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Public hearing set Tuesday on city tax rate

By THOMAS JENKINS

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Staff Writer

The 2009-2010 budget and proposed tax rate will take center stage Tuesday, as the Big Spring City Council prepares to hold public hearings on

On a 6-1 vote two weeks ago — with Councilwoman Stephanie Horton the lone dissenter — the council gave the city staff the OK to move forward with a tax rate of \$1.0132 per \$100 valuation. The rate, which is the same number used last year, will generate approximately \$90,000 more in revenue due to a rise in certified values

According to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, she and her staff calculated the effective tax rate — the tax rate necessary to collect the same

5: 30 p.m. City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

amount in taxes as the previous year — at 95.0783 cents per \$100 valuation, and the rollback rate at 97.9398 cents per \$100 valuation.

Walker said the proposed tax rate which includes a bump from a paid-off bond — will generate approximately \$230,000 in additional funding, all of which the council has indicated would be used to finance a new municipal swimming pool.

"We did pay off a 2002 refunding bond issue in February of this

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Tommy Billalba prepares fajita burritos at his booth at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church fall festival, which was held Friday and Saturday.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Tomieka Maddux holds her daughter, Ella, while browsing for items to buy at the Giant Relay Garage Sale at First United Methodist Church's youth hall Saturday. Proceeds went to benefit the Relay For Life American Cancer Society fund-raiser.

CISD board to address budget

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

COAHOMA — School trustees here are expected to approve the 2009-2010 budget when they meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the administration building board room.

A public hearing to solicit input on the new budget will be the first order of business.

Coahoma Independent School Dis-

trict Superintendent Randy Brown said there are few changes in the budget from the previous year.

"It's fairly similar (to 2008-2009)," Brown said. "But we do have a (salary) increase for teachers, as well as other employees, in this budget."

Teachers will receive a \$1,200 annual pay increase — in addition to their

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Hutchison kicks off campaign

Associated Press Writer

GALVESTON — The senior senator from Texas is taking aim at the state's longest serving governor in a race expected to divide the Republi-

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison returns to her native Gulf Coast on Monday morning for the start of a five-day, 19-city campaign announcement tour that will take her to nearly ev-



Hutchison hopes to

ery corner of the state.

trade in a 16-year Senate career for Texas' top executive job. She first will have to pry the GOP nomination from Gov. Rick Perry, who has held the Hutchison office since 2000. Hutchison plans to give up her

seat this fall to focus on the governor's race, which features the Texas GOP's two best-known leaders.

Republicans, who hold every statewide office, haven't seen this kind of epic intraparty battle since they began dominating Texas politics in the 1990s.

"They've already got the gloves off," said University of Texas political scientist Bruce Buchanan. "We haven't had anything like this in Texas for quite a while."

Before Hutchinson's tour even

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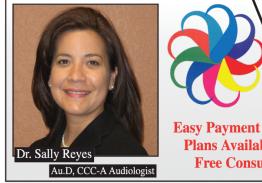
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Obituaries

Gene Edward Burrow



Gene Edward Burrow, 74, passed away Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009, at his home in Big Spring.

He was born Dec. 20, 1934, in Westbrook to J.H. and Addie Burrow, who preceded him in death. He graduated from Flower Grove High School in 1951 and attended Howard College in Big Spring. Gene was employed as service manager for Bob Brock Ford

until the late 1970s when he began farming full time. He retired from farming in 1996. Gene was a kind and gentle man of compassion,

generosity, faith and high ethics. He will be remembered most for his devotion to his family. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Burrow of Big

Spring; two sons, Brent Burrow and Chris Burrow and wife Jill, all of Lubbock; two granddaughters, Amberly and KK Burrow; and one sister, Martha Lowke and husband Mike of Robstown.

Gene was a member of First Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, in care of Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121; Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring 79720; or to the First Baptist Church, 507 W. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Wallace Walker



Graveside services for Wallace Walker, 95, of Lamesa, will be held Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Mitchell Co. Cemetery in Colorado Cemetery with Phillip Jones officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home He died Saturday Aug. 15, 2009, in

He was born Dec. 16, 1914, in BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession

Colorado City to Esther and Charley Walker.

Survivors include his niece, Sue Fletcher, of Lamesa; a sister, Geraldine Jones of Lamesa; and a uties on a charge of driving while intoxicated. brother, Billy Ray Walker, of Roswell, N.M.

Charlene Jones; and four brothers Delton Walker, Ordis Hale Walker, Johnnie Elmo Walker and Little Baby Walker.

The family suggests memorials to the Church of

Christ in Lamesa.

Georgia Marie Mackey

Georgia Marie Mackey, 56, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2009, in Big Spring.

She was born in Fort Stockton and was a home-

Survivors include: her father, Charles Pete Dodson of Big Spring; three sons, Brent Grue of Harwood, Bobby Grue of Flint, Mich., and Corey Hoffpauir of Big Spring; four sisters, Theresa Lauver of Ponco City, Okla., Tina McKenzie and Sissy Bundick, both of Odessa, and Patricia Collins of Groesbeck.

Memorial services will be held 2 p.m., Monday, Aug. 17, 2009 at Acres West Funeral Chapel in Odessa. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel.

Ruben Martinez Ruben Martinez, 52, of Big Spring died Saturday,

Aug. 15, 2009. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity Friday through Sunday:

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd. Service was refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of E.

Third. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at Highway

87 and Route 1584. Service was refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of

Connally. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E.

17th. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of E.

15th. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of

W. Highway 80. One person was transported to

• MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. Third. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 4300 block of Gatesville. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of ■ College. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of

Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 3600 block of Highway 80. One person was transported to

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Sunday:

- ANTONIO TAMAYO, 53, Pasadena, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- RONNIE BUSSEY, 65, Odessa, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSEPH BACA, 24, 1604 Robin, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- ALFONSO BACA, 27, 3913 Hamilton, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- CYNTHIA HERNANDEZ, 52, 1800 Donley, was arrested on an other-agency warrant. • EMIL DURAN, 30, Seminole, was arrested on
- a charge of hindering an officer from discharging ANTHONY TREVINO, 23, 1607 Bluebird, was
- arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY
- WEAPON was reported in the 1900 block of Nolan.
- · ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87 and the 3400 block of 11th. ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was
- reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird. POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 100 block of Third.
- RECKLESS DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison.
- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia (three reports) and the 2300 block of Wasson.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Sunday (85 prisoners were reported in the county jail):

- JAMIE LEE ATKINSON, 40, was arrested by deputies on bondsman off bond warrants for burglary of a habitation and tampering or fabricating physical evidence. NATHANIEL JAMAL AUSBIE, 26, was arrested
- by deputies on charges of failure to appear (three counts), failure to maintain financial responsible, open container, no driver's license and a probation violation warrant for possession of a dangerous
- ALFONSO BACA III, 27, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. • JOSEPH RAY BACA, 24, was transferred from
- of marijuana. • CLAYTON BIRMELIN, 23, was arrested by dep-
- RONNIE GENE BUSSEY, 65, was transferred He is preceded in death by his parents; a sister, from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
 - PETER CANDELARIA, 21, was arrested by deputies on charges of disregarding a stop sign or light, no driver's license and prohibited substance in a correctional facility.
 - RENE CARDOSO-TAPIA, 27, was arrested by deputies on a charge of no driver's license.
 - RAYMOND V. GONZALES, 30, was arrested by deputies on a charge of contempt of child support
 - CYNTHIA HERNANDEZ, 52, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of theft
 - B ILLY JOHNSON, 48, was arrested by deputies on a charge of contempt of child protective order.
 - JIMMY DAN LOPEZ, 28, was arrested by deputies on a charge of public intoxication. RAFAEL LOPEZ, 64, was transferred from
 - BSPD after being arrested on a charge of public intoxication. • MARK ANTHONY NATIVIDAD, 29, was arrest-
 - a vehicle and a probation revocation warrant for possession of a controlled substance. MARSHALL WAYNE SCATES, 30, was transferred from Sterling County Sheriff's Office after

ed by deputies on a charge of unauthorized use of

- being arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • SONIA RENEE STRAUGHTER, 44, was trans-
- ferred from BSPD after being arrested on charges of failure to appear (two counts), no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility. LARRY ROBERT VALLES, 19, was arrested by
- deputies on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- KRYSTAL EVE YANEZ, 20, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of animal at large.

