

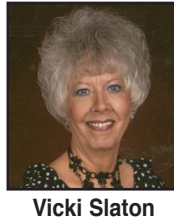


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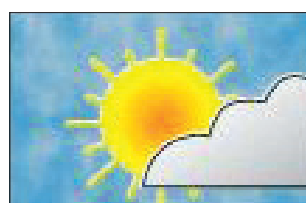


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County hopes to cut jail food service dollars

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are expected to open bids for food services at the county jail facility during the court's Monday morning meeting, a move officials say looks promising.

Howard County Jail Administrator Mike Dawson asked the court in mid-December to look into contracting for food services at the facility, a move that could save the county a considerable amount of money.

"We've been approached by businesses that would be willing to bid on providing these services to the jail," Dawson told commissioners. "I believe this could put us in a position to make the cost competitive, which could benefit the county."

"Between May 1 and Nov. 30, we paid an average cost of \$1.56 per meal at the jail, which is pretty much the av-

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—Mike Dawson,
 Howard County jail administrator

erage in the state. The lowest we found in Texas was Harris County, which pays 88 cents, and the highest was \$2.50. We simply don't have the purchasing power that entities

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Andries honored through college scholarship fund

By **CINDY SMITH**
 Special to the Herald

The Boys Club of Big Spring has established an endowment through the Howard College Foundation to honor its founder, Bert Andries. The fund, set up during a special called meeting of the Foundation, will be used for student scholarships.

The scholarship endowment will be designated for use in both academic and vocational training programs with the large majority of the funds providing student scholar-

ships in the trades area.

Additional funds were given to the Howard College Foundation for vocational training program development.

"We are very grateful to receive this generous gift from the Boys Club of Big Spring," said Bruce Griffith, foundation president. "This is just another way of investing in the students of Howard County and providing educational opportunities for them to be successful."

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Dewayne Kuykendall of Carlsbad, Texas stirs ingredients while participating in the eighth annual West Texas Centers for MHMR Children In Need Fund benefit chili cook-off at the Eagles Lodge Saturday morning. Officials said 38 teams participated in the event.

Chili forecast on target

Cooks brave elements, distance for good cause

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

As some hardy souls demonstrated Saturday, it's never too chilly to cook chili.

More than 38 cooking teams braved freezing temperatures to participate in the eighth annual West Texas Centers for MHMR cook-off to benefit the organization's Children in Need Fund.

Despite the worthy cause, some cooks had to wonder exactly why braving freezing cold

to cook some chili would seem like a good idea.

"We all asked ourselves that question this morning," Dewayne Kuykendall said with a chuckle. "We've got to be crazy."

Not only were Keykendall and his cooking partner Tom Jones enduring the cold weather, they went out their way to do so — Jones is from San Angelo, while Kuykendall hails from Carlsbad, Texas.

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Growth opportunity: Master Gardener certification course begins this month

Special to the Herald

The Howard County Master Gardener Club, in association with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, will be offering classes to become a certified Master Gardener beginning Jan. 19.

The course is comprised of 50 hours of classroom work (approximately 14 classes)

covering a wide range of topics such as rain water harvesting, plant propagation, weed identification and control, entomology, landscaping, EarthKind and many others. Once all the classroom requirements have been completed, it takes only 50 hours of volunteer service with club members to become a certified Master Gardener.

Classes will be from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each Tuesday beginning Jan. 19 and running through the end of May. They will be held in the Howard County Library basement. Cost for the program is \$85 and includes a notebook containing pertinent information as well as live class-

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Steers drop 7th straight in loss at Brownfield

Herald Staff Report

BROWNFIELD — The Steers just can't seem to catch a break.

Big Spring seemed on its way to snapping its six-game losing streak at Brownfield Friday night with a five-point lead with a minute to play.

But it was turnovers, missed rebounds and just plain bad luck that doomed the Steers to their seventh

straight defeat, 57-53 to Brownfield, head coach Marcus Morris said.

"The bottom fell out," Morris said. "There were some tough circumstances we had to overcome as far as natural stresses of the game. We just had some bad breaks."

The Steers were up 11 at half after playing one of their better two-quarter stretches of the season, Morris said.

"We looked confident

in the first half," he said. "Our man-to-man defense was better. I saw us get on the floor for some loose balls, and on offense there were a couple times where we looked polished."

It was in the second half where the wheels came off for the Steers. They were outscored 22-13 in the third quarter and managed just seven points in the fourth quarter as they

fell to 9-12 on the year.

"Our confidence level may be down right now," Morris said. "It's just some kind of bad luck and poor timing."

Jerrell Williams led the team with 18 points, including four 3-pointers. Tristian Clay added nine points, his highest total of the season. Tyler Tannehill finished with eight and Matt Ritchey added six.

Brownfield was led

by Jasper Fininen's and Jaime Sanchez's 15 points apiece. Jeremiah Brown scored 12 for the Cubs.

The Steers can look up to the fact that they have another game to get out of their current funk. They host Andrews, which they beat in December, at 8 p.m. Tuesday before Lake View comes to town next Friday to start the district slate. The girls game will

precede that matchup.

Big Spring 57

BS 15 18 13 7 -- 53
BHS 11 11 22 13 -- 57

BS (9-12) - D. Segundo 2, Clay 9, J. Williams 18, J. Falcon 4, Plakhotny 1, Tannehill 8, X. Parnell 5, Ritchey 6
BHS- Fininin- 15, Davis 2, Brown 12, Fisher 3, Sanchez 15, Aviles 6, Stell 6
FT- BSHS- 7-11, BHS- 14-24; 3-point- BSHS 6 (Williams 4, Clay, Ritchey), BHS 5 (Brown 2, Sanchez 3); Fouls- BSHS 18, BHS 12,



Herald Photo/ Tony Claxton

Bridgette Tuitt races down the court with a Frenship defender close behind Friday in Wolfforth. Tuitt and the Steers were shut down offensively as Frenship handed the Lady Steers their first district loss.

Woes continue for Lady Steers

By JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — Lady Steers coach Mike Warren said it best Friday night.

"That's the reality of district 4-4A."

The Frenship Lady Tigers pressed the Lady Steers into turnover after turnover and used the fast break to cruise to a 63-13 win at the Tiger Pit in Wolfforth Friday night, sending Big Spring to its third straight loss.

"They ran our legs off, and then they subbed fresh," Warren said.

The Lady Steers'

defense kept it in the game early, but Frenship pulled away late in the second quarter and cruised to its first district win of the season.

"We played well the first half, I thought," Warren said. "But we had nobody that could step up and score."

The Lady Tigers are a perennial district contender, and it showed on the court.

"Give them credit," Warren said. "They play good defense. They get up on you and that's part of it. But I thought we had some shots in the first half.

When we do have those

shots, we need to make them. We're going to get better, though, playing teams like that."

Point guard Bridgette Tuitt had defenders in her face all night and could not get into a rhythm offensively. She scored four points and was the team's leading scorer.

"They pressured Bridgette and she's the best we've got," Warren said. "The most important thing is to get the ball into the offense, and she struggled."

The Lady Steers aren't done yet, though. They move on to face Plainview on Tuesday at Steer Gym, which

by most accounts is the district favorite over Frenship.

"(Frenship) is good," Warren said. "There's no doubt, and Plainview's probably better than them so we have that to look forward to Tuesday."

Tipoff for that game Tuesday is 6 p.m.

Frenship 63, Big Spring 13
BSHS 4 4 2 3 -- 13
FHS 13 11 20 22 -- 63

Big Spring (7-13, 0-1)- Li. Yarbar 3, Tuitt 4, Lo. Yarbar 2, Ritchey 2, Smith 2
Frenship (17-5, 0-1)- Moore 5, Murdock 7, Palmer 9, Moorhead 11, Ab. Thomas 4, Chancellor 2, Pendergrass 4, Rivenbark 3, Deterding 5, Ak. Thomas 4, Barker 12
FT- BS 1-4, FHS 9-13; 3-point- FHS 6 (Barker 3, Moore, Murdock, Palmer); Fouls- BSHS 13, FHS 8

Forsan earns sweep of Midland Trinity

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — The Forsan Buffaloes clung for dear life to their shrinking lead in the fourth quarter against Midland Trinity on Friday night.

The Buffs had built a lead against the Trinity Chargers, but missed free throws down the stretch helped Midland to shrink the lead to three in the waning moments of the game.

That's when the Buffs stepped up, hit their free throws and halted the Chargers to preserve a 59-53 win.

Forsan was 9-for-23 for the game from the charity stripe and 5-of-13 in the fourth quarter, but the shots went in when it counted.

"If we would have made three or four more of those, it wouldn't have been so close," Buffs coach Brad Batla said. "But it was good for our kids to be in a close one like that."

The Chargers sank nine 3-pointers in the game, but Forsan's offense was able to respond. Evan Burton scored 20 points for the Buffs.

"People are going to hit some shots on you," Batla said. "You just have to keep coming back from it, and the kids handled it well."

The Buffs also forced some timely turnovers

to help their cause, mainly from Kolten Self, who finished with 12 points.

"(Self) got most of his off steals and layups," he played really well defensively."

Batla said his team is as it approaches the district slate.

"I stressed to them with these few games left before district to just keep getting better," he said. "I think we're getting close to hitting our peak, so hopefully we can carry that over into district."

Forsan gets Baird at home for its last contest before the district schedule. Tipoff in Forsan is 8 p.m.

Lady Buffs 48 Trinity 19

MIDLAND — The Forsan Lady Buffs rode Kelsey Jones' 15 points to a 48-19 win Friday night at Midland Trinity.

Jones hit two 3-pointers early in the first quarter to spark Forsan, and the team rode that momentum to a 14-0 first quarter and an easy win.

"Kelsey was just on fire," head coach Robert Hillger said. "She really got us going, and defensively we jumped off her. We were getting after it on defense and we rebounded well, which is good for us."

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Bulldogs drop heartbreaker to Ira; Bulldogettes lose to Jim Ned

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs led the Ira Bulldogs for all but seven seconds Friday night.

Unfortunately for Coahoma, those seven seconds were the last seven of the game in a 65-63 loss at Coahoma Elementary Gym. Coahoma had a chance to win the game with a 3-pointer at the buzzer,

but it went long, giving Ira its second win over Coahoma this season.

Coahoma led by 14 at half, using its fast-paced offense to beat Ira down the floor early. But the No. 2-ranked Bulldogs mounted a comeback in the second half behind 6-foot-5 post Kaylor Fine, who scored 16 of his 24 points in the last two periods.

"We did a pretty good job on (Fine) most of the

game," head coach Kim Nichols said. "We doubled him, but they kept going to him and he beat us in the second half."

Nichols knew the game was far from in hand with a 14-point lead.

"They went deep into the playoffs last year," he said. "We knew they would make a run at us, and they just made one more than we did."

The loss drops Coahoma to 13-7 on the

year. The team gets Tuesday off as it prepares to open district play against Colorado City on Friday. The game tips off at 8 p.m. in Coahoma.

Jim Ned 74, Coahoma 42

TUSCOLA — The Bulldogettes opened district play Friday against a Jim Ned team ranked No. 18 in 2A.

Jim Ned downed the Bulldogettes 74-42 in

Tuscola Friday night to hand the Bulldogettes their second straight loss.

Kylie Gee was a bright spot for the Bulldogettes, scoring 20 points, but Jim Ned cruised after jumping out to a 47-21 lead. The Bulldogettes play at Ballinger on Tuesday.

Ira 65, Coahoma 63

Ira 13 9 17 26 -- 65
CHS 16 20 14 13 -- 63
Ira- Cotton 2, Lunsford 2, Deluna 12, Odom 9, Juarez 16,

Fine 24
CHS (13-7)- Paniagua 7, Ringener 6, Ruiz 4, Douglass 3, Williams 3, Leija 25, Glass 11, Hahn 4, -- 27 3-5 63

FT- CHS 3-5, Ira 6-10; 3-point- (Juarez 4, Odom); CHS- 6 (Garcia 2, Leija 2, Ringener 1, Paniagua)

Jim Ned 74, Coahoma 42

CHS 12 9 9 12 -- 42
JN 23 24 15 14 -- 74
CHS (12-7)- Buske 2, Gee 20, Neff 9, Martin 4, Fowler 6, Stone 1

JN (19-3)- Taylor 11, Le. Tutt 7, Brown 12, le. Tutt 6, Avery 17, Porter 6, Doherty 6, O'Dell 9
FT- CHS 6-10, JN 10-16; JN- 6 (Taylor 3, Li. Tutt, Avery, Doherty); CHS 2 (Neff, Fowler);



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The (livestock) show must go on

Youngsters from Howard and Glasscock counties spent the week displaying their skills at raising and showing farm animals at their respective 4-H exhibitions



MOVE ALONG, PIGGIE: Amberlee Davis encourages her somewhat recalcitrant hog during pee-wee showmanship competition at the Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show Friday morning.

