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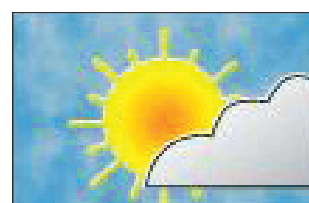


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## Committee to eye vandalism problem

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring city officials are looking for ways to combat a recent upswing in vandalism of municipal property.

Starting with the Kids' Zone arson in December, there have been many reported instances of damage to city property, Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua said.

"We recently had a fire at the



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Birdwell Park playground and we've had a rash of vandalism at other locations," Fuqua said. "It's been very frustrating. A lot of expense and effort has gone into these places and then some people come along and tear it up just for the fun of it."

Other city property recently marred by vandal attacks include the municip-

pal golf course and the Roy Anderson Sports Complex, he noted.

The monetary cost from the damage is considerable — Fuqua placed it at \$60,000 just for Kids' Zone — and provides more than enough incentive for city officials to find new ways to combat the vandalism.

To that end, Fuqua and other officials are forming a committee to devise solutions or recommendations on how to best protect the city's prop-

erty. Among those already on board include Fuqua, Municipal Judge Tim Green, City Attorney Linda Sjogren, Chief of Police Lonnie Smith and Fire Chief Brian Jensen, along with city council members Joann Staulcup and Manuel Ramirez Jr.

"We're going to try to brainstorm, get some ideas and just see what can be done to fight this problem," Fuqua

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## HC trustees to OK budget, rate increase

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Lower valuations are causing Howard College officials to propose a tax rate increase for the coming fiscal year.

College trustees are scheduled to adopt the budget and tax rate for the 2009-2010 fiscal year when they hold their regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Maddux Student Center on the campus of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said a \$264 million decrease in district valuations have caused administrators to propose a tax rate increase of almost 4 cents just to raise the same amount of revenue as last year. This new tax rate, known as the effective rate because it effectively raises the same amount of money garnered last year, is 31.55 cents per \$100 valuation.

"That may be a rate increase, but it's a zero increase in our tax levy," Sparks said.

Under the new rate, owners of an average-priced home in Howard County (\$44,963) will see an increase of \$20.45 in their tax bills, as compared to an increase of \$37.54 for owners of a \$100,000 home.

"Certainly, we always pay

attention to what's happening economically in our area," Sparks said. "We wanted to avoid any kind of increase in our tax levy ... Also, we didn't want to increase tuition and fees again this year, so we built the budget with the effective tax rate and the same tuition and fees for our students."

The budget will feature almost \$3 million more in expenditures from the previous year, but most of that will be accounted for in increased campus renovation costs, as approved by voters in the 2007 bond election.

The valuation drop was offset somewhat by an \$854,000 increase in state appropriations to the college. Also, officials are anticipating a \$345,000 increase in non-tax revenue this budget cycle.

Aside from spending more on renovations this year, the college also plans to give a \$750 annual raise to all employees, including their scheduled step raises, Sparks said.

For SWCID, which is financed almost entirely by state revenue, expenditures will rise roughly \$600,000 this year.

That increase is targeted at

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Ryan Shifflett finds that the tube slide at Kids' Zone provides much-needed shade while playing at the park Saturday morning.

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## Regional meetings set for airports

**Special to the Herald**

ABILENE — The Texas Department of Transportation is conducting regional planning meetings throughout the state to review and update information for airports in the Texas airport system.

The Abilene District of TxDOT is hosting two of these meetings, one in Abilene and the other in Sweetwater.

During these meetings, citizens will have an opportunity to discuss airport needs.

The Abilene meeting will be held Tuesday at the Abilene

District Complex Training Center from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting in Sweetwater will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Economic activity in general will be discussed, focusing specifically on the need for airport improvements as they relate to safety, access, local economic enhancement and community development.

In addition, funding procedures for state and federal financial programs for general aviation airports will be ad-

ressed.

Specific airport development plans and timing of projects will be reviewed to determine of the TxDOT information is correct and current.

The meeting will offer a unique opportunity to provide essential input for airport planning and promotes an exchange of ideas and information with neighboring airport sponsors, TxDOT representatives, elected officials and other interested citizens.

Airports to be discussed and

their city locations during the Abilene meeting include Haskell Municipal, Haskell; Arledge Field, Stamford; Hamlin Municipal, Hamlin; Albany Municipal, Albany; Stonewall County, Aspermont; and Abilene Regional.

Airports to be discussed during the Sweetwater meeting and their city locations include Fisher County, Rotan and Roby; Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle; Kent County, Jayton; Colorado City; Avenger Field in Sweetwater; and Winston Field in Snyder.

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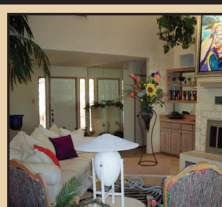
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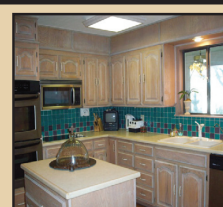
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### Lady Steers drop 3 at Nita Vannoy tourney

Herald Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Lady Steers went 0-3 in the first day of the Nita Vannoy Volleyball Tournament Friday in San Angelo, but two of those losses came in competitive three-set matches.

Big Spring opened play in the Red Division bracket against Odessa Permian and fell in straight sets, 25-16, 25-10.

However, the Lady Steers rebound-

ed and played competitive matches with Marble Falls and Water Valley to finish the day. However, they came up short each time.

Against Marble Falls, the Lady Steers, who fell in the first set 25-21, pounded the Lady Steers in the second game, 25-12. However, Marble Falls persevered and outlasted the Lady Steers in the third and decisive set for a 26-24 victory.

In Big Spring's final match of the day against Water Valley, the Lady

Steers once again overcame a first set loss, 25-18, to battle back in the second for a win, 25-17. Yet once again, they came up short as Water Valley won decisively, 25-17, in the third to claim the win.

A schedule for Big Spring's second-day opponents Saturday in San Angelo was not available as of press time. Results for any and all matches played by the Lady Steers Saturday will be made available in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.

### Romo dazzles in 1st game in new stadium

JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Dallas Cowboys fans got a glimpse of everything they were hoping to see Friday night.

Their new stadium dazzled. Tony Romo was darn good. And the Cowboys won, pretty easily.

In the first football game at the nearly \$1.2 billion Cowboys Stadium, Romo looked right at home, going 18 of 24 for 192 yards and sending Dallas on its way to a 30-10 victory over the Tennessee Titans in a preseason game.

"It was incredible," Romo said, comparing the atmosphere to a regular-season game. "It's really exciting to be a part of something this special. It's only going to continue and get better as the year goes on."

Thousands of fans rushed in when the doors opened two hours before kickoff, many eager to see just how humongous the overhead video boards are and some simply in a hurry to claim the best standing-room spots. By the time players walked through a club packed with fans to get to the field, they were all smiles about finally getting to play in this place they've heard so much about for so long.

"The electricity that we felt just prior to the opening kickoff was really special," said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who spent more than \$825 million on the building, the rest of the \$1.15 billion tab picked up by city taxpayers. "A great night. A great crowd. And an event we will remember for a long, long time."

The Cowboys (1-1) played up to the mood, for the most part.

After losing a long kickoff return to a penalty then going three-and-out on their first drive, Romo controlled a 15-play, 90-yard drive that ended with a 1-yard touchdown run from Marion Barber. Although it technically was the first TD here, it won't go down that way since this game doesn't count — but Barber sure seemed excited to

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### Lookin' good

### Steers dominant in final scrimmage vs. Lubbock High

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — If Friday's scrimmage against the Lubbock High Westerners was meant to be one final tune up for the Big Spring Steers before the start of the regular season later this week, then the Steers looked like a well-oiled machine.

No score was kept during the practice game, but if it had, then the Steers starters might have put this one away by halftime.

"I thought we looked better tonight than we did in the first scrimmage against Monahans," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "I thought our execution was much crisper."

The Steers' starting offense scored just two touchdowns on runs by senior tailback Monte Anderson on runs of 52 and 15 yards, respectively. The second-team unit also put up one score when quarterback Devonte Anderson connected with Mike Menefield on a long pass play.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

**Big Spring Steers quarterback Tyler Tannehill (right) fakes a hand off to running back Monte Anderson during the Steers football scrimmage against Lubbock High at Lowery Field in Lubbock Friday. The Steers open the regular season at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, playing host to Snyder at Memorial Stadium.**

### Cowboys fans in awe after first game in new stadium

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Nearly two hours before kickoff of the Dallas Cowboys' first game in their new nearly \$1.2 billion stadium, Jon Thompson and his wife stood along the rail with an unobstructed view of the field.

"At first take, it's breathtaking," said Thompson, of Fort Worth. "The stadium is unbelievable."

The lifelong Cowboys fan and his wife, Brittany, were on one of the plaza decks where they purchased \$29 party passes, one of the many unique features of Cowboys owner Jerry Jones' extravagant showpiece. And they had no plans to give up their spots Friday night. A seat in the section in front of them cost \$179 and that's before the seat license fee.

"I'll be getting the beer, she'll keep

the seats," Thompson said.

Jimmy Larson and his buddies, who paid \$60 to park about a mile away, stood nearby. They pondered whether to stay there instead of going way up to their seats in one of the stadium's highest sections while sending pictures on their cell phones for others to see.

"I had to post some pics on Facebook. Where we live, it's 300 people, a little

town in Michigan (Ewen)," said Larson, a transplanted Detroit Lions fan. "This is pretty impressive."

There have been international soccer matches and concerts in the stadium, but the preseason home opener that Dallas won 30-10 over the Tennessee Titans was the first event in Cowboys Stadium for the

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### Sports in brief

#### Big Spring City Championship Golf Tournament set for next weekend

The Big Spring City Championship Golf Tournament has been slated for next weekend, Aug. 29-30, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Any resident of Howard County is eligible to contend for the title. Players will need tee times both days and must have an established handicap or they'll be placed in the championship slot.

Fee is \$40 to play plus a cart fee, although private carts are welcome. Prizes awarded will be gift certificates for the Pro Shop.

#### BSHS holding Community Pep Rally at Memorial Stadium Monday

Big Spring High School is hosting a Community Pep Rally at Memorial Stadium at 8 p.m. Monday.

All fall sports teams will be recognized including

junior high squads.

The booster clubs will be there selling Steer Gear. The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be holding some drawings to give away baskets full of Steer Gear and a pair of 50-yard line season tickets.

#### 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 try out.

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 inquiry.

#### YMCA taking registration for Youth Volleyball League

Any boys or girls entering fourth, fifth or sixth grade interested in playing volleyball can now register for the Big Spring YMCA Youth Volleyball League during operating hours at the YMCA.

The fee is \$50 per child, but financial assistance is available for those who qualify. The deadline is Sept. 1.

For more info, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### End of Summer Ragball Tournament slated for Friday and Saturday

The End of Summer Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park.

Registration starts at 7 p.m. Thursday and players must be at least 14 years old. For info, call Melissa at 935-2960 or Jay at (325) 574-4338.



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# EVERYDAY Indulgences

Easy (and affordable) ways to unwind

FAMILY FEATURES

**W**omen across the country are meeting the demands of busy schedules and tightened wallets by setting aside life's simple pleasures and putting themselves at the bottom of the to-do list.

In fact, a new survey commissioned by the makers of Edwards frozen desserts finds more than nine in 10 American women have cut back on indulgences during the past year.

Fifty-nine percent of survey respondents are cutting back on events out with friends and more than one-third (35 percent) are cutting back on even the smallest treats, such as manicures and desserts.

The survey also found that:

- Nearly all (94 percent) American women in the study admit that they don't indulge or treat themselves as often as they'd like because other people or commitments come first.
- Fifty-six percent of women say they don't treat themselves as often as they'd like because they can't afford to.
- Nearly a third (32 percent) of women say they now have less free time for themselves than they did a year ago.

### Small rewards offer sweet peace of mind

Heather Reider and Mary Goulet, founders of MomsTown.com and hosts of MomsTown Radio, know a thing or two about the challenges of juggling a family and career while making the time to treat themselves.

"Self-pampering may seem like the last thing on your mind these days, but treating yourself to something special is so critical to relieving the stress of every day life," says Reider.

"A personal treat does not have to break the bank and can be as simple as an at-home facial or sneaking a dessert in at the end of the day," adds Goulet.

Reider and Goulet share these tips and strategies for effortless and affordable ways to celebrate everyday indulgences.

### The silent treatment

In today's age of technology, the silent treatment is imperative to maintain sanity. Home phones, cell phones, email, instant messaging, pagers, not to mention the multiple ways you get pinged when you turn on the computer, can all be overwhelming. Get serious about your silent treatment and power off the technology. Turn off the ringer on all phones, shut down the computer, and turn off the television and the radio. Now it's time for a 15 to 30 minute scheduled time out because you deserve a little peace and quiet.