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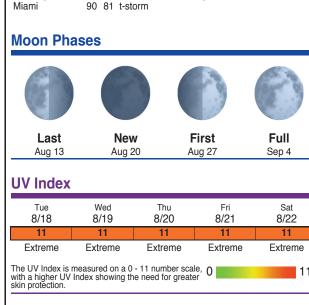
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Austin	96	74	pt sunny	Longview	90	74	t-storm				
Beaumont	90	75	t-storm	Lubbock	95	69	sunny				
Brownsville	96	76	pt sunny	Lufkin	91	74	t-storm				
Brownwood	96	73	mst sunny	Midland	96	74	sunny				
Corpus Christi	96	79	t-storm	Raymondville	99	77	pt sunny				
Corsicana	94	75	mst sunny	Rosenberg	92	74	t-storm				
Dallas	95	77	mst sunny	San Antonio	99	76	pt sunny				
Del Rio	101	79	mst sunny	San Marcos	97	75	pt sunny				
El Paso	97	71	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	91	75	mst sunny				
Fort Stockton	95	72	sunny	Sweetwater	95	72	mst sunny				
Gainesville	95	76	mst sunny	Tyler	90	73	t-storm				
Greenville	92	72	mst sunny	Weatherford	96	75	mst sunny				
Houston	92	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	98	74	sunny				
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Lottery

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Here are the winning numbers for Saturday's Cash Five drawing: 1-2-8-10-33.

Here are the winning numbers for Saturday's Daily 4 evening drawing: 7-2-0-0; Sum It Up: 9.

Here are the winning numbers for Saturday's Pick 3 evening drawing: 7-0-6; Sum It Up: 13.

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Take Note

- If you are considering homeschooling as an option for your family but aren't really sure how to begin or what is involved, there will be a homeschooling informational meeting Tuesday. Several local families with the Big Spring Christian Home Educators support group will be available to answer questions about and share information regarding homeschooling in Texas. Free to the public, the meeting will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Christ's Community Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. For more information, send e-mails to dnhlong@ hotmail.com
- Former students of Gay Hill Common School near Luther will be having a reunion and time capsule dig at the remains of the school house at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Bring your shovels, metal detectors, etc. Organizers have planned the event in conjunction with the Big Spring High School 2009 Homecoming. More than 50 former students have been contacted and many are planning to attend.
- A benefit fund for stroke victim Rocky Dunlap has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton St. Dunlap has been employed for the past several years as a principal with Big Spring Independent School District.

News briefs

Administration eases away from public option in favor of health care co-ops in overhaul push

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is willing to embrace insurance cooperatives over a government-run plan as the White House faces mounting opposition to its broad overhaul of the nation's health care system. Bowing to Republican pressure and offering po-

litical cover to fiscally conservative Democrats, Obama's administration signaled on Sunday that it is ready to abandon the idea of giving Americans the option of government-run insurance. The shift leaves open a chance for compromise with Republicans that probably would enrage Obama's liberal supporters but could deliver a much-needed victory on a top domestic priority. Officials from both political parties are looking

for concessions while Congress is on an August recess. Facing tough audiences, lawmakers and the White House are looking for a way to cover the nation's almost 50 million uninsured while maintaining political standing. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen

Sebelius said that a government alternative to private health insurance is "not the essential element" of the administration's health care overhaul. The White House would be open to co-ops, she said, a sign that Democrats want a compromise so they can declare a victory.

Under a proposal by Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., consumer-owned nonprofit cooperatives would sell insurance in competition with private industry, not unlike the way electric and agriculture co-ops operate, especially in rural states such as his own.

Suicide truck bomb hits police station in southern Russia, at least 19 killed, dozens wounded NAZRAN, Russia (AP) — A suicide bomber ex-

ploded a truck at a police station in Russia's North Caucasus on Monday, killing at least 19 people and wounding nearly 70 others, officials said. The bombing was the deadliest in months in the restive southern region, denting Kremlin claims

that the area was stabilizing after 15 years of separatist fighting in Chechnya and violence in surrounding provinces. The attacker rammed the gates of the Nazran city police headquarters, in Ingushetia province, and

detonated his explosives as police officers were lining up for a morning check, said Svetlana Gorbakova of the regional branch of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Prosecutor General's office.

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year, and that will free up 2.9 cents, which is no longer legally required for debt services," said Walker. "Rather than eliminating that, the staff is proposing and the council is considering rolling those funds into the general fund rate for one year, and when the rate is set next year, we'll pull that rate (2.9 cents) right back out and fund a new municipal swimming pool. It probably won't be enough debt service, so in all likelihood we'll lower the general fund rate at that time to fully cover the debt service on the new pool without raising rates overall."

The council recently held a work session to discuss the construction of a new city swimming pool, a move made necessary by the recent closure of the existing pool due to its inability to meet federal regulations. The current cost of a new swimming facility which includes a number of improvements over the

existing facility and a major increase in capacity — was presented as \$4.2 million during that meeting. Councilwoman Stephanie

Horton said she refused to support the tax rate because the funds the council is expected to designate toward building a new pool are not being restricted. "I wanted to see those funds

earmarked strictly for a new pool," said Horton following the meeting. "And there was talk of doing that, but it was never done. That's why I didn't vote in favor of the tax rate." Going above the rollback

rate could become a risky proposition, however, as a petition executed by citizens could very well force a rollback election, according to state law. If the rollback election were successful in stopping the proposed tax rate, the city would be forced to adopt the effective rate, which would cause a budgetary shortfall of nearly \$250,000 when compared to the currently proposed budget.

"We know that's a possibili-

ty. Anytime any taxing entity adopts a rate that's above the rollback rate, that is always a possibility," said Walker. "If the citizens feel that strongly about it and don't feel the city has put together a good budget or isn't being fiscally responsible with their tax dollars, a rollback election is always a possibility." The council and city staff

will also field questions from taxpayers concerning it's \$41 million fiscal plan for the coming year, a plan that includes hikes in municipal customer's water and sanitation bills.

With a cost hike of approximately 6 percent being passed along to the city by its water supplier — the Colorado River Municipal Water District City Manager Gary Fuqua said an increase of \$1.75 on the base rate of all city water customers will pay for the \$175,000 shortfall.

The council also gave a quiet nod to increases in sewer rates, with revenues from the increases set to be used to replenish a city utility fund that has been declining for several years.

If approved in the coming months, residential customers can expect to see an increase of \$1.25 in the base rate for sewer service, bringing the total rate to \$13. The increase in the base rate would equal \$125,000. The plan also calls for a 20-cent increase in consumption, bringing that rate to \$1.50, generating \$95,000.

Commercial customers will also see an increase in their sewer rates, with \$3.25 added to their base rate, bringing it The increase is expected to

generate \$30,000 in revenues. Commercial customers will also see a 30-cent increase, bringing the consumption charge to \$2, with an estimated increase in revenue of \$100,000.

Fuqua said he hates to see rates increase, especially in tough economic times, but warned taking no action to replenish the city's utility fund — which is currently \$640,610, much lower than the staff-recommended \$2.5 million — could spell disaster.

"It's like Councilwoman Gloria McDonald said during the session, we have to tackle this problem with the fund balance a little at a time," said Fuqua. "We're not at a point where they are an emergency. We're watching the fund balances and we're not going to panic, but it's something that has to be addressed.

