Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD THIS 13TH DAY OF July, 2009, and recorded on the 13th day of July, A.D. 2009.

Donna Wright,  
County Clerk and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners  
Court in and for Howard County, Texas.

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community members  
are all invited.

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## ► News in Brief

### Prominent opposition activists, protesters stand trial in Iran over post-election 'riots'

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Opposition political activists and protesters are court in Tehran Saturday on charges of rioting and conspiring against the ruling system in the country's first trial following the disputed presidential election, Iran's state media reported.

The trial underlines the government's efforts to bring a close to anti-government demonstrations that have persisted since the disputed June 12 presidential elections.

Hundreds of thousands of Iranians marched in days of street protests after the election, denouncing official results that declared President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad the winner.

Iran's opposition maintains Ahmadinejad stole the vote from opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi by engaging in massive fraud, but its demonstrations have been ruthlessly suppressed leaving hundreds, possibly more, in prison.

The defendants faced charges that included attacking military and government buildings, having links with armed opposition groups and conspiring against the ruling system, Iran's official news agency, IRNA, reported.

### Philippines mourns democracy icon, former President Aquino

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Filipinos mourned former President Corazon Aquino by displaying yellow ribbons and holding Masses as the nation prepared to bid farewell to the beloved democracy icon who swept away a dictator and fought off seven coup attempts.

Aquino, 76, died early Saturday after a yearlong battle with colon cancer, which had spread to other organs and left her bedridden since late June, her son, Sen. Benigno "Noy" Aquino III, said.

Each of Aquino's five children went to their mother's bedside where they "were told to say everything we want-

ed to say" before she was given morphine, which made her unresponsive, her only son said.

Aquino rose to power after the 1983 assassination of her husband, opposition leader Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. The uprising she led in 1986 ended the repressive 20-year regime of Ferdinand Marcos and inspired nonviolent protests across the globe, including those that ended communist rule in eastern Europe.

"She was headstrong and single-minded in one goal, and that was to remove all vestiges of an entrenched dictatorship," Raul C. Pangalangan, former dean of the College of Law at the University of the Philippines, said earlier this month. "We all owe her in a big way."

### Democrats look ahead to full House health vote in September

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats are looking ahead to a health care showdown on the House floor in September following a key committee's passage of sweeping overhaul legislation.

The 31-28 vote in the House Energy and Commerce Committee Friday night was weeks later than either the White House or Democratic leaders had hoped. Nonetheless, it was a triumph for them.

The vote came after weeks of negotiations finally satisfied concerns raised by fiscally conservative Democrats — only to produce a compromise that riled liberals.

The liberal opposition was quieted with a last-minute series of changes agreed to early Friday that included limiting how much insurers can raise premiums, and giving the federal government authority to negotiate directly with drug companies for lower prices under Medicare.

"We passed a bill out that shows that we can bring together conservative, moderate and progressive Democrats," Energy and Commerce Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said after the vote. "We're going to need that coalition on the House floor, and I feel confident that we'll pass a health care reform bill in the House

when we come back in September."

Five Democrats and all committee Republicans opposed the bill.

### Popularity, Web site meltdown were among 'clunkers' glitches

NEW YORK (AP) — This was one government stimulus plan that yielded quick results. Maybe too quick.

Far more drivers signed up for the "cash for clunkers" program than anyone thought, overwhelming showrooms, blowing through the initial \$1 billion set aside by Congress and leaving dealers panicked over when or if the government would make good on the hefty rebates.

Confusion reigned, even as dollars flowed into dealerships starved for business for months.

The government Web site set up to process rebates of up to \$4,500 per new car could not keep up with demand. Washington scrambled to come up with more cash and sent mixed signals about how the program would unfold.

"A borderline train wreck," said Charlie Swenson, general manager at Walser Toyota in Bloomington, Minn. In Glen Burnie, Md., Bob Bell, who owns Ford, Kia and Hyundai dealerships, said his employees were overwhelmed filing for reimbursement from the government's clunky system.

### Kuwaitis alarmed by Iraq's attempts to avoid paying war reparations

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Iraq's recent efforts to avoid paying Kuwaiti reparations; some \$25 billion in U.N.-mandated reparations for Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion have alarmed Kuwaitis and strained relations that have slowly improved since the fall of the Iraqi dictator.

Many Kuwaitis doubt Iraq will make good on its obligations without outside pressure, and the country has sent envoys to both Washington and the U.N. in recent months to seek help.

"Iraq will not cooperate if things are left to bilateral ties," said Fayed al-Enezi, a member of a search team tasked with finding hundreds of Kuwaitis who went missing during the Iraqi occupation.

But Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has waged his own offensive, pressing key U.N. members during a visit to the U.S. in late July to drop all binding resolutions against his country stemming from Saddam's seven-month occupation of Kuwait.

President Barack Obama has expressed support for lifting U.N. sanctions, among them a requirement that Iraq pay 5 percent of its oil revenues to Kuwait as reparations. However, he said Iraq's U.N. status should only be changed after the country resolves disputes with its neighbors — something Kuwaitis have been seeking for almost two decades.

### Limit those bonuses, House votes, in measure aimed at restraining risky Wall Street behavior

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bowing to populist anger, the House voted Friday to prohibit pay and bonus packages that encourage bankers and traders to take risks so big they could bring down the entire economy.

Passage of the bill on a 237-185 vote followed the disclosure a day ear-

lier that nine of the nation's biggest banks, which are receiving billions of dollars in federal bailout aid, paid individual bonuses of \$1 million or more to nearly 5,000 employees.

"This is not the government taking over the corporate sector," Rep. Melvin Watt, D-N.C., said of the House action. "It is a statement by the American people that it is time for us to straighten up the ship."

Aware of voter outrage about the bonuses, Republicans were reluctant in Friday's debate to push back, even though they voted overwhelmingly against the bill. They said severe restrictions should apply only to banks that accept government aid.

The legislation's ban on risky compensation would apply to any firm with more than \$1 billion in assets, including bank holding companies, broker-dealers, credit unions, investment advisers and mortgage buyers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

### Kurdish officials say Iran confirms it has detained American tourists

SULAIMANIYAH, Iraq (AP) — Kurdish officials say Iran has confirmed to them it detained three Americans who possibly strayed into Iranian territory while on a hiking trip.

The U.S. State Department has said it's looking into the reports that the Americans were detained while hiking near Iran's border in the self-ruled Kurdish region.

The Kurdish regional government's envoy to Washington, Qubad Talabani, told The Associated Press that Iran confirmed the three tourists are in Iranian custody.