### Bring nature indoors

A great way to nurture yourself is to bring nature indoors. You can do this simply by cultivating a container garden. This could be a window box, urn, basket or round fish bowl. For a fabulous display of nature indoors use a Bonsai plant, an orchid, a robust green plant, herbs or layer two different kinds of tulips. This is especially good for chilly winter months as floral aromas and popping colors can brighten a dark day.

### The flip side

Pamper yourself by flipping to the right side of your brain. Engaging in art and creative pursuits fires-up the right side of your brain, which is the side of the brain that savors freedom. The left side of your brain is good when you need to pay the bills or figure out your kids' 5th grade math problem. Spend a little time painting, drawing, making jewelry or knitting. You deserve to play on the flip side.



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### Back to basics

It's hard to do but it is important to put yourself at the top of the to-do list every once in a while. Simple indulgences, like an Edwards Singles À La Modes dessert, are a quick and easy way to treat yourself to something sweet, as well as fill your kitchen with a delicious home-baked aroma.



Photo courtesy of Edwards frozen desserts

### Essential essence

Treat yourself to the power of fragrance. Aromatherapy sachets placed in drawers are a sensational way to feel good without having to do or spend much at all. If you're looking for an energizing scent try citrus, peppermint or bergamot. To take the stress down a few notches choose lavender, chamomile, sandalwood or ylang-ylang. You deserve to tickle your nose.

### Budding beauty

Invest in four to six bud vases or use any vase that's lying around your house. Go to your local farmer's market or grocery store and buy a bouquet of flowers. When you get home, break the flower bunch apart into single stems and place the flowers in the bud vases. Distribute these vases around the house in the rooms you visit most frequently. Place one by the kitchen sink, the vanity in your bathroom, on your nightstand, in the powder room and in your kids' bedrooms. You'll be amazed at how your kids will appreciate the gesture. Then when you walk around your home you'll be greeted with flowers wherever you go. And you did it with just one bouquet.

### Hit your funny bone

When it comes to our emotions it's really hard to multi-task. It's nearly impossible to be sad and exuberant in the same exact moment. You deserve to laugh so choose more moments to get a giggle in your day. Read something funny or rent a funny movie.

While life is full of stressful moments, the benefits of taking time to rejuvenate and unwind really can make a difference.

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## Obituaries

### Maxine Boner

Maxine Boner, 89, of Big Spring, and a former Cherryvale, Kan., resident, died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009, in Midland. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, at the Mt. Hope Cemetery with the Rev. Chuck Manyo, pastor of the Cherryvale First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will be under the direction of the Penwell-Gabel Webb & Rodrick Chapel of Independence, Kan. Friends may call from noon until 8 p.m. on Monday. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday.

The family has suggested memorial remembrances to the Cherryvale First Baptist Church and remembrances will be received at the funeral home.

Mrs. Boner was born Jan. 12, 1938, in Cherryvale, Kan., the daughter of L.L. and Virginia Bertrand. She attended Cherryvale schools.

On Jan. 12, 1938, in Nevada, Mo., she was united in marriage to Richard Carl Boner. He preceded her in death March 3, 1978.

Survivors include: a daughter, Julie Thompson of Coahoma; two sons and a daughter in law, Tom and Olena Boner of Enchanted Oaks, Texas, and Wesley Boner of Plumersville, Ark.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one grandson, Jonathan Thompson; one brother, Russell Burton; and four sisters, Geneva Gibson, Opal Daniels, Thelma Bennett and Stella Menge.

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- ROMAN CISNEROS, 32, 1304 S. Johnson, was arrested on three local warrants.
- RONNIE BUSSEY, 65, Odessa, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESUS GOMEZ, 59, Ackerly, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of Donley.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway and the 600 block of Elgin.
- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Scurry, the 200 block of FM 700 and the 1500 block of Fourth.

## Support Groups

### SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

### MONDAY

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

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in of members. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819 for additional information.

### TUESDAY

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and a closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

## Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Mega Millions lottery:

9-38-44-48-49 Mega Ball: 13  
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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-15-20-22-24.  
Number matching five of five: None.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night, in order:

6-7-7-6. Sum It Up: 26.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night, in order:

8-1-1. Sum It Up: 10.

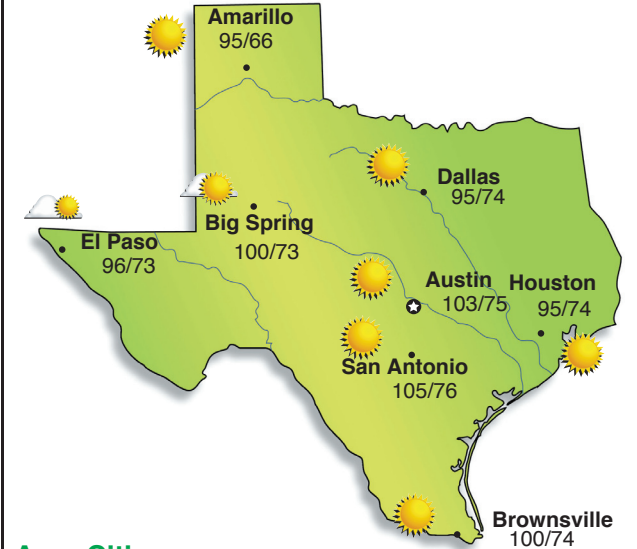
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 8/23	Mon 8/24	Tue 8/25	Wed 8/26	Thu 8/27
<b>100/73</b> Mostly sunny skies. Near record high temperatures. High near 100F.	<b>100/72</b> Sunny. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the low 70s.	<b>97/72</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>95/71</b> A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>92/69</b> Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:16 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:21 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:16 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:20 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:17 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:19 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:18 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:17 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:18 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:16 PM

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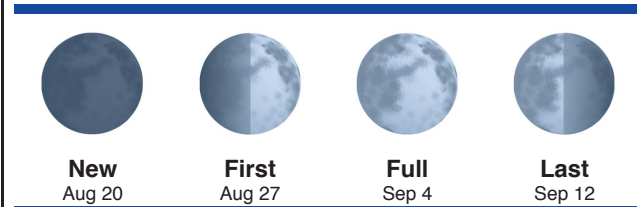
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Austin	103	75	sunny	Longview	91	68	sunny
Beaumont	91	69	sunny	Lubbock	98	71	sunny
Brownsville	100	74	sunny	Lufkin	95	70	sunny
Brownwood	101	73	sunny	Midland	100	75	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	100	78	sunny	Raymondville	103	76	sunny
Corsicana	95	72	sunny	Rosenberg	96	73	sunny
Dallas	95	74	sunny	San Antonio	105	76	sunny
Del Rio	105	78	sunny	San Marcos	104	75	sunny
El Paso	96	73	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	90	69	sunny
Fort Stockton	99	72	pt sunny	Sweetwater	99	73	sunny
Gainesville	94	72	sunny	Tyler	91	68	sunny
Greenville	91	68	sunny	Weatherford	97	73	sunny
Houston	95	74	sunny	Wichita Falls	98	73	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	62	sunny	Minneapolis	79	62	mst sunny
Boston	81	66	t-storm	New York	82	67	t-storm
Chicago	74	55	sunny	Phoenix	95	78	t-storm
Dallas	95	74	sunny	San Francisco	71	54	mst sunny
Denver	89	62	pt sunny	Seattle	71	52	pt sunny
Houston	95	74	sunny	St. Louis	79	59	sunny
Los Angeles	78	62	pt sunny	Washington, DC	85	68	t-storm
Miami	91	81	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

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## STEERS

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Big Spring scored more touchdowns in its first scrimmage against Monahans Aug. 15, but Ritchey felt the offense was more consistent against Lubbock High.

"We didn't really care about touchdowns in this game," said Ritchey. "We were concerned with our execution,

and other than a few dropped balls, we felt like we executed greatly. Our offense is going to miss at times, but we're going to hit much more often. I was very proud of our effort. I thought we looked really good up front. Monte had a good night. Tyler (Tannehill) threw the ball well."

The real difference maker in Friday's scrimmage was the Steers defense, which forced four turnovers. Matt Ritchey had two interceptions, including one that was

caused by a Kyler McGee sack.

Tevian Parnell intercepted a pass in the end zone and the Steers also recovered a fumble.

The offense didn't take over after these possessions, but would have been set up with field position in Lubbock territory had it been a real game.

"I thought the defense was the story of this scrimmage," said Ritchey. "That's what I told this team after the first

series of plays. That's what a defense is supposed to look like and sound like. Not just hearing the tackles being made, but hearing some talk as well. There was a lot of communication and hustle on the field, leading to more than one person around the ball. That's the way we're going to have to play defense to be some of the teams we'll face."

Most importantly, the Steers got out of the preseason scrimmages without any

major injuries.

"It was this scrimmage against Lubbock that changed our philosophies and methods of attack we wanted to use," said Ritchey. "So we feel very fortunate to get out of these two scrimmages completely healthy. Now it's time to turn it on and play like we did tonight when it counts."

Four of the first five Steers games will be played at Memorial Stadium, starting with the Snyder Tigers at 7:30 p.m. Friday.



AP photo/Matt Slocum

Dallas Cowboys center Andre Gurode (65) celebrates a touchdown by running back Felix Jones (28) against the Tennessee Titans during the first half of an NFL preseason game, Friday in Arlington.

## COWBOYS

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score it anyway.

Tennessee (2-1) answered with a field goal and a 17-yard touchdown pass from Kerry Collins to Justin Gage, giving the Titans a 10-7 lead with 59 seconds left in the half.

Then Romo used all but one of those seconds to move the Cowboys 79 yards for the go-ahead score.

It came on another 1-yard run, this time by Felix Jones, who got the drive going by turning a short pass into a 42-yard gain. Dallas gained 249 yards in the first half, piling up 17 first downs.

"We didn't tackle the way we're capable of doing the first half with our starting defense," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "There were too many third-and-shorts and fourth-and-shorts."

In the second half, Dallas backup quarterback Jon Kitna threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to undrafted rookie Kevin Ogletree, who tipped it to himself and made a one-handed catch while also being interfered with by the defender. The Cowboys got a

safety when Tennessee's third-string quarterback Patrick Ramsey was flagged for intentional grounding in the end zone, then third-stringer Stephen McGee threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Rodney Hannah with 1:53 left.

Collins played the entire first half and was 8 of 11 for 55 yards and a touchdown, but the offense gained only 78 yards.

Tennessee went three and out on its first three drives, including the one that ended in a field goal; the Titans started at the Dallas 32 but had to settle for a 46-yarder by Rob Bironas. They finally got moving on their last series of the half, going 69 yards in eight plays.

"It was really important to get that touchdown," Collins said. "It was good to finish on a strong note."

Vince Young started the second half for Tennessee and was 3 of 9 for 33 yards with a batted ball getting intercepted on his final attempt.

He also ran twice for just 2 yards. Rookie Javon Ringer gained 33 yards on five carries.

Instead of announcing attendance, the Cowboys said there were 75,720 tickets distributed.

The place looked mostly full, although there were some unfilled seats in the top-dollar areas.

Most suites seemed in use, with folks even hanging out on the patios outside the field-level suites.

Customers didn't get to see all the bells and whistles, though, because Jones kept the retractable roof and retractable end-zone doors closed, and the Ring of Honor had yet to be installed. There's also no giant star on the 50-yard line, like the one made famous at Texas Stadium when Terrell Owens celebrated on it while playing for the San Francisco 49ers.

Gotta save something for the home opener against the Giants on Sept. 20.

Perhaps the most notable stadium nugget Friday night was that Tennessee's rookie punter A.J. Trapasso kicked the ball into the bottom of the massive video boards, forcing a do-over. He almost hit it on that kick, too.

The screen — which is 60 yards wide and 25 yards high — was an inviting target for Trapasso and starter Craig Hentrich during pregame warmups. Both hit it multiple times.

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## STADIUM

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namesake tenant. The Cowboys had played in Texas Stadium since 1971.

The famed star logo in the middle of the field was missing, and the team's Ring of Honor was not yet installed in the building that opened in June. Both are expected to be in place for the regular season home opener Sept. 20 against the New York Giants.

Hanging over the center of the field are a pair of 75-foot high video boards, high-definition screens that stretch from 20-yard line to 20-yard line.

Christen Breedveld of Austin said her two sons, both wearing No. 9 Romo jerseys, were "so excited to see the biggest TV in the world."

In the third quarter, Titans punter A.J. Trapasso booted a ball off the screen, causing it

to drop straight down. By rule, the ball was dead and fourth down was replayed. Trapasso's next kick skimmed just to the side of the board without touching it.

When they are not kicking targets, the screens — that will have to be raised 25 feet to accommodate the stage for a U2 concert in October — provide larger-than-life images.

Every bit of stubble on Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo's face was visible when he was shown on the screen during pregame warmups.

The doors to the stadium opened two hours before kickoff, and there was a roar from the thousands of fans who streamed through he enormous glass door entrances at either end of the field.