"It's a lot like the maintenance on your home or property and your bank account. Your bank account is getting a little low and you know you're going to have to repaint the house in a few years, so you know you need to start saving up a little money, and that's what we're looking at doing. We're just trying to prepare ourselves in case of an emergency, and I really feel like we did that tonight."

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

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regular step raises.

"And all employees will be getting a 3 percent raise, as well," Brown added. "We were pleased to be able to do that this year."

Debt service, a potentially troublesome issue, will result in a tax rate increase this year, but not as high as initially feared.

"The tax rate will be better than it looked like it would be earlier this year," Brown said. "We're proposing a rate of \$1.29 (per \$100 valuation), but for awhile, it looked like we'd have to go as high as \$1.33 or more."

The the tax rate was such a concern was a drop in property valuations within the district this year, coupled with an increase in debt service payments.

However, Brown noted, tax collections for 2008-2009 exceeded estimates, allowing officials to use that excess revenue to help make bond

and the forcefulness to

take it from him," Jill-

son said. "In important

ways, it is a battle for

the future of the Repub-

battle begins Monday

morning at La Marque

High School, where she

was a cheerleader, coro-

nation queen and Miss

La Marque High School

in her senior year of

1961, when it was a seg-

regated white school.

Today, most of the stu-

There, she will be

joined by two high-

Karen Hughes, the for-

mer spokeswoman and

diplomat from George

W. Bush's administra-

tion, and former House

Majority Leader Dick

dents are minorities.

profile endorsers

For Hutchison, 66, the

lican Party in Texas."

major reason payments this year.

Twenty-five cents of the new tax rate will go toward paying off bond debt, while the remaining \$1.04 will finance maintenance and operation costs.

other business In Tuesday, trustees will consider:

- · A parent and/or student complaint.
- Construction up-

Armey, her campaign

Campaign officials de-

clined Sunday to share

any details of her stump

speech but promised

it would contain some

Also Monday, she

planned to visit Austin,

where she was a college

cheerleader and gradu-

ated from the Universi-

ty of Texas Law School

women in her class. She

also will hold a rally

in Houston, where she

worked as a TV report-

er and held a seat in the

including former Edu-

cation Secretary Rod

Paige, will be sprinkled

onto the 19-city tour, of-

supporters,

Texas Legislature.

Other

ficials said.

only one of seven

contrasts with Perry.

date.

- · Approval of an agreement for Big Spring ISD to provide disciplinary alternative education and vocational training for Coahoma students this school year.
- Approval of local graduation requirements and the 2009-2020 board and district goals.
- Personnel matters.

The tour ends Friday in El Paso, about 800 miles from where it was scheduled to begin. By then, Hutchison will have visited the piney woods of eastern Texas, the bustling border towns of Laredo and Harlingen, the northern Panhandle and far western Texas.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

MYERS & SMITH **FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Ruben Martinez, 52, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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began, both campaigns released videos criticizing the other. The Perry camp called Hutchison "Kay Bailout," slamming her vote favor of last year's \$700 billion financial rescue pack-

Perry had a 12-point lead over Hutchison in a July University of Texas poll, with about a third undecided several months before the March primary. A relative unknown, GOP activist Debra Medina of Wharton, also has announced a run for the nomination.

The winner then must

face whomever the Democrats put up next November. The only major Democratic candidate to announce so far is Fort Worth businessman Tom Schieffer.

Experts predict the Republican race will touch off an ideological divide in the party, with Perry taking up the causes of conservatives and Hutchison, who has supported the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, striking a more moderate tone by comparison.

Cal Jillson, political scientist at Southern Methodist University, wonders whether Hutchison can oust the sitting governor.

"The question is: Does she have the energy

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OTHER VIEWS

Being civil is really good idea in debate

ere's some editorial advice we never thought we'd have to give. Kind of like cover your mouth when you sneeze. When you go to hear elected officials or

political candidates discuss the issues of the day, be polite as well as respectful of others attending the

Feel free to be — and in fact we encourage you to be — challenging, assertive and skeptical of what you hear. Make the officeholders and candidates talk with you, not at you. That's good for democ-

What's bad for democracy is screaming at, shouting down or in any way discouraging conversa-

We are not impressed by the folks who hijacked a recent attempt by U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett to talk about health care with constituents at a Southwest Austin grocery store. Doggett spoke and took questions but had to give up on responding to individual queries after the meeting when opponents of the Democratic-backed health care plan shouted him

People, please. We know about your First Amendment rights. Here at the newspaper, that's just about our favorite amendment. But it's important that we be civil in the exercise of our rights.

This has nothing to with whether Doggett is right, wrong or otherwise. It has a lot to do with how we move forward in dealing with this crucial issue.

The health care debate seems to be bringing out bad manners around the country as lawmakers seek input from the folks back home.

"I'm personally a believer in protest and a very strong believer in the First Amendment," Doggett told National Public Radio after the incident drew national attention. "I believe they have the right to come criticize me, to bring their colorful signs saying, 'Lloyd Doggett, traitor to Texas, devil to all people' and a beautiful tombstone with my name on it. But not for purposes of this."

He said that he believes Republicans and insurance companies are behind the noise and disruptions. On the other side, there's evidence that Democratic organizations also are hard at work.

There's nothing wrong with organized political efforts. But some of the efforts seem based on the theory of nothing succeeds like excess.

Operationembarassyourcongressman.com

proof of that.

"Politicians love publicity! So let's give them some! But not the kind they're looking for. These arrogant, ignorant and insolent 'representatives' need to be confronted (respectfully) in public en masse on camera and on audio on matters of legislation that they are trying to jam down the throats of the American taxpaying public," the site says, adding: "Since public outcry against bad legislation has had little effect, maybe public embarrassment

Arrogance? How about the arrogance of believing what you believe is correct and what others believe is to be belittled?

Here's an even more distressing example, taken now, the most explosive of those from a memo from the Tea Party Patriots, a group that wants members to harass Democratic lawmak-

"Be disruptive early and often. You need to rock her I was in charge so she'd stop the boat early in the rep's presentation. Watch for an opportunity to yell out and challenge the rep's statements early. ... The goal is to rattle him, get him off his prepared script and agenda. Look for these opportunities before he even takes questions."

So how about if we try to show each other as well structed effort to avoid both as our elected leaders, love 'em or hate 'em a little

If you feel the need to shout or be disruptive, just cover your mouth.

THE AMERICAN-STATESMAN

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

We have a close friend who is always with us, Lord, when we talk with You.

Congress jet-sets further into red

irst a confession: I've never flown on a private jet. I've never flown on a Gulfstream. Never flown on a private 737 "office in the sky.

So it could be that I am missing the good reasons why the House padded the \$636 billion defense budget by adding two additional C-37 Gulfstreams and two additional C-40s (the military version of a Boe-

ing 737) — even



SAUNDERS

though the Department of Defense never requested the planes.

The good news: Last week, Defense Appropriations Subcommittee boss Jack Murtha, D-Pa., announced that the \$330 million for the four planes would be pulled from the bill if the Pentagon still didn't want them. Credit the Wall Street Journal

for reporting earlier that senators and House members tried to hog the Air Force's cushier fleet usually used by White House and Pentagon officials — during congressional recesses. Congressional international

travel expenses have increased tenfold since 1995 — to more than \$12.5 million last year. According to a document

obtained by the right-leaning watchdog organization Judicial Watch, overseas travel days for House members rose from 550 in 1995 to about 3,000 last year.

I should note: The administration and the military are responsible for 85 percent of the fleet's use. Congress books about 15 percent of the planes' use — so maybe taxpayers should think of Congress' international travel not as a perk, but a tip.

Last year, senators were grilling Detroit CEOs for arriving in Washington in separate private jets to beg for a federal bailout. In a reversal of fortune, D.C. politicians found themselves squirming in the same betterthan-first-class leather hot seats.