Another senior Kurdish security official also said Saturday Iran has informed Iraq it detained the three.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to release the information.

### Children head back to class on first day of school in Pakistan's battle-scarred Swat Valley

MINGORA, Pakistan (AP) — Scores of eager children headed back to school in northern Pakistan's battle-scarred Swat Valley on Saturday, many taking classes in buildings damaged during recent fighting between Taliban militants and security forces.

But attendance on the first day of the new academic year was low, with hundreds of students staying away. Many families have still not returned home to the valley's main town of Mingora, where the Taliban once held sway.

Reopening schools in Swat, a former tourist haven, is just one piece of the puzzle for authorities trying to rehabilitate the valley, but it may be the most symbolic and psychologically important step yet, as destroying schools — particularly those teaching girls — was a key part of the Taliban's reign in the valley.

In one girls' school in Mingora, in the Haji Baba neighborhood, only about 30 of the usual 700 students were back on Saturday.

But those who were said they were glad to be able to learn again without fear of the Taliban.

"I'm happy. I like school. I like to study," 12-year-old Saima Abdul Wahab said as she stood in a tiny courtyard outside her dusty classroom, piles of new exercise books stacked against the walls waiting to be given out.

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36 Betray nervousness  
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Wednesday: Cheese enchiladas with sauce, Spanish rice, tossed salad, tortilla chips, salsa, fruited gelatin, milk.  
Thursday: Barbecue beef, baked beans, yellow squash, relish plate, chocolate brownie, Texas toast, milk.  
Friday: Baked pork chops and apples, backed potato with cheese, cabbage, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, fruit, milk.

**Aug. 10-14**  
Monday: Ham and potato casserole, green peas, tossed salad, carrot cake, rolls, milk.  
Tuesday: Tamales with chili, refried beans, tossed salad, tortilla chips, salda, milk.  
Wednesday: Pot roast with potatoes and carrots, tossed salad, chocolate pudding, milk.  
Thursday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, green beans, pinapple cream cake, milk.  
Friday: Turkey roast with oranges, broccoli and rice casserole, Italian vegetables, milk.

**Aug. 17-21**  
Monday: Beef macaroni casserole, green peas, tossed salad, carrot cake, rolls, milk.  
Tuesday: Grilled chicken leg quarters, onion roasted potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, chilled pears, rolls, milk.  
Wednesday: Country fried steak, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, orange wednes, biscuit, milk.  
Thursday: Chicken enchilada casserole, corn fiesta, tossed salad, fruit, cornbread, milk.  
Friday: Fried catfish, tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, spinach, hush puppies, lemon bar, milk.

**Aug. 24-28**  
Monday: Philly steak sandwich, sauteed onions and green peppers, three-bean salad, citrus banana cup, milk.  
Tuesday: Pepperoni and cheese pizza, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk.  
Wednesday: Open faced roast beef sandwich, brown gravy, pasta salad, Oreo cookies, milk.  
Thursday: Oven friend chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli, banana cake, rolls, milk.  
Friday: Soft chicken tacos, Spanish rice, Pinto beans, guacamole salad, 7Up cake, milk.

**Aug. 31**  
Monday: Baked pork chop, Italian cut green beans, candied yams, pineapple cake, rolls, milk.

**Dear Annie:** I graduated magna cum laude from college a year ago. I worked hard in school and believed it would pay off in the job market. However, I have found it difficult to find employment. The only place willing to hire me was the grocery store where I worked when I was in high school.

I live in an expensive area and my wages are low, so I have a hard time paying my bills. I often resort to eating expired food at work and forgoing expenses like fixing my car. When I developed health problems last year, it cost me my entire savings. I am uninsured and worry what would happen if I got sick again. I've been told I make \$20 too much each month to qualify for food stamps. Asking my parents for help is not an option.

To make ends meet, I have had to make some moral compromises. Namely, I've started shoplifting. At first, I took food from the grocery store once in a while, but lately it's become a daily occurrence. I've also started stealing from other places. I'm careful, but I know eventually it will catch up to me and make my life even worse. But I can't seem to stop. I feel I deserve to have these things. I know I sound crazy. I can't afford counseling. What can I do? -- Confused in California

**Dear California:** We understand the economic difficulties, but you have crossed an ethical and legal line and must find a way to extricate yourself from this mess before you end up in jail. Shoplifting is often a symptom of compulsive behavior, and in your case, you obviously have some anger about the job situation, along with a sense of entitlement, both of which feed your compulsion.

Contact Shoplifters Anonymous (shopliftersanonymous.com) at C.A.S.A., P.O. Box 250008, Franklin, MI 48025 for information and support. In the meantime, please move to a less expensive area and get a roommate before you are assigned one in your prison cell.

**Dear Annie:** I am an 87-year-old widower and have a 71-year-old girlfriend who is a widow. We have been going together nearly five years. I want to marry her, but she is reluctant.

My family has met her and overwhelmingly ap-

proves. But she refuses to allow me to meet any of her family or friends. She has three children, and her mother is still living. She says they wouldn't like me and would resent my taking her away from them when they need her.

I am in good health. Money is not a problem. My friends tell me I should find someone else before it is too late. I don't want to meet any other lady. She is the one for me. We love each other and have a great time when we can be together. I am tired of living alone. I told her that in exactly one month I am going to make them aware of our relationship. Any suggestions? -- Lonely

**Dear Lonely:** In many instances where someone refuses to introduce family members and friends, it is because the other person is either married or seeing someone else. However, many widows have difficulty asserting their own needs. If your girlfriend is passive about your ultimatum, it likely means she tacitly approves and wants you to take charge of the situation. If she vigorously protests, however, we do not see this relationship progressing beyond its current state. Sorry.



KATHY MITCHELL  
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**Dear Annie:** "Not That Fat," whose husband recently left her, said, "Now that I'm going to be single, I realize I should focus on looking better." How could you let that go without comment? I guess once she finds another husband she can let herself go again. Isn't that the implication? -- Steve in Rockford, Ill.

**Dear Steve:** It does seem so, doesn't it? Both men and women try harder when looking to impress a date, but it requires a lot of effort to maintain.

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Club News

TOPS TX 21

Club leader Laura Sickles brought the meeting of TOPS TX 21 to order by calling for the TOPS cheer. Members responded with vigor. The TOPS pledge was led by Olnee Menges, follows by the KOPS pledge, led by Ethel Cassady.

The TOPS song was then sung by alol.

Minutes were read by Carol Smith. Roll call by Hughetta Roberts indicated nine TOPS and two KOPS were present.

