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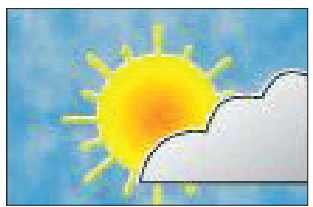


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24 people indicted by grand jury

Three on charges of aggravated assault

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Three men suspected of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon were among those indicted during Thursday's session of the Howard County Grand Jury.

James Robert Beck, 33, Christopher Lynn Holt, 36, and Miguel Angel Reyes Jr., 31, all of Big Spring, were among 24 people indicted during the grand jury session, District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson said.

The trio were indicted on unrelated offenses that occurred in Howard County within the past nine months.

Beck was indicted after his alleged involvement in an altercation that occurred July 24, 2009.

"Beck and his brother went to the victim's house that night ... and a dispute arose," Wilkerson said. "During the altercation, James Beck produced a knife and stabbed the victim in the back."

Reyes also is alleged to have stabbed his victim during a domestic disturbance that occurred Nov. 24, 2009, Wilkerson added.

Holt is accused of threatening a family member at gunpoint, then pistol-whipping the victim, during the course of a domestic dispute alleged to have occurred Jan. 14.

All three offenses are second-degree felonies, punishable by between two and 20 years in state prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000, Wilkerson said.

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Crews from D&S Construction use a scaffold as they perform renovation work on the exterior of the Settles Hotel Friday morning.

HC trustees expected to reject dorm bids

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will hear updates on various construction projects when they meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building's Tumbleweed Room.

The major item on the agenda will be a report on bids for updating the college dormitories. That project, financed by revenue bonds, is expected to take place over the course of this summer, said College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

Bids for the project, which will update infrastructure systems such as plumbing, electrical, heating and air conditioning, have been received, but Sparks said it is unlikely any will be awarded at Monday's meeting.

"They all came in higher than expected," she said. "So we're looking very closely at maybe changing the bid specs ... It's unlikely the trustees will take any action."

Both the timing and nature of the work are behind the higher-than-expected bids, she said.

"These projects are very infrastructure-intensive and those systems are very expensive to repair," Sparks said.

"Plus, this project needs to be completed within a three-month timeframe during the summer, so that will increase costs as well."

Renovation of the dormitories is scheduled for the summer in order to minimize inconvenience to students, Sparks said.

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Election day looming

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

With early voting in the primaries officially in the books, County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom said she and her elections staff are gearing up for election day — Tuesday.

"We haven't run into any real problems during early voting, so things are moving along to election day fairly smoothly," she said. "We feel pretty confident going into Tuesday's election. All of the software is ready and we haven't run into any glitches with it. All we need now is the voters."

Sample ballot, see Page 10A

Howard voters will have plenty of polling places to cast their vote, according to Bloom, with five locations — all of which will be housing both Republican and Democratic polls — located in Big Spring and Coahoma. Polling places for Tuesday are: Saint Thomas Parish Hall (605 N. Main St.); Precincts 11-16, 112, 103-105

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Stanton falls at buzzer, Grady keeps rolling

Herald Staff Report

SLATON — In a game of breaks in basketball, Stanton got a pretty tough one.

The Buffs were upset 46-45 with a 3-pointer at the buzzer Friday night as Olton ousted Stanton in first football and then basketball.

Stanton had a five-point lead with two minutes remaining, but missed free throws and key turnovers allowed Olton to climb back into the game to set up a miracle shot to win it.

"It was one of those where he threw it up, it bounced around the rim and just went in," Stanton coach Kenny

VanCuren said.

Tyler Fulton scored 14 points to lead the Buffaloes. Grayson Gray added 13.

Sophomore Torey Jimenez led Olton with 27 points, including the game-winner. Bobby Wayne Workman scored 11 for the Mustangs, who move on to face Sudan on Monday at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

Stanton's district-title season ends at 24-6 as Olton improves to 15-13.

"We had a great season," VanCuren said. "We had won 12 in a row going into that game right there. We won our district, and we got better with every game."

Stanton	13	14	10	8	-45
Olton	18	5	13	10	-46
Stanton (24-6)-	Tyler Fulton 14, Grayson Gray 13, Trace Ramos 8, Blake Evans 4, Jorge Reyna 2, Thomas Ramos 2, Nathan Koonce 2.				
Olton (14-13)-	Torey Jimenez 27, Bobby Wayne Workman 11, Ryan Nieto 4, Adrian Sandoval 2, Nate Martinez 2.				
Free throws --	Stanton 7-14, Olton 6-15. 3-point goals -- Stanton 2 (Sidle 2), Olton 8 (Jimenez 6, Workman 1, Nieto 1). Total fouls -- Stanton 13, Olton 19. Fouled out -- Stanton, Gray. Technical fouls -- Olton, Jimenez.				

Grady moves on

FLOYDADA — Dylan Cox scored 21 points as the Grady Wildcats kept rolling through the area round of the 1A, Division II playoffs with a 62-49 win over Vernon Northside.

Grady is the only Crossroads team left in the playoffs as it moves on to play Turkey Valley on Monday at Lubbock Roosevelt High School in Acliff.

Jacob Rodriguez scored 15 points and Shane Teague scored 12 for Grady.

Grady	62	Vernon Northside	49		
Grady	14	19	19	10	-62
VNHS	10	14	11	14	-49
Grady (27-4)-	Shane Teague 12, Dylan Cox 21, Tyler Matthews 2, Johan Wiebe 4, Jacob Rodriguez 15, Zach Perez 8.				
Vernon Northside-	Payton Neal 2, Kale Adams 4, Zak Agnew 31, Caleb Matthews 11, Kade Freeling 1.				
Free throws --	Grady 7-12, Vernon Northside 10-15. 3-point goals -- Grady 5 (Cox 3, Rodriguez 2), Vernon Northside 1 (Agnew). Total fouls -- Grady 14, Vernon Northside 13. Fouled out -- Grady, Vernon Northside (Matthews).				

STOPPED COLD

Austin flies by Steers in second half

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

ALPINE — Big Spring owned the second half for most of its season through district play and a first-round win over Canyon.

But Friday night's second half belonged solely to El Paso Austin in the second round of the 4A playoffs.

The state's 16th-ranked squad poured it on the Steers in the third quarter, outscoring Big Spring 26-11 in the period. Austin cruised from there to a 57-40 win.

"I want to push the tempo and I want to get up and down," Austin coach Stacy Spencer said. "I knew we had to come out (after halftime) and send a message. I challenged them in the locker room and they came out strong and did that."

Turnovers plagued the Steers all game long, losing the ball 23 times. From those turnovers, Austin was able to convert several easy opportunities, especially in the third quarter.

"We knew they had a good team and for us to beat them we had to play four



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton

Junior guard Luke Adams beats the first-quarter buzzer for three of his 21 points Friday in a 57-40 loss to El Paso Austin at Sul Ross State in Alpine. Austin outscored Big Spring 26-11 in the third quarter.

good quarters of basketball," Steers coach Marcus Morris said. "We never really put it together. Some of it can be attributed to us, some of it to them. When you're not hitting on all cylinders, you get beat by 15, and that's what happened."

Junior guard Luke Adams carried the Big Spring offense

with a game-high 21 points. Senior Jerrell Williams, Big Spring's leading scorer, was limited to six points.

"We never got in sync on offense," Morris said. "They mixed up man and zone, and they're pretty long an athletic. We got back on our heels a little bit and never really recovered. It seemed like we stopped the

bleeding at times but never really got over the hump."

Tony Baker paced El Paso Austin with 18 points. Guard Timothy Bell scored 16 for the Panthers and Devarre Wright added 12.

For Big Spring, its seasonal ends as a historical one. The Steers won their first dis-

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Area baseball teams in tournament action

Herald Staff Report

ANDREWS — The Big Spring Steers dropped a 13-2 decision in four innings against host Andrews on Friday in the Andrews tournament.

Freshman Gunnar Kennedy threw three innings, giving up 13 runs on eight hits in the game. He struck out four and walked five.

Kennedy and Michael Felton scored Big Spring's runs on a Jake Roten RBI walk and a Steven Isles fielder's choice.

Big Spring played Snyder on Saturday in the last round of the round-robin-style tournament. Results were unavailable at press time.

The Steers host Lubbock Cooper at Steer Park on Tuesday. First pitch is set for 7 p.m.

Forsan earns first season win

ALBANY — The Forsan Buffaloes beat host Albany 10-3 on Friday in the school's tournament.

Evan Burton struck out six and allowed two hits in four innings Friday as the game was shortened due to time limit. Burton also went 2-for-2 at the plate.