It's not all glamour on Air Taxpayer.

Some members of Congress and their staff are fact-finding in war zones at great personal risk. One congressional aide told me that when he flew to the Middle East on a C-37, he had to hold his luggage on his lap.

And yes, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco, flies home on a military plane. She should. After 9/11, President Bush determined that the speaker — then Republican Dennis Hastert was vulnerable and should fly in a military plane for security.

Pelosi spokesman Drew Hammill noted the value of members seeing "on the ground the facts

of war, famine, disease" abroad. And added: "The speaker has always encouraged members to ensure that foreign travel under taken with government funds is done so with the highest ethical standards and in the most cost-

effective manner possible. The rub: After Kuwait, Germany, Austria and France were the top recipients of Capitol Hill

travel dollars in 2008. This month, 11 congressional delegations will visit Germany.

To avoid incoming criticism, members often fly in group formation — with members of the

Say the words "Paris Air Show," and partisan rancor melts. This year, Sens. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and Richard Shelby, R-Ala., went with four other senators.

R-Alaska, led an entourage that ran up a \$121,000 tab on the ground. Democrats have led both houses since January 2007. Is

In 2007, then-Sen. Ted Stevens,

Congress more ethical? Is Washington spending tax dollars more carefully? Are global warming's true believers curbing their own emissions?

Sure — when they get caught.

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ORGANIZER-IN-CHIEF

great lady, indeed **Eunice**

he was the candidate's sister, the former president's sister, the wife of the former vice presidential candidate. Legend had it that she was smarter than any of them.

I was nobody, 25, working on my first presidential campaign, the senior and junior woman in almost every meeting. I was, for want of any competition, in charge of what they used to call 'women's issues" in the campaign.



SUSAN **E**STRICH

She did not agree with me on what was, then and issues. "Did not agree" is putting it mildly.

One of the guys probably told asking them why all the briefing papers said "Sen. Kennedy supports Roe v. Wade as the law of the land."

That was my carefully conexcommunication (for him) and hell to pay (for both of us). "Ask

Susan. She wrote it," they must have told her, assuming she'd never go to the trouble of even figuring out who I was.

She did. She called. Then she invited me to dinner.

I was seated next to the priest. "Father," she said to him, "Susan is handling women's issues for my brother. Perhaps you have some thoughts to share

with her." I have never met smarter, more interesting or more challenging dinner companions than the priests I sat next to in my many dinners at the Shrivers'. They didn't change my mind.

The truth is, they didn't really try. As the campaign progressed, we even dropped the "as the law of the land.

But this isn't about abortion. It's about a woman who had all the cards, who could have run right over me and insisted on dealing with the guys who really had the power.

Eunice Shriver was probably born shrewd. She certainly understood power as well as any woman I'd ever met. She knew I didn't have it. So she gave it to

By treating me with respect,

I became — in the crazy, topsyturvy world of campaigns someone deserving of respect. If she thought I had power, I must; if the candidate's sister calls you directly, you must be someone. "Going to dinner?" the guys

would tease me, only half in jest. There weren't too many powerful women around in those days, and the last person many of them wanted to deal with was a girl half their age. I understood why they wanted to talk to the men; after all, they had the power. Eventually, I'd have to go to them anyway. Why not cut out the middle woman? It happened. Some of the time, even world-famous feminists did it.

It takes a pretty special woman to understand that by extending a hand to a junior woman, you make her path that much easier than your own; that power is a gift that can be shared, and the one who receives it will never forget that generosity.

I certainly never did. A great lady died this week. But her memory lives on in the millions she touched.

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Good bones – not just a woman's issue

New risk factors, testing guidelines, now include men

The bone-thinning effects of osteoporosis are a common concern as we grow older.

More than 10 million Americans have osteoporosis and 34 million have low bone mass. And it's no longer just a problem for women; osteoporosis can affect anyone.

New guide-

DR. **M**ARIO **C**ASTILLO

lines by the National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF) stress the need for bone density tests – which measure the mass of your bones and their fracture risk – for both men and women. It's estimated that one in two women. and one in eight men, will break a bone by age 50 due to osteoporosis.

Women still make up the vast majority of the population affected by osteoporosis

- 80 percent- but 25 percent of hip fractures occur in men, and as men are living longer, the percentage of men experiencing fractures due to weakened bones is climbing. Some bone loss is a natural

part of aging, but osteoporosis is a condition in which the bones become very thin and weak, which significantly increases your risk of bone fracture and serious injury. Up until age 30, our bodies make new bone mass at a rate faster than old bone is broken down. However, as we age, bone begins to break down faster than new bone is made. In women, this typically occurs soon after menopause, as bone-fortifying hormones like estrogen decrease; and in men, between the ages of 45 and 50.

A related condition known as osteopenia – bones that are thinning, but not thin enough to be diagnosed as full-blown osteoporosis -

presents health risks, as well. Half of all fractures due to bone loss occur in people with osteopenia.

Bone density testing has long been recommended for women ages 65 and older. Now, the NOF has published guidelines recommending that men also begin this routine test, beginning at age 70.

A bone density test uses special X-rays to measure the amount of calcium and other bone minerals contained in a segment of bone. The test is easy and painless and generally performed on those bones most likely to break due to osteoporosis: the lower spine, the femur bone adjoining the hip, and the bones of the wrist and forearm. Industry recommenda-

tions have been updated to be more inclusive regarding those people who should be tested, and also use new methods for calculating the level at which fracture risk becomes high enough to make bone-building drugs a cost-effective and reasonable solution. In addition to a routine bone check for older men, the guidelines recom-

 Broken bones due to osteoporosis account for more than 432,000 hospital admissions and nearly 2.5 million doctor's office visits each year.

 It's estimated that one in two women, and one in eight men, will break a bone by age 50 due to osteoporosis.

mend:

- Treating post-menopausal women and men 50 and older who have thinning bones, but not osteoporosis, as though they have a 20 percent risk of a major fracture in the next decade, or at least a 3 percent risk of a hip fracture.
- · Monitoring men and postmenopausal women ages 50 and over for osteoporosis risk factors to determine the need for a bone density test before their senior years.
- Administering a bone density test to anyone over age 50 who has had any type of fracture or who has conditions linked to bone loss, such as rheumatoid arthritis.
- A diet rich in calcium or daily vitamin supplements.
- Regular weight-bearing exercise to strengthen muscles and increase bone mass.
- · Avoid excessive alcohol intake or smoking.

Adopting healthy habits

now can minimize your risk – or slow the progression of osteoporosis, if you've already been diagnosed. Talk with your doctor to create a diet, exercise and lifestyle plan that works for you.

Bone density testing is available close to home at Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC). Radiology Director at the facility, Vivian Gordon, reports that the hospital recently upgraded its bone density testing equipment. According to Gordon, "Scheduling is convenient and your doctor will receive the results of your test quickly."

While board certified radiologist Dr. Mario Castillo joined the SMMC medical staff in September 2007, he has practiced for 20 years, interpreting diagnostic images to quickly identify health problems. He enjoys hiking and regularly "walks the mountain" at Big Spring State Park.

Nutritionwise

Q: Are black beans any more nutritious than kidney and garbanzo beans? A: All three beans, like other legumes, are

great choices, supplying protein and dietary fiber as well as a variety of vitamins and minerals. Black beans are slightly higher in fiber than the other two choices and provide



some extra magnesium, but garbanzo beans (chickpeas) are a little higher in the B vitamin folate. Some news stories have picked up on preliminary studies showing black beans among the highest in certain antioxidants. However, other research shows kidney beans slightly higher in total antioxidant KAREN power. Different types of analysis and cooking methods are enough to blur nutritional differences among these healthy options. Enjoy a wide variety of beans, making selections for each dish based on color, texture and flavor.

Q: What is fatty liver and is it related to diet?