"I was in the old stadium, this is more like 100 times the old Texas Stadium," said Todd Sain of McKinney.

Breedveld, who grew up in nearby Garland as a Cowboys fan but never got to many games then, and her husband bought season tickets the last couple of years at Texas Stadium so they would be in position to get the club level tickets they have in Cowboys Stadium.

The Breedvelts got a sneak peek inside when they attended the George Strait and Reba McEntire concert that was the stadium's premiere event 2½ months

ago.

Jay Breedveld grew in Houston rooting for the Oilers, but he was wearing a Cowboys shirt while tailgating in one of the closest parking spots to one of the plaza entrances about three hours before the game.

"He loves me," Christen Breedveld said with a wide smile.

Reed Bennett, a youth football coach from Allen, stood near the front of the line to enter the gates with his 7-year-old son, Adam, who was attending his first Cowboys game. The pre-season opener is the only game they have tickets for so far.

"I'm excited to come see the new stadium," the elder Bennett said. "Inside, that's why I want to come see it."

Meanwhile, the Thompsons have tickets for one more game so far — another set of party passes for the regular season opener against the Giants.

"I just thought that was the most sensible thing to do," Jon Thompson said of the party passes in an area where there were people three and four deep watching the game.

"I'm thinking it's going to get pretty rowdy right here, people pushing and shoving," he said. "I'm ready for it."

Added his wife, sporting a pink No. 24 Marion Barber jersey, "I'm ready, that's what we came for."

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## Cowboys Stadium more than just home to America's Team

SCHUYLER DIXON

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — The first event in the new \$1.15 billion Cowboys Stadium was a concert, the first sellout a soccer match.

The Cowboys finally get their turn Friday night in the preseason home opener against Tennessee, but only after the famous midfield star logo was rolled up and put in storage for the Paul McCartney show before the team even set foot on the artificial playing surface.

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## Club News

### TOPS TX No. 21

Tops TX No. 21 met Monday evening in the fellowship hall of the First Christian Church at 10<sup>th</sup> and Goliad streets. The meeting was called to order with the TOPS cheer being led by Laura Sickles, leader. The TOPS pledge was led by Olnee Menges, followed by Ethel Cassidy leading the KOPS pledge. The welcome song was led by Carol Smith.

The business portion of the meeting began with the minutes being read by Carol Smith. A report was given by Frank Sickles telling that the TOPS Rangers were leading with 51 points in the club baseball contest while the TOPS Sluggers were trailing with 38 points. This contest will conclude next week and prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Good luck to all players.

Roll call was led by Hughetta Roberts, showing the club with a 12.5-pound loss. The best weekly loser was Mary Chuchwell with a great loss of 4.25 pounds. Good work, Mary!

Further business told the members that the club will prepare a poster for the contest at Fun Day in Abilene Sept. 26. Mary Churchwell and Linda Stapel will prepare it and it will be titled, "The Shrinking TOPS." It will picture the Fun Day as a thrilling, suspenseful, moving experience to portray the theme, "TOPS Goes Hollywood." Members are asked to come costumed as their favorite movie character. There will be prizes awarded for the best poster.

The next item on the agenda told members there will be no TOPS meeting Sept. 7, Labor Day.

The program was then presented by Carol Smith titled, "Reevaluating Our Goals." Anytime is a good time to reevaluate your goals for weight loss and better health. Our attitude is the key to our success. Recognize our challenges, make a plan to overcome those challenges. Then "Do It."

For more information about TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), call Frank Sickles at (432) 213-1342 or Olnee Menges at 263-6819.

## HULL FAMILY REUNION



Thirty-three descendants of Samuel L. Hull gathered for their reunion at Salem Baptist Church Aug. 1.

The youngest in attendance was Jack Salazar of Stanton; the oldest was A.J. Dean of Big Spring.

The reunion is held the first Saturday in August, with relatives traveling from Midland, Odessa, Knott, Stanton and Big Spring. The reunion has been held for 77 years.

# Parson to Person: On top of the world

This past weekend, I ended up watching quite a bit of sports on television. As many of you know, I am a golf freak and this past weekend was the last major tournament of the year, for me as irresistible as candy to a kid. On Friday night I was



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left to my own devices at the house. It was raining and the golf on the TV was over for the day so I went channel surfing. To my delight I found exactly what I needed.

I found the Texas game on ESPN. Didn't you watch it? It was one of the best contests I have witnessed in a long time. The game also took me to a place I had not visited in a few years — happy memories are always welcome when you have to spend an evening alone. I'm not talking about

football; I have no idea of who might have been playing. Several years ago I quit watching professional football and baseball on television. I might catch a game or two of the World Series once in a while if one of the teams catches my attention. As far as football is concerned, I don't even watch the Super Bowl any more — really I don't think I've missed a thing.

What I am talking about was the teams representing the East and the West in Texas in the Little League

World Series Regional Final Game. They, along with other teams from around the nation and globe are once again competing for the chance to go to Williamsport, Pennsylvania for a true world championship.

The Little League World Series is about the best television going this time of the year. The kids are good and the level of play is excellent. The kids also are playing because they love the game and they play with their hearts on their sleeves.

For many of us, if you ever played ball when you were a kid, the goal of getting to Williamsport was the penultimate goal. For me, when I was 12 years old, that dream came very close to a reality.

Thirty years ago, La Sierra Little League fielded an All-Star tournament team that knew from the moment the team was announced on July 4 that we had a chance. I think I was on cloud nine that day, holding that big trophy and wearing proudly the new hat and jacket that was awarded me as being named to that team.

We began three-a-day practices the following Monday and by July 22 we were ready for our first Area game. I have no remembrance of

what the final score was but we won and I had hit a home run. The second game I remember better only because I hit a grand slam in the first inning. With that game we were Area Champions and on our way to District.

We won our first District game and then played Norco Little League. We had them down by six runs going into the bottom of the last inning only to lose and end our journey. Norco ended up going to the sectionals and losing to a West Covina team in extra innings that would lose to the unstoppable Taiwan team of the 1970s for the World Championships.

You see, in my mind we were one game away from going all the way. When I watch on television the boys so full of joy — so serious with the game at hand, so imitative of the pros they wish someday to be — I understand it all.

I encourage you, if you at all like baseball, take some time and be a kid again. The parents of the kids playing will crack you up — they live and die with every pitch.

My mother and brother tell me my dad went crazy when I hit that grand slam. They tell me he kept yelling "that's my boy, that's my boy." It's a

memory I cherish that is brought back to my mind when I watch the Little League World Series. It's hard to believe that my father, so full of life, would be dead from cancer a little over a year later.

They are not getting paid and most of them you will never hear from again, but right now those little boys are on the top of the world. Some night in the next couple of days, when you have the choice to watch a re-run or worse, I encourage you to put a little joy in your life and remember what was important to you when you were 12 years old.

The boys in Williamsport will help you remember.

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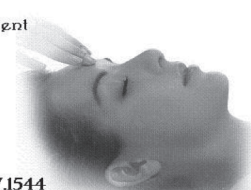
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# Texas facing hundreds of trooper vacancies

McALLEN (AP) — A Texas program to boost the law enforcement presence along the U.S.-Mexico border by temporarily reassigning state troopers from other parts of the state is contributing to a critical personnel shortage in the Texas Department of Public Safety, according to a state audit.

An audit of the department by a state commission found that the program, dubbed Operation Border Star, contributed to DPS' "critical personnel shortage, weakening its ability to protect the public."

Critics of the program charge the result is an increased presence in border areas such as the Rio Grande Valley, but a scarcity in other parts of the state. The McAllen Monitor reported.

"We see dissatisfaction from troopers who feel they are not allowed to actually do their enforcement jobs," said Claude Hart, executive director of the Texas State Troopers Association — a statewide union comprised of 1,400 DPS employees. "Rather they just ride around maintaining a presence."

Gov. Rick Perry started Operation Border Star in 2007 to help combat drug smuggling and other crime along the border.

DPS declined to say how many troopers are assigned to Border Star at any one time, but the audit determined that the program "causes a loss of personnel avail-

able to focus on traditional law enforcement duties."

There are more than 314 vacancies for commissioned officers in the department.

In a memo to his superiors made public earlier this year, Sgt. Adam Kinslow, who was assigned to the security detail at the state Capitol, warned that operations like Border Star had compromised his ability to protect visitors and state property.

"Not only do we not have the manpower to spare, many of the troopers we are sending to the border lack current training and recent experience in patrol procedures, which is unsafe for them and the public," Kinslow wrote. "By sending troopers to Operation Border Star, security is weakened at the Capitol."

Ten days after he sent his memo, the Governor's Mansion was destroyed by arson.

Department spokes-



AP photo/Tony Gutierrez  
In the file photo made Sunday, April 6, 2008, a Texas State Trooper mans a roadblock near Eldorado. The Texas Department of Public Safety is struggling to hire hundreds of state troopers to fill vacancies across the state.

cant be blamed for the years,

state legislators have created more than 266 new commissioned officer positions, including 80 primarily designated for the border region. The department also loses about 200 commissioned officers a year through retirements, terminations and attrition.

DPS expects to add 80 new troopers statewide from an up-

coming class of recruits in September, Vinger said.

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**Claude Hart**

Texas State Troopers Association

man Tim Vinger said Operation Border Star

vacancies.

During the past four

to add 80 new troopers statewide from an up-

## VANDALS

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said.

One idea already broached by Fuqua involves setting up an information hotline in conjunction with Crimestoppers — only with larger potential rewards.

"When Kids' Zone was set on fire, the city set a \$10,000 reward and the county matched it," Fuqua said.

"As a result, we've received some significant leads toward finding whoever is responsible for the fire. We'd work in conjunction with Crimestoppers ... but setting it up this way would allow us to exceed the amount of rewards offered by Crimestoppers (\$1,000)."

Setting up the reward system and encouraging citizen watchdog efforts could be very important, if not vital, in blunting the vandals' efforts, he said.

"It would send a message to the

vandals that citizens are going to start watching out for them and they're going to start making phone calls to the authorities if they see someone doing these kind of things," Fuqua said.

Fuqua hopes the committee will have concrete suggestions to present to the city council by October.

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expanding the scope of SWCID's online courses, providing dual credit courses for deaf high school students, improving the Career

Placement Center, hiring a part-time instructor for the school's geographic information systems program and enhancing the interpreter training program.

In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

- Reports on delinquent tax collections and the college's quality

enhancement plan.

- Bond project updates.
- Bids, catalog and handbook changes and personnel matters.

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# Pudge comes home to new role as mentor

## SCHUYLER DIXON

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — He's no longer the fresh-faced 19-year-old who threw out runners from his knees. The megawatt smile, when it does come, creases on the corners a little bit.

Ivan Rodriguez has returned to the Texas Rangers, but not as the power-hitting force whose arm was rarely challenged by even the best base-stealers. Instead, he's a 37-year-old catcher emeritus, part of a bench that features 34 Gold Gloves when fellow clubhouse mentors Andrew Jones and Omar Vizquel are sitting nearby.

A few things haven't changed, though. He still plays with boundless enthusiasm. He still commands attention behind home plate, especially when he raises the facemask to show

that square, fixed jaw.

And Texas fans still love the player they've always called "Pudge," his childhood nickname.

"I think it's going to be a great dream for me to be in front of the fans that I grew up with," Rodriguez said before he took the field for the Rangers again. "I can't wait for that."

He didn't have to wait long. The crowd showered the 14-time All-Star with affection when he presented the lineup card Tuesday evening, about two hours after he arrived in a trade with the Houston Astros.

When he made his first start a night later, fans simply couldn't contain themselves. They stood when his name was announced in pregame lineups, when his name was called again moments before the first pitch, and especially when he came to bat

the first time.

It was almost as if they were saying they were sorry Rodriguez had to leave to win a World Series with Florida and play in another with Detroit.

"You always think of coming back to where you started," said Rodriguez, who played his first 11 seasons with the Rangers from 1991 to 2002 and won 10 Gold Gloves. "It's been a long time. And I'm glad that I'm back to the place that I started."

Rodriguez doesn't mind that he's a backup who will play twice a week, although he acknowledged that he had to think about it before agreeing to waive his no-trade clause. He doesn't mind hitting eighth in the order, as he did when he went 3 for 4 in his first start for the Rangers since Sept. 29, 2002, the final game that

year.

Baseball's all-time leader in games played by a catcher says he just wants to win, like he did immediately upon leaving the Rangers following three consecutive last-place finishes. Rodriguez was the MVP of the NLCS when the Marlins won it all in 2003.

The Tigers had their first winning season in 13 years when they went to the World Series in 2006, although Rodriguez had a disappointing post-season and Detroit lost to St. Louis in five games.

That was the last of Rodriguez's 10 seasons of hitting at least .300, and his numbers in 93 games with the Astros this year were more in line with what he's done since: .251 with eight home runs and 34 RBIs.