The total weekly loss for the group was six pounds with Frank Sickles being recognized as the best loser with a loss for the week of 3.5 pounds. He was awarded a

certificate and \$1. Linda Stapel was recognized as the best loser for July with a loss of 4.25 pounds. She was awarded \$3.25 in gainer fines and given a certificate.

During the business portion of the meeting, members were reminded of the Fun Day in Abilene to be held Sept. 26. The theme will be "TOPS Goes Hollywood." Participants are urged to dress in costumes depicting their favorite Hollywood star. The club will carpool for this activity.

It was announced that the Aug. 3 TOPS meeting will be a swin party at the home of Linda and Dennis Stapel. Members will go to the meeting place before the party to

weight in.

There is a TOPS Club garage sale pending on Oct. 3.

Laura Sickles told the group that Area Captain Clara Cleghorn will present the club's program Aug. 10.

The program was then presented by Leader Laura Sickles about "Stress Management Exercises." The members participated in these exercises and enjoyed the activity.

For more information about TOPS, call Frank Sickles at (432) 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819. All visitors are welcome.

Come, meet with us and see for yourself, TOPS really does help us lose weight.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Order is restored as our communication planet, Mercury, enters the sign where it is exalted, Virgo. Good organization and sound reasoning facilitates human connection. There is something so wonderfully healthy about conversations that are clear, concise and specific. It feels fantastic to hear and be heard, understood and be understood.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Prepare to be dazzled by the ordinary. Your eyes are open and you are receptive to life in all of its vivid detail. It's as though all of the world is putting on a show just for you — and maybe it is!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your favorite people will be part of the action today. You'll also be paying homage in some way to those whose influence in your life can be felt even when they are not with you in person.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Letting loose is good for you. Relaxation improves your perspective. Get together with friends, preferably the comfy ones you've

known forever. You'll be even funnier than usual tonight.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Two topics are on your mind — love and money. You'll be deciding how far you're willing to go in order to fulfill your wishes in those categories. You'll do anything for love, but when it comes to money, you'll draw a careful line.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll have the perfect chance to promote yourself. You'll naturally pique the curiosity of others and if you leave an opening, you'll be questioned along the most delightful lines. You'll learn something about yourself in this process.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll approach a difficult task with the innocent assumption that you can and will accomplish it. Because of your attitude, you will complete your work with such ease that you make it look like child's play.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll meet your match. Either this person is so much like you that you'll be talking for hours or so different from you that you'll be listening for hours. Either way, there's fantastic chemistry.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be filled with strong feelings. Your passion can

move mountains if you apply it well. Contain your enthusiasm just enough to match the tone of your surroundings and then bring it up notch by notch.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your advice will be sought after. The person who seeks your input probably already knows what to do next and just needs a little push. Tell this one to honor his or her own instincts.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be in an unfamiliar situation. Embrace your status as the "new person" and introduce yourself. The others probably feel just as awkward as you, or at least remember when they did.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are not being judged. And even if you were being judged, those opinions wouldn't affect you in the least. You know yourself and what you need to do. You've never been so on track with your mission.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You enjoy making other people feel good. Your words are encouraging, your smile affirming, your touch healing. All this, teamed with a great sense of timing, makes a difference in the lives of others.

**T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 2)** Your optimistic plans

come together. In the next three weeks, something changes for the better in your personal life and it opens the flow of love and trust. In September, your brilliant ideas about how to make your work more creative will be well received by higher-ups. A new living arrangement benefits you in the fall. Virgo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 12, 6, 50 and 42.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** It is said that a relationship is only as healthy as its communication. This week brings an increased awareness of how we relate to one another. It's not just about verbal exchanges, but the artful dance of connection and disconnection that conveys our feelings, relays the information in our hearts and helps us to know where we fit. Aug. 3, Mercury in Virgo and Pluto in Capricorn meet at an auspicious angle to facilitate excellent communication. The aspect's effects can still be felt through the 5th. Be as specific as possible. Details matter. Attention to the finer points will make the difference between a good time and a fabulous time, an average project and an outstanding work of art. Aug. 5 brings the full moon in Aquarius as well as a

lunar eclipse. Egged on by the Leo sun, the Aquarius moon will highlight unusual occurrences, eccentric personalities and zany activities. The week ends under a soulful Pisces moon. Quiet meditation, solitude and prayer will get you back in touch with the needs of your soul so that you can go purposefully into next week.

**C E L E B R I T Y PROFILES:** Ask any 7-year-old you know and you'll find out that Cole and Dylan Sprouse are the most famous and adorable twins alive! These Leo brothers are famous for bringing laughter and attracting

dotting fans to the television series "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody." Born 15 minutes apart, these twins both have Mars, the planet of ambition, in Gemini, the sign of, you guessed it, the twins!

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# Former Hawk star Ladendorf traded to A's

By JONATHAN HULL  
Sports Editor

Shortstop Orlando Cabrera has been traded from the Oakland Athletics to the Minnesota Twins.

The Twins sent minor league infielder Tyler Ladendorf to the A's for Cabrera and cash. Friday's deal came a few hours before baseball's 3 p.m. non-waiver trade deadline.

Ladendorf played two seasons for Howard College, garnering All-American honors in 2008. The Twins drafted him that same year in the second round. He has spent most of the 2009 season for organization, Elizabethton (Tenn.) Twins. Ladendorf is batting .322 with four home runs and 22 RBI.

According to Howard Col-

lege Head Coach Britt Smith, the fact Ladendorf was traded straight up for Cabrera is an indication of how highly Oakland regards him.

"It's a good sign for him to be traded straight up for a proven major league caliber shortstop," said Smith. "The A's are obviously excited to get that type of a prospect."

Ladendorf will report to the Kane County Cougars — one

of Oakland's Class A organizations — who are located in Geneva, Ill. The move will be a sort of homecoming for as Ladendorf is a native of Des Plaines, Ill., roughly 45 miles from Geneva.

This could be the first of two homecomings for Ladendorf, though.

There is potential for Ladendorf to return to the Permian Basin to continue his ca-

reer. If the A's move him up to AA, he would then play for the Midland RockHounds.

"I was joking with him and told him it could be a great thing if he got to Midland," laughed Smith. "He's a career .700 hitter in Midland. The A's might have to move the big league club down here if he's hitting that well."

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# Byrd's HR lifts Rangers over Mariners

**Rangers keep focus through two-hour stoppage for rain**

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers managed to keep their focus even after sitting through a rain delay of more than two hours.

Marlon Byrd's three-run homer in the fifth inning broke a tie and sent the streaking Rangers on to a 5-4 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Friday night in a game that was eight minutes less in actual playing time than the weather delay.