Foster Burchett blasted a 2-run home run for Forsan, and Patrick Robles and Peyton Parker each notched two RBI.

"It was a good first official game," Forsan

coach Jason Phillips said, referring to Forsan's sleet-shortened 4-4 tie with Coahoma on Monday. "Compared to the last couple of years, we're well ahead of where we want to be with our mechanics."

Forsan played Midland Trinity on Saturday. Results were unavailable at press time.

The Buffs will play at Colorday City on Tuesday. First pitch is set for 7 p.m.

Bulldogs fall to Monahans

SHALLOWATER — The Coahoma Bulldogs suffered their first defeat Friday at the hands of Monahans in the second round of the Shallowater Railyard Classic.

The Lobos got four runs off pitcher Rey Gutierrez in the first inning as they beat Coahoma 5-3 in six.

Gutierrez went the full six, earning all five runs allowed on just four hits, all of them for extra bases. He struck out 11 and walked three.

Coahoma plated all three of its runs in the fifth with a Gutierrez bases-loaded walk, a Josh Paniagua RBI single and a 2-RBI double from Chance Hart.

Coahoma played in the third-place game of the Shallowater tournament Saturday afternoon. Results were unavailable at press time.

Coahoma will host Greenwood on Monday. First pitch is set for 7 p.m.

Area girls basketball players rack up postseason All-District honors

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

Area girls basketball teams piled up the postseason accolades as several girls hoopsters were named to all-district teams from the Big Spring Lady Steers and district co-champions Forsan and Stanton.

The Lady Steers placed three players on the all-district team, highlighted by post Cerbi Ritchey, who was selected to the first team.

"Cerbi is well-deserving of being first-team all district," coach Mike Warren said. "There are some good posts in our district and I thought she took them head-on."

Bridgette Tuitt earned second-team honors and Linzee Yarbar was an honorable mention all-district player. "(Bridgette) was a slasher on offense, and she's a good defensive player," Warren said. "For (Linzee), it starts with defense. She was

our best defensive player even last year, and this year she guarded their best defensive player every game."

Four Forsan Lady Buffs and four Stanton Lady Buffs were named first-team all-district 7-A, Division I, as well as several superlative awards.

In Stanton, Rachel Fleckenstein was named the district's most valuable player and Kesley Jones was

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HERALD Photos/Joe Zigtema, Tony Claxton

Big Spring sophomore Cerbi Ritchey, left, Forsan senior Amanda Longorio, center, and Stanton senior Kesley Jones all received postseason accolades for their performances in the 2010 season.



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Building a better snowman

When Mother Nature dropped six inches of snow on this area Tuesday, residents needed little prodding to indulge their artistic side, turning the white stuff into sculptures



Clockwise, from top: Robert Martinez, Izzac Zamora, Kyler Allen and Ray Martinez added the finishing touches to this giant snowman at a residence on Gunter street. Manny Rodriguez, not pictured, helped the boys in their monster endeavor (Lyndel Moody photograph); Reba White poses next to her snowman (courtesy photo); Angel Embry, 12, reclines on the "snow sofa" he made in front of his home on Mesquite Street (courtesy photo); and Mason, left, and Maddox Lane show off their snowy creation Monday following several inches of snowfall in the Big Spring area (courtesy photo).



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Obituaries

Vollie E. Sorrells

Vollie E. Sorrells died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at Autumn Grove Assisted Living Center in Katy. Services will be conducted at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel in Snyder at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 27, 1917, in Seminole to Fred and Lydia Sorrells. He married Margy Brown on June 9, 1943, in Long Beach, Calif. He served in the Navy from 1942-1945 aboard the USS Kitty Hawk. Upon his discharge, he and Margy lived in Big Spring until 1981. He was a bookkeeper and parts manager for Derrington Auto Parts. When he retired, they moved to Snyder.

He had been a deacon and elder with the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring and a deacon with the 37th Street Church of Christ in Snyder.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a sister, Nina Engle; and three brothers, Ted, Claude and Jess.

He is survived by daughter Betty and son-in-law Mike Ezzell of Houston; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Friends are contributing to World Bible School in care of the 37th Street Church of Christ in Snyder.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- RAFAEL LOPEZ, 65, 508.5 FATHER DELANEY, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- SOMER LANCASTER, 31, 2703 Cindy, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- CHASTIN MCNEW, 31, 2703 Cindy, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad and the 800 block of Settles.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 800 block of Interstate 20.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA was reported in the 800 block of Interstate 20.

Take Note

• Prom Committee 2012 will meet at 7 a.m. Monday in the Big Spring High School Library. For more information, call Valerie Robertson at 213-8315.

• Steer Band Boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring High School Band Hall. This is a meeting for all junior high and high school band parents. We will be discussing the possibility of a spring banquet.

• The federal government, through the No Child Left Behind Act, requires each school district across the country that receives Federal Title I funds to report the status of the district and each campus through an NCLB Report Card. The Report Card for Big Spring ISD can be found on the school district website: bsisd.esc18.net. A hard copy of the report can be viewed in the BSISD Central Office. Copies of the Campus Report can be found on the school district website under the individual campuses. Look for NCLB Report. The report covers the following areas: Part I - Student Achievement; Part II - Student Achievement and Academic Expectations (AYP); Part III - AYP and Schools Identified for Improvement, Corrective Action, and Restructuring and Part IV - Teacher Quality.

• A fund has been established at Wood Forest National Bank for Jeffery Cate (Bubba). He is a lifetime resident of Big Spring and is employed at B&E Roustabout. He was in a car accident New Year's Eve and is still in a hospital in Lubbock. He had surgery to remove his spleen and has several broken bones, including one in his neck. He has also suffered some memory loss due to a bruise on one side of his brain. He has three small boys. The medical bills and family travel expenses are adding up. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

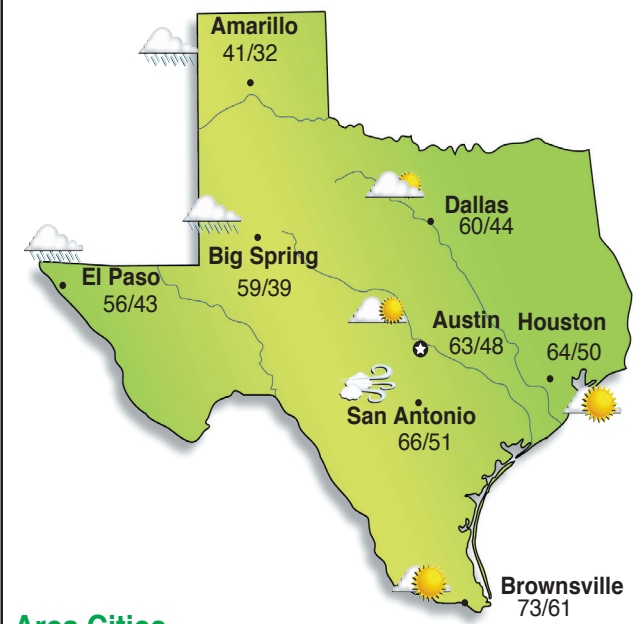
• Attention military personnel and dependents: The Salvation Army currently has funding for Texas military personnel now serving or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Members or dependents may apply at the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., or call (432) 267-8239.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 2/28	Mon 3/1	Tue 3/2	Wed 3/3	Thu 3/4
59/39	50/30	58/36	66/41	65/43
Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 6:43 PM	Sunrise: 7:13 AM Sunset: 6:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:12 AM Sunset: 6:44 PM	Sunrise: 7:11 AM Sunset: 6:45 PM	Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 6:46 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	59	41	pt sunny	Kingsville	70	57	windy
Amarillo	41	32	rain	Livingston	64	43	pt sunny
Austin	63	48	pt sunny	Longview	60	43	pt sunny
Beaumont	64	47	pt sunny	Lubbock	54	36	rain
Brownsville	73	61	mst sunny	Lufkin	65	44	pt sunny
Brownwood	61	45	cloudy	Midland	59	42	rain
Corpus Christi	66	57	mst sunny	Raymondville	74	58	mst sunny
Corsicana	59	44	cloudy	Rosenberg	64	50	mst sunny
Dallas	60	44	cloudy	San Antonio	66	51	windy
Del Rio	67	49	windy	San Marcos	64	48	pt sunny
El Paso	56	43	rain	Sulphur Springs	58	43	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	64	42	rain	Sweetwater	60	41	pt sunny
Gainesville	56	40	cloudy	Tyler	60	43	pt sunny
Greenville	57	41	cloudy	Weatherford	57	42	cloudy
Houston	64	50	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	57	39	cloudy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	52	29	sunny	Minneapolis	35	17	mst sunny
Boston	40	33	sn shower	New York	40	30	sn shower
Chicago	37	27	flurries	Phoenix	57	47	rain

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

• Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. Medical lectures and information for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetics and caregivers. Call 267-3806 for information.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Lottery

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the Mega Millions game were: 04-14-29-54-56, Mega Ball: 40

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 11-20-28-30-35. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-5-3-4. Sum It Up: 21.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-9-1. Sum It Up: 12.