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In the stadium's first two months, the concrete floor has already been covered by two sets of fake grass and the real thing, complete with a watering system. Thousands have been touring the facility just about every day. A Super Bowl and a Final Four are coming, not to mention the NBA All-Star game in February.

The strategy is clear.

"The only way that the Cowboys can make money or the city can make money is to have the doors open," said Arlington Mayor Bob Cluck, who first approached Cowboys owner Jerry Jones a decade ago to discuss building a stadium in his city of about 360,000 nestled between Dallas and Fort Worth.

Jones and friends have crammed in so many events so quickly, workers didn't have time to build the most important field in the two days between McCartney's event and the visit from the Titans. They had to do it earlier, then pull it up for the music.

Now that the installation of the Cowboys' turf is complete, the turn-around time will be cut to about a day, which stadium general manager Jack Hill says is a critical component of the building's design.

For example, the first Cotton Bowl in the new stadium will end about 20 hours before the Cowboys kick off their regular-season finale Jan. 3 against the Philadelphia Eagles, barring time changes. Since there is a separate turf for colleges, crews are likely to be scrambling the night between those games.

Such weekend juggling was exactly what Jones and the Cowboys had in mind because they have aggressively pursued college games.

Arkansas and Texas A&M are lined up to play at Cowboys Stadium for at least 30 years, starting with one of four college games on the schedule this season.

Notre Dame has an exclusive contract with a national network to televise all its home games, and yet the Irish moved one of those cherished dates to Arlington in 2013.

Cotton Bowl officials didn't even wait for the spaceship-looking building to take shape before leaving the aging stadium that bears the game's

name east of downtown Dallas.

The decision was easy because Cotton Bowl leaders want a spot in the title game rotation for the Bowl Championship Series. They believe they missed out more than a decade ago because they couldn't promise good weather in their open-air stadium.

Jones kept the famed hole in the roof from Texas Stadium, the Cowboys' home for nearly 40 years. But he put a retractable roof on it.

Although the BCS is years away from changes significant enough to include a new location, the Cotton Bowl is willing to wait.

"We don't control whether they expand or what the system may be in five years," said Cotton Bowl president Rick Baker, whose group moved its headquarters to Cowboys Stadium. "All we're trying to do is make sure we are looked upon as a possibility if changes happen."

Jones says he doesn't want to be "presumptuous" toward BCS officials, but said:

"We're in arguably the best football market in the United States. We're in a stadium that ... arguably will have the highest visibility in the country. I negotiate the NFL television con-

tracts. I know that what the networks want is what we have to offer here."

Jones also has his eyes on the other remaining Cotton Bowl carrot: the Texas-Oklahoma game. The Dallas venue has a hold on the annual state fair attraction through the middle of the next decade.

The Sooners are playing the first college game at Cowboys Stadium on Sept. 5 against BYU. There's a good chance the Sooners or Longhorns will be playing there in December in the first of two straight Big 12 championship games in Arlington, a possible permanent home for the game.

"We really want them here and they should be here," Jones said of Texas and OU. "This is where you want to be to have not only the visibility with where the Cowboys are, but this is where the excitement is going to be."

The Longhorns will play a basketball game at Cowboys Stadium against defending national champion North Carolina in December. The biggest concert ticket so far, U2, will visit in October, right in the middle of the Cowboys' first season.

At least the Cowboys can say they get the first football game in their place.

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Glasscock County will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.99 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on 09/03/2009 @ 9:00 AM at Glasscock County Courthouse Courtroom.

The second public hearing will be held on 09/09/2009 @ 9:00 AM at Glasscock County Courthouse Courtroom.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: W.E. Bednar, Jimmy Strube, Mark Halfmann, Michael Hoch & Gary Jones

AGAINST: None

PRESENT and not voting: N/A

ABSENT N/A

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Glasscock County last year was \$37,324.00 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$.2634 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$98.32 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Glasscock County this year is \$37,322.00 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.316767 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$118.22 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.3420 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$127.64 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

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## Walker-Knapp

Holly Danielle Walker and Logan H. Knapp, both of San Angelo, announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The couple will wed at 6 p.m. Oct. 24 at Patio at the Gables in San Angelo.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dianna Walker of Forsan and the late Tim Walker of Lubbock. She is the granddaughter of Clyde and Vona Chambliss of Forsan and Peggy Walker of Cleburne and the late Floyd Walker of Brownfield.

The prospective groom is the son of James David Knapp of San Antonio and Lynn Moseley of Baytown. He is the grandson of Beverly Moseley of Baytown and the late Howard Moseley of Baytown and the late Logan and Mildred Knapp of Victoria.

Holly is a 2002 graduate of Forsan High School and a 2005 graduate of Southeaster Career Institute with a certificate as a registered dental assistant. She is employed as a pediatric dental assistant with Kid Smiles in San Angelo.

Logan attended Victoria High School and is a 2002 graduate of Western Texas College with a degree in golf course management. He is employed as golf course superintendent with Quicksand Golf Course in San Angelo.

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## Waterman-Parrish

Jennifer Waterman of Kingwood and Todd Allen Parrish of Midland will marry at 5 p.m. Sept. 26, 2009, at The Woodlands United Methodist Church in The Woodlands.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Resa and Chris Waterman of Kingwood. She is the granddaughter of Joetta Waterman of Shreveport, La., and the late Ray Waterman and the late J.B. and Mircese Harville.

The future groom is the son of Pat and Allen Parrish of Big Spring and the grandson of Alvin Parrish of Big Spring and the late Edna Parrish and the late Doris and Billy Maines.

Jennifer earned her bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Mississippi Sate University and her master's in physician assistant studies from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.



## Escobedo-Ochoa

Jeremy Jay Ochoa and Jacklyn Ilene Escobedo, both of San Angelo, will exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. Oct. 17, 2009, at the St. George Catholic Church in Haskell.

Jacklyn is the daughter of Ignacio Escobedo and Irene Castillo of Haskell. She is the granddaughter of Fidencio Escobedo of Haskell and the late Olga Escobedo and David Castillo of Goree and the late Elvira Castillo.

Jeremy is the son of Luis and Lupe Ochoa and the grandson of Mrs. Eugenia S. Ochoa and Eddie and Concha DeLeon, all of Big Spring, and the late Jose Ochoa.

Jacklyn is a graduate of Haskell High School and a 2007 honors graduate of Angelo State University in San Angelo with a bachelors in business administration and masters in business administration in accounting. She is employed with Armstrong, Backus and Co., LLP.

Jeremy is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School and attends Howard College in San Angelo. He is employed with Target in San Angelo.



## Harper-Eggleston

Molly Harper and Wesley Eggleston, both of Midland, are planning to be married at 6 p.m. Sept. 12, 2009, at Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Johnnie and Jerita Harper of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth

and the late Dell Harper and the late Jack and Pauline Jones of Lamesa.

The prospective groom is the son of Don and Carol Eggleston of Midland. He is the grandson of the late W.D. and Hazel Duggan and Mary Eggleston and the late Bill Eggleston of Midland.

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- T F 5 *Men being injured by women is just as big a problem as women being injured by men.*
- 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.*
- T F 8 *The police can't do much about family violence.*
- T F 9 *Arresting batterers and putting them in jail will end family violence.*
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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEW

# Now's the time to contribute to United Way

The challenge has been made, and now it's time to answer. That's right, it's time for our community to help the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County reach its 2009 fund-raising campaign goal of \$300,000.

Simply put, it's an ambitious task. United Way officials said Tuesday they refuse to let a downturn in the economy keep them from getting the additional \$50,000 — that's the increase from last year's goal — needed to meet the needs of 14 member agencies.

Tim Yeats, the United Way board's president, said it well during Tuesday's kick-off luncheon. "The temptation is to say you can't give as much because of the economy or some other reason," he said. "But the reality is that the need is greater than ever."

Indeed. Each one of us needs to remember that we have to do our part for those less fortunate here in our community. And it's important to remember that the money raised during this campaign will benefit our community.

Donations or pledges you make to the United Way don't leave our community. Every dollar raised by this year's campaign will be used to help a friend or neighbor needing a hand.

Local agencies that receive funds from the United Way are the West Texas Division of the American Red Cross, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Howard County Humane Society, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center, The Salvation Army, Victim Services, West Side Community Center, West Side Day Care Center, Girl Scouts and the YMCA of Big Spring.

When one looks at that list, it's clear to see why it's so important that our focus be on reaching the campaign's \$300,000 goal; so those agencies will be able to better serve the public — to serve us.

Obviously, that's where we all come in. And again, the United Way's campaign can only be successful if each of us does his or her part.

Over the years, Howard Countians have proven they're capable of opening their hearts to the less fortunate, and we believe you will again.

As we have continually noted at this time of year, none of us needs to give until it hurts, but simply what we can honestly afford. If we do, raising \$300,000 won't be such a tall order.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are in a win-win situation, Lord, when we have You in our lives.

Amen

# Who's paying price? We are!

Guess it's that time again — time to bemoan all the politics surrounding the so-called "health care debate" and the lack of anything that resembles Congress working for the good of the American public.

While watching the television news Thursday evening, I learned that an ABC News/Washington Post Poll found more and more Americans are beginning to doubt whether President Obama can accomplish one of his campaign promises — health care reform.

While I certainly wasn't contacted by ABC or any other pollster on the issue, I'll have to admit I've become one of the doubters.

The poll showed the president's approval rating for handling health care has fallen from 57 percent in April of this year, to 46 percent last week.

The poll also noted that a couple of months ago 58 percent of Americans said health care reform was "necessary to control costs and expand coverage," while 39 percent suggested it would "do more harm than good."

While most Americans still believe reform is necessary, according to the poll, the gap has narrowed to 51 percent to 46 percent.

What's happened, you ask? Politics and way too much of it.

Not surprisingly, support for the concept of a public option, clearly the most contentious health care reform issue, has also eroded.

That's not surprising with the wild accusations that both political parties seem to be making. And it's all about politics, which seems to really boil down to either the desire to make a buck or fear of not making one, and the rhetoric that always seems to result.

The insurance industry is

certainly concerned, as anyone who's invested in it.

Why else would a pro-investment publication like the Investor's Business Daily run an editorial in late June warned that end-of-life counseling in health care reform would result in people like Stephen Hawking not having a chance.

The editorial suggested that Hawking "wouldn't have a chance in the United Kingdom, where the National Health Service would say the life of this brilliant man, because of his physical handicaps, is essentially worthless."

One problem, Hawking, a professor at Cambridge, lives in England and says if it weren't for the NHS he wouldn't be here today, thanks to "a large amount of high-quality treatment without which I would not have survived."

The Daily provided a correction that admitted Hawking was an English citizen and resident of Britain, but didn't bother to include his support of Britain's so-called "socialized health care system."

That's just an example of the nonsense involved. There doesn't seem to be any real clamor for an entirely government-run health care system.

At the same time, the insurance industry isn't solely responsible for the fact that Americans pay much more for health care than most living in other industrialized nations. Government deserves a bit of the blame, too.

As a matter of fact, insurance companies tend to pay what Medicare will pay in reimbursing health care providers.

And, of course, all that means is a serious "which came first, the chicken or the egg" argument is in the offing.

What nobody seems to remember in Washington, Wall Street or most of these town hall meetings members of Congress have been holding, is the simple fact that there are millions of Americans that do not have health insurance.

Something has to be done about that, because those without health insurance raise the

cost of health care in this nation. There's not doubt about that. All anyone needs to do is spend a little time in a hospital emergency room.

A great many of the patients ERs across the country treat are people who can't see a doctor due to a lack of insurance, money or both. Such patients wind up not paying the hospital, raising what hospitals have to charge patients and their insurance companies who do pay.

What I can't help but remember today, is that I once worked for a family-owned newspaper that did not offer its employees insurance benefits.

And, what, I wonder, would have happened if I was still working for a paper that didn't offer insurance coverage when I had my auto accident last year?

Since June of last year, my insurance company has paid hundreds of thousands of dollars as a result of that accident. As a matter of fact, it's still paying, and may have to for quite some time to come.

Were that not the case, I might still be alive today, because I'd have received emergency treatment. But there's little doubt I'd have been able to receive the care and therapy I enjoyed that allowed me to return home and eventually walk unaided.