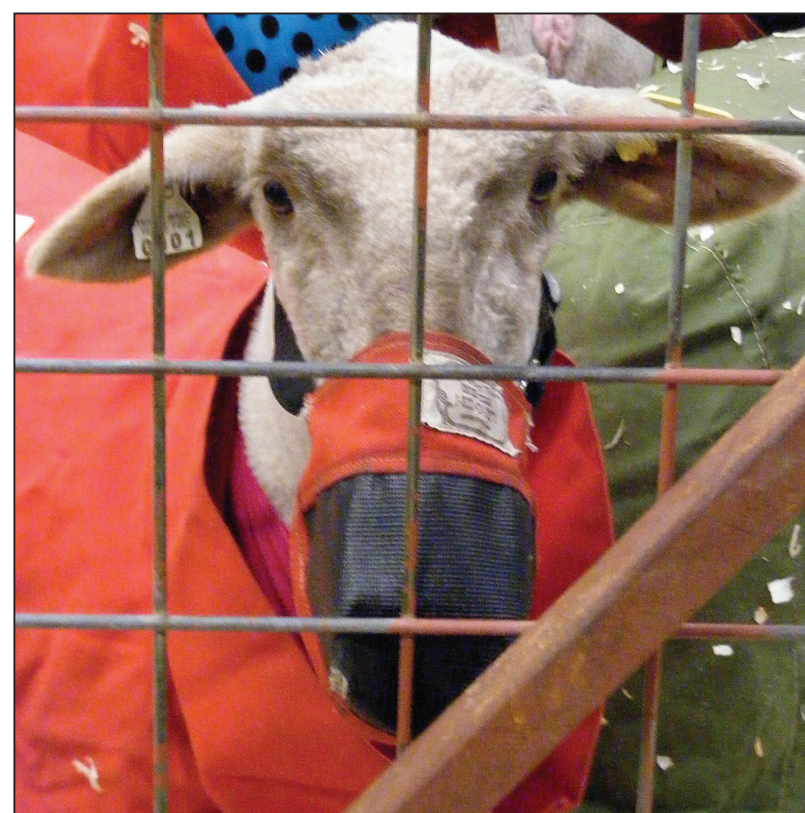


JUST A LITTLE OFF THE HOOF: Debras Borchardt, left, and Morgan Flores put the finishing touches on Morgan's lamb during first-day competition at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show Wednesday afternoon.

Photos
by
Steve
Reagan



GIVE IT A REST: At left, a trio of hogs catch some shut-eye at the Howard County show Thursday afternoon.



GET ME OUTTA HERE: At right, a goat, muzzled to prevent it from eating the sawdust in its pen, awaits exhibition at the Glasscock County show Friday afternoon.



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Obituaries

Trilby Onita Giles



Trilby Onita Giles, 79, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation. Graveside services were held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Fairview Cemetery in Bronte.

She was born Nov. 9, 1930, in San Angelo. She was a longtime resident of San Angelo, having worked at J.C. Penney. She married C.F. "Chuck"

Giles Oct. 28, 1961, in San Angelo. They came to Big Spring in 1988 from Weslaco. They owned Bearclaw Tool Sharpening. He preceded her in death May 22, 1999. She also had been manager of the Ponderosa Apartments. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by one daughter: Josephine Linda Cypert and her husband Wayne of Garden City; four grandchildren: Ed Wayne Cypert and Leasa Lowery and her husband Kenny, all of Garden City, Richard Cypert of Big Spring and Kristin Jones Gaithright and her husband Melvin of Alice; seven great-grandchildren: Dylan Lowery, Austen Lowery, Ragan Lowery, Karson Lowery, Jayce Gaithright, Teran Gaithright and Collin Gaithright; best friend: Ruth Sparks; lifelong friends: Margaret and Marvin Wise, and our precious Sandi Golleher.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter: Susan Onita Jones; her mother: Onita Fields; her father: Finus Cook; and her step-father: W.A. Fields; and very good friends: Archie and Myrlene Bomer.

Her family extends thanks and appreciation to all of the staff of Accolade Home Health, Marcy House, Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation, Crossroads Hospice, and Dr. Long and his staff.

"It is my hope that as each of you take time to mourn my departure you also reflect upon the good times we shared. Celebrate these good times as I cherish them all. While my earthly journey is complete, take comfort in knowing that as long as you remember me, I still live in each of you." — Trilby.

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 823, Big Spring 79721

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

Paid obituary

Fred W. Houston

Fred W. Houston, 68, of Crowell died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010, in Wichita Falls. Rosary will be Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel in Vernon. Officiating will be Father Jack McKone. Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton.

Fred was born Oct. 6, 1941, in Midland. he was the son of Alonzo Raymond Houston and Anna Mae Tom Houston. He married Ann Wagner on July 2, 1966, in Robstown. He has been a resident of Wilbarger County since 1977, from Austin. He worked for Experimental Aircraft Association and held an arson investigation license. He had performed administrative work at Vernon State Hospital and was a farmer. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Houston of the home; a daughter, Anna Mae McKnight of Fort Worth; a son, Raymond Charles Houston of Foard County; a sister, Janice Lloyd of Wendell, Idaho; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Wichita Falls or Star Light Children's Fund of Texas.

Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- DERRECK WILLIAM POPE, 26, 2605 Cactus, was arrested on two local warrants.
- GARY DON WEEKS, 50, 2317 N. Morgan Dr., was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct-language.
- CARLOS APONTE, 22, 500 S. Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated with open container and evading arrest.
- DAVID LUERA, 47, 500 S. Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- GREIG WARNER HOLLAND, 51, 105 Frontage Rd., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported in the 1000 block of Main.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 500 block of Goliad, the 1900 block of Highway 87, the 1300 block of Lindbergh and the 1400 block of Goliad.
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED/OPEN CONTAINER was reported in the 500 block of Fifth.
- EVADING ARREST/DETENTION USING A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of Fifth.
- PURCHASING/FURNISHING ALCOHOL FOR A MINOR was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King.

Take Note

The West Texas Pachyderm (Republican) Club invites everyone to its monthly meeting set for noon Monday at the Howard College Cactus Room. Note that this is a new day and location. Lunch will be served for a nominal fee. David Andrews, Republican candidate for District 85 Texas Representative, is the scheduled speaker. For more information, contact Melanie Gambrell at 267-7387.

The West Texas Auputees monthly meeting will be held Saturday, Jan. 16, at 11 a.m. at Health South Rehab Hospital of Midland, 1800 Heritage Blvd. For more information, contact Linda at (432) 684-6092.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the church. The cookbooks can be purchased by calling Pat Steen at (432) 263-3035.

T&P Federal Credit Union has set up an account for Arthur Hernandez Jr. for medical expenses. Arthur has had numerous medical problems the past cou-

ple of years. He has had several surgeries on his stomach, the last one a few weeks ago. After the surgery he developed a staph infection. He is still in the hospital. The out-of-pocket expenses, the travel and expenses for his wife and many other numerous expenses are mounting up. Please help Arthur and his wife Melinda in this difficult time and make a much-needed donation.

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

HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

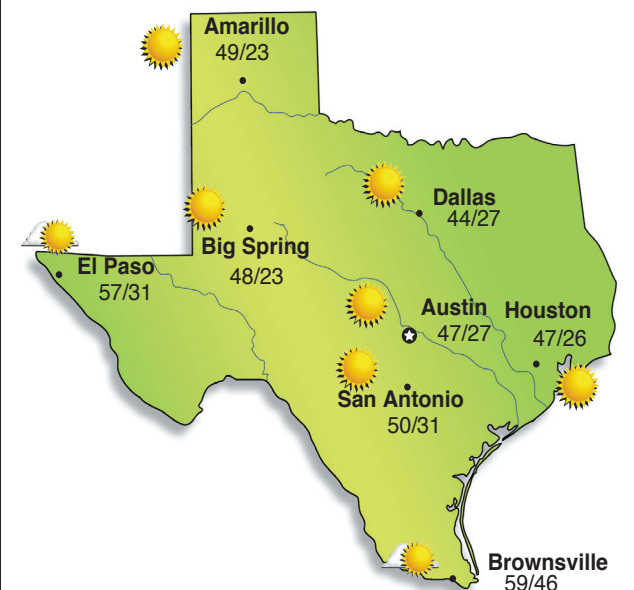
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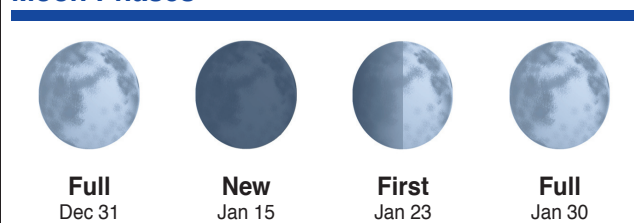
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Amarillo	49	23	sunny	Livingston	46	18	sunny
Austin	47	27	sunny	Longview	44	21	sunny
Beaumont	46	22	sunny	Lubbock	48	23	sunny
Brownsville	59	46	mst sunny	Lufkin	46	18	sunny
Brownwood	48	27	sunny	Midland	49	27	sunny
Corpus Christi	51	39	sunny	Raymondville	58	43	mst sunny
Corsicana	43	26	sunny	Rosenberg	47	26	sunny
Dallas	44	27	sunny	San Antonio	50	31	sunny
Del Rio	48	33	sunny	San Marcos	48	27	sunny
El Paso	57	31	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	42	22	sunny
Fort Stockton	54	29	sunny	Sweetwater	48	27	sunny
Gainesville	41	23	sunny	Tyler	43	20	sunny
Greenville	41	21	sunny	Weatherford	43	23	sunny
Houston	47	26	sunny	Wichita Falls	43	24	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	35	15	sunny	Minneapolis	21	14	flurries
Boston	25	16	sunny	New York	30	20	sunny
Chicago	22	16	pt sunny	Phoenix	68	44	pt sunny
Dallas	44	27	sunny	San Francisco	62	44	mst sunny
Denver	50	27	pt sunny	Seattle	53	47	cloudy
Houston	47	26	sunny	St. Louis	27	20	pt sunny
Los Angeles	76	50	pt sunny	Washington, DC	31	21	sunny
Miami	54	37	pt sunny				

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Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-6-10-19-23. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$22,175. Winning ticket purchased in: Cedar Hill.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-2-4-1. Sum It Up: 15

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-3-4. Sum It Up: 10

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Cardinals face daunting task in stopping Packers QB

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The Arizona Cardinals watched virtually defenseless as Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers tore them to shreds — first in a preseason game, then in a meaningless regular-season finale.

Whatever tactics the Cardinals have that might give Rodgers problems are being saved for Sunday's wild-card game. Whether anything Arizona does will work against the Packers' strong and accurate quarterback will go a long way toward determining the outcome.

While the Cardinals want to bring pressure, they have to worry about the potent Green Bay running game, too, and the fact that Rodgers has become good at getting rid of the ball in a hurry.

At first glance, pressuring the quarterback would seem to be a solid plan. Rodgers has been sacked 50 times, tied with Ben Roethlisberger for most in the NFL.

But only nine of them have come in the seven games since right tackle Mark Tauscher returned to the lineup.

"They just changed their lineup a little bit and I think they probably simplified their protection," Cardinals defensive coordinator Bill Davis said, "and I think also Aaron is also seeing the field a

little bit quicker."

Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt said the defense must be diverse and unpredictable.

"I think pressure is not always the answer because he gets the ball out quick and he understands that," Whisenhunt said. "They have some good receivers. You have to be versatile. You have to mix what you're trying to get done on defense."

The Cardinals play an aggressive style that works best when the team is at emotional peak. The aim will be to disrupt Rodgers' rhythm. Arizona will move players around, especially Pro Bowl starting safety Adrian Wilson, to try to confuse the Packers quarterback in his first playoff game.

The Cardinals were sixth in the league with 43 sacks — by 13 different players. Defensive tackle Darnell Dockett and defensive end Calais Campbell lead with seven apiece.

Dockett is the disruptive force up front and Campbell, at 6-foot-8, can be an imposing presence. They are taking aim at Rodgers.

"There's a trend that teams that beat him, they usually get to him and knock him down a lot, make him a little nervous back there, get rid of the ball a little faster," Campbell said. "If you let him sit back



AP Photo/ Ross D. Franklin

Green Bay Packers' Aaron Rodgers, left, throws a pass as Packers' Daryn Colledge (73) blocks Arizona Cardinals' Jason Banks (79) in the second quarter last week in Glendale, Ariz. Aaron Rodgers and the Packers boast one of the NFL's top passing attacks, a nightmare for most NFL defenses.

there, he'll pick you apart."

They know they are facing a quarterback at the top of his game.

"You watched him in the preseason and that last game, the guy didn't even have to look at his receivers," Arizona nose tackle Bryan Robinson said. "He knew where they were going to be. You run a West Coast style offense, everybody has a read, a spot they have to get to, and it looks like he's real comfortable."

Davis, a longtime friend of Packers coach Mike McCarthy, said Rodgers is throwing "as well as anybody if not better than anybody" in the NFL.

"He's very calm back there. He's seeing the field very well. He's very decisive and accurate," Davis said. "Great NFL quarterbacks are accurate above all things, and he's throwing the ball very accurately."

Davis' defense is a bit banged-up, with cornerback Dominique

Rodgers-Cromartie nursing a bruised left knee cap, safety Antrel Rolle a bruised right thigh and Campbell a broken left thumb.