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Mavs rally to beat Hawks

ATLANTA (AP) — Jason Kidd needed to take control. Hawks coach Mike Woodson gave him a perfect opportunity.

Kidd bumped into and briefly argued with Woodson, the spark Dallas needed to overcome a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter and beat Atlanta 111-103 in overtime on Friday night.

“The coach is not supposed to be on the floor,” Kidd said. “You see that a lot in games. The NBA has so many rules, and there is a coaching box, and some of the coaches do stretch that box. For me, it’s just a reaction. Make something happen. It was a big play for us.”

Dirk Nowitzki scored 37 points, Kidd had 19 points, 17 assists and 16 rebounds, and the Mavericks won their sixth straight.

Kidd had his first triple-double this season and 104th of his career, third-most in NBA history behind Oscar Robertson and Magic Johnson.

“This one, I will treasure as much as the first one I had,” Kidd said. “At 36, I feel great. A triple-double at 36 is special.”

Joe Johnson scored 27 points for Atlanta, which dropped to 22-7 at home. The Mavericks won their Western Conference-best 19th on the road, one more than their total last season.

Josh Smith forced overtime with a putback that tied it at 99.

With 1:37 left in regulation, Kidd bumped into Woodson after the Atlanta coach took too long to step off the court as the guard was dribbling near the left sideline.

“I said, ‘You can’t be on the floor. You don’t have a uniform on,’” Kidd said. “It was just a play. We move on.”

Woodson seemed to be pulling his right foot off the floor when Kidd used his left arm to push the coach back rather softly into the scorer’s table.

“The officials got it right,” Kidd said. “I thought from there, men-

tally, we took control of the game. That play just presented itself. It’s just a reaction and just understanding what the team needs. Rules are rules. The coach isn’t supposed to be on the floor.”

Lead official Mark Wunderlich quickly called timeout, cleared the players from the floor and brought Dallas coach Rick Carlisle over to speak with Woodson before whistling the Atlanta coach for a technical foul.

After Nowitzki hit the ensuing free throw that cut the Atlanta lead to 97-96, Johnson missed a jumper before Kidd hit a 3 in front of the Hawks’ bench to put Dallas ahead 99-97.

Woodson later credited Kidd with being alert.

“He made a heck of a play,” Woodson said. “Jason Kidd is an All-Star. He’s a (potential) Hall of Fame guard. He’s had a hell of a career. He did what he had to do. Unfortunately, it didn’t turn out to favor the team. I’ve got to take the hit for that.”

▶ AROUND THE NBA

Knicks 118, Wizards 116, OT

WASHINGTON (AP) — David Lee’s layup with 1.6 seconds to play in overtime gave the New York Knicks a victory over the Washington Wizards.

New York snapped an eight-game losing streak by surviving a bizarre overtime where the teams combined to miss 13 of their 16 field goal attempts.

With the game tied at 116, Lee — who had both of New York’s baskets in overtime — drove left and scored over JaVale McGee. Lee, who had 25 points and 16 rebounds, hit a jumper with 3:12 remaining to give New York a 114-112 lead. McGee missed the second of two free throws with 13 seconds to play, and the Knicks’ lead was 114-113.

Thunder 109, Timberwolves 92

OKLAHOMA CITY

(AP) — Kevin Durant scored 25 points, Russell Westbrook narrowly missed his second triple-double against the Minnesota Timberwolves in less than a week, and the Oklahoma City Thunder cruised to a victory.

Westbrook had 18 points, matched his own franchise record with 15 assists and also grabbed eight rebounds before being removed from the game in the final four minutes and the Thunder up by 22.

Durant reached 25 points for the 30th time in 31 games. His streak was stopped at 29 games by San Antonio on Wednesday night, the longest such streak since Michael Jordan scored at least 25 in 40 straight games in the 1986-87 season.

Reserve Kevin Love led the Timberwolves with 19 points and eight rebounds.

Rockets 109, Spurs 104

HOUSTON (AP) — Kevin Martin had his best game since being traded to the Rockets, scoring 33 points to lead Houston over the San Antonio Spurs.

Martin finally showed he was the scorer the Rockets were looking for when they acquired him and three others last week in the deal that sent Tracy McGrady to the New York Knicks.

Houston led by 13 before the Spurs scored 10 consecutive points, capped by a 3-pointer by George Hill, to cut the lead to 105-102 with 8 seconds remaining.

Aaron Brooks, who scored 31, hit four free throws sandwiched around a bucket by San Antonio to secure the win and end a three-game losing streak for Houston.

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Sports in brief

Howard plays weekend doubleheader

The Howard Hawks baseball team made its home debut Saturday with the first of four games scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

The Hawks will also play a doubleheader on Sunday against Texarkana College.

A seven-inning game is set to begin at noon, followed by a nine-inning game. Check the Herald for results.

Softball signups under way

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is holding signups for the upcoming 2010 season for girls ages 4-14 as of Jan. 1.

Signups will be held each Saturday through March 13 at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration fee is \$75, including a full uniform. Late registration after March 13 will cost \$10 extra. For more info, contact Lucy Ramirez at 466-3670.

Youth baseball league signups to go until March 6

March 6 is the last chance to sign up for the Big Spring Youth Baseball League.

Signups will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. all week next week. Children 5-15 can sign up for the league at Big Spring Mall on March 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration fee is \$65 and \$60 for additional siblings. Birth certificate required. Children 8-12 must participate in a tryout session March 8-10.

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Johnny and Nancy met and fell in love in Big Spring.

They eventually moved to Robert Lee in 1970. Johnny then went to work with the Colorado River Municipal Water District, from which he retired in 1990.

They have two children, son John Page Jr. and his wife Julie, who live in Coleman, and a daughter, Paula Sue. She and her husband Michael Brennan reside in Mansfield, Ga. They have four grandchildren, Steven Petty Jr., Garrett Page, Vanessa Page Croft and Sheyna Petty. They also have one great-grandchild, Ethan Croft!

May God bless them. The best is yet to come all the rest of their days.



Nancy and Johnny Page

► Engagement

Price and Barnes

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Price of Big Spring announce the engagement of their daughter, Leighanna Price, to Ryan Barnes, both of Midland. Ryan is the son of Steven Barnes of Edmond, Okla., and Karol Barnes-Smith of Yukon, Okla.

Leighanna is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore of Stamford, and Alvie Price and the late Pat Price of Segraves. Ryan is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Barnes of Edmond, Okla., and the late Rose Jones and Andrew Evakich of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School. She earned a bachelor of arts in English from the University of Texas Permian Basin and a master of arts in mass communications from Texas Tech University. She teaches English at Lee High School in Midland.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Putnam City North High School in Oklahoma City. He earned a bachelor of science in meteorology from



Leighanna Price and Ryan Barnes the University of Oklahoma and served as an officer in the United States Air Force. He is a meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

The couple will be married June 19, 2010, at 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring.

► Menus

Senior Center

Monday — Ham, buttered Lima beans, okra and tomatoes, cornbread, angel cake with blueberry topping, milk, V8 juice.

Tuesday — Meatloaf, potatoes, English pea salad, rolls, apricot halves, milk, V8 juice.

Wednesday — Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad, chips, pudding, milk.

Thursday — Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, lime and pineapple gelatin, milk.

Friday — Chicken fillet on a bun, lettuce and tomato, french fries, frozen strawberries, milk, V8 juice.

Stanton ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Pancakes; Lunch: Hot dog on bun or crispy burrito, chili, corn, vegetable sticks, peaches, milk, cheese.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Oatmeal; Lunch: Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, fruit cocktail, hot rolls, milk, gravy.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage and gravy; Lunch: Pizza or pizza cheese sticks, green beans, garden salad, pears, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Coffee cake; Lunch: Nacho grade or baked potato, refried beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Burrito; Lunch: Hamburger or cheeseburger, baked chips, western beans, hamburger salad, Orange Smiles, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Donuts, yogurt, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, fruit, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch: Turkey sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tater tots, baby carrots, sliced peaches, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Taco salad, pinto beans, Orange Smiles, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast Pocket, juice, milk; Lunch: Sloppy Joe, Funyuns, corn on the cobs, pickle spears, apple, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, roll, fruit mix, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Cereal, cheese, juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza, carrots, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Sausage roll, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, green peas, apricots, rolls, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Tortilla, cheese omelets, fruit cup, milk; Lunch: Beef taco, corn, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad, Orange Smiles, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Ham/cheese biscuits, juice, milk; Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, pineapple chunks, rolls, milk, Rice Krispy Treat.