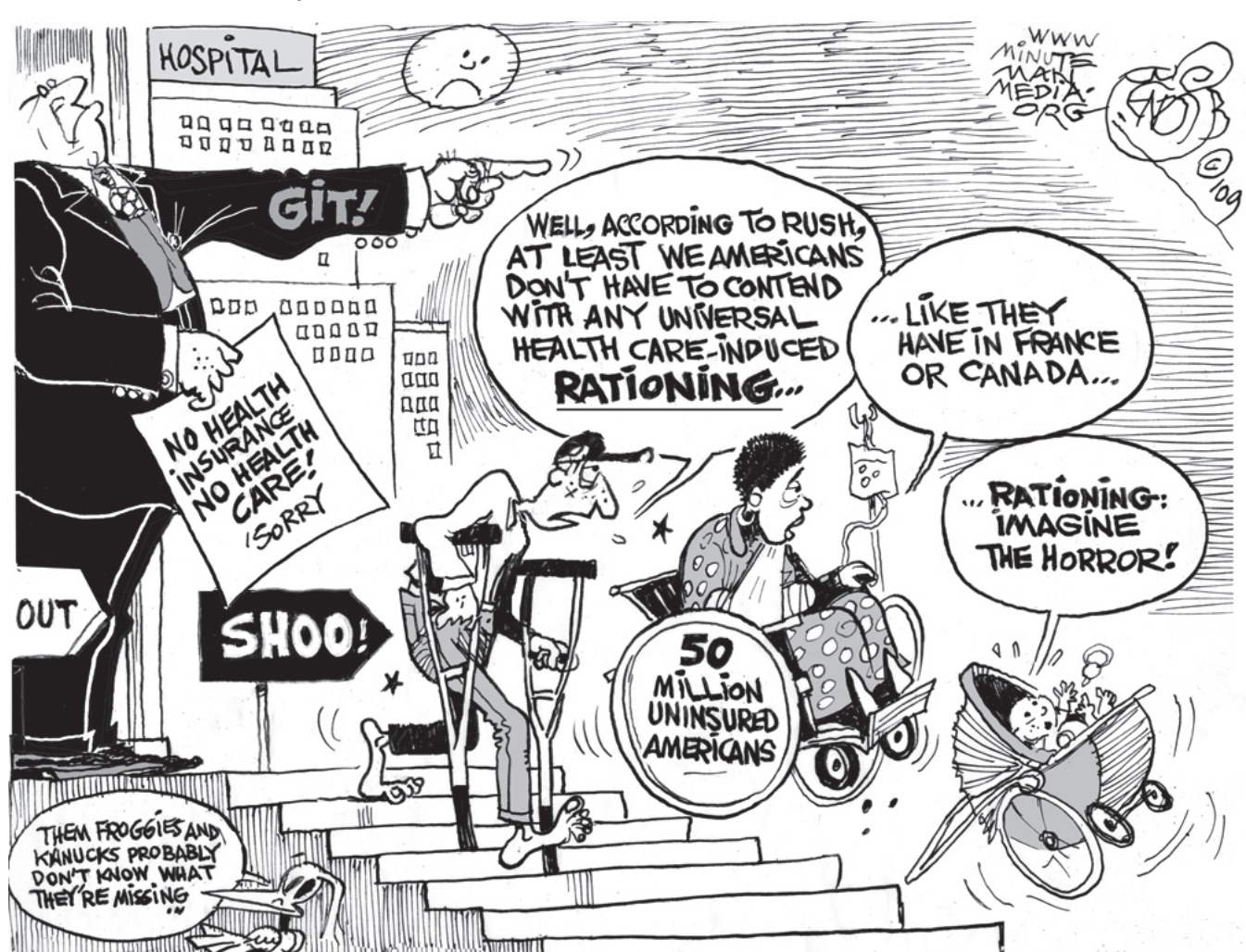
Seems to me, with the quality of care available in this country, we as a nation ought to be able to find a way for everyone to enjoy that kind of care.

And to be honest, I don't care how we get there — socialized medicine, a law requiring that all employers provide health insurance, or some hybrid system with a public option. The bottom line, to my way of thinking, is that the American public deserves better than it's getting today.

We deserve better from the health care system, Congress and the Obama administration. They're all failing miserably.

Unfortunately, we'll all pay the price.

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## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks to Big Spring for all its great support for the U.S. Nationals in Big Spring this year. We had some very interesting weather (thunderstorms on many days), but we were able to set tasks that that kept pilots safe and away from trouble. It was a safe and very high level meet with no injuries.

The city of Big Spring, the airport personnel and the volunteers have been wonderful and we very much appreciate the support. I think one improvement would be to let the spectators get a much closer view of the action. They are kept behind the airport fences and we are too far away to be seen clearly taking off and during the spot landing contest. I realize that there is a problem with folks just wandering around an airport, but I think something

could be worked out.

You can get a better view of how things went this year by going to view the videos at <http://twitter.com/flytecusa>. The spot landing contest is found here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFyDADuSLeo>.

DAVIS STRAUB  
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TO THE EDITOR:

I want to thank the Big Spring VA Hospital and the Albuquerque VA Hospital for the excellent care and treatment provided to many veterans.

My husband is totally dependent on the VA Health Care System. Service connected wounds and injuries received by these veterans are not covered by employers insurance. They are considered pre-existing conditions.

My husband suffered a serious hand injury in the service. He was honorably discharged from the service after six years with service connected disability. Over the years his hand injury became very painful. We were told by area physicians there wasn't much they could do for his hand.

He was in the VA in Albuquerque to schedule knee replacement surgery. He was being examined by Dr. Skelly and Dr. Durranni.

Dr. Durranni a VA resident physician asked my husband about his hand. He told Dr. Durranni what happened and that physicians over the years said there wasn't much that could be done to his hand.

Dr. Durranni told him there was a hand specialist at the VA

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# Texas DBs all grown up, now a strength

**JIM VERTUNO**  
AP Sports Writer  
AUSTIN — Blake Gideon's shaggy beard is just the start. Everything about the Texas sophomore safety seems older and wiser.  
The same goes for the rest of the Longhorns secondary.  
A unit that was the weak link for the Longhorns last season is now expected to be one of its best. There's still just one senior, but there's plenty of talent and game experience to face the gunslinging quarterbacks of the Big 12.

There were key moments last season when that wasn't the case. The Longhorns ranked No. 104 in the nation in pass defense while breaking in safeties Gideon and Earl Thomas. Texas gave up 3,372 yards passing, the second highest total in school history, although it was a slight improvement over 2007.  
Spotty coverage cost the Longhorns their only loss when Thomas was a split-second late in trying to double-up on Texas Tech's Michael Crabtree, and the receiver scored the winning touchdown with one second to play. One play earlier, Gideon dropped what should have been a game-clinching interception.  
Painful but powerful lessons learned about making plays when it counts most.  
Gideon shouldered the biggest burden last year when he was given the job of calling defensive signals in the secondary and getting his teammates lined up in the right spot. It was especially hard considering Texas was learning a new defense installed by first-year coordinator Will

Muschamp.  
Gideon's dropped interception against Tech was a glaring example of a big problem in 2008: the secondary struggled to create turnovers all season and had just six interceptions. Two went for touchdowns.  
"We're going to try to get as many as we can, as many as we get our hands on," Thomas said.  
Thomas gave a preview of that last spring when he intercepted Colt McCoy's third pass in the Orange and White scrimmage and returned it for a touchdown.  
With Thomas and Gideon supplying the big hits across the middle, Aaron Williams, a former high school All-American, is expected to emerge as the Longhorns' shut-down corner. Chykie Brown, who started eight games last season, on the other side.

The next four defensive backs include senior Deon Beasley, whose 11 career starts are the most of any Texas cornerback. The Longhorns believe they can go eight or nine players deep in the rotation, which will be critical in the Big 12 where defenses often use five and six defensive backs at a time.  
The Longhorns coaches say this unit could be as talented as the 2005 national championship team that included Michael Huff and Aaron Ross, both Thorpe Award winners, and Michael Griffin.  
All were first-round NFL draft picks.  
"It's so much fun to watch those guys," coach Mack Brown said. "They know they can't miss a step. They're fighting every minute for playing time."

## PUDGE

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Rangers manager Ron Washington isn't ready to declare that Rodriguez is no longer an offensive weapon or a defensive force. He's just putting more emphasis on the intangibles the catcher brings.  
"We're very happy to have a guy of his experience and pedigree," Washington said. "I think everybody in Texas knows what Pudge Rodriguez brings to the table."  
That includes the 25-year-old starting in front of him. Taylor Teagarden grew up idolizing Rodriguez and was a Dallas-area high school standout in the former All-Star's prime. The former Texas Longhorn inherited the No. 1 job when Jarrod Saltalamacchia went on the disabled list with a

mild form of thoracic outlet syndrome, a nerve condition.  
With Saltalamacchia sidelined until at least September, the Rangers were in the market for another catcher. Teagarden still can't believe how that search ended.  
"I never thought of a day that I would actually get to play with Pudge," Teagarden said. "Now that he's here, it's awesome. It's one of the coolest things that's happened in my career to get to play with him."  
Rodriguez will be to Teagarden what Vizquel has been to 20-year-old rookie shortstop Elvis Andrus, who was handed the starting job before the season despite never playing above Double-A. Or what Jones has been to Nelson Cruz, a young outfielder who is finally figuring out how to hit big-league pitching.  
That was part of the pitch to Rodriguez from Washington and general manager Jon Daniels when they were trying to make sure Rodriguez understood his role.  
"What I was impressed with the most was at the end of the conversation he said, 'Hey, I just want to win. I want to be there,'" Daniel said. "He referred to this as his baseball home and said, 'If Andruw and Omar can do it, then I can do it.'"  
Vizquel joked that all the Gold Gloves (11 for him, 13 for Rodriguez and 10 for Jones) don't really matter because "I don't think we're going to be catching fly balls and ground balls out of the dugout."  
But he said Rodriguez's experience could prove invaluable with two young catchers and several young pitchers, including a couple of the most

important prospects in the organization.  
"I'm not saying that these guys haven't been doing a great job because Saltalamacchia and Teagarden ... everybody should feel pretty proud about the way they've been handling the pitching staff," Vizquel said. "But you have an experienced guy like Pudge behind the plate, it's pretty good."  
It's also ironic that the Rangers are bringing in Rodriguez to help handle the pitchers. When he was hitting over .300 for eight straight seasons, the knock on him was that he didn't spend enough time with his pitchers behind the scenes.  
Perhaps the nitpicking grew out of a nine-game playoff losing streak from the team's three postseason appearances in four years. Now, though, the Rangers would just like to get back in the playoffs for the first time since Rodriguez helped lead them there 10 years ago.  
"He's been to the World Series, been on pennant winners," said Twins manager Ron Gardenhire. "He defends the running game, calls a good game, the whole package. He can handle the pitching staff, talking to the young catchers, that's a big asset."  
Rodriguez's return sparked talk of whether he would retire as a Ranger. He said he'd love to, but plans to play a few more years. Unless the Rangers trade one of their young catchers, there might not be a spot. Daniels called it a topic for another day.  
Besides, the Rangers are busy battling the Boston Red Sox in the AL wild-card race.  
"All that matters is winning," Rodriguez said. "I'm a winner. Whatever it takes to win, I'll be there."

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# West Texas Association of SWCDS to meet Tuesday

## Special to the Herald

**BIG LAKE** — The West Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (WTASWCDS) will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Reagan County 4-H Center.

Program speakers include Steve Hartmann, executive director, University of Texas System Lands, West Texas Operations; Guy Bell,

range and pasture market development specialist for Dow Chemical; Joe Franklin, rangeland management specialist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); and Rafe Hargrove, of the Hargrove Agency.

Hartmann, who oversees approximately 2.1 million acres of the UT Lands System, will present a program on the

history and operations of the system. The system reaches more than 19 counties in the western region of Texas.

Bell will update the conservation district directors attending the meeting on current chemical treatments available for brush management.

Franklin and Hargrove will share information on

carbon sequestration. The topic has garnered recent interest because increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere have led to growing interest in national and international forums for implementing measures to slow and reverse the buildup of such atmospheric constituents.

Under a movement toward

a federal cap and trade system, agricultural landowners are in a unique position to develop a program that benefits landowners and industries that need to reduce their carbon footprint.

Speakers during the business session who will update SWCD directors on state and

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## NEW BANK EMPLOYEES



Courtesy photo

**Lone Star State Bank has announced two new employees, Bruce Griffith and Cheri Shoup. Together they bring more than 60 years of Howard County banking experience. The addition of Bruce and Cheri will allow Lone Star State Bank to better serve Howard and surrounding counties for all your banking needs, said Ron Brooks, president. They join staff members Brooks; Genia Andrews, officer; Colby Hirt, Jo Etta Hart and Paula Jones.**

## Energy Watch



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



There's nothing like cold hard cash — at least according to corporate America. Two years after credit markets seized up and caused the worst financial crisis since the 1930s, companies are hoarding the most cash in at least a decade. Even as government reports show that the global recession may be easing, corporate treasuries are raising cash as fast as they can, wary of losing access to capital. So what does that mean to you?

The U.S. recession may have ended in July as the labor market improved, Jeffrey Frankel, a member of the committee that dates American business cycles said. "I haven't felt that there have been any previous months for saying this will turn out to be the bottom, but this one (July) is definitely a candidate. It's perfectly possible that this will turn out to be it." However, Frankel went on to say, "At the same time, even if the economy expands in the second half of the year, we still wouldn't be out of the woods because there's always the possibility of a double dip."