All were listed as questionable on Friday, but all three expect to play, although Campbell would have to wear a cast.

Backup cornerback Ralph Brown, in his 10th NFL season, says Rodgers' arm is as good or better than Brett Favre's was in his prime.

"I've never seen Brett

throw 70 yards in his career," Brown said. "Maybe he has, but some of those throws that Aaron Rodgers has thrown have been on the money 70-80 yards in the air. I don't remember Brett Favre doing that."

Rodgers, of course, played behind Favre for three seasons.

"He's had a lot of time to sit back and dissect it," Robinson said, "and once he became the surgeon, he's done a pretty good job of cutting people up."

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Friday — Chicken soup, mixed green salad, fruit salad, crack-

ers, milk or V8 Juice.

Forsan ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Muffin, banana, juice, milk; Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, Sun Chips, baby carrots with Ranch dressing, fruit, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk; Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken and noodle soup, pickle spears, saltine crackers, cinnamon applesauce cup, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: French toast, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza choice, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, pinto beans, orange smiles, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Cereal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberries and bananas, milk.

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Wednesday — Breakfast: Pancake sausage on a stick, juice, milk; Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwiches, corn, pickle spears, diced pears, milk, corn dogs.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pop Tarts, sausage, applesauce, milk; Lunch: Chicken fried steak, gravy, sliced carrots, mashed potatoes, rolls, milk, burritos.

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Wednesday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit cup, milk; Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sliced apples, rolls, milk.

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Wednesday — Breakfast: Sausage and gravy; Lunch: Pizza or corn-dog, mixed vegetable, garden salad, peaches, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pop Tarts; Lunch: Hamburger or cheeseburger, western beans, hamburger salad, orange smiles, milk, baked chips.

Friday: Staff development day.

STALKING: KNOW IT. NAME IT. STOP IT.

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IF YOU'RE STALKED

You might:

Feel **fear** of what the stalker will do.

Feel **vulnerable**, unsafe, and not know who to trust.

Feel **anxious**, irritable, impatient, or on edge.

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Have **eating problems**, such as appetite loss, forgetting to eat, or overeating.

Have **flashbacks**, disturbing thoughts, feelings, or memories.

Feel **confused, frustrated, or isolated** because other people don't understand why you are afraid.

These are common reactions to being stalked.

IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS BEING STALKED, YOU CAN HELP.

Listen. Show support. Don't blame the victim for the crime. Remember that every situation is different, and allow the person being stalked to make choices about how to handle it. Find someone you can talk to about the situation. Take steps to ensure your own safety. For more ideas on how you can help, call 1-800-FYI-CALL.

ARE YOU BEING STALKED?

Stalking is a series of actions that make you feel afraid or in danger. Stalking is serious, often violent, and can escalate over time.

Stalking is a crime.

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Some things stalkers do:

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- ▶ Follow you and show up wherever you are.
- ▶ Send unwanted gifts, letters, cards, or e-mails.
- ▶ Damage your home, car, or other property.
- ▶ Monitor your phone calls or computer use.
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- ▶ Drive by or hang out at your home, school, or work.
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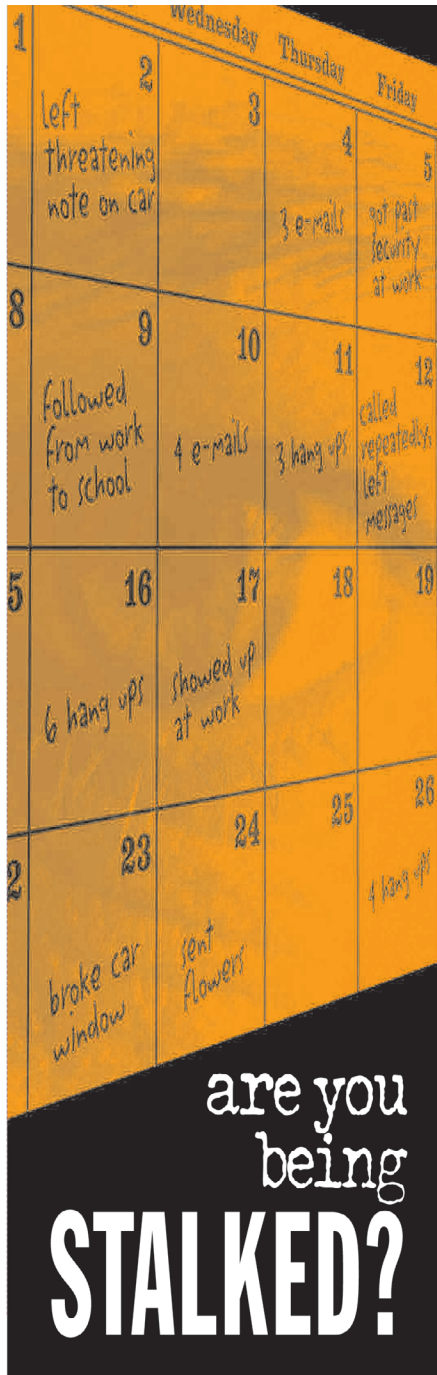
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THINGS YOU CAN DO

Stalking is unpredictable and dangerous. No two stalking situations are alike. There are no guarantees that what works for one person will work for another, yet you can take steps to increase your safety.

If you are in **immediate danger**, call 911.

Trust your **instincts**. Don't downplay the danger. If you feel you are unsafe, you probably are.

Take **threats** seriously. Danger generally is higher when the stalker talks about suicide or murder, or when a victim tries to leave or end the relationship.

Contact a crisis hotline, **victim services agency**, or a domestic violence or rape crisis program. They can help you devise a safety plan, give you information about local laws, refer you to other services, and weigh options such as seeking a protection order.

Develop a **safety plan**, including things like changing your routine, arranging a place to stay, and having a friend or relative go places with you. Also, decide in advance what to do if the stalker shows up at your home, work, school, or somewhere else. Tell people how they can help you.

Women are three times more likely to be stalked than men.

Don't communicate with the stalker or respond to attempts to contact you.

Keep **evidence** of the stalking. When the stalker follows you or contacts you, write down the time, date, and place. Keep e-mails, phone messages, letters, or notes. Photograph anything of yours the stalker damages and any injuries the stalker causes. Ask witnesses to write down what they saw.

Contact the **police**. Every state has stalking laws. The stalker may also have broken other laws by doing things like assaulting you or stealing or destroying your property.

Consider getting a **court order** that tells the stalker to stay away from you.

Tell **family, friends, roommates, and co-workers** about the stalking and seek their support. Tell security staff at your job or school. Ask them to help watch out for your safety.

3.4 million people are stalked each year in the United States.

Who's Who

PLAINVIEW — Students at Wayland Baptist University hailing from Big Spring were included on honor rolls for the fall semester based on their grade point average.

Students are named to the President's List for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the term, while the Dean's List includes

those with a 3.5 to 3.99 gpa.

Christina Helsley, Jordan Herrod, Catherine Leubner and Morgan Metcalf were included on the Dean's List. Helsley is the daughter of Bruce and Rebecca Helsley; Herrod is the son of David and Lorinda Herrod. Metcalf is the daughter of Roy Lee Metcalf and Sonya Metcalf.

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such as the school districts have. That could improve if we go out for bids on these types of services.”

The court gave Dawson permission to begin accepting bids, a process County Judge Mark Barr said is necessary because of the amount of money involved in a possible contract.

“Any time the service costs more than \$50,000, we have to go out for bids instead of just hiring a company,” said Barr. “We’ve only received one bid, which we’ll open Monday morning and discuss whether or not this is the direction we want to take. So far, though, it looks promising.”

Also Monday, commissioners are to hold an executive session to confer with County Attorney Joshua Hamby.

“I can’t go into details about it, but I can tell you we’ll be discussing a pair of lawsuits that have been filed against the county,” said Barr. “I’m really not sure if there will be any action taken on the matters during the meeting.”

The court is also to renew its contract with the grant writer hired approximately a year ago through Texas Workforce Network by several local entities, including Howard County, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, Howard College, Big Spring ISD, Coahoma ISD

and Forsan ISD.

The county’s portion of the contract is \$20,000, according to Barr.

“This first year with the grant writer has given us all a chance to get a feel for one another,” said Barr. “I feel like we’re on the right track with this program.”

Although Monday’s agenda is fairly routine, one matter you won’t find on the commissioner’s slate is dealing with the recent \$9 million adjustment in certified values submitted to area taxing entities by the Howard County Appraisal District.

The adjustment — the result of a clerical error, according to officials with the appraisal district — will decrease the certified values for the county by \$9 million, but according to Barr, the county has already taken measures to deal with the shortfall.

“We were made aware of the problem some time back,” said Barr. “We’ve already taken measures to deal with it. It’s going to have an effect on our budget, but it’s nothing huge. We’ll simply absorb the loss.”

The meeting is set for 10 a.m. in the commissioner’s courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact the county judge’s office at 264-2202.

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

Feds order tests for some rookie Texas instructors

TERRENCE STUTZ

The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN — Several thousand first-year elementary school teachers in Texas will have to take exams as early as this spring, the U.S. Department of Education has ordered, rejecting an appeal from the state to waive the requirement.

In a letter to state Education Commissioner Robert Scott this week, the federal agency said first-year teachers in elementary and some middle schools who didn’t pass a “generalist” exam measuring knowledge in core subjects are not in compliance with federal standards and must be tested. Texas has a week to come up with a testing plan.

However, federal officials did exempt teachers who specialize in music, art and similar courses from the generalist

exam. That waiver may cover thousands of first-year fine-arts teachers.

Debbie Ratcliffe, a spokeswoman for the Texas Education Agency, said there is no estimate yet on how many teachers will have to take the exam. Before the waiver for fine arts teachers was granted, state officials said as many as 30,000 new teachers hired in the current school year might have to take the exam.

Texas schools typically hire about 45,000 new teachers each year.

“We’re pleased with the ruling because we didn’t think we would win on any front,” Ratcliffe said Friday. “We’re glad they recognized the special circumstances of fine arts teachers.”

Teachers hired before the current school year were already exempted from the test-

ing requirement, which is meant to ensure that teachers are “highly qualified.”

Most new teachers passed only a certification exam in a specific subject, which the state backed by the Bush administration at the time said was sufficient to be licensed as a teacher.

Teachers also must pass a separate pedagogy and professional responsibilities exam, officials said.

But an Oct. 19 monitoring report from the education department said the state is in violation of federal law and must submit a timeline and plan to implement the requirement that those teachers pass a multi-subject exam.

State education officials have been directed to submit a plan to test the teachers and come in compliance with federal law by Jan. 15.

Medina adds fire, uncertainty in governor’s race

AUSTIN (AP) — The Republican race for governor has mostly been a heavyweight showdown, with the senior U.S. senator from Texas trying to knock out the state’s longest serving governor.

But Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Gov. Rick Perry aren’t the only Republicans in the race. Fiery GOP activist and gubernatorial candidate Debra Medina, who has strong libertarian views and does not rule out seceding from the union, could affect the contest, even if she loses, as experts antici-

pate. But Medina is unswayed by the experts.

“I feel it in my gut,” said Medina, a registered nurse from Wharton, just south of Houston. “I am not quitting. I am not taking my foot off the pedal. Not one inch.”

Medina has been waging a low-budget guerrilla war against Perry and Hutchison — at the last reporting in July, she hadn’t broken past \$50,000 — using the Internet, social media and the heady enthusiasm of her volunteers to raise

her profile. The strategy paid off last week, when Medina snagged a coveted spot in the upcoming statewide televised debate in Denton Thursday with the two GOP stars.

That has caused her Internet traffic to spike and brought more attention to her candidacy. Analysts say she still has virtually no chance of actually winning, but her attacks on the establishment candidates could take a toll on them and the party, and if she gets enough traction she could trigger a runoff election.

ANDRIES

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Andries has remained committed to providing new opportunities and support services for Howard County since founding the Boys Club of Big Spring and the scholarship fund will allow the tradition to car-

ry on for many years to come, officials said.

All scholarships provided through the fund will be designated for Howard County residents only.

“We wanted to use our funds to provide the most opportunities that we could for the citizens of Howard County,” said Mike Burrow, president of the Boys Club

of Big Spring Board of Directors. “We felt like we couldn’t go wrong in providing new educational opportunities for students and giving them some encouragement to stay in school and to learn skills necessary to be successful in life.”

The vocational training or “Career and Technical Education”

development funds will be used to purchase new equipment needed to support the building trades.

The building trades program will not only be available to the traditional college student but plans are well underway to offer the program through dual credit in the high schools as well as to the nontradi-

tional student who may be returning to college for career development or advanced career training.

“If we can give a student just one more reason to stay in school or pursue some type of higher education, we have been successful in our mission,” said Burrow.

COURSE

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room instructors in Howard County, the Permian Basin, Concho Valley, the Big Country and around the state.

The class is filling up rapidly, according to organizers. For more information or to register, contact Shelley Borgstedte at (432) 664-9660 or Joni Boyd at (325) 829-8398 as soon as possible. You may also contact the county Extension office at 264-2236.

“Come join us for some great information and lots of fun,” said Borgstedte.