Heavy rain began falling in the bottom of the seventh, and the game was stopped for 2 hours, 18 minutes. In the clubhouse, the Rangers passed the time by watching the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels beat the Minnesota Twins 11-5 in 11 innings.

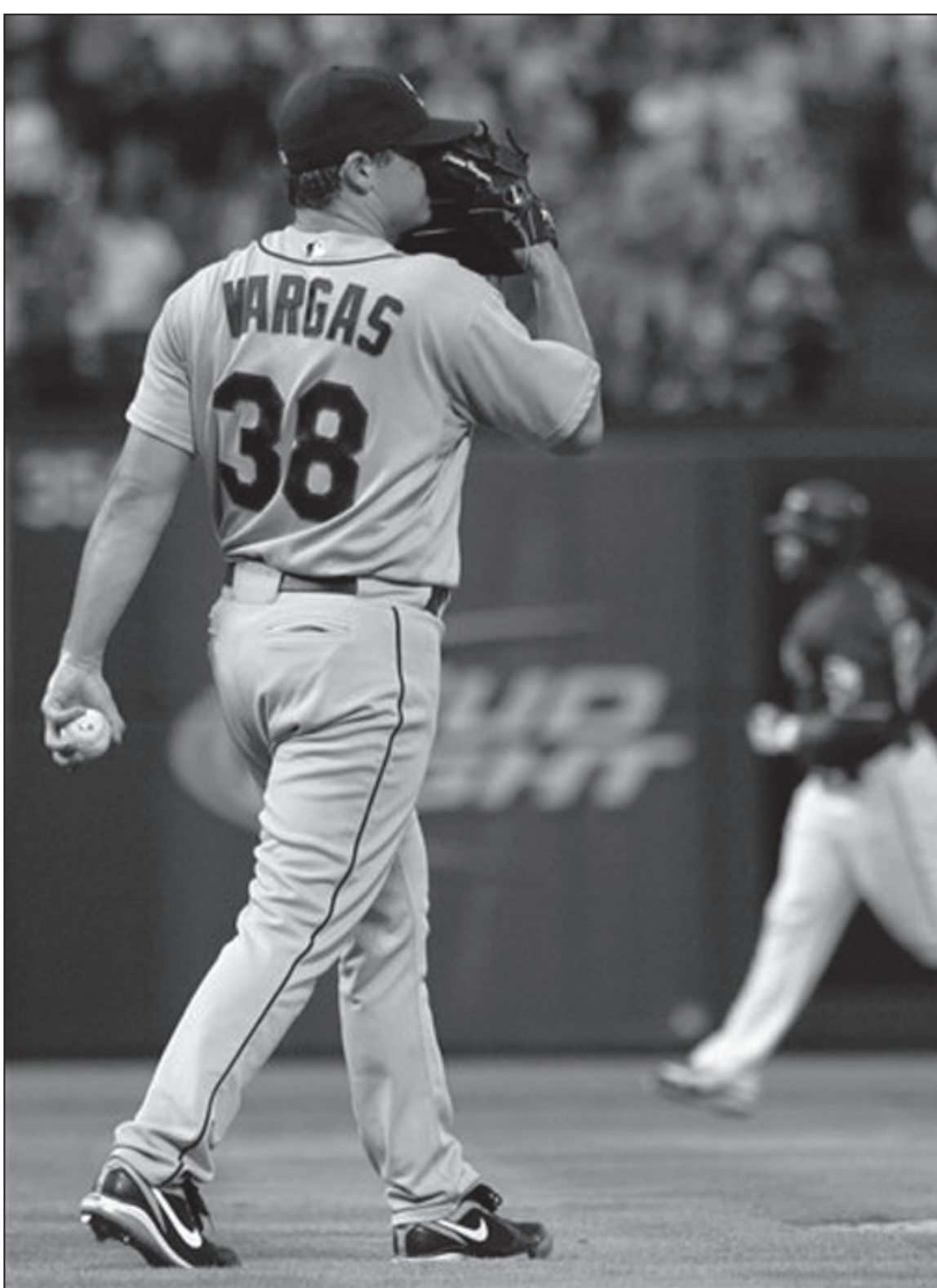
When play resumed, the Mariners pulled within a run in the eighth before C.J. Wilson retired the final four batters for his 12th save, helping the Rangers remain three games behind the Angels in the division.

"It was pretty easy," Byrd said of staying motivated during the delay. "Right now we are playing for something. If we were 20 games out we would probably be ready to go home. We sat and watched the Angels game and watched them do their whole thing and come back like they always do and beat up on teams. That got us pumped and we were ready to go out and finish this thing."

Seattle took a 2-0 lead in the first on a homer by Jose Lopez, but Taylor Teagarden had a sacrifice fly in the second and added a solo homer in the fifth to tie it.

Texas then got two-out singles from Omar Vizquel and Michael Young before Byrd ripped the first pitch from Jason Vargas (3-5) into the seats in left for his 11th homer.

"I was sitting on a changeup down," Byrd said. "He got me out twice with it earlier in the game so I was hoping I



AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

Seattle starting pitcher Jason Vargas reacts as Texas' Marlon Byrd rounds the bases after hitting a three-run home run in the fifth inning Friday in Arlington. The shot scored Michael Young and Omar Vizquel.

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# Cards nip Astros, 4-3

R.B. FALLSTROM

AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS — Thanks to Matt Holliday, the St. Louis Cardinals are surviving quite nicely during Albert Pujols' post-All-Star break slump.

Holliday had four hits for the second time in his eight games with his new team, one of them foiling an intentional walk to Pujols, and scored the go-ahead run on Rick Ankiel's eighth-inning single in a 4-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Friday night.

"I've had some times in my career where I've had a bunch of hits," Holliday said. "You try to just keep thinking about the next day. Come prepared, get ready and hit a couple of balls hard. Adding days up."

Pinch-hitter Matt Kata's RBI single put Houston ahead in the top of the eighth, before the Cardinals rallied for two runs in the bottom half.

Holliday's RBI double off Alberto Adrias (2-1) tied it. He advanced to third on a wild pitch and Ryan Ludwick was intentionally walked before Ankiel's opposite-field hit helped the Cardinals win for the fourth time in five games.

Pujols carried the offense the first half of the season. But he's a quiet 12 for 53 (.226)

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# Sports in brief

## Crossroads Youth Football signups slated for August

The Crossroads Youth Football Association will begin signups for football players and cheerleaders Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each signup day. The other days to register will be Aug. 15 and Aug. 22.

Late registration for football only will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 29.

For more information, call Jeff Vidal at 816-6871.