It's the possibility of the "double dip" that seems to have corporate America choosing to err on the side of caution and we feel so should you. So far, the month of August has been a dull, churning affair as the market works off short-term excesses. The S&P 500 continues to dance around the 1,000 area while the DJIA is in a tight 9,200 to 9,400 zone. This is a "wear 'em-out" type of correction that is no fun but eventually gets the job done. The other type of correction, "cardiac-arrest," gives investors a heart attack for of couple of days but works off excesses quickly. All we can do is adjust to whatever the deal is and so far it looks like the slow, frustrating type correction.

Like corporate America, we have recommended that investors stay about 80 percent invested and 20 percent in cash and that remains our advice. However, this is the time to get your buy lists ready and prepare mentally to start buying again.

We continue to favor cyclicals, technology and selected pharmaceuticals as we look for a watered down health bill and many in the group have been lagging. While the stock market has made little progress so far in August, the upside has been easier to achieve than the downside. This is encouraging for the rest of the year although cautious approach is still recommended.

On the commodity front, crude oil seems to be on the top end of a technical three-month range. This is the second time oil has met resistance around the \$73 area and we feel it is likely that we will see a pullback in the very near future. The bottom of the range is around \$60 (a 17 percent retracement) and the pattern has been in place since the end of May. There is really no great concern here it just seems to be establishing a pattern and it's always better to be pushing the top rather than the bottom.

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# More shoppers thinking twice at checkout line

## ANNE D'INNOCENZIO

AP Retail Writer

**NEW YORK** — Penny-pinching Americans are getting cold feet at the checkout — thinking twice about spending and ditching items before they're rung up.

They're leaving sweaters in the dress department, dumping cookies near the grocery cashier and waiting until the last minute to weigh wants versus needs. Online, shoppers are abandoning their virtual carts as they search for better deals.

People "want to be in the act of shopping, but they don't want to be in the act of buying," said Joel Bines, a director at AlixPartners, a turnaround consultant.

It means more lost sales for stores at a time when there are already fewer customers because of the recession. For bricks-and-mortar shops already working with fewer staff, it also means more work because orphaned items have to be restocked.

Hard numbers are difficult to come by, but Burt P. Flickinger III, a retail consultant, estimates that in 25 percent of shoppers' trips to the store, they're ditching at least one item. In the recession of the early 1990s, it was 15 to 20 percent. In good times, it's



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**A cart full of a groceries is seen at the check-out counter at a Kroger store in Gahanna, Ohio. Shoppers are increasingly ditching their items before they're rung up, as they think twice about spending and obsess about saving amid worries about job security and financial woes.**

more like 10 percent.

Ashley Nichols Guttuso of Midlothian, Va., dumped a red cardigan last week at the counter at the local Limited store after she found out she couldn't use a \$15 store coupon on the \$15 sweater.

Guttuso says she could have af-

forded it, but she has focused on necessities since losing her job as a copywriter for Circuit City in January, as the chain was preparing to go out of business.

"I went in there thinking I

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# Oil climbs to new 2009 high

## CHRIS KAHN

AP Energy Writer

**NEW YORK** — Oil prices jumped Friday to a new high for the year after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said that the U.S. economy is nearing a recovery and other economic data backed him up.

Benchmark crude for October delivery surged \$1.81 to \$74.72 after Bernanke spoke at an annual Fed conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. By midday, oil was trading at \$73.91, topping the previous annual high of \$73.23 set on June 11.

Oil started climbing early in the morning after financial information company Markit said its composite purchasing managers' index showed the European economy was stabilizing.

"If Europe's coming out of recession, the euro could get even stronger," analyst Phil Flynn said. "That means more demand for oil."

And the dollar did fall against the euro to end the week, effectively making dollar-based oil cheaper across the globe. That created its own momentum and drew a lot of investor money into crude, meaning the price for gas-

oline and other fuels will likely move up as well.

U.S. gasoline prices have flattened and few expect a major run on prices as the driving season winds down.

Retail gas prices were almost unchanged, rising a hundredth of a cent to a new national average of \$2.625 a gallon, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service.

In addition to the falling dollar and other upward pressures on energy prices, new housing data

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# Large Texas bank shut by federal regulators

MARCY GORDON

AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — Guaranty Bank became the second-largest U.S. bank to fail this year after the Texas lender was shut down by regulators and most of its operations sold at a loss of billions of dollars for the U.S. government to a major Spanish bank.

The transaction approved by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. marked the first time a foreign bank has bought a failed U.S. bank.

The bank failure, the 10th largest in U.S. history, is expected to cost the deposit insurance fund an estimated \$3 billion.

The FDIC seized Austin-based Guaranty Bank, with about \$13 billion in assets and

\$12 billion in deposits, and on Friday sold all of its deposits and \$12 billion of its assets to BBVA Compass, the U.S. division of Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA, Spain's second-largest bank. In addition, the FDIC agreed to share losses with BBVA on about \$11 billion of Guaranty Bank's loans and other assets.

Guaranty Bank, with 162 branches in Texas and California, saw its investments in real estate lending and mortgage-backed securities bought from other banks sour and had been teetering near collapse for weeks. Its parent, Guaranty Financial Group Inc., reaffirmed Monday in a regulatory filing that the company was critically short of capital and did not believe

it could stay in business.

In April, the federal Office of Thrift Supervision said the company had engaged in "unsafe and unsound" banking practices and ordered it to raise fresh capital, find a buyer or face a takeover by the government.

Guaranty's failure, along with those of three small banks in Georgia and Alabama Friday, brought to 81 the number of U.S. bank failures this year amid rising loan defaults spurred by tumbling home prices and spiking unemployment. That is the highest number in a year since 1992 at the height of the savings and loan crisis; it compares with 25 last year and three in 2007.

Last week the FDIC seized

Colonial Bank, a big lender in real estate development, and sold its \$20 billion in deposits, 346 branches in five states and about \$22 billion of its assets to BB&T Corp. It was the biggest bank failure so far this year.

Birmingham, Ala.-based BBVA Compass, with 600 branches from Florida to California, said its acquisition of Guaranty creates the 15th-largest commercial bank in the U.S., with about \$49 billion in deposits.

"This compelling transaction makes excellent strategic sense and represents an exciting growth opportunity for BBVA Compass as we continue to build the leading banking franchise in the high-growth Sunbelt region,"

Jose Maria Garcia Meyer, chairman of BBVA Compass, said in a statement.

Like Spain's biggest bank, Banco Santander, BBVA has managed to skirt the turmoil that swept the industry worldwide by staying away from toxic assets such as mortgage-backed securities.

Instead, BBVA and other big Spanish lenders stuck to their core business of lending to consumers and businesses, relying on it for the bulk of their revenue, Nuria Alvarez, an analyst with Madrid-based brokerage firm Renta 4, said earlier this week.

With its strong presence in the American South through BBVA Compass, the bank had made no secret that it was open to expanding.

## LETTERS

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Albuquerque and he would set him up with an appointment. Dr. Mediami, the hand specialist, and Resident Dr. Silva X-rayed and examined his hand and surgery was scheduled and done in two weeks. The surgery was successful and we are truly grateful.

Dr. Garcia of the Big Spring VA, my husband's primary physician, has worked with the physicians at the VA in Albuquerque to insure my husband received the best care possible. Dr. Garcia has scheduled the lab reports and X-rays necessary for his knee surgery. Dr. Garcia is truly an outstanding and caring physician.

My husband is totally dependent on the VA for dental, vision, prescription and care. I want to thank all the staff, physicians, in the VA Albuquerque and the VA Big Spring, for all the courtesies extended to my husband and many more deserving veterans.

A special thanks to Chief Administrators Dan Marsh at VA Big Spring and George Marnell at VA Albuquerque. They know the war for these veterans go on long after the silence of the guns.

LINDA WALLACE  
MIDLAND

TO THE EDITOR:

I was very disappointed by the column "Conservatives repel Latino voters" by Miguel Perez in your Aug. 12 edition of the Big Spring Herald. In it he went on and on about ethnic pride as though that was the most important thing that there is in the world and that actions matter nothing.

According to his letter, it seems that what sort of judge that Justice Sotomayor has been has no bearing on whether or not she should have been supported by conservatives.

Pro-choice, anti-gun — who cares because she's a Latino! She makes multiple comments that are racial — a "wise Latina" makes a better judge than a white male — and that just does not matter? Looking at this letter it is readily apparent that the only thing that matters to Perez is her race. There is a word in the American lexicon that directly applies

to this sort of attitude — it is racism.

If I, a white male, were to make similar comments about a white man saying all whites should support this hypothetical nominee to the Supreme Court because he is of the white race, then I would rightly be branded as an unrepentant racist.

I am tired of being beaten over the head with the charge of racism for not supporting Obama and for opposing Justice Sotomayor. It is the person and their actions that I am concerned about, not their race.

I oppose Obama, not because of his skin color, but because of his unrepentant elitist socialism.

I oppose Justice Sotomayor because her record clearly shows that she does not rule on the law as written, but on the law as she wants it to be.

If that costs conservatives the Latino vote, then so be it. Ask the workers in California, where the water has been cut off because of a fish that isn't even endangered, how much their support of the Democratic Party has done for them.

Ask the farmers in Texas, who are suffering through the worst drought on record and have gotten no financial aid from the Democratic government, how much the Democrats have done for them.

You want pride in a Latino? Fine. Get a good candidate that will make a great justice and I will join you in your rejoicing.

Remember that the goal should be where we can all be proud no matter what the race or skin color is. As for Miguel Perez, I publicly charge you with racism.

RICHARD CRANDALL  
ABERDEEN, MISS.

TO THE EDITOR:

My idea as to how to sell more papers is to make yourself 100 percent, unabashedly pro-white, pro-labor, pro-Christian and pro-military and not necessarily in that order.

Express pessimism about federal government and its intentions and policies. Have a Master Gardener write a daily column on home vegetable gardens and the necessity of community garden space for those residents with little or no yard space.

Demand that productive work be made available for the unemployed, and to that end, get some new

"green" industry into the county. Publish the picture of anyone arrested for any crime against another person. Support intolerance of all sorts.

Give it a shot. I think you'll like the results.

DICK MORRIS  
BIG SPRING

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Discover Bank vs. Fern Lewis, accounts, notes and contracts  
State of Texas vs. Juan Ramirez, forfeiture  
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Douglas Henry Teague, 58, and Pamela Sue Sessions, 53, both of Big Spring.  
Eddie Eugene Chvalier, 58, and Teri Pace Martinez, 43, both of Big Spring.  
Hector Sanchez Castro, 40, and Guadalupe Cervantes, 35, both of Big Spring.

## Madden welcomes Vick, Farve to his video game

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's been a busy week in professional football, with a couple of big, controversial stars — Brett Favre and Michael Vick — joining NFL rosters. No worries, though, for John Madden, because both men are already set to take the field in "Madden NFL 10," his name-sake video game.

Fans who bought "Madden" when it came out Aug. 14 can download both players thanks to roster updates posted by publisher EA Sports. For Favre, the process was easier: Taking him out of last season's New York Jets uniform and putting him in his new Minnesota Vikings gear. "We know what Brett can do," says Madden. "He'll be quarterback No. 1."

Vick, however, has been out of the league for a couple of years while serving jail time on felony dogfighting charges. What the new Philadelphia Eagle does "is going to be determined on the road," Madden says. "When's he gonna play? What'll they do with him? It's a big guessing thing."

Madden, who retired this year from broadcasting NFL games for NBC, is still keeping busy working with EA Sports.

"I talk to a lot of people who play the video game," he says. "Sometimes we think it's just kids, but kids who started playing at 16 are now 40." And NFL rookies, "guys 22, 23, they're all video-game players," he says.

## SWCDS

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National soil and water conservation programs and issues include State Rep. Joe Heflin (District 85); Marty Graham, a member of the Texas State Soil

and Water Conservation Board, Area II; Volney Hough, director of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Area II; and Zone II Assistant State Conservationist Elisha Kuehn of the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Seventeen soil and water conservation districts in the western region of the state where the High Plains, Edwards Plateau and Trans-Pecos geologi-

cal regions merge are members of the WTASWCDS. Counties which the SWCDS serve include Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Nolan, Taylor, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Reagan, Irion, Upton, Tom Green, Concho and Schleicher counties.

## WARY

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could get something for free," said the 27-year-old. "I couldn't rationalize it — even spending \$15 to \$20. I am watching everything now."

Besides abandoning goods while standing in line, they're paying close attention once checkout begins. They ask cashiers to provide a total while they're still scanning items to see where they stand, or to have necessities like health care basics scanned first, said Dan Fishback, chief executive of DemandTec Inc., a retail technology company. When they hit their limit, they forgo what's left in the basket.

Lower credit limits are also contributing to the abandonment. Shoppers say credit card transactions are being denied if they go over their limit just a bit, said Ben Woosley, director of marketing and consumer research at CreditCards.com. In the past, issuers would often ap-

prove purchases up to 10 percent over the limit.