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INDICTED

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son said.
Others indicted during Thursday's grand jury session were:
• Richard William Alcantar, 30, 1304 Tucson, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
• Vanessa Ann Armendarez, 24, Stanton, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
• Wendall Campbell, 49, 2911 W. Highway 80 No. 240, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony) and possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
• Sean Daurre Clark, 36, Phoenix, Ariz., unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon (third degree felony).
• Joe Correa, 51, 500 N.W. 10th, driving while intoxicated, (second degree felony/enhanced).

- Anna Maria Cuellar, 41, 2200 Runnels, driving while intoxicated (first degree felony/enhanced).
- John Michael Edmondson Jr., 19, 505 E. 14th, fraudulent use or possession of identifying information (state jail felony).
- A.J. Griffith, 77, Arlington, possession of a prohibited weapon (third degree felony).
- Seth Bob Newell, 29, 2500 Carleton, theft over \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).
- Elisa Sanchez Ortiz, 26, 1407 Virginia, theft of a firearm (state jail felony).
- Lorenzo Torres Ramirez, 25, 410 N.W. Eighth, violation of a protective order-assault (third degree felony).
- Freddie Ramos, 24, 1610 Avion, evading arrest (state jail felony).
- Ronnie Lee Randolph Jr., 34, 906 Nolan, forgery (state jail felony).
- Raymon Rodriquez, 42, 805 N. Scurry, evading arrest (state jail

felony).
• Robert Luis Salazar, 43, evading arrest (state jail felony).
• Arnoldo Solis, 42, 101 E. 20th, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
• John M. Solis, 35, 807 S. Johnson, possession of a controlled substance (second degree felony/enhanced).
• Jesherrick Javier Taylor, 22, 1002 N. Main No. 34, delivery of a controlled substance (second degree felony).
• Luis Ubada, 26, Lamesa, forgery (state jail felony).
• Pamela D. Weatherby, 45, 1314 Lexington, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
• Veronica Christine White, 23, 1107 Goliad, tampering with a governmental record (third degree felony).

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284 immigrants convicted of crimes nabbed in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Federal agents arrested 284 immigrants with criminal records during a three-day immigration enforcement surge across Texas — their biggest push so far, authorities said Friday.
Dubbed Operation Cross Check, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said this week's action was one of the largest sweeps the agency has ever conducted targeting at-large foreign nationals convicted of crimes.
"Texas is safer" because fewer criminal immigrants are on its streets, ICE director John Morton said, stressing that they did not arrest any non-criminals.
That's a shift from several years ago when immigrant advocates complained that ICE agents were arresting illegal immigrants who happened to be home when authorities knocked on the door looking for someone else.
About 56 percent, or 159, of the 284 arrested this week had previous convictions for violent crimes such as homicide or assault.
The arrests were carried out Tuesday through Thursday by local law enforcement officers working with ICE, the U.S. Marshals Service and the U.S. State Department's Diplomatic Security Service — nearly 300 law enforcement officials in all.

COLLEGE

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Sparks said.
The renovations are necessary to bring the dorms more up to date

with student needs, she said.
"When the dorms were constructed in the 1950s, student (electricity) needs were much less than they are today," Sparks said. "So we need to upgrade the

electrical system in the dorms, along with other infrastructure systems as well."
In other business, trustees will consider:
• Change orders and project budget for other renovation projects cur-

rently ongoing around the campus.
• Small class reports.
• Handbook and catalog changes.
• Ordering a trustee election for May 8.
• Quarterly investment report.

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Frank Bustamante, Jr., 49, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

ELECTION

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Big Spring Mall (1801 E. FM 700): Precincts 22, 24-26, 205, 208
First Baptist Church (705 W. FM 700): Precincts 33-35, 304
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum (1001 Birdwell Lane): Precincts 42, 44-46, 404-406
Coahoma Community Center (306 North Avenue in Coahoma): Precincts 207, 207C, 407-409
With more than a dozen local residents vying for their party's nomination going into the November election, area voters have plenty of decisions to make.
On the Republican ticket, the Precinct 2 seat on the county commissioners court features a trio of political hopefuls, including incumbent candidate Jerry Kilgore, who has held the seat for more than a decade now. Kilgore is facing Donnie Baker and Melanie Gambrell.
The race for the Precinct 2 seat on the Commissioners Court has also drawn a contest on the Democratic ticket, as Alon USA employee Richard Belew takes on business owner Jim Sinclair.
The Precinct 4 Commissioner Gary Simer, a Democrat, is unopposed in the party primary. On the Republican ticket, however, business owners John Cline and

Roy Beauchamp are on the ticket, with the winner to challenge Simer in November.
The seat of Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 2 is also contested. Incumbent Kathryn Wiseman is being challenged by David Baird in the Republican primary. On the Democratic ticket, business owner Ricky Hughes is unopposed and will face the winner of the Republican race in November.
Also facing off in the Republican primary are attorneys Mike Thomas and Tim Yeats, who are running for the seat of 118th District Court Judge.
This year's primaries include a pair of state positions, as the U.S. Representative 19th District seat, currently held

by Randy Neugebauer (R-Lubbock), and the District 85 Texas Representative seat held by Joe Heflin (D-Crosbyton) are up for election.
Heflin, who is unopposed on the Democratic ticket, will have to face either Jim Landroop or David Andrews — both of whom are running on the Republican ticket — in the November election. Heflin has also drawn a Libertarian challenger — Robyn L. Burwell of Abilene.
Neugebauer drew a pair of challengers. Lubbock's Andy Wilson is unopposed on the Democratic ticket and Richard "Chip" Peterson, also of Lubbock, is alone on the Libertarian ticket, sending the contest to the November election.

Bloom said anyone with questions regarding the election can contact her office at 264-2273 for more information.

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Astros' Manzella gets shot at shortstop

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Considering what Tommy Manzella has already overcome to get this far, proving he's capable of being the Houston Astros' shortstop must not seem too tough.

The 26-year-old rookie arrived at spring training expected to be a regular after a steady climb through the minors.

The Astros did not resign Miguel Tejada in the offseason, creating the opening for Manzella to show what he can do. He's played in only two major-league games, but he's confident that he's got what it takes now to make it in the big leagues.

"This is my opportunity," Manzella said Friday. "At some point, you have to step up and bring your game to the next level, and change from someone who could get it done to someone who does it done."

Houston has no questions about Manzella's

character or maturity. He showed how well he could handle adversity as a freshman at Tulane in 2002, when his mother was diagnosed with cervical cancer. Manzella hit his first college home run on the day he found out.

"She got the ball and took it to her chemo treatments and everything," Manzella said. "Just to see what she went through without complaining about everything, that's something I grasp a lot of strength on."

His mother died in June 2008, just after Manzella found out he'd been promoted to the franchise's Triple-A affiliate in Round Rock. He hit .219 but committed only three errors in 61 games that season, and was back at spring training in 2009.

Manzella made his major-league debut last September after posting a .977 fielding percentage in 130 games with Round Rock in 2009.

Two Rangers in battle behind plate

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — In a Texas Rangers camp bereft of position battles, catchers Taylor Teagarden and Jarrod Saltalamacchia are the exception.

The offensively talented Saltalamacchia was acquired from the Atlanta Braves four years ago in the Mark Teixeira trade. Teagarden is the homegrown defensive specialist who's working to bring his offense in line with his consistency behind the plate.

The job likely is Saltalamacchia's to win, assuming he can prove he's recovered from offseason surgery to correct Thoracic Outlet Syndrome, a condition that causes pain, tingling and numbness in his arm.

"Before Salty got hurt he showed a lot of improvement on the defensive end," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We just want to see that

he's healthy and can do everything. We haven't seen any hiccups."

Saltalamacchia had been slated to play winter ball in the Dominican Republic, but was sent home after only one game when his shoulder problems resurfaced. That question mark has placed the 24-year-old in the middle of his third consecutive spring competition for the full-time job.

"I'm approaching it the same as I did last year," Saltalamacchia said Friday. "I have one focus, on the pitching staff and getting ready for Opening Day. Competition is fine. We can't worry about the competition. ... We have 25 guys on this team and we have to focus on that otherwise you're selling the other guys short."

His shoulder woes also affected Saltalamacchia at the plate, where he hit .233

with nine homers and 34 RBIs in 84 games.

Teagarden has shown promise behind the plate. It's how he performs with a bat that remains an issue. Last season, his first full year in the majors, he hit .217 in 60 games.