## Two-a-days practice schedule for BSHS volleyball and football announced

Two-a-days for all Big Spring High School volleyball and football players — from incoming freshmen to seniors — is set to begin Monday.

Volleyball practices will last through Thursday, and will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

All practices will be in the junior high gyms.

The week will end in the Lady Steers first scrimmage Friday in Big Spring. First game of the season is Aug. 11 at Sweetwater.

The first week of football two-a-days will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Athletic Training Center. The schedule for

the second week of practices is to be determined.

The Steers play their first scrimmage Aug. 15 against Monahans in Big Spring.

Any student entering the ninth or 11th grades must have a new physical to participate in any sport at BSHS.

## BSHS football season tickets going on sale Monday at ATC

Season tickets for the upcoming 2009 Big Spring High School football season are now on sale for previous season ticket holders through Friday.

The general public can then begin purchasing season tickets Monday through Aug. 12.

Cost is \$30 for a total of six home games. Tickets can be purchased from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the dates allotted.

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## BSCC schedules Over 80 Scramble to benefit Big Spring Shrine Club

The Big Spring Country Club will have an Over 80 Scramble, meaning the combined ages of each two-person team must be 80 or older, Aug. 15-16, to benefit the Big Spring Shrine Club.

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# Goofball Marty B could be linchpin for Cowboys

JAMIE ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Martellus Bennett loves Cap'n Crunch, cartoon superheroes, tattoos and, most of all, being the class clown. He offers up daily musings on Twitter, does live chats every night on uStream and occasionally posts improv videos on his YouTube channel, Marty B TV.

The funniest part of it all is that this self-described goofball could be the linchpin to the Dallas Cowboys' offense this season.

The Cowboys want to juice up their running game and they need to fill a void in the passing game created by the departure of Terrell Owens. The 6-foot-6, 265-pound Bennett is an ideal candidate to help in both areas.

As a rookie last season, Bennett averaged 14.2 yards on 20 catches, scoring on four of them, and blocked well enough for the Cowboys to often line up with two tight ends, the other being star Jason Witten. This season, the duo will be paired up more often than not, as long as Bennett proves he can handle more responsibility.

This is where his two personas collide: Martellus Bennett, who professes "I want to become the best ever at my position," and Marty B, who calls people Earthlings because he claims to be from Jupiter.

Can the Cowboys really trust this guy?

"He's a real smart kid and serious about football; that's what I see on the field," coach Wade Phillips said. "He's a different personality, no doubt about that. That other part hasn't come along yet where he's been a distraction. If it is, then we have to address it."

Actually, the Cowboys did address one problem, then had to talk to him again after another incident that drew more attention.

In January, Bennett was fined a week's salary for using derogatory terms for blacks and

gays and bragging about having Jerry Jones' money in a rap video posted on YouTube. He wore a Cowboys helmet and had a drink during the performance, which has been pulled.

He apologized in another video, rapping lyrics such as: "Why they hating on me? It was just a song. ... I didn't shoot a man, I didn't make a bomb. I don't hang with thugs, I wasn't doing drugs. I wasn't using guns. It was only fun. ... It could've been worse. I mean, I did curse. But I didn't see a hearse."

In July, Bennett posted the "Black Olympics." He and his older brother, Michael, a rookie defensive end with Seattle, competed in three events: eating fried chicken, drinking Kool-Aid and eating watermelon. Within days, the video got unwanted promotion when two prominent black columnists criticized Bennett for perpetuating stereotypes.

Jason Whitlock of the Kansas City Star wrote that he was sad the video had yet to cause more of an uproar, which is why he was pointing it out. Then Michael Freeman of CBSSports.com wrote that it "sets back a group of people 50 years" and urged NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to have Jim Brown and others explain to Bennett the obstacles that black players have overcome.

As always, Bennett laughed it off, saying he was just being Marty B.

"Half the stuff I do is spontaneous," he said. "It ends up being funny to us. That's all that really matters."

When Bennett arrived last year, teammates and coaches didn't know what to make of him, a 21-year-old who acted like a happy-go-lucky kid but sure looked like a grown man. In fact, he's two inches taller than San Diego's record-setting tight end Antonio Gates and, like Gates, was athletic enough to play basketball in college.

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AP photo/Eric Gay

Dallas Cowboys' Martellus Bennett catches a pass during the team's NFL football training camp in San Antonio Friday.

## RANGERS

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would get another one and get a good swing on it. That was it. Finally I got one up in the zone and I put a good swing on it."

Wilson came on in the eighth to earn a save in his fifth straight appearance. He's retired 23 of his last 27 batters.

"It might be midnight but we were going to finish this game," Wilson said. "We had to go out there prepared and ready to shut it down."

Vicente Padilla (8-5) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings in his first appearance since July 17, his last start before he was diagnosed with swine flu.

Vizquel had three hits as the Rangers won for

the 10th time in 12 games to improve to 58-43, their second-best record after 101 games in franchise history. Texas' best mark after that many games is 60-41 in 1999.

Padilla was scratched from a start on Tuesday night because he was still weak from the illness, and he missed a scheduled start July 22 due to flulike symptoms. Subsequent lab tests revealed that Padilla

had H1N1 influenza A.

After retiring the first two Mariners in the first, Padilla walked Russell Branyan and gave up a first-pitch homer to Lopez.

Seattle, which has lost six of its last eight and is 3-8 against Texas this season, got a sixth-inning RBI single from Ken Griffey Jr. to narrow the deficit to 5-3.

Lopez's RBI single in the eighth off Jason

Grilli got the Mariners within 5-4.

Vargas, who gave up five runs and seven hits in five innings, has lost five of his last six decisions.

"I thought for the first four innings, Vargas was pretty good," Mariners manager Don

Wakamatsu said. "I thought he kept the ball down and kept them off-speed. The game came down to the 1-2 pitch he left up to Teagarden. He left a couple of (other) pitches in the inning and they had four runs and that was the momentum swing."

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with only three RBIs in 14 games since hitting two homers in the first game after the break. He was 0 for 2 Friday, scoring the tying run in the eighth after getting hit by a pitch.

Trever Miller (3-0) froze Michael Bourn on a called third strike with two men on to end the eighth and Ryan Franklin worked around a leadoff single by Kaz Matsui in the ninth for his 24th save in 26 chances.

Holliday was 4 for 4 and had an RBI single in the fourth, duplicating his four-hit game in Philadelphia a week ago in his St. Louis debut. He is batting .586 (17 for 29) with a homer and eight RBIs since joining the Cardinals in a trade from Oakland. He is the first Cardinal to hit in his first eight games with the team since Roger Maris in 1967, and

he is the first Cardinal since 1954 to reach base safely two or more times in his first eight games.