Web stores are taking a variety of steps to get consumers to complete purchases. They include sending e-mails to remind customers about abandoned items, simplifying the online checkout process and offering extra discounts to lasso would-be quitters.

Web retailers have always grappled with high abandonment rates because of confusion and technology glitches. Plus shoppers are less invested in the process because they didn't have to drive anywhere. But even online stores say orphaning has escalated.

Internet research company Forrester Research estimates as much as 59 percent of online purchases are being dumped during checkout. Those rates had ranged from 47 percent to 53 percent in the past six years, according to industry surveys.

The Container Store, which sells storage items, has seen its online abandonment rate rise to 68 percent. The company has

launched an e-mail campaign to remind shoppers of their abandoned purchases and a service that lets shoppers pick up online purchases at the store to avoid shipping costs.

And SkyMall.com has cut its abandonment rate to 49 percent from 56 percent by reducing the steps in the checkout process and sending out e-mail reminders, online marketing manager Shea Beck said.

Online shoppers are scrutinizing extra charges that wouldn't have slowed them down in a better economy, right up to clicking the "place order" button.

Eric Younan, 35, of Farmington Hills, Mich., who said he had never quit during the checkout process, has abandoned online shopping carts four times in recent weeks because he discovered extra charges late in the game.

"Two years ago, a \$10 handling charge wouldn't have fazed me, but now I would just drop it," said Younan, a publicist. "Back then, I had more disposable income, and my time was worth

## OIL

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showed that people are buying.

Just as Bernanke began to speak, the National Association of Realtors said that home resales posted the largest monthly increase in at least 10 years, which may have helped push energy prices higher.

Crude this year has tended to jump even marginally good economic news. It has been slightly more than a year since a barrel of crude soared close to \$150 per barrel and few people believe that at some point, demand for energy will not rebound strongly.

The question is when.

Earlier this week, the U.S. government reported that crude in storage, which had been building for weeks, fell by a surprising 8.4 million barrels as refiners

cut back on petroleum imports. Crude prices jumped sharply.

In other Nymex trading, gasoline for September delivery added less than a penny to \$1.9874 a gallon and heating oil for September delivery added 2.21 cents to \$1.9073 a gallon. Natural gas for September delivery gave up a penny to \$2.935 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent prices rose 95 cents to \$74.28 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

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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. Solution, tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Aural and Visual Clues**

North dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q J 9 8 3  
♥ J 9 3  
♦ 10 6 3  
♣ 10 7

**WEST**  
♠ K 6  
♥ K 8 7 6  
♦ J 5 4 2  
♣ K J 8

**EAST**  
♠ 4  
♥ A Q 10 4 2  
♦ —  
♣ A Q 9 6 5 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 10 7 5 2  
♥ 5  
♦ A K Q 9 8 7  
♣ 2

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass 1 ♣ 1 ♦ 1 ♥  
Pass 6 ♥ ?

**Now, Bill had been around** for a while and knew the value of an ace when he saw one. Especially, two aces. But he also knew that East, a worthy foe, also appreciated the power of an ace. And here was East, obviously aware he was missing two aces, bidding six hearts, apparently with the expectation of making it.

**So Root bid six spades**, believing his ears rather than his eyes. And he was right, of course, since six hearts would have been a breeze for West.

**West doubled six spades**, and the hand was played there. The defense didn't find its diamond ruff, so six spades went down only two — 300 points. A double or a pass by Root would have given East-West a vulnerable small slam.

**Afterward**, West expressed his regret that he had not bid seven hearts instead of doubling. He had something there, since North would have had a difficult guess as to whether to lead a spade or a diamond against seven hearts. A diamond lead, of course, would have allowed West to make the grand slam.

**But Root said** the matter was academic because he had planned to bid seven spades over seven hearts. He could not afford to risk losing 2,410 points as the result of a wrong lead when a relatively cheap sacrifice was available. He was willing to pay a small premium to take out insurance against a big loss.

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# Obama calls for 'honest debate' on health care

**DARLENE SUPERVILLE**  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is challenging his critics on a national health care overhaul, accusing them of making "phony claims" about the legislation. "This is an issue of vital concern to every American, and I'm glad that so many are engaged," Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address. "But it also should be

an honest debate, not one dominated by willful misrepresentations and outright distortions, spread by the very folks who would benefit the most by keeping things exactly as they are." Obama said illegal immigrants would not be part of the health care overhaul, taxpayers would not be mandated to fund abortions and he does not intend a government takeover of health care — all claims that critics have made at contentious town

*"But it also should be an honest debate, not one dominated by willful misrepresentations and outright distortions, spread by the very folks who would benefit the most by keeping things exactly as they are."*

President Barack Obama

hall-style meetings with members of Congress. He also took a swipe at "death panels," an idea former Alaska Gov.

Sarah Palin introduced on her Facebook page. "As every credible person who has looked into it has said, there are no

so-called death panels — an offensive notion to me and to the American people," Obama said. "These are phony claims meant to divide us." Obama's liberal base was angered this past week after he seemed to suggest he would be fine with a plan that lacked a government-run health insurance option. "This is one idea among many to provide more competition and choice, especially in the many places around

the country where just one insurer thoroughly dominates the marketplace," Obama said. "Let me repeat: It would be just an option; those who prefer their private insurer would be under no obligation to shift to a public plan." In their weekly address, Republicans accused Obama of misrepresenting his proposal. "As opposition to the Democrats' government-run health plan is mounting, the president has said he'd like to stamp out some of the disinformation floating around out there," said Rep. Tom Price, R-Ga. "The problem is the president, himself, plays fast and loose with the facts." Price said that the whole plan should be scrapped and lawmakers should start over with a plan that makes sure patients are the top priority. "We all know that when the government is setting the rules and is backed by tax dollars, it will destroy, not compete with, the private sector," said Price, a physician. "The reality is, whether or not you get to keep your plan, or your doctor, is very much in question under the president's proposal."



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Monday: Philly steak sandwich, sauteed onions and green peppers, three-bean salad, citrus banana cup, milk.  
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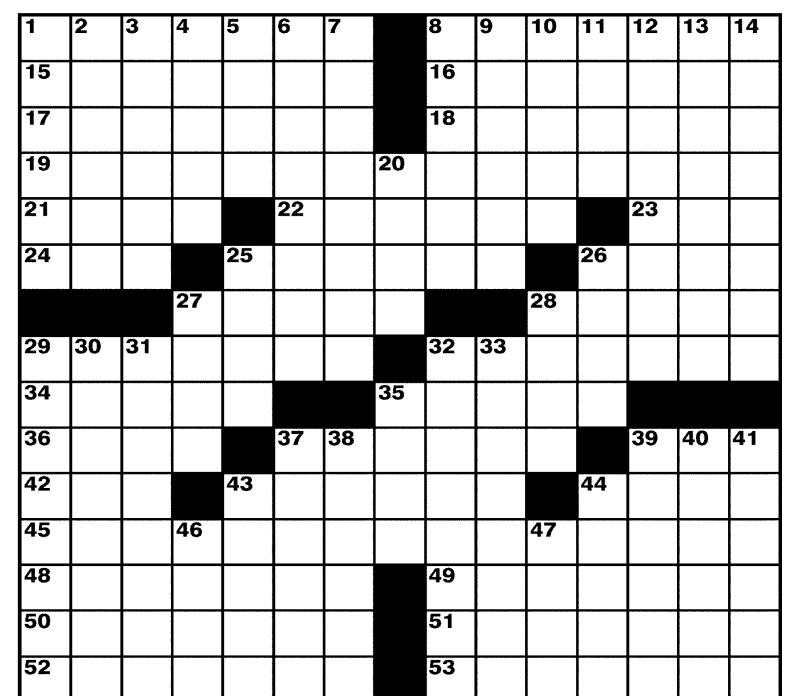
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21 Gershwin contemporary  
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24 Technique, for short  
25 Some hand-printed fabrics  
26 Story creator  
27 Network, e.g.  
28 Leavings  
29 Driving Miss Daisy Oscar nominee  
32 Suited up, in a way  
34 Regards  
35 Woolly, perhaps  
36 Home workers  
37 Most foul  
39 Occupational Outlook Handbook issuer: Abbr.  
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## News in brief

### Internal CIA probe reveals more details about U.S. treatment of terror detainees

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the Justice Department considers whether to investigate alleged harsh interrogation practices sanctioned by the Bush administration, sources say a soon-to-be-released report by the CIA's inspector general reveals that agency interrogators conducted mock executions of terror suspects.

These latest allegations are contained in a 2004 report that has been kept secret and is to be released next week, two congressional officials told The Associated Press. They spoke late Friday on condition of anonymity because the report has not yet been cleared for release.

Threatening a prisoner with death violates U.S. anti-torture laws.

In one case, interrogators brought a gun and power drill into a session with suspected Cole bomber Abd al Rahim al-Nashiri, the report says. The suicide bombing of the warship USS Cole killed 17 U.S. sailors in Yemen in 2000.

In another episode, a gunshot was fired in a room next to a detainee to make the prisoner believe another suspect had been killed, according to the report, which a federal judge has ordered to be made public Monday in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union.

### Taliban cut off fingers of 2 Afghan voters, make good on election threat

KABUL (AP) — Taliban militants cut off the ink-stained fingers of two Afghan voters in the militant south during the presidential election, the country's top election monitoring group said Saturday.

Two voters who had dipped their index fingers in purple ink — a fraud prevention measure — were attacked in Kandahar province shortly after voting Thursday, said Nader Nadery, the head of the Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan. Kandahar is the spiritual birthplace of the Taliban.

Rumors that militants would cut off voters' ink-stained fingers spread before the vote. A Taliban spokesman had said militants would not carry out such attacks, but the Taliban is a loose organization of individual commanders who could carry out the threat on their own.

Millions of Afghans voted in the country's second-ever direct presidential election, although Taliban threats and attacks appeared to hold down the turnout, especially in the south where President Hamid Karzai was expected to run strongly among his fellow Pashtuns. At least 26 Afghan civilians and security forces died in dozens of militant attacks.

If results show that more people voted in the north than the south, "then we will have an issue," Nadery said.

### Libya's Gadhafi welcomes Lockerbie bomber

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi welcomed with a hug the only man convicted of the 1988 Lockerbie bombing that killed 270 people and praised Scotland's leaders for "their courageously right and humanitarian decision" to release him.

Gadhafi's meeting Friday with Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, which was shown on Libyan state television, is sure to fuel the debate about how Libya should be treating the man they once turned over for trial.

Al-Megrahi returned to Libya Thursday after Scottish officials announced he was being freed on compassionate grounds because he is suffering from terminal prostate cancer. The decision to free al-Megrahi has been met with condemnation by many of the victims' families and the U.S. which has called for him to be put under house arrest.

The U.S. and Britain were also outraged at the warm welcome al-Megrahi received at the airport when he arrived in Tripoli, where he was met by a crowd of hundreds, some who threw flower petals.

Gadhafi hugged al-Megrahi, who at one point kissed the Libyan leader's hand, before sitting down with the former Libyan intelligence agent and his family. Gadhafi lauded Scotland for their decision in the first official reaction by Libya to the release.

### Tropical storm warning issued for Mass. as Hurricane Bill speeds toward U.S.

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP) — A tropical storm warning was issued for the Massachusetts coast Saturday as waves from Hurricane Bill pounded Bermuda and people from Florida to New England braced for high surf and rip currents from the storm.

Bill continued to swirl over the open waters of the Atlantic as a Category 2 storm with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph (165 kph). The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said it could regain intensity over the weekend as its center passes between Bermuda and the eastern U.S. seaboard.

The tropical storm warning included Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard off the Massachusetts coast, meaning tropical storm-force winds of 40 mph (64 kph) or more could hit in the next 24 hours. A tropical storm watch also remained in effect for Bermuda, though a hurricane watch was canceled.

Tourists gathered at Bermuda's pink sand

beaches Friday to watch the powerful surf. Many shrugged off the threat of the approaching storm, but it apparently cut short a beachfront vacation for U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and her husband, former President Bill Clinton.

### Officials: Ex-model's breast implants key to identification of mutilated body

BUENA PARK, Calif. (AP) — The remains of a former model whose killing set off an international manhunt for a reality television star were so badly mutilated that investigators had to use the serial numbers on her breast implants to identify her.

The man charged with Jasmine Fiore's murder, reality TV show contestant Ryan Alexander Jenkins, has been on the run since reporting her missing the evening of Aug. 15. Her nude body had been found that morning, stuffed in a blood-stained suitcase in a trash bin in Buena Park, an Orange County city about 20 miles southeast of Los Angeles, but authorities wouldn't be able to identify her for a few more days.

Detectives tracked the serial number on the implants because they could not use fingerprints or dental records, said Farrah Emami, a spokeswoman for the Orange County district attorney's office.