CHILI

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The reason Jones and Kuykendall left perfectly warm homes early Saturday to cook chili in Big Spring Saturday was a matter of reciprocity.

“A lot of the people from the Eagles Lodge here come down to our cook-off in Water Valley,” Jones said. “They come out every year to support us, so we came over here to support them.”

Kuykendall said conditions notwithstanding, the event is an enjoyable one for participants.

“We just come out here to relax and have a good time,” he said. “We always have fun here.”

As for his entry in Saturday’s event, Jones said there was no great

secret to his chili.

“We just use the same recipe over and over again,” he said. “We’ve used the same recipe for 10 years now — we’ve won some and lost some.”

Cooking began at 8 a.m., with judging held at 11:30 a.m. Serving to the general public began soon after.

The Children in Need Fund helps children with the little extras they need to be successful, whether it’s to pay for a pair of cleats for participation on a soccer team or tuition for a summer camp, and helps meet other financial needs of special children who are receiving services from West Texas Centers for MHMR.

Last year, the Eagles Lodge raised \$10,000 for the fund.

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Nowitzki, Mavs nip Spurs with 42-point fourth quarter on road

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki missed 13 of his first 16 shots, then found his groove at just the right time.

Nowitzki scored 16 of his 26 points during Dallas' 42-point fourth quarter, and the Mavericks overcame a 10-point deficit for a 112-103 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Friday night.

"Dirk is a Hall of Fame basketball player," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said, "and he showed why."

Trailing by 10 after three quarters, Nowitzki brought the Mavs back during a furious fourth. With a flurry of fade-aways, turnarounds and long-range jumpers, Nowitzki helped Dallas build an eight-point lead.

The Spurs pulled within four, 104-100, but Nowitzki held them back with a 3-pointer with 51 seconds to play.

"I was off all night long," said Nowitzki, who made 10 of 28 field-goal attempts. "I just made some big shots in the fourth."

Spurs forward Tim Duncan outperformed

Nowitzki with 31 points and 12 rebounds, but the Mavs' star got strong support from five others who scored in double-figures: Jason Terry had 21 points, Erick Dampier added 14, and Shawn Marion and Tim Thomas each chipped in 12.

Tony Parker scored 21 points for the Spurs, who lost for the second time in three meetings this season against the Mavs.

"I thought we played very well for a long time and got to the fourth quarter and Dallas was absolutely fantastic," Popovich said.

The Mavs went cold in the third, missing seven straight shots. The Spurs took advantage, turning a two-point deficit into a 13-point lead. George Hill and Roger Mason Jr. each made a 3-pointer during a 15-0 San Antonio run. But the Mavs came clawing back in the fourth behind Nowitzki and Terry.

The tight, back-and-forth game featured 10 lead changes.

"It's a game of runs," said Mavs point guard Jason Kidd. "They got theirs. We got ours."

We didn't panic. We kept playing and Dirk knocked down some big shots."

The Mavs led 47-43 late in the second quarter before the Spurs ripped off an 11-4 run. Parker sank a 19-foot jumper and made a layup, Duncan banked in a 13-footer, and Manu Ginobili swished a 3-pointer and followed by swiping the ball from Nowitzki.

Then Ginobili found Richard Jefferson for a dunk and a 54-51 Spurs lead at the break.

During an odd first half, Spurs center DeJuan Blair picked up two fouls in the first 1:10. Popovich launched into a tirade against referee Zach Zarba and got ejected. And the Spurs outshot the Mavs from the field, 63.2 percent to 43.5 percent, but trailed by as much as five.

"We played a good third quarter," Duncan said.

"Gave ourselves a lead, talked about building on it going into the fourth quarter. But bit by bit they got back into it. Their shooters got hot and we didn't."

Leach accuses Tech of slander

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Fired Texas Tech coach Mike Leach on Friday accused his former bosses of making "slanderous and libelous" statements intended to damage his reputation and hurt him financially.

Court documents filed Friday said statements made by university administrators "were made intentionally" to harm Leach and expose him to financial harm.

Leach was fired Dec. 30, just days before Texas Tech played in the Alamo Bowl, after the family of receiver Adam James said he mistreated the player after he suffered a concussion.

"The mere allegation that a head football coach would mistreat a student athlete threatens that coach's reputation and prospects for future employment and exposes him to ridicule and contempt," Leach's attorney said in the court filing.

Leach has denied he mistreated James. The player said his coach twice ordered him to stand for hours while confined in a dark place during practice.

Texas Tech spokeswoman Sally Post said Friday the school does not comment on pending litigation.

"We're confident that the facts in this matter speak for themselves," she said.

Leach did not immediately respond to a phone call and text message Friday.

When asked whether filing documents Thursday and Friday was intended to keep the case in the public eye, Leach attorney Ted Liggett said, "I'm not a PR firm; we're a law firm. I'm not trying to do anything other than getting Mike what he deserves."

The latest filing amends one filed on Dec. 29 with the intent of allowing Leach to coach in the bowl game. He was fired the next day.

The university says it fired Leach with cause and contends it does not have to pay him any of the money remaining in his contract. Leach's attorneys contend Tech "wrongfully terminated Leach without cause."

Had Leach been the coach on Dec. 31 he was

due an \$800,000 bonus.

On Thursday, Leach's attorneys asked a state district judge to allow them to question administrators and James — a sophomore and son of former NFL player and ESPN analyst Craig James — in the next two weeks. The attorneys, who also want documents and communications from the school pertaining to Leach going back to Jan. 1, 2006, want to take the case to trial by March 1.

In Friday's filing, Leach's attorneys claim Texas Tech officials have given "conflicting statements about the basis" for Leach's dismissal, "casting doubt" on their reasons for firing him.

Two Texas Tech regents released statements on the university's Web site late Thursday saying Leach had only himself to blame for being fired.

Vice chairman Jerry Turner and John Scovell, both former Red Raider football players, wrote that Leach's suspension and dismissal came from Leach's "profane and defiant refusal" to recognize and resolve the situation.

Friday's area box scores

Garden City 44, Robert Lee 23
R-Lee 7 5 6 5 -- 23
G-City 11 10 15 8 -- 44

Robert Lee (9-9, 0-1)- Roach 7, Mendoza 6, Hinderliter 3, Walker 2, Bisbin 2, Saucedo 2, Corra 1
Garden City (18-1, 1-0)- M. Schwartz 13, K. Halfmann 9, A. Halfmann 8, L. Schwartz 6, Cook 3, L. Halfmann 2, Niehues

2, Hirt 1
FT- RLHS 5-15, GC 5-13;
3-point- GC 5 (A. Halfmann 2, L. Schwartz 2, Cook); Fouls- RL 12, GC 17

Bearkat 55, Christoval 45
CHS 2 13 10 20 -- 45
GCHS 21 10 12 12 -- 55

Christoval- Salazar 16, Obryan 15, Soelwyn 6, Huerta 4, Carles 4
Garden City (4-3)- H. Halfmann 16, Chudej 16, Long 7, Hirt 7, R. Halfmann 3, Montes 3, Dalton 3
FT- CHS 3-11, GC 14-29;

3-point- GC 3 (Hirt, R. Halfmann, H. Halfmann); Fouls- CHS 29, GC 17; Fouled out- White, Salazar, Chudej; Technicals- Christoval bench

Grady 80, Sands 49
Sands 9 21 12 7 -- 49
Grady 21 18 18 23 -- 80

Sands (0-1)- Jo. rogers 25, Guillen 9, Ybarra 7, Zant 3, Ju. rogers 3, Blagrave 2
Grady (16-2, 1-0)- Teague 28, Cox 18, Rodriguez 18, Perez 8, Wiebe 5, Matthews 2; FT- SHS 17-26, GHS 12-13; 3-point- SHS 2 (Zant, Ybarra), GHS 6

(Teague 4, Cox 2); Fouls- SHS 15, GHS 19;

Sands 42, Grady 26
Sands 7 8 13 14 -- 42
Grady 7 4 3 12 -- 26

Sands- Stockton 14, Robles 12, Mo. Yarbrough 5, Me. Yarbrough 6, Wigginton 5
Grady (8-12, 0-1)- Cook 7, M.J. Price 4, Blocker 4, Opegard 4, Meeks 3, Schuelke 2, Arnold 2
FT- SHS 16-28, GHS 10-22; Fouls- SHS 15, GHS 16; Fouled out- Robles, Schuelke

Stanton 80, Midessa 48
Midessa 8 15 9 16 -- 48
Stanton 25 19 19 17 -- 80

Midessa- King 5, Rodriguez 11, Childs 4, Able 12, Gregg 16
Stanton (14-5)- Fulton 22, Sidle 12, Reyna 6, Chavez 8, Rodriguez 1, Koonce 8, Evans 8, Gray 13, Alamanza 2
3-point- MHS 5 (Rodriguez 3, Able 2), SHS 7 (Fulton, Sidle 3, Chavez 2, Koonce)

Read the Herald for all Crossroads sports action

Sports in brief

Friday's area hoops results

Big Spring boys 53, Brownfield 57
Big Spring girls 13, Frenship 63
Coahoma girls at Jim Ned, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma boys 63, Ira 65
Forsan boys 59, Trinity 53
Forsan girls 48, Trinity 19
Sands boys 49, Grady 70
Sands girls 42, Grady 26
Garden City boys 55, Christoval 45
Garden City girls 44, Robert Lee 23

FORSAN

Continued from 1B

The Lady Buffs led 29-7 at the half. Morgan Forshee and Brittany Roemer each scored nine points, Casey Stanlee added six and Ambra Hill scored five for the team, which improved to 14-5 on the year.

The Lady Buffs will host Baird on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. They will begin district play against Iraan on Jan. 19.

Forsan 59, Trinity 53
forsan 12 18 16 13 -- 59
trinity 19 12 7 16 -- 53

Forsan- Dykes 8, Flores 4, Self 12, Robles 3, Suazo 6, Hill 2, Burton 20, Shriner 2, Phillips 2
Trinity- Connor 19, Heck 6, Achover 20, Grimes 3, Young 2, Watson 3

FT- Forsan 9-23; Trinity 12-16;
3-point- Trinity- 9 (Connor 4, Heck, Schover 3, Grimes)
Fouls- Forsan 12; Trinity 20

Lady Buffs 48, Trinity 19
Forsan 14 15 15 4 -- 49
Trinity 0 7 6 6 -- 19

Forsan- K. Jones 15, Forshee 9, Roemer 9, Stanlee 6, Ambra Hill 5, S. Jones 4
Trinity- Olive 6, Heck 2, Midkiff 4, Farish 1, Edwards 7
3-point- Forsan- 4 (K. Jones 3, Forshee 1); FT- FHS 8-13, Trinity 9-18
Fouls- Trinity 18, FHS 20

Youth All-Star team gets third at state championship tourney

Herald Staff Report

FORT WORTH — The CYFA select football team traveled to Fort Worth on Dec. 3rd, 4th and 5th to participate in a state championship tournament.

The team won a great first game 27-6 over the Madisonville Colts. Paul Cortes, Preston Alexander, Jesse Cervantes combined for more than 300 rushing yards in the game while holding Madisonville to just 62 yards. Safety Isaac Robinson, D.J. Guzman and Oden Young led a defense that forced four turnovers in the game.

The All-Stars moved on to the state semifinal game against the Forth Worth Wolverines. The Wolverines got on the board early after the Stars fumbled and went on to beat the All-Stars 32-0

The team found itself playing in the third-place game against its first-round opponent, the Madisonville Colts. The team won that game 18-8 to capture third place in the tournament and represent Howard County well.

The team held its banquet before the Big Spring High School Fall Sports Banquet on Saturday. Paul Cortes from Coahoma, Jesse

Cervantes from Forsan and Kevin Boyce took home MVP honors for their performance in the three games.

The following players participated on the All-Star team: Garry Butts, Preston Alexander, Mike Renteria Jr., Zachary Bennett, Dale Ross, Cameron Mikels, Paul Cortes, Akkey McVae, Manny Vella Jr., Jay Boyce, Jesse Cervantes, John Bermea, Terry Cortez, Treshawn Carr, Terrence Cross Jr., Jesse Cualler, Nathan Schneider, Brandon Sparks, Oden Young, Talor Moran, Isaac Robinson and D.J. Guzman.

Big Spring softball clinic to be held Jan. 16

Big Spring softball coach John Sparks will hold a winter skills softball clinic coming up.

The clinic will teach basic softball skills and will be held Jan. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Girls in grades three through eight are welcome. The cost is \$25.

Contact John Sparks for more information or to sign up at 432-270-2711.


Coaches' meeting scheduled in Midland

A West Texas All-Star and competitive fast-pitch softball meeting will be held in Midland on Feb. 6.


Recreational coaches will meet from 1-3 p.m. and competitive coaches will meet from 3-5 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Clarion Hotel, 4300 Business Interstate 20.

For more information, contact Freddie Ezell at 638-3024 or Scott Stone at 631-8320.



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Births



Kian John Mulkey

Kian John Mulkey, a boy, was born at 8:14 p.m. Dec. 13, 2009, weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He is the son of Chris and Jacquelyn Mulkey of Coahoma.

Grandparents are John and Cindy Mulkey of Coahoma and Juan and Georgia Molina of Big Spring.