"You want to have an opportunity to affect the game and try to have good at-bats, that's the goal," Holliday said. "Hopefully every at-bat I have is a competitive one where I'm totally focused and have a game plan and stick to it."

Holliday is a .439 career hitter at 4-year-old Busch Stadium with six homers and 12 RBIs.

"We threw a couple of good pitches and he was able to hit them for a couple of base hits," Astros catcher Ivan Rodriguez said. "When you go through a streak like that, it's tough to get a guy out."

The Astros got three straight singles off Brad Thompson with two outs in the eighth, and Kata's third pinch-hit in his last seven at-bats put them ahead 3-2.

Mark DeRosa's 20th homer tied it at 2 against Brian Moehler in the seventh. The Cardinals

missed a chance to take the lead when Bourn, the center fielder, threw out Jason LaRue trying to score from second on Skip Schumaker's two-out hit off Wesley Wright.

Mitchell Boggs, recalled from Triple-A Memphis to take Todd Wellemeyer's spot in the rotation, had trouble qualifying for a decision just as in an earlier stint with the Cardinals. Boggs threw 99 pitches, 44 of them balls, while walking five and striking out five in five innings and left trailing 2-1.

"We had a lot of opportunities early in the game and didn't cash them in," Astros manager Cecil Cooper said. "Those things usually come back to haunt you and they did tonight."

In his last three starts, Boggs has allowed 20 hits and 12 walks in 13 2-3 innings yet has kept the Cardinals in the game by allowing only five runs.

Moehler gave up two

runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings. He beat the Cardinals July 20 in Houston and is 5-0 in nine career starts against them.

## TRADE

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"We obviously want him here for purely selfish reasons," Smith continued. "My wife was very excited to hear he could end up in Midland. I've gotten a couple of text messages from other coaches in our league that are also excited about the possibility of getting to see him play."

If all indications are correct, Ladedorf might be moving up through the ranks quickly.

"The A's have never been a team to bury a guy in the minors," said Smith. "If he keeps being productive, then he's going to get moved up. It could be a great opportunity for him."

Ladedorf was in the process of getting moved from Tennessee to Illinois and was unavailable for comment.

Minnesota entered the day two games behind Detroit in the AL Central. The Twins need more production up the middle, with Nick Punto and Alexi Casilla struggling to hit this season.

Leading Twins players have also recently expressed their desire to see the team make a move to upgrade the roster.

The Twins have traditionally been quiet at the deadline.

Cabrera was batting .280 with four homers, 41 RBIs and 11 steals for Oakland. He was expected to be at the Metrodome for Saturday's game against the Angels.

Information from the Associated Press was used in this story.

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# Watching Woods a sport in itself at Buick Open

GRAND TOWNSHIP, MICH. (AP) — As the boom generated when Tiger Woods' driver smashes a golf ball echoed around Warwick Hills, another rumble was building. Flocks of fans on either side of the fairway started heading down-range from the 15th tee to watch Tiger's next move. Only one problem: The rest of Woods' trio had yet to hit their drives and the lurching crowd of fans proved a

loud distraction. "Hold!" yelled a marshal. "Hold after the shot, please!" Later, he added: "All the golf etiquette leaves their minds as soon as the ball leaves (Woods') club." Knowing it may be a decade before Woods is back in Michigan, the fans at the Buick Open are soaking in every last bit of his game. From ogling his stature as he walks down the fairway to roaring after

his smooth putts find the bottom of the cup, watching Tiger has become a sport in itself at Warwick Hills. While his torrid, 9-under 63 morning round made his entourage giddy, there is more than a bit of melancholy in the air: For longtime Buick Open marshals and fans, it's also Tiger's farewell tour. Seizing a moment of relative quiet, Bonnie Hafner called out to Woods as he walked up the 12th fairway, earning a smile and a wave.

Seeing Tiger "is why we got up so early in the morning to come out here," said Hafner, 54, of Rochester, Mich. "I felt bad because I thought I disturbed him." Tiger, though, was in a groove. Moments later, he drilled a course-electrifying chip-in for eagle. The fan response that Woods evokes is a boon even for his playing partners. "It's a great atmosphere to play in," said Jeff Arnold, who played with Woods Friday. "Obviously, sometimes

you feel like they're not watching you, but they end up rooting for you if you end up playing good." Woods' smoking birdie-birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie start did much to dispel an uninspiring 1-under effort Thursday and his missed cut at the British Open two weeks ago. Standing just behind the rope on 16, Randy Flynn asked his grandkids, Kyra, 12, and Aidan, 8, if they ever thought they'd get so close to Tiger Woods.

Wide-eyed, they shook their heads. "No way," said Kyra. "It's the only sporting event you can be as close as that" to a superstar, Flynn, 57, said. "He's more than a golfer, he's a celebrity." Part of watching Woods up-close is the realization that television doesn't do his physique justice. As Tiger surveyed the fourth green at Wednesday's Pro-Am, 10-year-old Robert Ferguson couldn't believe Woods' thick biceps.

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Putting the Pressure On

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 8 7 6 2  
♥ A 10 8 5  
♦ 8  
♣ A 8 6

**WEST**  
♠ Q J 10  
♥ 3  
♦ J 10 7 3  
♣ J 5 4 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ 5  
♥ K Q J 7 6 4 2  
♦ 9 5  
♣ K Q 10

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 9 4 3  
♥ 9  
♦ A K Q 6 4 2  
♣ 9 7

The bidding:  
East 4♥ Pass  
South Pass 5♦  
West Pass Dble  
North Dble

Opening lead — three of hearts.

made, came up with the wrong answer. Among other things, he could have passed four hearts doubled and collected 500 points for a three-trick set. Contrast this result with what happened at the second table. There the bidding went:

East 1♥ South 2♦ West Pass North 3♥  
East 3♥ South 4♥ West Pass North 6♣  
East's opening one-heart bid gave the opposition plenty of time to get together. South made the normal overcall of two diamonds, and North bid two spades. East belatedly revealed his heart length by rebidding the suit, but South by now was hot on the trail of a slam.

His four-heart cuebid induced North, holding three aces, to cooperate with the slam try by showing the ace of clubs. This was just what the doctor ordered, as far as South was concerned, and he leapt to six spades.

North had no trouble making the slam. He won the king-of-clubs lead with the ace, drew two rounds of trumps, cashed the A-K-Q of diamonds, discarding two clubs from his hand, and then ruffed a diamond to establish the suit. All he lost was a spade trick.