"Defensively I have been more consistent than offensively," Teagarden said. "They know what I can do being a catcher."

Last year, the 26-year-old spent considerable time watching video to learn hitters' tendencies.

"You can't learn a lot unless you're in the big leagues," Teagarden said.

Even if relegated to a backup role, Teagarden said he will remain busy continuing to build on his knowledge of the league's hitters.

"You never really have a day off as a catcher," he said. "When you're talking about studying the hit-

ters you have to keep your eyes in the game and see how the game calling is going."

Washington said the starting job ultimately will be based more on who is able to get the most out of the Rangers pitching staff.

"They can play for me if they can get my pitchers through games," he said.

NOTES: RHP Warner Madrigal left the workout early Friday with tightness in his right forearm. ... CF Josh Hamilton returned to practice in a limited role Friday, skipping outfield drills and hitting off a tee in the batting cages rather than facing live pitching. Hamilton has missed most of the past two days with a left shoulder contusion. ... LHP Derek Holland is going to throw in the bullpen on Saturday as he continues working back from a mild right knee sprain.

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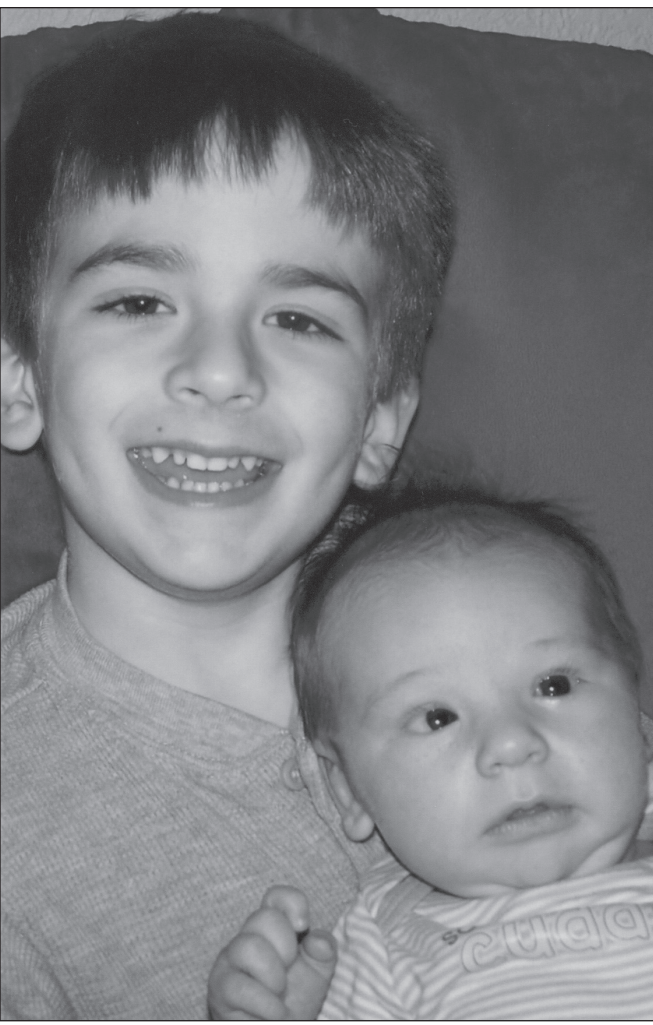
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Births



Peyton 'Cooper' Sedberry

Peyton and Mindy Sedberry of Big Spring announce the arrival of their son, Peyton "Cooper" Sedberry on Jan. 12, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. weighing 8 pounds and was 21 inches long.

He is the the maternal grandson of Debra and the late Jerry Mason of Big Spring. He is the pa-

ternal grandson of Hoppy and Mary Sedberry of Boyd and Jacque Roland of Big Spring.

Peyton was welcomed home by big brother Mason.



Gage Nicholas Mendez

Gage Nicholas Mendez, a boy, was born at 2 p.m. Feb. 16, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

He is the son of Abigail Lloyd and Nick Mendez of Big Spring. Grandparents are Larson Lloyd Jr. of Marble Falls and Brenda and Steve Conner of Big Spring, and Norma Mendez and Greg Arenivas of Big Spring. Great-grandparents

are Royce and Pat Clay of Colorado City, and the late Larson Lloyd Sr. and the late Margaret Lloyd of Big Spring, Juan and Maria Mendez of Big Spring and Gregono and Angie Arenivas of Big Spring.



Kyndall Kay Pritchard


Brian and Kortney Pritchard of San Angelo announce the birth of their daughter, Kyndall Kay Pritchard on Feb. 10, 2010, at 8:45 p.m. weighing six pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

She is the maternal granddaughter of Boyce and Laura Kemper of Big Spring and paternal granddaughter of Joe and Donna Pritchard of Winters.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Deadline near to file for jobs to work for us

There's an old saying to the effect that "it's easy to snipe from the cheap seats." And from what we've seen, that particularly holds true for those who want to take shots at members of the Big Spring City Council and the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees.

It's true, we live in a free society and enjoy the freedom of speech. However, as citizens of that free society, we have a responsibility to do our best to make sure our government — and make no mistake, city councils and school district boards are forms of government — do what they're supposed to do.

Sometimes that's simply a matter of attending those entities' meetings and voicing our opinions. Others, it's deciding that we want to serve the community by being a trustee or council member.

But it's always a matter of voting for the candidate we believe is best for the job.

Filing periods are under way for anyone contemplating whether they would like to serve as a public school trustee, council member or mayor. There is still plenty of time to think it over. The final date for filing throughout the Crossroads area in the May 10 elections is still just a week away — Monday, March 8.

There are plenty of positions up for election, including seats on the Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma city councils; all of the area's school boards, save for Grady and Garden City which elect trustees in November; and the Howard College Board of Trustees.

Our purpose here, however, is not to encourage involvement simply for the sake of having contested races.

No, as we have noted in this space many times and will continue to do so, the decision to seek one of these positions is one that should only be made after quite a lot of thought.

The men and women who serve on these boards help shape the future of our schools and our communities. Their decisions affect each one of us in some way, whether it is the amount of taxes we pay, the services we receive or the quality of education that our children and grandchildren get in the classroom.

They don't teach, coach or put in water lines or fill potholes, but their decisions determine how funds should be allocated to accomplish those tasks.

We've also mentioned before — and won't hesitate to add again — that these individuals serve as role models for our communities and schools, representing us not only on the boards they serve, but many times on a broader scale, such as regional service centers and councils of governments.

And finally, before deciding to seek office, a potential representative of the school district or city must decide to work for the good of the entire community. They must be willing to study all sides of an issue and not rush to judgment.

Because of these responsibilities, the decision to seek office as a school board trustee, councilperson or mayor is one that should be made carefully.

It's a decision that shouldn't be made in spite, either.

But for those who decide they want to serve all of us, we wish them the best of luck.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

If we're not walking with You, Lord, may we rethink our future.

Amen

Fighting like the devil in Haiti

The pioneering labor organizer Mother Jones said, "Pray for the dead, and fight like hell for the living." That pretty much sums up Haiti's priorities today.

The nation called the "pearl of the Antilles," back when it was the wealthiest Caribbean colony, has always known how to fight like hell. The African slaves, who were brought to Haiti to generate wealth for France, launched a rebellion in the 1790s that merged subterfuge on the plantations with guerrilla warfare. They won in 1804, thus creating the only successful slave revolution ever and the world's first black republic.

Though liberated from France and from slavery, neither the transported Africans nor their descendants ever truly became free.

Self-proclaimed emperors and presidents-for-life exploited the poor, benefiting themselves, large landowners and businesses. State neglect of citizens' needs, feudal agricultural practices and violent security forces kept people trapped in vicious poverty with their rights suppressed.

The concentration of land and resources devastated the vast majority. Today, more than half of Haiti lives on less than \$1 a day.

Foreign governments also played a role from the very beginning. After the rebellion, the French saddled Haiti with a crippling debt upon its independence, equal to \$21 billion today (France threatened to invade if Haiti didn't compensate it for the loss of "property").

And the United States slapped on a decades-long embargo to ensure that word of the revolution didn't reach slaves over here.

The role of foreign powers in undermining Haiti hasn't changed. Marines killed many Haitians during the 1915-1934 U.S. occupation of the country. Later, the U.S. strongly supported the brutal dictatorship of Papa and Baby Doc that ran from 1957 until 1986.

Papa Doc's security force, known as the Tonton Macoutes, was heavily influenced by the vicious U.S. troops put in place during the occupation.

More recently, the U.S. government helped oust the democratically elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide not once, but twice—in 1991 and 2004.

Contemporary U.S. economic policies, together with the actions of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, have aggravated what Haitians call the "development of underdevelopment."