Paislee Tai Jackson

Brionne and Jessyca Jackson are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Paislee Tai Jackson.

She arrived at 3:55 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

She is also welcomed by her paternal grandparents, Bill and Denise Jackson of Vealmoor and her maternal grandparents Gary and Chanda Carter of San Antonio. Great-grandparents include Bill and Juanita Binley and Jerry and Annette Tedder.

Thanks for helping light up Big Spring

Wow. Praise the Lord for another great successful Festival of Lights.

We did not reach our anticipated attendance of 25,000 as I had hoped for but we reached beyond that with excitement of our volunteers and visitors. We had so many wonderful comments about the Festival that the 25,000 was not as important as the great remarks made. Our actual attendance was 21,246.

It is another "Praise the Lord" that I have the outstanding help from that wonderful man Howard Stewart, who helped make this such a beautiful presentation. He has taken the reigns and responsibility for presenting this great display of lights and takes off from his job without pay, so that in itself makes a statement as to his character. I am so happy to also have not only Howard but Vicki and Quintinn for taking on a great assignment — with their help we are already making future plans.

Howard brought his RV out to keep watch during the nights and be the eyes watching along with cameras, police and sheriff's deputies to protect our lights and exhibits from the vandals. We had one incident at the Belvedere/Whipkey intersection where someone had cut the wires on the gate, taking down our barricade along with some lights and a candy cane.

I honestly believe — and have for a couple of years — that Big Spring has the greatest Christmas event in West Texas. We have had so many comments to back that up from our visitors from Midland, Odessa, San Angelo and beyond. There were several saying they had to pay and ours was much better. One place named was Branson, Mo. We had several from Odessa who said they specifically made plans every year to come to see our lights, and another one said it was an annual event and they come and eat at a local restau-

rant before coming to see us.

We had visitors coming from 36 other states and 15 countries namely Dubai, Arabia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany Guatemala, Holland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Philippines, Spain, Taiwan and New Zealand.

A great big "Thank You" to Debbie Wegman, who worked hard in recruiting volunteers for our information booth, greeter's booth and our gift shop. To all the volunteers we say a big "Thank You" as it is volunteers who make the wheels of the festival spin.

Our gift shop was a great success as we sold out most everything except our "Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas" sun catchers and blinking lapel pins. We naturally ordered a good supply so we would have enough for next year. We gave our 2009 sun catchers not sold to our out-of-town visitors on Christmas night in particular. Santa and Mrs. Claus being there promoted our gift shop greatly. Howard and Vicki sold hot chocolate and apple cider, raising money for Relay For Life.

Our Adopt-A-Spot sponsors take up a good portion of the festival by taking responsibility for a section — taking ownership by putting up a display, maintaining it during the event from Dec. 15 through Dec. 31 and removing as soon as possible after Jan. 1 for storage. We had several new adopt-a-spot sponsors this year. Among them were the Pittman Family, Life Church, Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, Howard County Census 2010, Salvation Army, Big Spring State Hospital and the Disabled American Veterans.

The special exhibit on I-20 announcing to the world that Big Spring is now the "Lighted Poinsettia Capital of Texas" was worked up by Bobby McDonald and Skip Burcham. This was such a beautiful display of huge poinsettias and other one to compliment the display. I'm sure it was a treat to all the I-20 travelers.

We are looking for a place to put a 150-foot poinsettia next year. Skip will be making it and I could not find a place this year,

but I have one in mind and will contact the owner as I think it is the perfect location. We will need some sponsors for this poinsettia. Being such a huge size, it will be a pretty pricey item. Anyone interested, give me a call.

Our city plays a big part in this event. It would certainly be difficult to do this production without them as they provide the extra muscles and trailers needed for the transportation of our displays and setting them up. We are so grateful to them. The Parks Department and the Street Department have been great supporters and we thank them. Then we had the FCI trustees who were loaned to us beginning in October and we appreciate their help. They have been exceptional young men this year.

Everyone helping makes the task at hand flow smoothly.

I'm sure you noticed the change in our Commercial Christmas Cards. I wanted a change because digging those postholes and setting up the wooden cards was too difficult, I thought, for our volunteers from the Presbyterian Church. This was headed up by Paschal Odom and was becoming too difficult but another member of our committee came to the rescue. The vinyl cards are much prettier and much easier to handle. They do really well with pictures as displayed by Dr. Carrasco. Any family, business or organization could have a card with their picture. They are \$250 annually. Great advertisement! If anyone is interested, contact me or a committee member.

This was a great year for our festival and as it ended I was a little sad as what we experienced for those two weeks is over, but we hold fond memories. Thanks to all who help make this a successful event.

Thanks to all our visitors. It is your donations that keeps the lights on, so to speak, and we are looking for bigger and better presentation in lights for you to enjoy in future years.

Pat Simmons can be reached at 263-4607.



PAT SIMMONS

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January 2010 is School Board Recognition Month

Special to the Herald

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month to help highlight the contributions of dedicated men and women who take the time to care about our local schools.

The Big Spring Independent School District will join districts across the state to thank board members for voluntarily tackling the enormous job of governing local school districts.

"As advocates for our children, school board members face difficult challenges," said Steven Saldivar, BSISD superintendent. "These local citizens, our neighbors, are elected by the com-

munity to make critical decisions that directly affect the future of our youth.

"They work tirelessly, devoting countless hours to help ensure a quality education that will lead our students to success," Saldivar added.

School board members are a vital link between the community and the classroom, Saldivar

said. "They bear responsibility for an annual budget of \$30.4 million, 3,872 students, 589 employees, and eight campuses," he said. The men and women serving BSISD, and their years of service, are:

- Mike Dawson, President, 11
- Jeff Brorman, Vice President, 2
- Maria Padilla, Secre-

- tary, 6
- Phil Furqueron, Member, 8

- Irene Galan, Member, 15
- Tony Kennedy, Member, 7

- ber, 6
- Alan Partee, Member, 7

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Congratulations Beckie and Heather on receiving Employee of the Month! Both ladies do a wonderful job as Certified Med-Aides. Beckie has been with us since June of 2001 and Heather has been with us since September of 2005. All the residents, families and employees of Parkview Nursing and Rehab appreciate all that ya'll do!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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Something special's happening in the Circle.

January 2010 Activities

- Jan. 11** – Games, 1-4 p.m.
- Jan. 12** – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Supper Club, "KC Steakhouse", 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 13** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
Movie, "Bedtime Stories, 1:00 p.m.
- Jan. 14** – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Just Peachy Café "Coffee Club," 10 a.m.
- Jan. 15** – Lunch Bunch & Birthdays, 11:30 a.m.
Crispy Cafe
- Jan. 18** – Games, 1-4 p.m.
- Jan. 19** – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
"Brenda's BBQ", 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 20** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
Movie "Get Smart", 1:00 p.m.
- Jan. 21** – Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Just Peachy Café "Coffee Club," 10 a.m.
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OUR VIEW

Remember, pay property taxes during January

Word to the wise is sufficient — at least that's the way the adage goes. We've made that point before in this space on a number of occasions, because it applies to so many different matters we all face in life. That's especially true right now, because the "word" today is: it's time to pay your property taxes, if you haven't done so already.

Time is running out for area residents who haven't paid their 2009 property taxes, and that means there's little time before penalties and interest begin accruing.

Taxpayers have until the end of this month to pay their bills before they go delinquent.

"Once the taxes go delinquent in February, the penalties and interest start at 7 percent and increase each month," said Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Sayles. "As of July 1, penalty and interest grows to 18 percent, with an additional penalty tacked on for attorney fees."

Sayles said area residents who aren't sure how much they owe can get that information over the phone or in person at the tax office.

"Some individuals don't get their statement for whatever reason," said Sayles. "We can pull up their name on the system and tell them the amount that's due. So if you haven't received a statement, call us or come by the office. Some people, because of their homestead exemptions, have no taxes, so we don't send them a notice. However, if they just want to make sure everything is OK, all they have to do is call.

"They can reference their check with an account number that we can give them so they can get their payment in the mail. Once that's done, we mail them back a receipt for their payment."

For taxpayers over the age of 65 or currently on disability, there is an installment plan that can help them avoid penalties and interest, which will quickly add up.

Here's the tax penalty and interest schedules: After Jan. 31, 6 percent penalty and 1 percent interest; after Feb. 28, 7 percent penalty and 2 percent interest; after March 31, 8 percent penalty and 3 percent interest; after April 30, 9 percent penalty and 4 percent interest; after May 31, 10 percent penalty and 5 percent interest; and after June 30, 12 percent penalty and 6 percent interest, including an additional 20 percent attorney fee.

And remember, Sayles said her office goes by the postmark on the envelope. So as long as you're payment is postmarked by the Monday deadline, you can avoid penalty and interest.

Now, that's more than a few words to the wise. It most certainly ought to be enough said.

LETTER POLICIES

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, can make everything that is good come true for us. Thank You.

Amen

What workers want: Paid sick days

Last year, in our tough economy, many of us asked for necessities and basics as holiday gifts. Among the gifts that would mean the most to families is the passage of the Healthy Families Act, introduced by the late Sen. Edward Kennedy, along with Rep. Rosa DeLauro, in the 111th Congress this past May.

It wasn't the first time that federal legislation guaranteeing workers a minimum number of paid sick days had been introduced. Previous efforts were unsuccessful. But now, the Healthy Families Act has 145 Congressional co-sponsors and has been endorsed by the Obama administration.

So health professionals, civil rights groups, labor unions, educators, faith organizations, elected officials and women's groups like 9to5 are optimistic about its passage.

There's something wrong when workers have to choose between keeping a job and taking care of themselves or their families when someone gets sick. There's something wrong when going to a routine medical appointment or other preventative care could result in a pink slip. There's something wrong when a domestic violence survivor seeking help or services is punished with the loss of her job.

There is so much at stake for

women and their families here.

Women are still the ones who most often serve as caregivers when children, elderly parents, spouses or other relatives are ill. It is often mom who takes the children to get immunized or to other routine medical appointments. And, domestic violence disproportionately affects women. But taking the time off to care for our families or ourselves puts us at risk for losing our jobs. A survey widely reported this year showed that 1 in 6 respondents had been fired, suspended, reprimanded or threatened on the job for taking time off when they or a loved one was sick, or they knew someone who had faced those dire consequences.

9to5 members without paid sick days, like Latisha Carter in Milwaukee, report going to work with H1N1 flu rather than staying home to get better — and Latisha was pregnant at the time — for fear of losing their jobs. Those like Tahirah Foster in Denver report being forced out of good jobs because of a lack of paid sick days. In Tahirah's case, her employer refused to allow her to balance her obligations at work with her obligations as a parent of a toddler with asthma. Those like Angel Warner in northern California report struggling mightily to stay well — using hand sanitizer constantly and wearing a protective mask at work. Angel doesn't have paid sick days on the job and fears she'll get sick with H1N1 as some of her co-workers have, losing pay or even her job as others have. Angel just can't

afford that in these tough economic times.

No one should have to work under those conditions — especially since paid sick days are not only good for employees but good for employers, too.

When federal paid sick days legislation passes, the huge cost to employers of workers coming in sick, lowering productivity and spreading contagions to other workers and customers, will be mitigated. When federal paid sick days legislation passes, employers will no longer be saddled with the turnover, human resource and retraining costs associated with firing some employees and hiring new ones.

When the Healthy Families Act passes, it will be a win for workers, a win for their employers, a win for our schools and communities, and a win for all of us.

We must speak out.