A: Fatty liver is a condition in which fat stored in the liver can cause inflammation that may lead to scarring and cirrhosis. For years, people assumed it was only caused by alcohol, but fatty liver is increasingly linked with excess body fat and metabolic abnormalities like insulin resistance. Studies show as many as 70 percent of people with diabetes may have fatty liver; signs of the condition can go undetected for years before complications may develop. Researchers are still trying to identify how our eating habits might reduce the risk or improve the symptoms of fatty liver, but some ideas are emerging. So far, the most important eating habits linked to reducing fatty liver focus on steps that reduce insulin resistance: avoid sugar-containing soft drinks, limit sweets and refined grains, get some moderate physical activity every day, and decrease total calories to gradually reduce excess body fat if overweight.

Q: I've heard that one way to eat more vegetables and fruits is to add them to foods throughout the day. How do I get past this seemingly daunting task?

A: I think you really just have to jump in and try it. Look at any grain, potato, soup, meat, sandwich, pizza, casserole or sandwich as a vehicle waiting for one or more vegetables or fruits. Make a game out of adding extra produce to at least one food at each meal. Dice up a pepper to keep in a small bowl in the refrigerator so it's ready to pull out and add to rice or on a baked potato. Add shredded carrots or a handful of chopped spinach to soup or to pre-made pasta sauce. Sauté or stir-fry vegetables like zucchini, mushrooms, broccoli florets or tomatoes with a little garlic for a side dish one night, and make extra to add to pasta, couscous or pizza a couple nights later.



Yogurt Marinated Chicken Kebabs

American Institute for Cancer Research

If you are looking for new ways to serve up chicken, this dish delivers. The unique combination of mint, garlic, ginger, cumin, and cayenne pepper, coupled with yogurt, creates both great taste and exnutritional ceptional value.

Yogurt is central to this dish. Richer than regular yogurt, the Greek variety is thicker and has a creamier consistency. Greek yogurt contains no gelatin or stabilizers; its texture comes from the way it is produced. It starts the same way as regular yo gurt, with milk and an active culture, but the yogurt is strained to remove some of the excess whey to make it thicker. This gives Greek yogurt distinct thickness and rich flavor.

stores carry Many Greek yogurt, but if it isn't readily available, you can make your own. Simply line a strainer with a piece of cheesecloth, place plain lowfat yogurt into the sieve and let the whey liquid drain out for 15 to 30 minutes—more

in any row, column or box.

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time will produce better results. If you decide on this course, choose a plain yogurt with minimal additives.

Marinating the chicken helps maintain its moisture during cooking. The herbs and spices in the marinade infuse the bird with flavor and the lemon juice acts as a tenderizer.

If possible, use whole wheat-pita bread for its whole-grain taste and nutrition. You can either serve the chicken on top of the flat bread; or, cut pita in half and gently separate it in order to stuff the chicken inside. Either way, serving it with hummus or rice makes a great

Chicken Kebabs 1 cup Greek yogurt

- 1/4 cup fresh mint, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced 1 small onion, minced
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 3/4 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper 4-6 oz. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 2-inch cubes
- 6 pita bread wrapped in aluminum foil

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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

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1 cup cleaned and chopped romaine lettuce

Preheat broiler high.

Mix all ingredients except pita, chicken and pour into a re-sealable marinate in the refrigerator for about 2 hrs.

Set rack to middle and bottom third of oven.

Take the chicken out of the bag and place on skewers about 1/2 inches apart. Set skewers on cooling rack on top of aluminum foil covered

baking sheet (to minimize cleaning).

Place skewers to middle oven rack and cook about 20-30 minutes until cooked through. Turn them at lettuce in a bowl and least once during cooking. Be careful not to bag. Add chicken and overcook! For the last five minutes of cooking put the pita in the rack under the rack with the

> chicken to warm. Place the chicken into the pita and garnish with romaine lettuce. Serve with hummus or rice if desired.

Makes 6 servings.



By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

Both sides vulnerable **NORTH** WEST **EAST** ♠ Q 10 9 8 ♥KJ985 **♥**76 ♦ J 9 6 ♦ Q 10 8 7 ♣J82 ♣A 10 **SOUTH**

South dealer.

♠ A K 7 6 **♣**K Q 9 7

The bidding: South North Dble

Opening lead — six of diamonds.

East

If you don't believe in fairy tales, you won't believe this happened. It is said that the deal was actually played

in the early days of contract bridge more specifically, in 1927!
South opened the bidding with one spade. Of course, today we'd bid a club, but in those days the principle

of opening the suit below the singleton had not yet been developed. West ventured two hearts, a hairraising action by present standards,

those days. North got into the spirit

least he had an opening bid by South

South realized he would be unable to score many diamond tricks if he undertook a three-notrump contract, so he tried four hearts, even though West had already bid the suit. He thought he'd make enough high-card tricks in the side suits and low-card tricks in trumps to bring the contract West doubled, and North, who

had no idea what was going on, passed. West led a diamond, whereupon South quickly wrapped up 10 He won the diamond with the ace

and cashed the king, discarding a club. He then played a club, losing the king to the ace. Back came a club to South's queen. Declarer then cashed the A-K of spades, ruffed a spade in dummy and a diamond in

By this time, South had won seven of the eight tricks played and still held the A-Q-10 of hearts, a spade and a club. West had only trumps

Declarer led a spade, and West was forced to ruff and return a trump. South won with the ten and exited with a club. Again West had to ruff and return a trump, handing declarer his 10th trick and his doubled con-

Those were the good old days!

of things with three diamonds, but at Tomorrow: All's swell that ends well.



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Lady Steers gain experience in tourney's tough 2nd day

Herald Staff Report

MONAHANS — While the first day of the 36th annual Monahans Tournament netted two victories for the Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball team, the second might prove to be just as beneficial despite suffering two defeats.

The Lady Steers were dropped in

straight sets by the Midland Lady Bulldogs and Seminole Maidens, but Head Coach Lynn Osbourne still found gratification in the way the team played.

"I saw a lot of positive improvements over the course of the weekend," she said. "One was our transition. If we can just fix one problem at a time, we will be in good shape by

district."

The Lady Steers, who qualified for the elite Gold Bracket after going 2-1 and finishing third in the Green Bracket Friday, dropped their first match Saturday to Midland, 25-7, 25-7.



Davis

Midland used a fast offense that caught the Lady Steers off guard and kept them from getting into any type

Selena Gonzales led all Lady Steers with six digs, while Sloan Davis had five. Taylor Seaton topped the list with four kills and had a block.

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Steers continue prep for season



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Several members of the Big Spring Steers defense, including Matt Ritchey (33), Pavel Plakhotny (10) and Dennis Merworth (12), converge on a Monahans ball carrier during a football scrimmage Saturday at Memorial Stadium. The Steers have one final scrimmage — at Lubbock High Friday — before opening the 2009 season at home against the Snyder Tigers Aug. 28.

Cowboys get a revitalized LB Brooking

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Keith Brooking realized how different things really were while on the way to his first training camp with the Dallas Cowboys.

After a flight from Georgia, where he had spent his entire football career from youth leagues to the Super Bowl, Brooking got into his truck and still had a four-hour drive down Interstate 35 to get to camp.

At 33 and entering his 12th NFL season, Brooking finally left home and has a fresh start.

"New beginnings are exciting and I think it came at a perfect time in my career," he said. "It's rejuvenated me. It's re-energized me. I feel like I have a lot to prove still. That's a great motivating factor when you have that inside

Brooking was the last remaining player from Atlanta's only Super Bowl 11 seasons ago and had started every game while leading the Falcons in tackles in each of the last eight years. Yet, the five-time Pro Bowl linebacker couldn't come to terms on a new contract with Atlanta, which was offering less money and the likelihood of

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Rangers beat Boston to take Wild Card lead

DAVID JIMENEZ

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — Two days after being roughed up by the Red Sox, Frank Francisco helped the Texas Rangers knock Boston out of the wild-card lead.