Free trade has destroyed agricultural production, in turn contributing to a food crisis and growing a sweatshop economy, with farmers forced to migrate to Port-au-Prince in search of work.

The original foreign debt to France has been replaced by \$1.05 billion in debt to the IMF and others. The international financial institutions will surely never get back the capital, but their creditor role does allow them to largely control the Haitian government's economic policies.

Throughout the constant political and economic oppression has run another constant: a highly organized grassroots movement that has never given up the battle its ancestors began more than 200 years ago. The movement is composed of women, peasants, clergy and laity, workers and

others. Its mobilization, protests and advocacy have brought down dictators and staved off some terrible economic policies.

Haitian society has been able to keep alive a rich culture and a solidarity economy, in which neighbors and strangers care for each other's needs.

The Haitian people may not yet have gained the rights and economic justice they deserve, but neither have they given up.

Yolette Etienne, Oxfam Haiti's director, said years ago: "Bamboo symbolizes Haitian people to a T. Bamboo takes whatever adversity comes along, but afterwards it straightens itself back up."

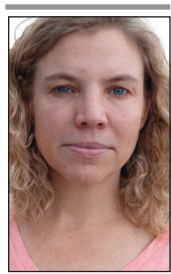
Already, after one of the worst natural disasters in world history, they're straightening themselves back up. Grassroots organizations are planning their strategies. More than 50 groups recently declared their priorities, which include: "housing, environment, food, education, literacy, work and health for all; a plan to wipe out exploitation, poverty and social and economic inequality; and a plan to construct a society which is based on social justice."

Lenz Jean-François, a coordinator of a grassroots organization in one of Port-au-Prince's poorest neighborhoods, says, "The people have to become a principal actor in the future, to transform this earthquake into an opportunity from which we can reconstruct our country with justice and rights."

You go, Haitians. Fight like hell for the living.

As Mother Jones knew, we in the U.S. have much to learn from you.

Beverly Bell, an Institute for Policy Studies associate fellow, runs the economic justice group Other Worlds. She's currently in Haiti.



BEVERLY BELL



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to say a "big thank you" to all the Big Spring and Howard County residents that have been supporting local Girl Scout troops during cookie sale time.

Local merchants have been great in letting the local troops set up cookie booths. Big Spring residents are always so supportive of local children's programs in general, whether it is Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, the Salvation Army Toy Drive, Isaiah 58 or school programs.

I always think to myself, these girls are our future leaders and I want them to experience it all. These experiences allow them to dream big and provide opportunities they may not have had if they were not part of the Girl Scout organization. My troop set a large goal to help with funding our troop of 34 girls for next year's activities. The girls have grown so much, physically and mentally, since I started volunteering a year and half ago. Cookie sale time is often stressful for the cookie mom's and the leaders but

after all the booths and neighborhood sales, the girls have learned invaluable lessons such as goal-setting, leadership skills, taking action in their community, social interacts and manners.

So again, thank you Big Spring, and a big thank you to all my hardworking volunteer moms and beautiful Brownies!

Just a side note: We have just a few short weeks to sell the rest of our cookies, so remember, they freeze well.

ERICA PARTLOW-MELTON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently I had treatment as a VA outpatient. The entire staff involved was professional, polite and competent. The surgeon was Dr. Gaddum Reddy and I was immensely impressed with the level of professional care given.

I had not seen the new surgical suite until my procedure. It was very impressive.

I cannot remember all the nurses involved. I believe the nurse anesthesiologist was named Sta-

cey. The others included Mara, Maria and Missy. Maria Lopez had been there more than 20 years and was most thorough and comforting.

Dr. A Guevera has been particularly helpful and insightful in treating me as an outpatient. She takes time to go the extra mile.

The entire staff needs to be commended for its high level of performance.

Big Spring is extremely fortunate to have this facility and this caliber of personnel.

G. ARTHUR MCKAY
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to complain about the Gregg Street improvements. I would like to believe that I am not the only one that thinks a lot of this is very poorly done.

If you are a business owner and your customers now have to jump a curb to enter or exit your business, you should be complaining. There are many

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Texas QB Gilbert ready to step in for Colt McCoy

AUSTIN (AP) — It's been a long time since the Texas Longhorns had to break in a new starting quarterback.

The Longhorns begin spring practice on Friday and Garrett Gilbert will formally step in to replace Colt McCoy. Coach Mack Brown is already saying he expects Gilbert to be "really good."

Less than two months ago, Gilbert, a former national high school player of the year, was pressed into duty five plays into the BCS championship game against Alabama when McCoy went down with an injury.

Gilbert, still a freshman with hardly any college experience, struggled early as Texas fell behind 24-6. But he ral-

lied the Longhorns with two touchdown passes in the second half before two late scores sealed the Crimson Tide's 37-21 win.

Brown said tlaying on the biggest stage possible prepared Gilbert to take over the Texas offense.

"If he had not played in that game and had not played well like he did ... I think the team probably wouldn't know what they had going into the spring. Now they know. This guy can be good," Brown said.

"We hope he gets back on that stage. He'll never be on a bigger one," Brown said.

Despite being thrust into a difficult situation and one few would have expected him to win, Brown said, Gilbert was hurt by the loss. Gilbert

was 15-of-40 passing with four interceptions, but those numbers don't show how much better he played in the second half when Texas mounted its comeback.

"I think if he was fragile, that would hurt him. He'll use that game to motivate himself and make himself better," Brown said.

McCoy is at the NFL combine this week after starting every game for Texas the last four seasons. He was twice a finalist for the Heisman Trophy and set an NCAA record for starting quarterbacks with 45 career victories.

Gilbert played in 10 games last season, completing 30 of 66 passes for 310 yards and two touchdowns. His father, Gale Gilbert, played

quarterback in the NFL for eight seasons and is the only player in league history to be a member of five straight Super Bowl teams, four with Buffalo and one with San Diego from 1991-95.

At 6-foot-4, 215 pounds, Garrett Gilbert is bigger than McCoy and may have a stronger arm, but is not as likely to run as often. McCoy led Texas in rushing in 2008.

Brown compared Gilbert taking over for McCoy to when McCoy followed Vince Young after the 2005 national championship season.

"Garrett will be different than Colt. Colt was very different than

Vince," Brown said.

Back then, McCoy had to fight off a challenge from Jevan Snead, who transferred to Mississippi after the 2006 season. Gilbert doesn't have a challenger as the starter. Senior backup Sherrod Harris will be trying to hold off freshmen Case McCoy (Colt's younger brother) and Connor Wood for the No. 2 spot.

Texas had several other key losses.

Safety Earl Thomas, left for the NFL after his sophomore season. Defensive linemen Lamarr Houston and Sergio Kindle have finished their eligibility. On

offense, top wide receiver and punt returner Jordan Shipley has graduated and the Longhorns lose three starters from the offensive line.

The Longhorns signed one of the top recruiting classes in the country on Feb. 3 and Brown warned his returning players that the incoming freshmen could challenge for spots in the lineup by the 2010 season opener Sept. 4 at Rice.

"We've told the older guys, 'Get your spot this spring or we'll look for other guys in the fall. You've got your chance right now,'" Brown said.

STEERS

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title since 1989 — before any of the current Steer players were born — and won a playoff game for the first time in more than two decades.

"From the start of the season when we played San Angelo Central to the end, we had a better team," Morris said. "That's because these kids came to work, with great attitudes, and we're going to miss these seniors a lot."

Big Spring's nine-man senior class, including three-year starter Jerrell Williams, all-district post Matt Ritchey and the Parnell twins, among others, leaves behind a strong legacy, Morris said.

"We've been through a million miles on the bus and lots of fast food burgers," Morris said. "It's been a great group."

Austin's Baker scored the first four points of a low-scoring but fast-paced game early, but

the Steers responded with a bucket from Xavian Parnell and two Luke Adams free throws to even the score midway through the first quarter. After two buckets from Bell, the Steers pulled ahead with 11 straight points, including a buzzer-beating 25-footer from Luke Adams at the end of the first frame. Adams hit another three to start the second, giving Big Spring a 15-9 advantage with 7:50 left in the half.

The Steers would score just one more bucket in the period as Austin finished the half on a 12-2 run, giving it a 21-17 halftime lead. The Steers turned the ball over 13 times in the half.

"We've had those games where we have those turnovers, but when we'd get our hands on it (Friday), we wouldn't pick it up," Morris said. "We'd just kind of bat it around."

Austin picked up in the second half right where it left off in the first. The Panthers

opened the third period on a 8-2 run and poured it on with a speed and athleticism the Steers could not match. By the time the quarter ended, Big Spring found itself down 18 points.