So North scored 1,660 points for making the doubled slam, which, added to his teammates' plus 200, yielded a gain of 1,860 points. Obviously, it pays to pre-empt!

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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## BENNETT

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Bennett concedes he

struggled to fit in as a rookie (easing his way into conversations, only to be ignored) and the HBO show "Hard Knocks" captured his

strained relationship with position coach John Garrett.

In one scene, Garrett had to tell Bennett to put on his helmet several times before the rookie did it.

Fast forward a year, to this week. After only the second practice of training camp, Phillips singled out Bennett for having "an outstanding workout," adding that he excelled throughout offseason practices, too.

Keep it up and Bennett really will force the Cowboys to come up with all sorts of two-tight end formations.

"We just gradually spoon-feed him a little bit more and a little bit more and he's handled it well," Garrett said.

"He's got immense pride in doing it right and wanting to be good. He understands that he has an important role in this offense and he wants to fulfill it."

Bennett also understands that without success on Sundays he's just another guy trying to be silly on the Internet. So the better he plays, the bigger his audience and the louder laughs he'll draw.

Considering the click-drawing power of the Cowboys, every reception could be worth thousands of more fans.

"I've got 7,000 (Twitter) followers," he said. "I'm trying to get to 10,000 before training camp is over, so follow your boy MartyBTV!"

## 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.

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# SHAPE UP

## Kids' Eating Habits



### FAMILY FEATURES

Juggling kids' activities, work and family time makes it a challenge to eat healthy and control calories. To help your kids eat healthy, follow these practical tips from the American Heart Association.

#### Dealing With a Picky Eater

Getting a picky eater to eat a nutritious meal doesn't have to be a battle. Here are some things to try:

- Add healthy fruits and vegetables to foods that your child already likes. For example, add blueberries to pancakes, carrots to muffins, fruit slices to a bowl of cereal, chunks of bell pepper to potato salad, or shredded veggies over rice.
- Include your kids when you grocery shop. By being involved in choosing the foods at the grocery store they may be more likely to eat it. When your kids shop with you, have them look for the heart-check mark that shows which foods are certified by the American Heart Association to be low in saturated fat and cholesterol.
- Keep healthy foods on hand — water or 100 percent juice instead of colas or fruit drinks, and a bag of apples instead of a bag of chips.
- Have healthy finger foods available. Kids like to pick up foods, so give them foods they can handle. Fruit and veggie chunks (raw or cooked) are great finger-food options.
- Repeat the "clean your plate" rule, even if your child loads a plate up with more food than they can eat. Kids know when they're full, so let them stop and help them learn to take smaller servings next time.
- Don't cut out treats altogether. Think moderation. A scoop of ice cream or a serving of cookies is okay occasionally. If you cut out goodies, your kids will be more likely to over indulge when they get them.



**American Heart Association**

Products displaying the heart-check mark meet American Heart Association food criteria for saturated fat and cholesterol for healthy people over age 2.

[heartcheckmark.org](http://heartcheckmark.org)

#### Take Control of Portion Sizes

Portion size has a lot to do with why our kids are struggling with their weight — our kids are getting far more calories than they need.

To control portions, know what is considered a normal portion. You may be surprised to learn these are serving sizes:

- 1 slice of bread
- 1/2 cup rice or pasta (cooked)
- 1 small piece of fruit (a super-large apple is 2+ servings)
- 1/2 cup cooked vegetable or 1 cup raw leafy vegetable
- 3/4 cup fruit juice
- 1 cup milk or yogurt
- 2 ounces cheese (about the size of a domino)
- 2 to 3 ounces meat, poultry or fish (this is about the size of a deck of cards)

#### Make Fast Food Friendlier

If you eat on the go, use these tips to make fast food healthier for both your kids and yourself:

- Pass on the value size. When you increase the size, your bucket of fries isn't the only thing that gets bigger.
- Skip the sides. Eating a burger or sandwich by itself is often filling enough. If you do want a side, consider ordering fruit or a side salad instead of French fries.
- Avoid double meat and bacon. You're probably getting more than you need with a single meat patty. Bacon is high in calories and fat with little nutrient content.
- Try the grilled chicken sandwich. Poultry without skin is significantly leaner than the meats most fast-food companies use in their burgers. Beware of breaded deep fried chicken, which is loaded with calories and fat.
- Eat your sandwich open-faced. By eating only half the bun, you can eliminate calories.
- Pay attention to the calories in condiments — choose mustard instead of mayo or other calorie-laden dressings and sauces.
- Drink water, diet soda or low-fat milk. Regular sodas are loaded with sugars, which have calories you don't need.

The best way to influence kids is by example. Be a good role model — your family's health depends on it. To learn more about healthy eating, visit [www.heartcheckmark.org](http://www.heartcheckmark.org).

#### Chicken Fingers With Dipping Sauces

Serves 4  
(about 3 ounces chicken and 1 tablespoon plus 1/2 teaspoons dipping sauce per serving)

- 1 cup fat-free or low-fat plain yogurt
- 1 pound chicken tenders, all visible fat discarded
- Vegetable oil spray

##### Coating Mixture

- 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/3 cup plain dry bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon shredded or grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil, crumbled
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

##### Creamy Honey Mustard Sauce

- 1/4 cup fat-free or light sour cream
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon honey

##### Blackberry Dipping Sauce

- 1/4 cup all-fruit seedless blackberry spread
- 2 tablespoons fat-free or light mayonnaise
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Put yogurt in medium bowl. Add chicken, stirring to coat. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly spray baking sheet with vegetable oil spray. In another medium bowl, stir together coating mixture ingredients.

Dip one piece of chicken at a time in the coating mixture, turning gently to coat. Arrange chicken in a single layer on the baking sheet. Lightly spray chicken with vegetable oil spray.

Bake for 20 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink in the center and coating is crisp.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, whisk together ingredients for the desired sauce.

Serve chicken fingers with sauce on the side.

##### Chicken Fingers with Creamy Honey Mustard Dipping Sauce

**Nutrition Analysis (per serving):**  
Calories 320, Total Fat 3.5 g (Saturated 1.0 g, Polyunsaturated 0.5 g, Monounsaturated 0.5 g), Carbohydrates 37 g, Sugars 11 g, Fiber 2 g, Cholesterol 71 mg, Protein 35 g, Sodium 477 mg  
**Dietary Exchanges:** 2 starch, 1/2 skim milk, 3 very lean meat

##### Chicken Fingers with Blackberry Dipping Sauce

**Nutrition Analysis (per serving):**  
Calories 326, Total Fat 3.0 g (Saturated 1.0 g, Polyunsaturated 0.5 g, Monounsaturated 0.5 g), Carbohydrates 40 g, Sugars 14 g, Fiber 2 g, Cholesterol 69 mg, Protein 34 g, Sodium 421 mg  
**Dietary Exchanges:** 1 1/2 starch, 1/2 fruit, 1/2 skim milk, 3 very lean meat

## Make Grocery Shopping Fun and Easy

Grocery shopping isn't always easy with your kids in tow, but you can change that.