Francisco bounced back from the worst outing of his career to pick up the save, Ian Kinsler homered and drove in two runs, and the Rangers passed the Red Sox in the AL wildcard race with a 4-3 win Sunday.

Francisco pitched a 1-2-3 ninth to give Texas a half-game lead over Boston. Less than 48 hours earlier, the closer was booed off the mound after being touched up for six runs in Boston's 8-4 victory Friday night.

"I believe in my teammates," Francisco said. "I feel like we have a chance to win when they're out there, and they feel the same way about

Kinsler, back in the lineup one day after he was hit by a pitch that ricocheted off his shoulder to his head, went deep for the second straight day and had an RBI single in the third that gave Texas a 3-1 lead.

Dustin Nippert (4-1) gave up two runs and six hits as the Rangers took two of three in the weekend series. The right-hander pitched 52-3 innings to defeat Boston on July 22, his only other win as a starter this season.

Texas, which also got a solo shot from Taylor Teagarden, went 7-2 against the Red Sox this season.

"Regardless of the name on the jersey, we have to go out and play good baseball," Kinsler said. "We've done well against them, but everything can change in a hurry."

David Ortiz and Dustin Pedroia went deep for the Red Sox. Junichi See RANGERS, Page 11

Tazawa (1-2) yielded 10 hits and four runs over five-plus innings in his second career start.

Pedroia's 10th homer in the seventh inning cut Texas' lead to 4-3 but the Rangers bullpen held on. With Red Sox runners on first and second in the eighth, C.J. Wilson struck out two consecutive batters to end the inning. Francisco then finished for his 16th save.

"We have tons of confidence in Frankie," Rangers third baseman Michael Young said. "He's been consistent for us all season. It was good to get him back on the mound."

Boston is closing out a run where it plays 15 of 19 on the road. The Red Sox are 7-9 in the stretch with three games left at Toronto.



AP photo/LM Otero

Texas Rangers closer Frank Francisco yells after throwing the final strike that ended the AL baseball game against the Boston Red Sox in Arlington Sunday. The Rangers won 4-3.

Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club meeting at ATC today

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at the Athletic Training Center at 7 p.m. Monday. Parents of junior high and high school football players are encouraged to attend.

Forsan junior high football players can pick up equipment Saturday

All prospective Forsan junior high football players need to pick up their equipment Saturday at the Forsan fieldhouse.

Eighth graders can get their equipment from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with seventh graders to follow from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All incoming seventh graders and any new eighth graders will need a physical before school starts.

Prospective Big Spring junior high volleyball players must have physicals

All incoming seventh grade girls wanting to play volleyball must have a physical on file before the first day of school if they want the opportunity to

Tryouts for volleyball occur on the first day of school. Anyone without a physical will not be allowed to try out.

Contact the athletic offices at 264-3662 with an in-

Crossroads Youth Football signups slated for this month

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has begun signups for football players and cheerleaders at the Big Spring Mall.

Final day of registration for the 2009 season is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.

Coahoma flag football league holding signups this month

The Coahoma NFL Flag Football League will hold signups on every Saturday for the rest of August from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the Coahoma Community Center.

This if for children ages 9-11 as of Sept. 1 in Coahoma, Big Spring, Forsan and all surrounding areas. It is a co-ed league and both boys and girls are encouraged to register.

Cost is \$45 per child and includes an NFL jer-

sey. There will be no fundraiser.

Call 213-4193 with any questions.

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association having late registration for 3 days

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association is giving the public three extra days to sign up children ages 4-11 for the 2009 season.

Late registration will take place at the Big Spring Mall from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. today through Wednes-

Cost for late signups is \$75 and includes the full

For more information, contact Isaac Miramontes at 935-9056.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's weekly report

In last Monday's Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Playday, Patsy Sharpnack won low gross while Gus Leonardi posted the lowest net.

In Thursday's couples play, two teams tied with a 5-under, forcing a scorecard playoff.

Winning first place was the team of Forrest and Gayle West and Howard and Trish Gabbard. Second place went to Nicholas DeWaters and Glenodene Williams and Steph Fledge and Wade.

Shirley Long shot closest to the pin on Hole 6.

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Legal Notice The following is an addendum to the Request for Bids posted in the Legal Notices of this newspaper on Sunday, August 9,

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Glasscock County, Texas Bid / Contract Documents and Specifications

2009 County Asphalt Surfacing Program August 12, 2009

The following changes and/or substitutions have been made to the above-referenced document: **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Delete the first paragraph ("Sealed Bids for the construction of Asphalt Surfacing (Seal Coat) . . . considered for award by the Commissioners Court at that time.")

Insert the following paragraph:

Sealed Bids for the construction of Asphalt Surfacing (Seal Coat) of 1.2 miles of County Road 470 and 2.0 miles of CR 490 (and Alternate Bid for 2.1 miles of County Road 415); Two Course Surface Treatment of 1.5 miles of County Road 175, will be received by the Glasscock County Judge at the office of the Glasscock County Judge, Glasscock County Courthouse, Garden City, Texas until 9:00 a.m., August 25, 2009, at which time the bids will be publicly opened, read aloud, tabulated and considered for award by the Commissioners Court at that time. **BID PROPOSAL**

Delete the second page of the Bid Proposal and insert the attached Bid Proposal – Page 2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Delete item 13 ("The roads to be seal coated are . . . See Site Plan.") Insert the following paragraph:

The roads to be seal coated are CR 470 from SH 137 west to the Midland County line (1.2 miles): the north-south segment of CR 490 (2.0 miles). Seal Coating of 2.1 miles of CR 415 is included in this bid package as an alternate. CR 175 from Seidenberger Road south the Reagan County line (1.5 miles) will receive a two-course surface treatment. See Site Plan. SITE PLAN (Map)

Delete existing Site Plan (the last page of the document) and replace it with the attached Site Plan.

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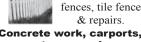
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for crossing a deadline usually do not include actual death. However, seem that

way in our minds under

today's and Saturn.

conjunction of Mercury ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your body

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is telling you something — maybe that you need more sleep. It's also possible that a certain nutrient could make you feel markedly better. You'll crave just the food that you need.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't mind helping people out, but lately it may seem that you're living your whole life to convenience others. Why

should you always be the one to make concessions? Do something just for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The work you do will be given a high value. This should come as no surprise, though. You set the tone by giving each task on your list a fine quality of attention. It only follows that others will respect what you do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A zany character will be attracted to you and will want to impress you. This person sees how you react to unexpected surprises and senses correctly that nothing can throw you too far from your

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're still expecting yourself to know everything automatically. There's no reason you should be struggling to do well. Make it easy on yourself by following a proven, successful business model.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll have a surge of happy energy flowing through your life because you fulfill your own needs. It's simple really. If you are tired, go back to bed. If you're hungry, eat. If you need a hug, ask for it. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). You keep thinking about doing something. Go ahead and do it. The only one keeping you from moving forward is you. An adviser will help you break any mental chains that trap you. SCORPIO (Oct.

24-Nov. 21). Material success is worth working toward, but there's no need for you to sacrifice the truly important, enriching, soul-satisfying parts of life. You'll be putting in a serious effort. Make sure what you're doing is worth **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov.

22-Dec. 21). Allot time for drifting, doing nothing, dilly-dallying, taking detours and going back for things you left behind. When you build these things into your schedule, you'll have a magical, un-pressured

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You would like to be reassured that someone loves you, but you don't want to appear insecure, so you don't ask for validation. It's a wise move. Spoil yourself, too — that helps you stay strong inside. **AQUARIUS**

20-Feb. 18). Being in love taps you into your super powers. You can do amazing things because you're striving to be your best for that special person. The "in love" version of you is who you really are. **PISCES** (Feb.