The Steers made their bid for a comeback in the fourth, but Austin kept Big Spring at bay from the free-throw line to preserve the win.

Austin moves on to face Canyon Randall, which beat favored El Paso Canutillo on Thursday, in Seminole.

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EP Austin (27-6)- Timothy Bell 5-11 6-7 16, Mario Ramos 1-2 0-0 3, Devarre Wright 5-8 0-0 12, Jose Vega 1-3 1-1 3, Isaac Spencer 1-9 2-4 5, Tony Baker 7-17 4-4 18; Totals 20-45 13-17 57;

3-point goals — Big Spring 5-14 (Williams 2, Adams 3), Austin 4-13 (Bell 2, Ramos, Spencer); Rebounds — 33-32 BS (X. Parnell 5, Baker 8); Turnovers EP 15, BS 23;

AWARDS

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sive MVP. Ashton Snellgrove, Krista Sanchez, Adrian Carrasco and Tiffany Saucedo all earned first-team honors.

Fleckeinstein averaged 16 points per game and Jones averaged 12 in Stanton's fast-paced offense. The Lady Buffs advanced to the bidistrict playoffs this season.

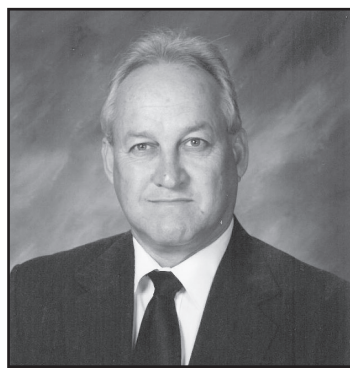
"We were really proud of how we were represented on the all-district team," Stanton coach Jim Kinnear said. "It speaks a lot for the girls themselves. We had an outstanding season. Any time you can win 20 or more games you have to be proud, and we were."

For Forsan, Amanda Longorio, Miranda Park, Morgan Forshee and Shelby Jones all were placed on the first team. Ambra Hill was

named the district's newcomer of the year and Kelsey Jones was the district's defensive MVP. Forsan's Lady Buffs also advanced to the bidistrict round of the playoffs.

"I'm happy," Forsan coach Robert Hillger said. "We were well-represented. And we have two first-teamers coming back in Miranda (Park) and Forshee, so we're looking forward to that."

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Tuesday deadline for Extension course registration

Special to the Herald

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Howard County is offering a food manager certification training course, and the deadline for registering is Tuesday.

The program will be offered for a \$110 fee on March 17-18 at the Howard County Library. Cost includes training, materials and the state food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare food service

managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of

how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States.

Each year, one in four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

During a past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to require each food establishment to have

one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many people have already received a letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding implementation of the new rules.

Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health Services must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for five

years.

The Extension Service notes that benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction.
- Improved relationships with health officials.
- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness.

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about: Identifying

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Kiwanis Club President Ann Duncan, with scissors, is joined by club members and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives during a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday to mark the club's becoming a member of the chamber.

Energy Watch



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

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



The stock market has been in a normal correctional phase for four weeks. This time-out should be no surprise. However, we believe there is something much more critical to discuss that is finally receiving increased attention. It is the government's recently released budget and the red ink that extends as far as anyone can see.

Skeptics and sourpusses bears are very negative about the future of America and if nothing is done, we feel they could be right. However, we are reminded of a great poem by T.S. Eliot titled "The Hollow Men" (1925). In it, he states, "this is the way the world ends. Not with a bang but a whimper."

America is not a bunch of whimperers who run around in circles, achieving nothing. America is a land of positive thinkers, of optimists and entrepreneurs. Optimism is not dead. It had been badly bruised, but is coming back.

We believe there is a revival of "bang" in our society. People are speaking up. Like the Tea Parties or not, they do show a new energy among folks who have been quiet for years.

The bad news budget is a product of both the current and the prior administration and it is scary. Moody's, the credit rating agency, warned that the U.S. triple-A sovereign credit rating could come under pressure if our economy does not perform well or other action is not taken to reduce the deficit.

The current budget forecast, different from prior ones, does not paint a rosy outlook for the deficit or the economy.

If our people just "whimper" along, the long-term outlook for America is not bright. Our nation's history, however, says Americans will start doing whatever "banging" needs to be done to restore our nation to what it has been and can be again.

Wow! It's not even close to July Fourth and we are already sounding like Jimmy Cagney in one of our favorite movies, "Yankee Doodle Dandy." Before you call us cockeyed optimist, look at the history of America and what we have survived since 1776.

Yes, we have very serious problems but that's the nature of life, the economy and the stock market. You know, if we have so many faults, why is immigration such a problem?

Frankly, if one is negative on the future of America, they should consider selling stocks that could appreciate if our economy grows.

If one is optimistic about America's future, corrections such as the past four weeks create buying opportunities.

Yes, we are going through very hard times both domestically and internationally. The good news is that everyone knows this and that is why the market's overall valuation level is very reasonable.

We have been keeping the faith in America for many years as students of the market and see no reason to lose that faith now.

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Get ready:

Interest rate hikes bring good and bad

DAVE CARPENTER

AP Personal Finance Writer

CHICAGO — The rate hikes are coming! The rate hikes are coming!

Eventually.

Days after the Federal Reserve seemed to sound the alarm that the era of near-zero interest rates is ending, Chairman Ben Bernanke tempered those expectations a bit this week. Just because the Fed boosted the rate it charges banks, he told Congress, doesn't mean it will move any time soon to boost broader interest rates too.

Nonetheless, it behooves investors to be ready, regardless whether rate hikes come in the second half of 2010 or not until next year.

Despite what some may think, moving toward higher rates will be good news in many ways.

It's an endorsement of the economy's potential to soon stand on its own without the help of emergency rates. It means yields from CDs as well as savings and money-market accounts at banks won't be minuscule much longer. It could even bode well for certain types of stocks.

But higher interest rates are bad for bonds and may make some other holdings less appealing too, especially once inflation starts rising. So investors should take a close look at what they own and consider making changes.

"It's a wake-up call," says Larry Glazer, managing partner at Mayflower Advisors in Boston. "People need to take a step back and figure out what they're trying to accomplish."

Here's how higher rates could affect your personal finances.

BONDS

Bonds are in line to experience the biggest fallout since they gen-

erally move inversely to interest rates. When interest rates exceed the rate on a previously issued bond, the bond's value on the open market drops.

That could be costly for investors who poured more than \$400 billion into bond funds since the start of 2009, according to the Investment Company Institute. Seeking stability, they could instead now be setting themselves up for a fall.

Greg Merlino, a planner with Ameriway Financial Services in Voorhees, N.J., is working to lessen and reallocate his clients' bond holdings for that reason.

"What we saw last year was people getting out of stocks and into Treasuries, high-grade corporate bonds, extremely 'safe' stuff," he says. "That's where you're going to see some pain once rates move up."

Long-term bond funds could be the most vulnerable.

Yet this doesn't mean to strip your portfolio of all bond funds and other fixed-income investments.

Be wary of being overly invested in bonds and consider reallocating, says Brad Sorensen, director of market and sector analysis for the Schwab Center for Financial Research in Denver. But no one knows where the market will go for certain, so it's important to keep a long-term horizon in mind.

Dan Fuss, a renowned fixed-income manager, knows that patience with bonds can be rewarded. His Loomis Sayles Bond Fund lost 22 percent in 2008 and then rebounded with a 37 percent return last year.

"Bonds don't go up in a rising rate environment. But you can make money in bonds after a couple years' stutter-step," he told the CFA Society of Chicago last week, adding that a downturn in

bonds may not last that long.

STOCKS

Overall market returns may be harder to come when the Fed determines it needs to raise interest rates to try to keep the economy from growing too fast. But stocks should still climb.

A Standard & Poor's study of what happened after past rate hikes tells the story: Stocks rose at only a modestly lower rate than the norm.

All told, the Fed has moved 13 times since 1946 to raise rates, usually in a series of increases lasting about 25 months. The Standard & Poor's 500 index has risen a not-too-paltry 6.2 percent on average in the year following the start of the process, according to Sam Stovall, S&P's chief investment strategist.

What's more, some sectors have been big winners over those 12 months following the first rate hike, with technology stocks jumping an average 20 percent higher and health care stocks up 13 percent.

Tread carefully, though. Some sectors have been big laggards when rates rise, notably utilities, financials and materials.

INFLATION

Bernanke professes not to be overly concerned about inflation, so you shouldn't either.

That leaves investors to determine whether Treasury inflation-protected securities, or TIPS, are a wise buy now or not.

Unlike with many corporate bonds, you can be fully confident that the issuer — the U.S. government — will pay you back. The return on these Treasury bonds is adjusted to eliminate the impact of inflation.