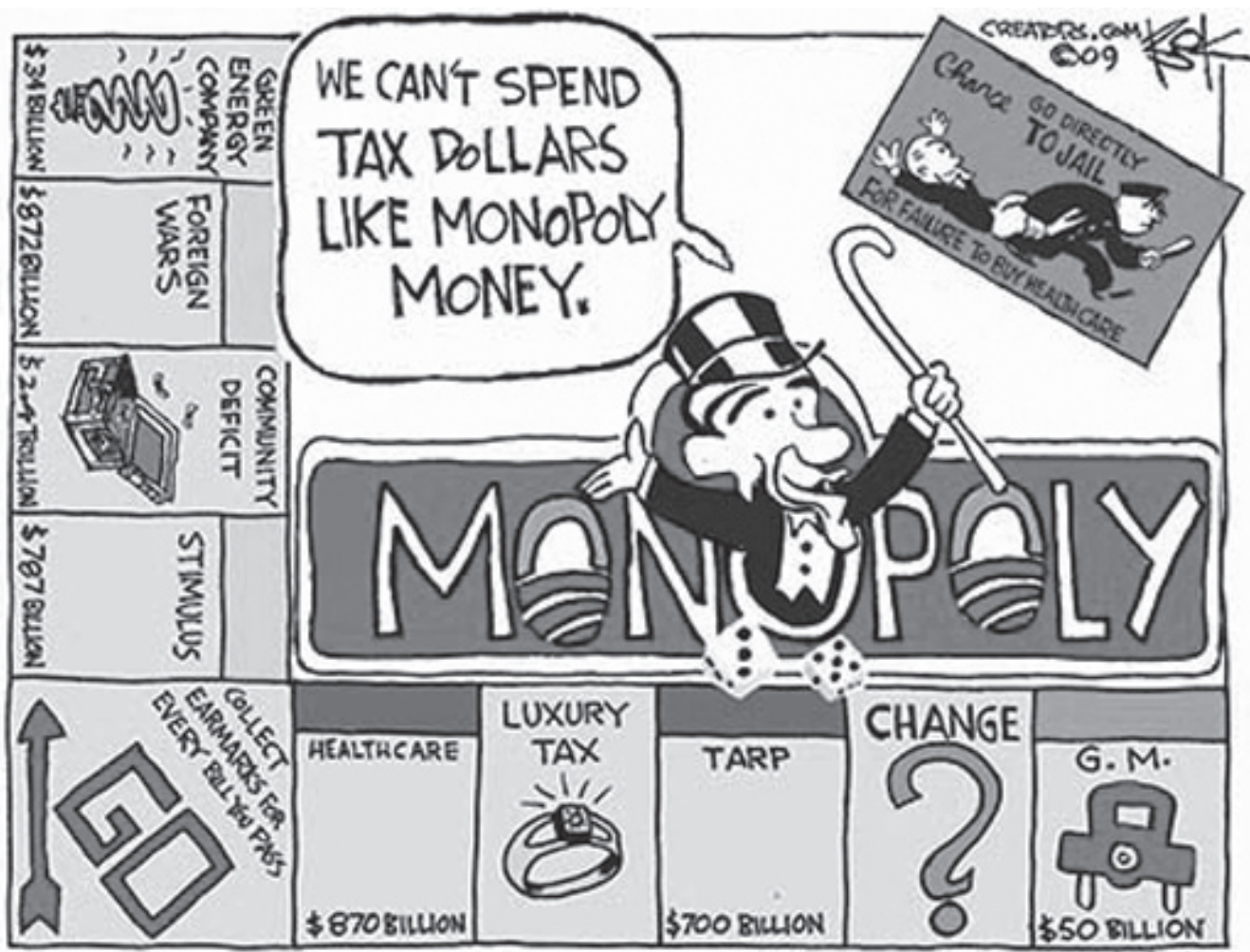
Contact our members of Congress.

Remind them that we're moving into an election year and they must voice their support for this basic labor standard now.

Tell them you want them to finish Sen. Kennedy's work by making the gift of paid sick days a reality for the 50 million workers who lack paid sick days and the 100 million workers who don't have a sick day they can use to care for an ill child or other family member.

Linda Meric is executive director of 9to5, National Association of Working Women.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I read with interest the letter written by Santiago Flores and I have to agree with him about his frustration concerning the police not showing up. One hundred percent of citizens want police there immediately after they are called, after all that is what we are paying our tax dollars for them to do, protect and serve whenever a call is made for help.

While in the end, whether it is a nickel or \$50 in theft, the next hardworking, honest person will pay more for that product. This is how businesses make up losses by theft.

I found the most interesting part of his letter to be the description of how this young lady walked in and right back out unabashedly with the very necessary commodity of beer. In order to understand why behavior like this seems to be acceptable in our society, we need to understand the trickle down theory. It is quite simple yet very insidious, not to mention dangerous and frightening for the future of, not only our community but the nation in totality.

The master of this disaster is our government. Three things in particular: Entitlement programs (welfare), Child Protective Agency and HUD. There is so much corruption in these areas (welfare) that when someone legitimately needs it they don't

have it.

I know that there exists legitimate reasons for providing these services. I know some families who use it as dictated by the government. I know many more that should be kicked off of the program for defrauding the taxpayer.

This program has done more to strip pride away from people, so much so that recipients view gainful employment as beneath them.

These are also people who really do believe that things are free. This has led to a population explosion that adds more burden to the already strapped taxpayer. The thought process is, why work when I can get it free?

I am sure that I am not the only one who knows of families that have made these programs generational. When this happens you can be sure that something is wrong and that something has to be an agency that does nothing to try to instill in these families that this assistance should be temporary. It is abused in such obvious ways that even a blind person can see it.

I can personally name families whose children have started producing children as young as 13. Casing in point is a girl who started having babies at 15 and today she has five and all are supported by the taxpayer.

She is young and does not prop-

erly care for her children, much less discipline them. They are mean, foul-mouthed and sneaky. I can really understand why the children are that way, I have heard the words that come out of her mouth when disciplining and seen the physical discipline, also.

She sees her children as a commodity. The only time she takes count of them is during tax time because it is another incentive the government gives them for having children. The rest of the time she spends looking for what kids today call another "Baby Daddy."

At a restaurant, I sat next to what I assume was a large family when I heard a young girl telling her family that when she grew up she was going to be a millionaire. When asked how she was going to accomplish this she said she was going to have lots of babies and be on welfare.

Not one adult told her it was wrong; in fact they found humor in her reasoning. I love children but no one is going to convince me that God wants his children not cared for in the manner that he wanted us to.

In my profession I see too many children imitating what they are taught at home. I hurt for them because they have no clue or understanding of what

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Permian Basin Cotton Conference set for Jan. 19

Special to the Herald

The Permian Basin Cotton Conference will be conducted Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the Martin County Community Center located in Stanton.

This conference is coordinated by county extension agents from Midland, Martin, Howard, Glasscock, Reagan and Upton counties. This year's program includes a diversity of topics relating to

crop production in the Permian Basin, and is centered on the largest grown commodity, which is cotton.

Presentation topics include cropping technologies, agriculture policy and current and future cotton markets. Speakers will include:

- Dr. Gaylon Morgan, state cotton specialist, Cotton Production and Management;
- Dr. Charles Allen, state

IPM coordinator, Secondary Pests in Cotton;

• Dr. David Drake, Extension specialist-agronomy, Controlling Volunteer Cotton;

• Dr. Rob Hogan, Extension specialist-economics, Risk Management Associated with Cotton Production in West Texas;

• Brett Cypert, National Cotton Council, Agriculture and

Cotton Policy.

A representative of the USDA Farm Service Agency will be present to give an update on the Farm Bill. A panel discussion with seed company representatives will also be conducted where they will discuss current cotton varieties and their performance in Permian Basin cotton fields.

Cost to attend is \$15 for those who pre-register before

Friday, Jan. 15. Registration at the door is \$20 per person and includes a catered lunch. Continuing education units for licensed private, commercial and noncommercial pesticide applicators will be earned for attending. The Permian Basin Cotton Conference is approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture

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AP photo/Damian Dovarganes

In this photo taken Dec. 30, 2009, former co-workers, Marianna Carrillo (left), an accounting assistant, and Georgina Leyva, a marketing assistant, look for new jobs, after they were laid off just three hours prior from a financial firm, at the Verdugo Job Center in Glendale, Calif. The economy lost more jobs in December and the unemployment rate was unchanged, as a sluggish economic recovery has yet to revive hiring among the nation's employers.

Economy loses 85,000 jobs, unemployment rate steady

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Lack of confidence in the economic recovery led employers to shed a more-than-expected 85,000 jobs in December even as the unemployment rate held at 10 percent. The rate would have been higher if more people had been looking for work instead of leaving the labor force because they can't find jobs.

The sharp drop in the work force — 661,000 fewer people — showed that more of the jobless are giving up on their search for work. Once people stop looking for jobs, they are no longer counted among the unemployed.

When discouraged workers and part-time workers who would prefer full-time jobs are included, the so-called "underemployment" rate in December rose to 17.3 percent, from 17.2 percent in November. That's just below a revised figure of 17.4 percent in October, the highest on records dating from 1994.

Many analysts had hoped Friday's report would show the economy gained jobs for the first

time in two years. While the revised figures found an increase in November, it was tiny. Job openings remain far too few.

"One word sums it up: Disappointment," said Jonathan Basile, an economist at Credit Suisse.

Referring to the drop in the labor force, Basile said, "that tells me that Main Street doesn't believe there's a recovery yet, because they're not out looking for jobs yet."

Revisions to the previous two months' data showed the economy actually generated 4,000 jobs in November, the first gain in nearly two years. But the revisions showed it also lost 16,000 more jobs than previously estimated in October.

The report caps a disastrous year for U.S. workers. Employers cut 4.2 million jobs in 2009. And the unemployment rate averaged 9.3 percent. That compares with an average of 5.8 percent in 2008 and 4.6 percent in 2007. Nearly 15.3 million people are unemployed, an increase of 3.9 million during 2009.

"The economy is in a rough situation," Labor Secretary Hilda

Solis acknowledged in an interview with The Associated Press. She said she thinks companies are reluctant to ramp up hiring because they're waiting to see what new stimulative steps the government might take to provide relief.

The economy has lost more than 8 million jobs since the recession began in December 2007. And while layoffs have slowed, they haven't ended. UPS said Friday it will cut 1,800 jobs. And defense contractor Lockheed Martin Corp. said this week it is cutting 1,200 workers.

Most economists worry that 2010 won't be much better. Federal Reserve officials, in a meeting last month, expressed concern that unemployment will decline "only gradually," according to minutes of the meeting released earlier this week.

If jobs remain scarce, consumer confidence and spending could flag, potentially slowing the economic recovery. Many analysts estimate the economy grew by 4 percent or more at an annual rate in the October-December

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Input sought at community NRCS meetings

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Field Office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) are inviting the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues in Howard County to participate in a Local Work Group meeting to be held in the USDA Building at 302 West IH 20, Suite 101 in Big Spring Monday, Feb. 8, at 4 p.m. Also, those interested

in conservation issues in Martin County are invited to a public meeting held jointly by the Stanton Field Office of the USDA NRCS and the Mustang SWCD. Their Local Work Group meeting will be held in the Martin County 4-H Building at 105 West Broadway in Stanton. The Stanton meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 10:30 a.m.

District Conservationist Lee Knox said the purpose of these meetings is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organi-

zations, businesses and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs in Howard and Martin counties.

Input received will allow the Local Work Group to make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed for county-based funding. These recommendations will be used in implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs offered by NRCS.

The 2008 Farm Bill

stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stakeholder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Big Spring at 267-1871, ext. 3, or in Stanton at (432) 756-3421, ext. 3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Energy Watch



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

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"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves." — Bill Vaughn

For many years we have followed the investment philosophy that the "trend is your friend." It means that one of the ways we try to predict the always-uncertain future is to study trends that are in presently place and assume they will continue until we have tangible proof that the trends are changing.

If this sounds like a simple or humble approach to investing, it is! It represents deference to the action of the stock market, which we believe is critical. Over the past several decades, many smart market strategists have believed that their opinions of what the stock market should be doing was more reliable than what the market was actually doing at the time. But to deny reality is a serious ego problem and can cost an investor dearly! Our approach isn't perfect, but it's one of the most rational ways to deal with an unpredictable future.

This is the season when Wall Street gurus put pen to paper and make fearless forecasts as to what the new year will hold. The "trend is your friend" approach to the future can certainly produce mistakes, for basing one's investment opinion on trends probably means being too bearish at market bottoms and too bullish at market tops precisely because you are respecting the down-trend or uptrend that is then in place. What is critical, though, is to recognize when the trend has changed and then change your behavior as quickly as possible. It means to defer to a higher authority — the stock market — and suppress one's own opinion or personal bias.

We remain bullish on the stock market vis-à-vis selected stocks, because the important trends remain positive. Most critically, the stock market continues to act well since hitting bottom on March 9, 2009. There have been many excuses for the stock market to go into the tank, but it has not. The trend of the economy is still mixed but improving, and we continue to believe the "Great Recession" ended in the August-September period of 2009.

2009 third-quarter, inflation-adjusted gross domestic product expanded at a 2.2 percent seasonally adjusted rate, which was less than expected but still an increase. In addition, existing-home sales increased but new-home sales dropped. Durable-goods orders increased in November, but only modestly. Employment trends are improving, and we still look for the labor market to start turning up by the spring.

All this economic data indicates an upward trend. Furthermore, although bullish talk is up, bullish stock buying is not, and the supply/demand ratio for stocks remains positive. Finally, the trend of corporate earnings in 2010 is probably one of the most positive things going for stocks.

The stock market has done very well since March 9, 2009, despite much uncertainty. Could things get worse? Sure, but there is a lot of room for improvement as well. All in all, we are cautiously optimistic that 2010 should be a pretty good year for stocks, based on the current trends in place. Happy new year and let's all keep our eyes on the ball!

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County Court Decisions:
Judgment and Sentence: Alfonso Baca III, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Jonathan Bustamante, burglary of a vehicle, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: James Clyde Walton, burglary of a vehicle, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 240 days in jail.
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Probated Judgment: Gloria Mason Gibson, failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Javier Payen, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Monica Nicole Barraza, purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Mark Hollis Ryerson, purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Derrick Todd Drake, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: David Arthur Wittrein, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Jason DeWayne Roberts, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Ruben James Gonzales, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$750 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Mario Gonzales Jr., possession of marijuana - more than two ounces less than four ounces, \$2,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Steve Hannabass, criminal trespass, \$250

fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Martin Alvarado, theft of property, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Martin Alvarado, criminal mischief, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Javier Payen, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$443 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Michael Anthony Juarez, driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 fine, \$443 court costs, 120 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Daniel Montez Viera, criminal mischief, \$250 fine, \$326 court costs, 10 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Adrian V. Sandoval, criminal mischief, \$250 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Oscar Solis, assault causing bodily injury - family violence, \$750 fine, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Byron Roberts, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Javier Payen, violation of a protective order, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 45 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Matthew Melton, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Robert Lee Aikens Jr., criminal trespass, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Roberto Vasquez, evading arrest or detention, \$750 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Matthew Melton, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Robert Lee Aikens Jr., bail jumping and failure to appear, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Roberto Vasquez, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$750 fine, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.