19-March 20). You enjoy being with those who are like you. However, when you connect with one who experiences the world differently from the way you do, you become quickly intrigued or even enraptured. T O D A Y 'S

BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 17). You get clear about your purpose and goals this year. Over the next 10 weeks, you approach your work differently, using new tools and problem-solving techniques. October brings the achievement of your ambitions. November brings a financial upswing. January is romantic. February brings an addition to your family. Libra and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 15, 44, 7 and 10. **ASTROLOGICAL**

QUESTIONS: "I'm a

Gemini and I've had the

same best friend since we were both 7. She's a Virgo. We went to all of the same schools, shared the same friends and were both on the cheerleading squad. Well, after high school, things changed. We attended different colleges and it was difficult to keep up our relationship. Now we live in the same town again and she wants to pick up where we left off. But I have a serious boyfriend, a job and lots of other things that need my attention more than hanging out in clubs and doing each other's makeup. Recently, she's gotten really mad at me. We never used to fight. How should I handle her?"

Virgo is usually such a sensible sign that your girlfriend's outbursts only point to one thing — jealousy. Your grownup attitude makes her

realize that she, too, needs to grow up, but she's afraid of what she'll give up, as well as being fearful that she won't succeed as well as you. Let her know that you're not in competition. And do try to fit her into your busy schedule — lifelong friends are a Gemini essential.

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Dear Annie: I deeply care about my best friend, "James." He is the oldest of eight children, and they live in a very cramped, worn-out trailer home. James is the first in the

family to go to college and works to support himself. He is kind-hearted and selfless, and has taught me to think about others in need. James has never asked

me for money, but it breaks my heart to see him suffer. So I help out by paying some of his bills, buying food, etc., even giving him a little extra so he can have fun with his friends. I love seeing him happy. The problem is my

mother. Mom's name is on my bank account, and when she saw the last balance, she became angry and insisted I stop giving James money.

She worries that my friends all take advantage of me. I don't think this is the time to be selfish. I'm pretty well-off compared to James, who cannot thank enough.

I am getting a grant for college, which will be sufficient for tuition, rent and extras. I also will have a job in the fall, so my finances are pretty Mom is out of town, and

I gave James more money. She's coming back this week and will see the latest bank state-

I'm dreading it because I know she will be furious. I want my mother to accept my choices. What should I say to her? -Feeling Guilty

Dear Feeling Guilty: You sound like a sweet, caring friend, but be careful how much you help James, if only because it teaches him to rely on others for his financial

It's OK to occasionally treat him to a meal or even pay a utility bill if it means his electricity would otherwise be shut off, but only if you can afford it on your own.

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Open your own bank account so Mom stops seeing the statements, and then prove that you can manage your money responsibly.

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Dear Annie: Why is it that so many guests

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My daughter planned a lovely wedding. Thirteen guests didn't show, and we had to pay for their One couple played golf

instead, and another decided to attend a shuffleboard tournament. Another guest showed up without the date she insisted she'd be bring-

Either these people are ignorant about the costs of no-shows or they don't If you RSVP for an

event and can't make it, for heaven's sake, call and say so. — *Upset in* Michigan

Dear Michigan: We're with you. Too many people think "RSVP" means respond if you feel like it. Anyone who has had to pay for no-shows understands that it is simple consideration to tell your hosts whether you are coming or not, and then keep your word.

Annie: response to "Not Lazy and Married to Her Son,' I, too, take over when I visit my son and daughter-in-law. Every year, I use my

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ner in a restaurant. And I get to spend time with my grandchildren. My own mother-in-law would take my children

one weekend a month to

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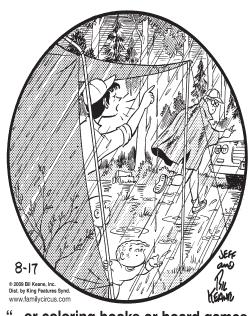
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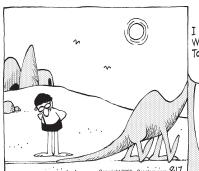
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 17, the 229th day of 2009. There are 136 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight History:

On Aug. 17, 1969, Hurricane Camille slammed into the Mississippi coast as a Category 5 storm with top sustained winds estimated at nearly 200 mph. The hurricane and resulting flash floods were blamed for 256 U.S. deaths, three in Cuba.

On this date:

In 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat began heading up the Hudson River on its successful round-trip between New York and Albany. In 1863, federal batteries and

ships began bombarding Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War, but the Confederates managed to hold on despite several days of nounding

In 1915, a mob in Cobb County, Ga., lynched Jewish

businessman Leo Frank, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life imprisonment. (Frank, who'd maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

In 1942, during World War II, U.S. 8th Air Force bombers attacked Rouen, France.

In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily was completed as U.S. and British forces entered

In 1945, Indonesian nationalists declared their independence from the Netherlands.

In 1962, East German border guards shot and mortally wounded 18-year-old Peter Fechter, who had attempted to cross the Berlin Wall into the western sector. In 1978, the first successful

trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle II outside Paris. In 1987, Rudolf Hess, the last

member of Adolf Hitler's inner circle, died at Spandau Prison at age 93, an apparent suicide.

In 1988, Pakistani President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq and Arnold U.S. Ambassador

Raphel were killed in a mysterious plane crash.

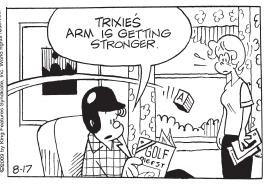
Today's Birthdays: Actress Maureen O'Hara is 89. Former Chinese president Jiang Zemin is 83. Author V.S. Naipaul is 77. Baseball All-Star Boog Powell is 68. Actor Robert DeNiro is 66. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 63. Rock musician Gary Talley (The Box Tops) is 62. Rock musician Sib Hashian is 60. Actor Robert Joy is 58. Tennis Hall of Famer Guillermo Vilas is 57. Rock singer Kevin Rowland (Dexy's Midnight Runners) is 56. Rock musician Colin Moulding (XTC) is 54. Country singer-songwriter Kevin Welch is 54. Olympic gold medal figure skater Robin Cousins is 52.

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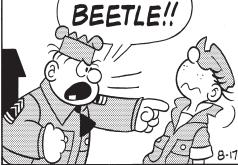
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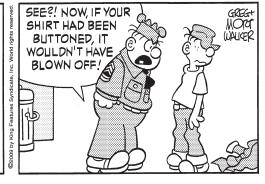






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- 15 Farmland
- units **16** Use a vegetable
- peeler 17 Process flour
- 18 Pebble or
- boulder
- 19 "Not guilty," for one
- 20 Speaks of
- 22 Bread maker 23 In plain sight
- 24 Close friends 25 Infants
- **28** The
- Netherlands 31 Whitish gem
- 32 What 39 Down often provide
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- "Darn it!"
- 36 Boscs and Bartletts
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- standing
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 - horse **59** Creme-filled
 - - cookie **60** Finishes
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Cowboys' WR Williams injured

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dallas Cowboys receiver Roy Williams missed the team's second practice Sunday because of a sprained left wrist sustained when he came down hard earlier in the

The Cowboys said X-rays were negative and that Williams, expected to be the team's No. 1 receiver after the departure of Terrell Owens, is day to day. The Cowbovs have one practice session Monday.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Williams got hurt during the morning practice, and that

The Red Sox were not discour-

aged despite losing a series to its

"Who says we can't reel off 25

wins in September?" Victor

Martinez said. "If you feel like

you're defeated by losing a

series, that's not the right atti-

Ortiz homered leading off the

second, his 17th of the season

Kinsler responded with his

25th homer in the bottom half

and Texas took the lead for good

with two runs in the third. Josh

Hamilton drove in David

Murphy with a double and

scored on Kinsler's single.

and second of the series.

closest playoff competitor.