Authorities believe Jenkins, a contestant on VH1's "Megan Wants a Millionaire," may have fled more than 1,000 miles to reach his native Canada.

VH1 cancelled the show, in which wealthy young men tried to win over a materialistic blonde, network spokesman Brett Henne said Friday. The network previously said the show was postponed after three episodes.

### As Lutherans liberalize gay clergy policy, some conservatives vow to fight

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Even though the Rev. Mark Chavez believes the leaders of his church made a decision in direct contradiction of the Bible by lifting a ban on sexually active, monoga-

mous gays and lesbians as clergy, he said he's staying with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

"I'm not leaving," Chavez said Friday night, promising an effort to keep the church moving even further toward what he sees as an embrace of behavior condemned by Scripture.

Chavez, of Landisville, Pa., is director of Lutheran CORE, a conservative group within the ELCA that fought the gay clergy policy. The group will hold a convention in Indianapolis in September to review its next steps, but Chavez said he thinks some ELCA clergy, congregations and individual members will walk away from the nation's largest Lutheran denomination.

The change to gay clergy policy passed with the support of 68 percent of about 1,000 delegates at the ELCA's national assembly. It makes the group, with about 4.7 million members in the U.S., one of the largest U.S. Christian denominations yet to take a more gay-friendly stance.

"I have seen these same-gender relationships function in the same way as heterosexual relationships — bringing joy and blessings as well as trials and hardships," the Rev. Leslie Williamson, associate pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Plaines, Ill., said during the hours of debate. "The same-gender couples I know live in love and faithfulness and are called to proclaim the word of God as are all of us."

But the change may be too much for some Lutherans. Conservative congregations will not be forced to hire gay clergy, but opponents nevertheless warned there could be spiritual consequences for a church that strays from Scripture.

"This will cause an ever greater loss in members and finances. I can't believe the church I loved and served for 40 years can condone what God condemns," said the Rev. Richard Mahan, pastor at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Charleston, W.Va. "Nowhere in Scripture does it say homosexuality and same-sex marriage is acceptable to God. Instead, it says it is immoral and perverted."

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Let the analyzing begin! It's the first week of the Virgo sun and the ideal time to assess your current status in concrete measures and weights. Whether it's counting your blessings, children, money or body measurements, it's lucky to size up the facts and find out exactly where you're at. Once you have all the data you need, the planning is simple.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You are made aware of a responsibility you didn't even know you had. You've been handling it well all along. You always have a choice in life. It just so happens that you've been making the right one without realizing it.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're not sure why you must connect with a certain person, but you're driven to do so. Follow the instinct. It may be years before you understand, but there's a good reason your destinies are crossing.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You can be verbose when you're on a topic you care about. There are kindred spirits around you who will inspire those kinds of conversations and they'll also be riveted by all you say.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). People won't ask you to clarify yourself. They'll just go on pretending they understand you when really they are quite confused as to your meaning. Be an extremely thorough communicator and you'll avoid problems.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When you understand what is expected of you, you will hit every mark. Luckily, an authority figure has plotted out a project well. The goals are concrete; the timeline is defined — so go for it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Conformity isn't such a bad thing these days. Fitting in will have benefits fiscally, socially and emotionally. You will win the heart of the ones who think they are just like you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You have no idea how you will accomplish a project, but it's certain that you will. The way reveals itself as you go. What's important is that you have every intention of finishing strong.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life can change on a dime. You'll be made aware of this by the dramas that others are going through and this helps you to even more appreciative of the goodness in your current scene.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Be careful how you word things. You're likely to be taken very seriously, whether that is your intention or not. Tonight, a family member or old friend will make you laugh hard.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You wake up ready and able to conquer yesterday's immovable object. Don't try any of the same tactics. Your fresh angle will clear all obstacles in the path to your prize.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It will be difficult for you to be selfish. Even when people urge you to make yourself happy first, you usually accomplish this by making someone else happy, either on purpose or just by

accident.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your observations are keen, your insights spot on. When you apply these skills to your friend's problem, you will both benefit. Of course, be as diplomatic as possible, too.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 23)**. You're not afraid to be yourself in a bigger way. Your mind works differently than the minds of others, and you'll set up your work and domestic flow in a way that supports your unique thought process. Creative brilliance brings in big bucks this fall. Romantic commitments are established or re-established in October. Aries and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 44, 20, 10 and 38.

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TAMI L. DAVIS  
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY  
#6232 August 23 & 24, 2009

Legals

**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS & COUNTY OF HOWARD  
By virtue of an ORDER OF SALE issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 4th day of August, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 1 day of September, 2009, being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:  
CAUSE NO. STYLE  
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION  
T-4840  
Howard County, et al vs. Sara Martinez  
Lt 1, Blk 7, Cole & Strayhorn Addn, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
T-5090  
Howard County, et al vs. Andres Perches  
S/50' of the N/100' of Lt 1 and all of Lt 2, Blk 93, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
T-5337  
Howard County, et al vs. Jr. Hilario  
Lt 3, Blk 3, Earles Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
T-5359  
Howard County, et al vs. Armando B. Cortez and Luisa C. Cortez  
Lt 3, Blk 2, Tennyson Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
T-5566  
Howard County, et al vs. Gracie Rushing  
Lt 3, Blk 18, Monticello Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
T-5621  
Howard County, et al vs. Theodore Dias, Jr. And Dora Juarez  
Lt 3, Blk J, Moore Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
T-5637  
Howard County, et al vs. Eduviques Marquez  
Lts 7 & 8, Blk 10, Boydston Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
T-5652  
Howard County, et al vs. Pat Bruton aka Patrick L. Bruton  
Lts 1 & 2, Blk 10 South Haven Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas to include mobile home LBL #TEX 0388019 and mobile home LBL #TXS0510352  
T-5657  
Howard County, et al vs. Augustine Moreno  
Lt 2, Blk 4, Indianola Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.  
Witness my hand this 4th day of August, 2009.  
Stan Parker  
SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS  
BY:  
Stan Parker  
Deputy  
#6216 August 9, 16 & 23, 2009

Legals

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**  
TO: Luis G. Moreno  
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:  
Being a one-acre tract of land out of the E/2 of Sec. 24, Blk 33, T1S, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the exhibit attached hereto.  
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,041.50, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.  
You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against HECTOR MORENO AND LUIS G. MORENO and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on June 28, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. HECTOR MORENO AND LUIS G. MORENO, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5253 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.  
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.  
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.  
You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 31st day of July, 2009 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.  
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of July, A.D. 2009.  
Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District.  
#6228 August 23 & 30, 2009

Legals

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**  
TO: Carlos Gonzalez and Yolanda C. Gonzalez  
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:  
Lts 43 & 44, Blk 15, Washington Place Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,204.03, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.  
You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against CARLOS GONZALEZ AND YOLANDA C. GONZALEZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on May 28, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CARLOS GONZALEZ AND YOLANDA C. GONZALEZ, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5633 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.  
Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.  
All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.  
You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 31st day of July, 2009 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.  
Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of July, A.D. 2009.  
Brandie Martinez, Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District.  
#6229 August 23 & 30, 2009

Legals

**CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/time for the purchase of the below listed items/equipment:  
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9. Fleet Fueling Services  
Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airport Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.  
#6236 August 23 & 30, 2009

Legals

No. P-13,765  
THE ESTATE OF JOHN G. KELLEY, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS  
**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of KATHY JANE BAILEY, Deceased were issued on the 27th day of July, 2009, under Docket No. P-13,765, pending in the County Court of Ector County, Texas, to ALBERT EUGENE KELLEY.  
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DATED this 27th day of July, 2009.  
ALBERT EUGENE KELLEY, Independent Executor of the Estate of John G. Kelley, Deceased.  
#6234 August 23, 2009

Legals

**CITY OF BIG SPRING**  
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM HEAVY COMMERCIAL (HC) TO GENERAL RESIDENTIAL (GR) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2112 W. 3RD STREET DESCRIBED AS 5.91 ACRES WITHIN SECTION 32, BLOCK 33-1-N, HOWARD COUNTY, BIG SPRING, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS DISCUSSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.  
TAMI L. DAVIS  
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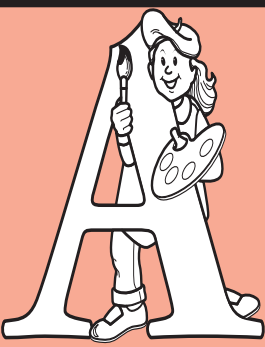
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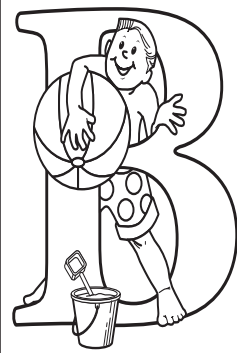
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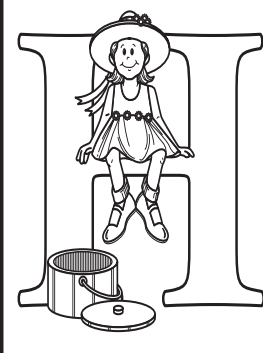
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**Go Over Important Phone Numbers And Safety Instructions With Your After-School Sitter.**

**Gill's**

Gold-N-Crisp Fried Chicken 2100 S. Gregg 263-4391



**Have Your Child's Eyes Checked For Problems, Before Starting School.**

**True Value.**

Higginbotham Bartlett Co. 1900 East FM 700 263-7441



**Instruct Your Child Not To Open The Door When You're Not At Home.**

**Big Spring Education Employees FCU**

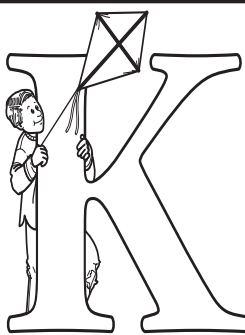
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**Jaywalking Is Dangerous.**

**Elrod's Furniture**

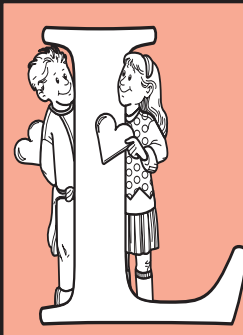
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**Know The Background Of Your Child Care Provider.**

**House Of Frames**

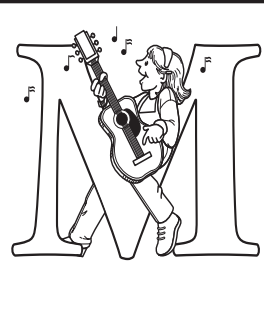
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**Let Your Parents Know If You Go Somewhere After School.**

**Big Spring Farm Supply**

2404 N. Hwy. 87 263-3382



**Motorists Should Exercise Extra Caution Around School Areas.**

**Medicine Center Pharmacy**

1009 Gregg St. 263-7316



**Never Go Anywhere With A Stranger.**

**Nalley-Pickle & Welch**

906 Gregg St. 267-6331



**Obey Your School Bus Driver Or Crossing Guards.**

**Cox Jewelers**

110 E. Broadway Sweetwater, TX 325-235-8611



**Parents Should Discuss Safety Issues And Emergency Procedures With Their Children.**

**Parks Agency, Inc.**

900 Main St. 267-5504



**Quick Thinking In An Emergency Can Make A Difference - Keep Important Phone Numbers Handy.**

**Graumann's Pump & Engine Service**

304 Austin 267-1626



**Remain In Your Seat While The School Bus Is In Motion.**

**Harris Lumber & Hardware**

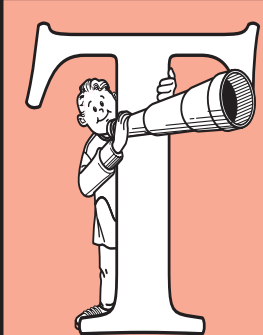
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**Stick To A Populated, Familiar Route When Walking Home From School.**

**Security Finance**

432-267-4591



**Tell Your Parents Or Teacher If Someone Is Bothering You.**

**Reznik Orthodontics**

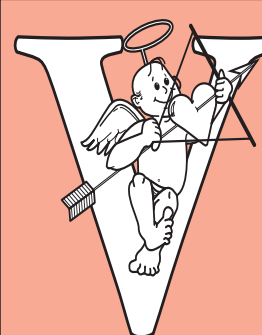
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**Use Your Head — Wear Your Helmet While Biking.**

**Comet Cleaners**

FM 700 & Virginia 267-2584



**Vacant Lots And Buildings Should Be Avoided.**

**Skateland**

2906 W. 8th St. 267-9252



**Walk To School With Friends, Not Alone.**

**Western Container**

Big Spring Plant



**X Marks Dangerous Railroad Tracks.**

**Chico & Sons Concrete**

432-816-6561



**Young children should be taught their name, address, and phone number.**

**Buddy's Body Shop**

Midway Rd. Big Spring 264-0623



**Zzzzzz Getting A Good Night's Sleep Is Important To School Performance.**

**Bowl-A-Rama**

267-7484