District Court Filings:
State of Texas vs. Amy Holleman, expunction.
In Re Krista Nicole Gutierrez, family.
Megan Hernandez vs. Jose Hernandez, divorce.
HSBC Bank Nevada vs. Jami Bookout, accounts, notes and contracts.
CACH LLC vs. Brenda Barnett, accounts, notes and contracts.
Citibank South Dakota vs. Isodoro Galan III, accounts, notes and contracts.
William Allen Tilley vs. Ashley May Tilley, divorce.
Gregory Delesandri vs. Rojay

LLC (ponderosa Apartments), injury or damages.
Santos Barcenan vs. Basic Energy, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
In Re Scarlett Jade Nico Martin, family.
In Re Rodolfo Hernandez III, family.
In Re Athena McShane Kenly, family.
In Re McKinna Jean Londa, family.
In Re Malaki Kayne Newell, family.
In Re Bianca Chacoya Cardoza, family.
In Re Jadon Cary Coker, family.
In Re Paris Elizabeth Castaneda, family.
John Thomas Quinn vs. Millennium Resources, civil.
Brittany Molina vs. Jeremy Cerda, protective order.
Beneficial Texas Inc. vs. James W. Sanders, civil.
Daniel Strickland vs. Ashlee Strickland, divorce.
In Re Shayayla Grigi Ausbie, family

Marriage Licenses:
Ruben Mata Muniz, 28, and Frances Martinez, 28, both of Big Spring.
Mario Alvarez Jr., 32, and Corina Hinojos, 40, both of Midland.

Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Antonio Rodriguez III
Grantee: Arvil D. Wright
Property: Lot 2, Block 31, College Park
Date: Dec. 18, 2009

Grantor: Tom Zambrano and Michelle Zambrano
Grantee: Brenda Parker
Property: Lot 6, Block 3, Highland Park
Date: Dec. 21, 2009

Grantor: Brenda Parker
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Property: A 1-acre tract out of Section 33, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 21, 2009

Grantor: Helen Walters
Grantee: Tana Kennemur
Property: A 1.5-acre tract out of Section 18, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 23, 2009

Grantor: Sandra Kay Adams
Grantee: Joyce Marie Moore
Property: A tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 28, 2009

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Grantee: Cecilia Granados
Property: Lot 2, Block 6, Tenny-

son's Addition
Date: Dec. 28, 2009

Grantor: Troy Koenig
Grantee: Carolyn Raines
Property: Parts of Lots 11-12, Block 7, Washington Place
Date: Dec. 28, 2009

Grantor: Rose Pierson
Grantee: David Rutledge
Property: Lots 23-28, Block 5, Original Town of Coahoma
Date: Dec. 29, 2009

Grantor: Bradley Tatum
Grantee: Gregory Don Tatum
Property: A 2.8-acre tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 29, 2009

Grantor: The Worldwide Missionary Crusader Inc.
Grantee: Rebecca G. Holleman and Delinda Reid
Property: Lots 11 and 12, Block 22, McDowell Heights
Date: Dec. 29, 2009

Grantor: Jimmy Bailey and Diana Bailey
Grantee: Opal Faye Spivey
Property: A portion of Block 21, College Heights
Date: Dec. 30, 2009

Grantor: J. Gale Kilgore and Sue Kilgore
Grantee: Ben Jady Kilgore and Janet Kilgore
Property: Lot 11 and the N/2 of Lot 10, Block 34, College Heights
Date: Dec. 30, 2009

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: Jimmy W. Roper Sr. and Jaye Roper
Grantee: Cecily Paredes
Property: Lot 6, Block 5, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date: Dec. 18, 2009

Grantor: Tran Rose Chau
Grantee: Lily Ledesma
Property: Lot 7, Block 28, Monticello Addition No. 7
Date: Dec. 21, 2009

Grantor: Libbie T. Dirks
Grantee: Kevin Barker and Lauren Barker
Property: Lot 18, Block 5, College Park
Date: Dec. 21, 2009

Grantor: Johnny DeLeon and Misty DeLeon
Grantee: Sergio Salcedo
Property: The N/100 feet of Lot 1 and W/37.5 feet of Lot 2, Block 13, Cole & Strayhorn
Date: Dec. 29, 2009

Grantor: First United Methodist Church of Big Spring Inc.
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quarter, after 2.2 percent growth in the third quarter.
But the economy will need to grow faster than that to bring down the unemployment rate. And economists worry that much of the recovery stems from temporary factors, such as government stimulus efforts and businesses rebuilding inventories.

Debra Winchell has been seeking work since last January, when she lost her job as an administrative assistant at the health insurance company. Winchell, 50, of Latham, N.Y., said she's seen an uptick in online job postings, giving her some hope. But they're for jobs paying as little as \$10. And she's still not getting any callbacks when she does apply.

With her unemployment benefits set to run out this spring, Winchell, who is single, said she will reluctantly sign up for temporary work.

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World news in brief

Bomber in video calls for attacks inside and outside U.S. to retaliate for deaths

CAIRO (AP) — The Jordanian doctor who killed seven CIA employees in a suicide attack in Afghanistan said all jihadists must attack U.S. targets to avenge the killing of the Pakistani Taliban leader, according to a video that appeared posthumously Saturday on an Arabic news channel.

Humam Khalil Abu Mualal al-Balawi appeared next to the new leader of the Pakistani Taliban, Hakimullah Mehsud, and explained how the "emigrants" — Muslim jihadists from abroad — were given shelter by the Pakistani Taliban and so should exact revenge for U.S. attacks.

In August, Baitullah Mehsud, the supreme commander of the Pakistani Taliban was killed by a CIA missile strike.

"We will never forget the blood of our emir Baitullah Mehsud, We will always demand revenge for him inside America and outside," he said, addressing the "enemies of God" and Jordanian intelligence. "It is an obligation of the emigrants who were welcomed by the emir."

Al-Balawi, wearing traditional Afghan dress, spoke in Arabic during the minute-and-a-half video. Several extremist Islamic Web sites linked to the Jazeera video.

Man believed to have caused security breach at Newark airport arrested

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A man believed to have breached security to bid his girlfriend goodbye, triggering the shutdown of a busy Newark Airport terminal that led to snarled flights worldwide, was arrested in New Jersey and faces a trespassing charge and a fine of up to \$500, punishment a senator says should be much harsher.

Haisong Jiang, 28, of Piscataway was taken into custody at 7:30 p.m. Friday at his home, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said. He was questioned at the airport by Port Authority police, who arrested him, and released shortly after midnight.

The Port Authority said in a statement that Jiang

will be charged with defiant trespass, and that the charge was determined in coordination with the Essex County prosecutor and federal officials, though it's not a federal charge. A spokeswoman for the Transportation Security Administration referred all questions to the Port Authority.

Jiang is due to appear in Newark municipal court next week, according to Paul Loriquet of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office.

It was not immediately clear whether Jiang has retained a lawyer.

Xe (formerly Blackwater) aims to be part of Obama's Afghanistan strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Blackwater Worldwide's legal woes haven't dimmed the company's prospects in Afghanistan, where it's a contender to be a key part of President Barack Obama's strategy for stabilizing the country.

Now called Xe Services, the company is in the running for a Pentagon contract potentially worth \$1 billion to train Afghanistan's troubled national police force. Xe has been shifting to training, aviation and logistics work after its security guards were accused of killing unarmed Iraqi civilians more than two years ago.

Yet even with a new name and focus, the expanded role would seem an unlikely one for Xe because Democrats have held such a negative opinion of the company following the Iraqi deaths, which are still reverberating in Baghdad and Washington.

During the presidential campaign, then-Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, now Obama's secretary of state, backed legislation to ban Blackwater and other private security contractors from Iraq.

Xe eventually lost its license to operate as guardian of U.S. diplomats in Iraq and the State Department, with Clinton at the helm, elected not to rehire the company when the contract expired in 2009.

Delays in getting a new company in place led to a temporary extension of the State contract.

1st court appearance for failed airliner attack suspect yields not guilty plea

DETROIT (AP) — Wearing a T-shirt, khaki-style pants and a chain at his ankles, a somber-looking Nigerian man accused of trying to blow up a U.S. airliner on Christmas said he understood the charges against him, triggering the defense of a criminal case that could lead to life in prison.

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab's arraignment in federal court Friday took fewer than five minutes and a not guilty plea was entered on his behalf. The 23-year-old said little, telling the judge simply that he understood the six-count indictment he faces and the maximum penalty.

Abdulmutallab's first court appearance came exactly two weeks after an Amsterdam-to-Detroit flight in which passengers rushed to his seat and put out flames that could have caused a disaster. The FBI says Abdulmutallab tried to destroy Northwest Airlines Flight 253, which was carrying nearly 300 people, by injecting chemicals into a package of explosives concealed in his underwear.

The alleged attack has shaken up airport security worldwide. President Barack Obama considers it an attempted strike against the United States by an al-Qaida affiliate and faults his administration for not preventing it despite intelligence reports.

A grand jury this week indicted Abdulmutallab

on six charges. The most serious — attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction — could land him in prison for life if convicted.

Second man believed to be linked to suspected bomb plot against New York City due in court

NEW YORK (AP) — A second suspect linked to an alleged al-Qaida associate accused of plotting to attack New York City with homemade bombs is due in court to face terror charges, his lawyer said.

Adis Medunjanin, 25, was arrested Friday after he caused a traffic accident while under surveillance. He is to appear in court Saturday.

His former classmate, Zarein Ahmedzay, has pleaded not guilty to a false statement charge in an indictment accusing him of lying to the FBI about a trip to Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Law enforcement officials familiar with the case said Friday that Medunjanin was facing more serious terror charges; one said he likely would be accused of seeking training from a terrorist organization.

The officials were not authorized to discuss the case and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

During a brief appearance in federal court in Brooklyn on Friday, Ahmedzay was ordered held without bail until a hearing Tuesday. Defense attorney Michael Marinaccio noted that the indictment made no mention of terrorism.

Unruly passengers cause 2 commercial flights to change course amid ramped up security concerns

DENVER (AP) — Military jets scrambled to intercept a San Francisco-bound jetliner reporting a problem aboard — one of two commercial airplanes diverted because of disruptive passengers.

In addition, police at London's Heathrow Airport arrested three passengers after removing them from a jetliner bound for Dubai. Officials described it only as a security incident.

Friday's passenger plane disruptions came amid heightened concern over airline security after following an alleged Christmas Day attempt to blow up a Detroit-bound Northwest Airlines plane.

Two F-16s were launched at 11:44 a.m. to catch up with AirTran Airways Flight 39 from Atlanta to San Francisco after a report that an intoxicated passenger had locked himself in a bathroom, the Colorado-based North American Aerospace Defense Command said.

The jets arrived over Colorado Springs Airport as the captain — who AirTran said had decided to divert the plane — landed there around noon, NORAD spokeswoman Stacey Knott said.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

It All Adds Up

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K Q 6
♥ Q 10 8
♦ Q J 4
♣ J 8 3

WEST
♠ J 8 5 4 3
♥ 6 2
♦ K 9
♣ 7 6 4 2

EAST
♠ 10 9 2
♥ A 3
♦ A 7 5 2
♣ K Q 10 9

SOUTH
♠ 7
♥ K J 9 7 5 4
♦ 10 8 6 3
♣ A 5

The bidding:
East 1♣ South 1♥ West Pass North 4♥
Opening lead — two of clubs.

Bridge is not a game for lazy minds. It takes more than just ordinary thinking to keep coming up with the right answers to the many problems that can develop. Instinct alone won't do the job; one must also be willing to try to figure out what everybody else at the table has — and then what to do about it.

Consider this deal where East is defending against four hearts. South wins the club lead with the ace, cashes the A-K of spades, discarding a club, and leads dummy's eight of hearts.

East's play at this point is crucial, and if he puts on his thinking cap, he can defeat the contract. He should rise with the ace of trumps, lead a low diamond to West's king, win the diamond return with the ace and give his partner a diamond ruff.

Of course, this sequence of plays is easy enough to see with all 52 cards in view. The real question is whether East should find these plays when he sees only 26 cards. The answer is that he should — assuming he's willing to go to the trouble of assembling all the necessary clues.

East should know from the first three plays that South started with exactly one spade and two clubs since he did not attempt to discard another club on the queen of spades. It is also reasonable for him to conclude that South's remaining 10 cards are likely to consist of six hearts and four diamonds. If this is so, the only real hope of defeating the contract is to assume that West has the king of diamonds.