RANGERS

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tude to have."

the concern was that the wrist was still so sore when he returned for the afternoon session. That is when the Cowbovs sent Williams for tests.

When Jones cut Owens last spring, the path was cleared for Williams to become quarterback Tony Romo's top target. "I'm particularly pleased with

how focused Roy is, and how conditioned he is," Jones said. "He's having a good camp." Williams arrived from winless

Detroit in mid-October and got a \$45 million, five-year contract extension right after Romo sus-

The Rangers activated Kinsler

tained a broken pinkie on his throwing hand and missed three games. Williams was then bothered by a foot problem later in the season...

Williams and Romo started working together several weeks before summer practices, then had OTAs and a mandatory minicamp. And they have been coming together during camp.

Romo said he wasn't concerned that the injury would stunt their progress.

"Nah, that's part of training camp, little nicks here and there," Romo said.

Pedroia said. "They're locating the ball. Last year, there were a lot of balls out over the plate that you could drive." NOTES: Boston RHP Tim

Wakefield (back strain) made a start for Pawtucket Saturday night and allowed two runs and three hits in 3 2-3 innings. Red Sox manager Terry Franconasaid Wakefield had a noticeable limp coming off the mound in the second inning. "Everybody thinks he can pitch," Francona said. "We don't know if he can field his position." ... Washington said C Kevin Richardson, who was called up from the minors Saturday, will make his major league debut Monday night against Minnesota. ... Red Sox OF J.D. Drew (sore groin) missed

on Friday after he missed 15 games with a strained left hamstring. The second baseman is 4 "The time off was a blessing in

disguise," Washington said. "He's caught his second wind and it couldn't have come at a better time." Brian Anderson's sacrifice fly

for 6 the past two games.

cut Texas' lead to 3-2 in the fourth and Boston threatened again in the fifth, putting runners on first and second with two out. But Nippert struck out Mike Lowell to end the threat. Lowell hurled his bat and hel-

met in frustration as the Red Sox struggled for a second straight game to get runners home. Boston was 0 for 5 with runners in scoring position and is 0 for 10 the past two games.

"They're pitching really well,"

momentum, but got confused with a libero sub and it seemed

his second straight game.

The Lady Steers (2-4) play their first home games of the season at 4 p.m. today, playing host to Wink and Crane. Both visiting squads qualified for the postseason in 2008. Wink was a regional quarterfinalist in Class A, while Crane advanced as far as the

On Saturday, Wink (9-0) claimed a tournament championship in its own Best of the West Classic. Crane participated in the Denver City Tournament and went 2-4 in round robin

Vickers outlasts Johnson

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — After winning three straight championships, Jimmie Johnson and the No. 48 team have proved themselves masters of many things in NASCAR.

Winning races on fuel mileage isn't one of them. Twice in just over two months, Johnson's team has gambled on gas in an attempt to win at Michigan International Speedway — and both backfired. Johnson handed a win to Mark Martin in June, and Brian Vickers benefited from Johnson's fuel follies on Sunday.

"Certainly frustrated," Johnson said. "We've won one race on fuel mileage ever. It's just what we're not good at."

Although Johnson wasn't happy after leading 279 of 400 possible laps in two Michigan races and not even finishing in the top 20 either time, Sunday's gamble didn't cost him much. He is third in the points and in good shape for NASCAR's championship chase.

And don't expect the No. 48 team to make similar gambles in the final 10 races.

"Whenever we try to stretch it, it just never works," crew chief Chad Knaus said.

Rolling the dice on fuel mileage was perhaps a more surprising gamble for Vickers, given his small margin for error. Had he run out of gas Sunday, it likely would have blown any shot at making the chase.

But Vickers and crew chief Ryan Pemberton have a better fuel mileage track record than Johnson and Knaus, and proved it again Sunday.

After driving gently to conserve fuel in the closing laps, Vickers pounced when Johnson's tank ran dry, taking the lead with two laps to go and holding

Vickers won his second career race, boosted his chances of making the chase and delivered the first checkered flag for Red Bull Racing.

Jeff Gordon finished second, followed by Dale Earnhardt Jr., Carl Edwards and Sam Hornish Jr. Series points leader Tony Stewart, who clinched his spot in the chase by starting Sunday's race, finished 17th.

LADY STEERS

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"The girls were not ready for such a fast offense," admitted Osbourne. "They just couldn't make the adjustment in time. It was good for us to see a team like Midland so we can know where the bar is. We learned a lot from the loss." Big Spring's final game of the

Monahans Tournament ended up being a 25-15, 25-18 loss to Seminole. Unforced errors in the passing game kept the Lady Steers from playing the Maidens closer. Gonzales and Davis led with

four digs apiece with Valerie Ross adding three. Macy Graves came up with five kills and two blocks.

Desiree Anderson and Seaton each had three kills with Seaton also registering a block.

Osbourne praised the efforts of setters Cerbi Ritchey and Callie Shafer getting to poorly passed

"We struggled with passing so we couldn't get any offense going in the first game," said Osbourne. "We did a little better in the second game and started to gain

area round in 2A.

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suddenly being a backup.

So Brooking signed a three-year, \$6 million deal with Dallas, where he was reunited with coach Wade Phillips and will still be a starter. For those who may wonder how much Brooking

has left to contribute, he takes such skepticism as a compliment to his longevity. He says his legs feel great and that he still can play at a "very high"

The people that are around me every day, the people that know football, that break down the film and dissect the film on a daily basis, they know what I have in the tank," he said. "And that's all that matters."

Phillips, the Cowboys head coach who is also his own defensive coordinator, coached the Falcons defense in 2002 and 2003. Those were Brooking's best two seasons, when he had 212 tackles in 2002 and followed that with 207 the next year. His highest total in any other season is 167.

"He's a big, fast guy that plays in football position all the time. He's ready to break on the ball, he's ready to run to make a tackle. He's got good timing on blitzes," Phillips said. "I see the same guy."

During practice Sunday, Brooking shot the gap and picked up speedy running back Felix Jones coming out of the backfield and stayed with him in the flat. The pass was thrown a different direction. The 3-4 scheme used by Phillips is still virtually

the same as it was then, and the Cowboys opted for Brooking in the middle with Bradie James instead of re-signing free agent Zach Thomas, who last season came home to play in Texas after 12 seasons in Miami.

An unexpected part of Brooking's move is being in the same division with former teammate Michael Vick, a three-time Pro Bowl quarterback during six seasons with Atlanta (2001-06) before serving 18 months in federal prison for running a dogfighting ring. Vick, reinstated last month by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, signed last week with Philadelphia.

"I think Michael deserves the opportunity," Brooking said. "I know Mike personally. He's a good man, he made a mistake.'

Brooking could possibly face Vick twice this sea-

"He's the most dynamic player I ever played with, that I've ever seen on the field," Brooking said. "I'll have some sleepless nights before we play him."

Brooking also gets to face his former team at his new home. The Falcons play at Cowboys Stadium on Oct. 25. While there were mixed emotions, Brooking said

there are no hard feelings about leaving Atlanta, where he grew up in the suburbs before going to Georgia Tech then being drafted by the Falcons and playing in the Super Bowl as a rookie. "This just came at a great time in my career,"

Brooking said. "It may sound weird, people are like 'How can you say this? You are from Atlanta, you've played from the time you were 6 years old within a 20-mile radius.

"But I couldn't think of a better way to finish my career. I really couldn't. ... It's just a perfect situa**12**

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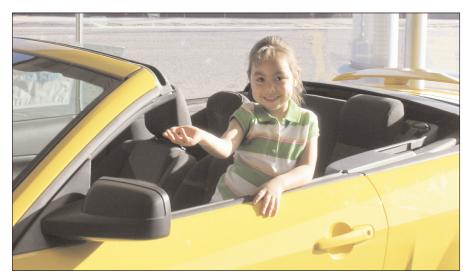
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