When headed to the grocery store, be organized and have a plan. Start by building your free, heart-healthy grocery list at [heartcheckmark.org](http://heartcheckmark.org). Create your list from hundreds of products certified by the American Heart Association to be low in saturated fat and cholesterol. You can add other needed items. The result is a personalized and organized grocery list

sorted by category that you can save for future use and print or access from your Web-enabled mobile phone or PDA.

Once at the grocery store, engage your kids in a nutrition game that keeps them focused and more manageable. Ask them to help you look for the heart-check mark on foods. Whoever spots the most heart-check marks wins the game. The kids stay entertained and you know the foods you're selecting are heart-healthy and part of a sensible eating plan.



## Shop smart! Live well! Look for the heart-check mark!

All products bearing the heart-check mark meet the American Heart Association's nutrition criteria per standard serving size to be:

- Low in fat (3 grams or less)
- Low in saturated fat (1 gram or less)
- Limited in trans fat (less than .5 grams)
- Low in cholesterol (20 milligrams or less)
- Moderate in sodium, with 480 milligrams or less for individual foods
- Contain at least 10 percent of the Daily Value of one or more of these naturally occurring nutrients: protein, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium, iron or dietary fiber.

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**BENDER**

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Bible study.  
Tony and Maggie Hess wrote: "God placed Everett and Evelyn in our lives at a time when we were hungry and seeking after God. We joined Everett's Bible Study and fast became students of prayer and the word of God. Everett was not only a teacher, but a role model for us. We wanted to pray and know God and God's word for ourselves, like we saw Everett do.

Everett Bender was a spiritual father to Tony and me. Through Everett, God literally transformed our lives from going through the hum-drum of religion, to an everyday relationship and life filled with Jesus. Following Everett's example, prayer and the word of God became alive and our lives changed. We truly came to know and live a blessed life. Everett was a blessing in his circle of influence. We saw Everett touch so many lives. He had such a fire and a passion for God and prayer, the word, our community and leader-



**Members of the 2005 Kingdom Leadership Group were, standing, left to right: Gary Fuqua, Jim Campbell, Tommy Welch, Ken Childress, Richard Steel, Dennis Teeters, Bill Myers, Murray Murphy, Roy Beauchamp, Jimmie Long, Dale Walker, Wesley Beauchamp, Gary Pritchett and Allan Johnson; sitting, left to right: Sam Segundo, David Kimberly, Kevin Calley, Tim Green, Steve Herren, Robert H. Moore III, Scott McLaughlin, Bill Crooker, Russ McEwen, Clint Collins and Everett Bender; kneeling is Wayne Frost.**

Courtesy photo

ship and he inspired us to want and pray for the same. Everett was a walking and talking example of everything that he taught.

"Through the years we have given thanks to God for Everett impacting our lives in so many ways, many times over. Everett left a legacy in us and this legacy will live in us for the rest of our lives. He touched our hearts

and we will miss him dearly. Everett was loved by our family, our community and many countless individuals, and Everett will always have a place in our hearts."

Pastor Sam Segundo wrote: "Everett's a constant example of a Heaven-sent Christian messenger. His genuine love and dedication radiated and impacted many people forever

and forever. We will miss him and will do our best as Big Spring citizens to continue on what he set for us."

The Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton wrote: "It's a difficult thing to find the right words to describe Everett Bender. He was simply one of the finest Christian men I've ever met. And his Christianity wasn't make believe — it was real. It made no differ-

ence whether Everett was in public or behind closed doors, his love for Christ and his love for people came out in every conversation. Our community, as well as the cause of Christ, has given up a great and good man. He is someone who will truly be missed."

*Those who were not in the above photo and those of later years of*

*the Kingdom Leadership: Joe Stocks, Joel Miller, John Bryans, John Moseley, Dr. John Myers, Josh Hamby, Judge Mark Barr, Kevin Freeman, Ken Haas, Rex Rainey, Roy Worthy, Dr. Ruddy Haddad, Stan Parker, Stan Partee, Terry McDaniel, Todd Darden, Tony Hess, John Medina, Tommy Churchwell and Paschal Odom.*

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# House approves \$2B more for 'cash for clunkers'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted overwhelmingly Friday to rush \$2 billion into the popular but financially strapped "cash for clunkers" car purchase program, heeding calls from consumers eager to keep taking advantage of thousands of dollars in trade-in incentives.

House members approved the mea-

sure 316-109 within hours of learning from Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood that the program was running out of money.

President Barack Obama said he was encouraged by the House action to keep alive a program that had "succeeded well beyond our expectations." Senate action is likely next week, en-

suring the program won't be affected by the sudden shortage of cash.

Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y., said of the program: "This is a test drive, and people bought it big time."

Called the Car Allowance Rebate System, or CARS, the program is designed to help the economy and the environment by spurring new car sales. Car owners can receive federal subsidies of up to \$4,500 for trading in their old cars for new ones that achieve significantly higher gas mileage.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer said the new money for the program would come from funds approved earlier in the year as part of an economic stimulus bill.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the cars purchased under the program were much more fuel-efficient than the bill requires.

"Consumers have spoken with their wallets, and they've said they like this program," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis.

Some Republicans argued that Democrats were trying to jam the legislation through. A number of lawmakers also complained that many dealers have been left to contend with a chaotic government-run program.

"The federal government can't pro-

cess a simple rebate. I've got dealers who have submitted the paperwork three times and have gotten three rejections," said Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich.

There had been a \$1 billion budget for rebates for new car sales in the program that was officially launched last week and has been heavily publicized by automakers and dealers.

The program offers owners of old cars and trucks \$3,500 or \$4,500 toward new, more fuel-efficient vehicles, in exchange for scrapping their old vehicles.

In the Senate, Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., had proposed a plan that would have required the new vehicles to be vastly more fuel-efficient. When Feinstein supported the \$1 billion funding plan in June, she said she received "absolute assurance" from Senate leaders that if the program continued beyond November it would be modeled after her bill.

Feinstein and Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, asked the Transportation Department Friday for more details on how the program has worked. "Congress needs this data in order to determine if the fleet modernization program delivered significant fuel economy gains and oil savings," Feinstein and Collins wrote.



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