East should therefore put these deductions into action by rising with the ace of hearts at trick four and returning a low diamond. A lazy player might not go to all this bother and might let the opportunity to set the contract pass him by by following low on the eight of hearts, but he would later have good reason to regret his lack of initiative.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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LETTERS

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happen and then be willing to pay for it. The level of crime in our small community

merits this kind of attention and we owe it to ourselves.

So, Mr. Flores, all and more that neither space nor time will allow contribute to such blatant behavior. Now is not the time to be politically correct, it is the time to be morally upholding. No one in Big Spring should feel comfortable or immune to what is happening.

I don't paint pictures with a broad brush, but I know that the only people untapped for the responsibility of the terrible condition that our society is suffering are the parents who won't discipline their children.

To all the good parents that I have had the privilege and pleasure to work with, you need to know that this unbridled behavior will in the future impact your children and their children, if left unchecked.

We need to increase the number of police in our department. How do we do this? By paying them better wages, which in turn will make others consider joining the force and work to get rid of these bureaucracies that do a shoddy job just to be able to maintain a caseload and keep their jobs. They have served to breach the levies unlike anything experienced by Katrina, because it has spilled out all over our nation.

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Yemen's conflicts flare amid al-Qaida fight

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — While ramping up the fight against al-Qaida with U.S. help, the Yemeni government has also escalated its own internal conflicts in the north and south that threaten to throw the fractured country into greater chaos and even nourish the terror group's growth.

Yemeni troops backed with tanks and artillery launched new assaults against Shiite rebels, the military said Saturday, the latest offensive in an increasingly bloody war that has been raging for years on the capital's northern doorstep.

Also, lethal clashes erupted this week between protesters and security forces struggling to put an end to a secessionist movement in the once-independent south, where bitterness toward San'a is swelling.

Observers question if the impoverished nation's military can wage a determined campaign against al-Qaida under the strain of the multiple conflicts, and there are fears the terror group is seeking to link up with insurgents for new recruits, particularly in the south.

The United States, which is funneling millions of dollars to Yemen's government to fight al-Qaida, is pressing San'a to resolve its internal turmoil and focus on the terror group. Washington warns that the al-Qaida offshoot here has become a global threat after it allegedly plotted a failed attempt to bomb a U.S. passenger jet on Christmas.

"There have been numerous conflicts in Yemen and they seem to just get worse and worse," U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday. "There are expectations and conditions on our continuing support for the government."

Yemen's deputy prime minister in charge of security and defense, Rashad al-Alimi, said Thursday that fighting al-Qaida was the government's "first priority." On Saturday, counter-terror units conducted exercises outside San'a, attacking a mock al-Qaida hideout and practicing a hostage-rescue operation.

What fuels Yemen's instability is widespread alienation among tribes and factions toward a regime they complain has for years hoarded power and wealth among a small circle of supporters. They say their regions have been neglected, with poverty spreading and infrastructure left to deteriorate.

In much of the country, powerful tribes have filled the void, some sheltering al-Qaida fighters. The government holds firm authority only around the capital, and the troops or administrators it sends to lawless areas are seen by many locals as interlopers.

The government accuses al-Qaida of working with the Shiite rebels and southern secessionists, a claim denied by both. Unless the conflicts are resolved, al-Qaida may find allies, particularly among the southern-

ers, Mohammed Abdel-Malik al-Mutawakkil, a political scientist at San'a University, told The Associated Press.

Support for al-Qaida is not strong among the southerners, "but if they find there is no solution (to their grievances), they will turn to any outlet, and some will accept" the terror

group, he said.

The head of al-Qaida's offshoot in Yemen, Naser Abdel-Karim al-Wahishi, appealed to southerners in May, expressing support for their cause and urging them to continue their fight against San'a's "suppression and tyranny." The south was the site of al-Qaida's 2000

attack on the USS Cole, off the port of Aden.

The provinces of the south were an independent nation for decades, ruled by a socialist regime, until it unified with the north in 1990. Four years later, San'a put down a new independence bid in a 3-month civil war.

Since then, many in

the south accuse San'a of taking oil revenues and land, dismissing southerners from the government and military, and imposing northern administrators.

"This regime has turned the south into a trash bin. The manner of the regime in the south is one of colonialism

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Instructor: Fabian Serrano Location: Annex A8
6pm-9pm Tuesday through Thursday

January 5 - 7, 2010
February 9 - 11, 2010
March 2 - 4, 2010
Cost: \$50.00

Welding Fundamentals

Description: An introduction to the fundamentals of equipment used in oxy-fuel and arc welding, including welding and cutting safety, basic oxy-fuel welding and cutting, basic arc welding processes and basic metallurgy. Instructor: TBD

January 18, 2010 - March 11, 2010
8am-11am Monday - Thursday
Location: Occupational Building
Cost: \$350.00

English Second Language / Intensive English

Instructor: Joyce Bauman
STEPS Lab
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January 19, 2010 - May 11, 2010

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Jan 14	BSHS	Financial Aid Night	630pm
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#6375 January 3 & 10, 2010

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HOWARD §
By virtue of a 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 30th day of December, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 2nd day of February, 2010, 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-5589 Howard County, et al vs. Benny Saenz and Tina Saenz Lt 5, Bk 5, Mountain View Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

T-5543 Howard County, et al vs. Francisco Javier Arteaga, Barbara Arteaga, Emilio Garza and Margarita Garza A 5 acre tract of land (Tract A) out of the SW/4 of Section 23, Blk 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas

T-5220 Howard County, et al vs. Teresa Matteson and Guadalupe Nieto A tract of land out of the SE/4 of Sec. 32, Blk 32, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas

T-5529 Howard County, et al vs. Willie Opal Barber aka Opal Barber, Glen H. Barber, William J. Barber, and Glen A. Barber Lot 4, Blk 3, Ridgelea Terrace Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

T-5559 Howard County, et al vs. Fredrico C. Martinez and Anita M. Martinez Lot 8, Blk 12, Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

T-5666 Howard County, et al vs. William B. Stilwell Lt 4, Bk 32, Original Town 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 30th day of December, 2009.
Stan Parker
SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: Deputy #6397 January 10, 17 & 24, 2010

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|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 57 Steep | 8 Doctor's prescription, perhaps | 35 "___ here!" |
| 1 Wander off course | 60 Homecoming attendee | 9 Curtain holder | 37 Wander off course |
| 9 Affected laughter | 61 Schools | 10 Perfect | 38 National airline of Dubai |
| 15 Site of the first Winter Olympics | 62 Undo | 11 Knoxville-based org. | 39 It may count |
| 16 Push at the front? | 63 Like Eastwood in three Leone films | 12 Leaves the gate | 41 Groundbreaking |
| 17 It may be tapped | | 13 "Queen of the Waves" | 43 Jenny, for instance |
| 18 Paperless documents | DOWN | 14 Twice-told hazard | 44 Cop concern |
| 19 Computer-screen font | 1 Quarrelsome one | 21 Autobahn | 45 It's just under a foot |
| 20 Country name | 2 "Me and my big mouth!" | 24 White-hat wearers | 46 Get together |
| 22 Rainy-day shelter: Abbr. | 3 From the '30s to the '50s | 25 Former British colony | 47 Big tank |
| 23 Mere drudge | 4 City once called Philadelphia | 28 Honolulu attraction | 51 ___ code |
| 24 Ethnic | 5 Aim | 29 Drop | 54 Part of '36 Across' title |
| 26 Biblical priest | 6 Econ. datum | 31 Youngest Olympian | 56 M.'s partner |
| 27 Something in a shell | 7 With 32 Across, female rapper | | 58 Grp. concerned with canines |
| 28 Not out | | | 59 Tom and Jerry feature |
| 30 Leaves | | | |
| 32 See 7 Down | | | |
| 33 Expresses approval, in a way | | | |
| 34 Spanking follower | | | |
| 36 Promises to Keep memoirist | | | |
| 40 Cuba was voted back into it in 2009 | | | |
| 42 As it happens | | | |
| 44 Rewinds | | | |
| 48 ___ Lactea (our galaxy) | | | |
| 49 Sole | | | |
| 50 What you see | | | |
| 51 Divide | | | |
| 52 Airport org. | | | |
| 53 Pizza topping | | | |
| 54 Herbivore | | | |
| 55 Seen all the time | | | |

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When even an intervention is impossible

Dear Margo: I think my sister, "Allison," has been abusing Adderall and similar drugs for about 15 years. She's increasingly paranoid and delusional, and has difficulty keeping jobs or managing her money.

For example, within 18 months, she spent over \$250,000, which represented her portion of our mother's estate. She claims that our brother purposely placed

"tracers" in our mother's car, which supposedly hastened her demise. (Our mother passed due to a stroke at age 89.) She believes her ex-husband and former neighbors are watching and following her.

The problem started when she was supposedly diagnosed with ADHD and was prescribed Adderall to manage the symptoms. However, I question the diagnosis, as

she did not exhibit any traits associated with ADHD as a youngster or as an adult. The "symptoms" appeared at about the same time she was experiencing marital and family difficulties.

I would like to arrange for a family intervention, but she has alienated her two children, her siblings and her ex-husband. We're all concerned about her welfare, but she has cut us out of her life and re-

fuses to speak to us. What to do? — Alarmed and Stumped

Dear Al: Fifteen years is a long time to be zonked out on psychostimulants, whether she needed them or not. She has manically blown through a fortune and become estranged from everyone, and she exhibits paranoia. All this pretty much renders an intervention useless. About the only thing you can do is

go to her prescribing doctor and lay out the facts. (She is getting these pills from somewhere, let us hope not the street.)

Assuming she is seeing a doctor, he could commit her for observation and/or treatment.

If this is not possible, you're all unfortunately going to be unable to prevent her from self-destructing. — Margo, sadly

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The morning aspects are testy. The moon forms a tense angle with lucky Jupiter, and then, like a petulant teenager rebelling against authority, she goes void. Consider that the blocks to good fortune that seem to come from outside forces are often self-imposed. The afternoon Sagittarius moon restores the flow of prosperity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Cherish the one who brings affection, warmth and laughter into your life. If this person can also afford you a measure of stability, you've got it made! You deserve all kinds of contributions, since that's what you give.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your daily habits keep you in an enjoyable rhythm. One of your activities will be prevented or interrupted by an unexpected twist in the plot. You'll adapt quickly and retain your excellent mood.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will make a concession so that a friend's life will go more smoothly. It's a selfless act, but it will work out for you. When your relationships are going well, your personal and financial pictures brighten, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). "Vengeance" is such a strong word, and yet in some small way you do believe that things need to be put back in balance. You will find the perfect degree of retribution to right a wrong.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want to take care of your body using the best of what's available. That could get expensive unless you shop carefully. It's likely you can do even better for yourself with simple, wholesome and inexpensive methods.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The home front needs work. How it is now is not how it should be. You see exactly what could be done to improve things. If you present your ideas well, others will join your efforts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To pursue every passing fancy would be a waste of energy. You recognize that you need to get focused. You'll know when you've struck upon the right goal for yourself because you'll feel a genuine longing for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will get the perfect chance to display that ebullient facet of your personality that often gets stifled by protocol. The rules will be temporarily unimportant. You'll celebrate to the extent that delights you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll excel in any situation where other people are judging you. It's not that they will favorably review you. It's that you won't care what they think — and that is the true victory!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You like money, but it's not what motivates you. Rather, acquiring wealth gives you the means to express yourself, to hire and help people and to see your visions realized. Keep this in mind as you work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you're not doing enough, you'll get tired. There will be many benefits to pushing yourself physically. Your energy will be well spent on vigorous exercise and competitive sports.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're headed for happiness, and it's time to get scientific about your destination. Recognize what makes you smile, and figure out why that is so. It's the key to adding more joy to your life.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 10). There's something you want, and in order to get it, you'll have to turn up your life force. Your magnetism and influence will increase because you will it to be this way. You become aware of how your thinking either enhances or detracts from your chances of success, and you will use this knowledge in your favor. Scorpio and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 15, 40, 31 and 17.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Mercury has born the brunt of the blame during the past few weeks, as he's been transiting backward in Capricorn since Dec. 26. As the old saying goes, "Don't shoot the messenger." But is this news-bearer of the gods at all responsible for the annoying communication snafus and system glitches? If so, the plucky mischief-maker should get some of the credit for this week's turnaround. The direct motion begins on Friday, and feelings of stability increase thereafter. It becomes obvious what we must do in order to get on track. And the best part is that once the short list is

made, the actual work is simple, straightforward and even pleasurable. Pluto is in Capricorn, as well, and although Mercury isn't exactly conjunct with the dwarf planet, these two buddy up close enough to put some do-or-die emphasis on our work. Furthermore, with all of the Capricorn energy floating around, there's an intense cur-

rent of responsibility, ownership and ambition in the air. Many are struck with a strong sense of their own destiny, and that compels them to work hard to make things happen. No one wants to look back and say, "If only I had tried a little harder..."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Two-time World Heavyweight boxing champion

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the future.

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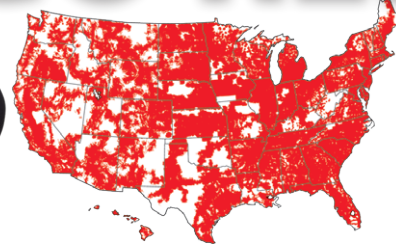
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