Just be aware the optimal

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businesses that now have a curb (I'm sure the company that put them in would call them speed bumps), but who got to decide where they needed to be and where they didn't? There is no consistency to how this was done, as not all businesses have them but a lot of them do.

So how do we get this changed or corrected, or do we just get to live with it? With the speed limit being 40 mph on Gregg, it is scary and dangerous to have to practically stop to enter these businesses.

For my part, I will try to avoid those businesses that are done this way and I do not feel like this is good for our community.

LINDA PARK
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed family aquatic center. It seems that the majority of individuals in our community are in favor of constructing a new facility in some form or fashion. However, the argument lies in the proposed scope of the facility.

There are essentially two options available.

Option 1 would demolish the existing facility and construct a generic replica for approximately \$2.5 million that would service a maximum of 250 people per day that would be geared towards the youth in our community.

Option 2 would also demolish the existing facility but construct a more elaborate family aquatic center for approximately \$4.2 million that could service around 600 people per day and would accommodate community members of all ages.

The argument essentially boils down to the amount of tax burden that the average

home owner would be asked to carry. After speaking with my city councilman and paying careful attention to information provided by our city staff, the difference between a generic rectangular pool and a family aquatic center would equate to an estimated \$10 per year for the average homeowner.

There are several positive reasons to support the construction of a family aquatic center. First and foremost, it would be a tremendous asset to our community that all age groups could utilize, enjoy and be proud of.

This facility could prove to be an invaluable tool used to keep the at-risk youth of our community off of the streets and out of trouble during their idle time in the summer. This fact alone could possibly save the city and ultimately the individual taxpayers a significant amount of money by curbing vandalism, theft, etc.

This facility would also add to a growing list of attractions that Big Spring has to offer. The number of unique attractions a community possesses is vital to attracting new businesses and citizens, i.e. reducing the current tax burden. In order for a modern city to ensure a sustainable future, it must make progressive decisions now, which is what our current city administration and council are doing.

We have elected our council members to make these types of progressive decisions for our community, so we should trust that they are keeping the taxpayer's best interest in mind.

There never has been, nor will there be a best time to carry an increased tax burden. However, the only way to address community needs and enhance what it has to offer is to support these types of projects.

When individuals only consider the tax burden that they have to carry and not the impact that a proposed project will have on the community

it is detrimental to progress. This type of thinking leads to bumpy roads, dilapidated school buildings and unusable public facilities.

I would encourage others to seek out information from their respective city council person and pay attention to the information provided to the local media by the city in order to have an informed opinion, whether it be for or against.

As a father with a young family and a taxpayer, I pledge my unwavering support for the construction of a family aquatic center.

JASON MIMS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Out of my mail box the other day I, and I'm sure most people of Big Spring got one, came a notice from the city of Big Spring water treatment plant saying that our drinking water failed to meet the minimum treatment technique requirements.

It also said to not drink the water because it can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and headaches.

My question is for our city council: What is wrong with you people? You are going to push down our throats a \$4.2 million water park, but can't give the people of Big Spring what we really need and must have, water we can drink.

Shame on you and shame on the people of Big Spring for letting this happen. We don't need a water park.

BOB KINCHELOE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I've just received another notice in the mail regarding the water provided by the city of Big Spring.

This notice says that the water failed to meet the requirements set forth by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the month of December 2009. It goes on to

say that inadequately treated water may contain disease causing organisms and/or bacteria, viruses and parasites which can cause such things as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and headaches.

I'm not exactly sure what good it does to tell me about it two months after the fact, but I digress.

Can someone give me one good reason why our elected officials feel it reasonable to spend \$4.2 million for a "water park" while our infrastructure is languishing?

Speaking for myself, I'd rather have a \$4.2 million upgrade to the plant that is treating my drinking water than a "water park."

I'm a registered voter and I sincerely hope that my elected officials will get their priorities straight before election time, especially considering that good jobs are difficult to find.

CHRIS HOGG
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been following the story about the city wanting a water park for all citizens that will be open for about three months each year.

I was hoping that the \$4.2 million would pay for the fence (gating) that will go around the water park and pay for all the water that would be used for it. However, my water bill just went up 20 cents per thousands used, so I know that is not going to happen.

Will the money pay for all the operation and maintenance that will be required or the lifeguards that will be needed for 500 swimmers? What about the vandalism during the months its not in use?

My next thought on the water park is, does the city council believe that school age kids that are given free breakfasts, free lunches, free school supplies and donations at Christmas time be able to enjoy the city park and have the money

to get inside the pool area?

DONNA GROENKE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again it is time to vote for two open seats on the city council. So far, I have not heard of anyone applying for these seats except for the ones that already hold them.

I have heard complaint after complaint about the things that this council has done and passed without the majority of the citizens' approval. It continues to do exactly what it wants, even when people tell them they do not want or need these things.

Starting with the golf course that only a few people use, if you work for the city, you get a discount or get to use it free, depending on who you are.

Remember, the taxpayer paid for it and does not get this discount.

The new jail house was built on the west side of town that should have been built across the street north of the courthouse on the empty property that is used only once or twice during the year. This would have saved the taxpayers money.

The center aisle that is being installed on Main Street does not make it feasible to park in front of the post office. Again, taxpayer money that could have been saved for another project.

The new sports complex that was built north of town is another. We already had plenty of sports fields here that could have been updated for a quarter of the cost of that project. The only good thing to come out of it is now we have some decent football fields for our kids to play on, instead of the run-down field over by the college.

The new water park the city council wants to build? All we need is a nice swimming pool for the kids to go to. You don't even have a diving board located in this water park.

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COUNTY COURT DECISIONS:
 Judgment and Sentence: Manuel Romero Lozano III, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail.
 Probated Judgment: Andrea Denise Alender, cruelty to non-livestock animals - failure to provide, \$2,000 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Michael Shae Jackman, violation of a protective order, \$1,000 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Floyd Ray Pope II, driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Jesse Dutchover Perez, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$2,000 fine, \$457 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Manuel Romero Lozano III, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without financial responsibility, \$1,500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail.
 Probated Judgment: Chance Kessler, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Cecil Garcia, driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension without financial responsibility, \$565 fine, \$232 court costs.
 Probated Judgment: Kara Christine Bingham, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Chance Perryman, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Amador Rios Jr., violation of a protective order, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 45 days in jail.
 Probated Judgment: Mario Ireneo Yanez, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without financial responsibility, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Jonathan Arrendondo, assault causing bodily injury - family violence, \$4,000 fine, \$282 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Lolita Alvarez Salazar, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$3,000 fine, \$457 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

DISTRICT COURT FILINGS:
 In Re Daniella Fierro, family.
 Radon Khas Baker vs. Amanda Jaene Baker, divorce.
 Elpidio Ortega vs. Helena Cantu Mora, divorce.
 Jose Baldermar Hernandez vs. Ronnie Walker, injury or damages.
 Mary Lupe Olivares vs. Jimmy Herrera Olivares, divorce.
 In Re order of foreclosure concerning Delmas and Susan Ward, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Heather Atkinson vs. Rickie Hair, protective order.
 CACH LLC vs. Gumisinda Juarez, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Courtney Ann Johnson vs. Christopher Vaughn Johnson, divorce.
 In Re Jose Omar Salinas Jr., family.

MARRIAGE LICENSES:
 Jeffrey Brian Reagan, 35, and

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 Gregorio Medina, 34, and Naomi Gonzales, 38, both of Big Spring.
 Jose Hilario Martinez, 23, and Brandy Renee Garcia, 20, both of Big Spring.
 Elias Villa Jr., 55, of San Antonio, and Patricia Galan Lopez, 54, of Big Spring.

WARRANTY DEEDS:
 Grantor: Benito Gonzales and Silveria Gonzales
 Grantee: Vainey L. Ortiz
 Property: The W/140 feet of Lot 2, Block 1, Reynolds Addition
 Date: Feb. 4, 2010
 Grantor: Helen Fannin and Mary Leatham
 Grantee: Francis James
 Property: A tract out of Section 37, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Feb. 18, 2010
 Grantor: Miriam Jean Parker and Richard Parker
 Grantee: J. Mark Hardgrave and Debra Hardgrave
 Property: Lots 1-2, Block 19, College Heights
 Date: Feb. 19, 2010
 Grantor: Rosemarie Speaker
 Grantee: Marcellous Weaver
 Property: Lots 7-9, Block 12, Washington Place
 Date: Feb. 19, 2010
 Grantor: Sarah A. Robles
 Grantee: Melanie Molina
 Property: The W/2 of Tract 20 of the William B. Currie Subdivision
 Date: Feb. 19, 2010
 Grantor: Albert Eugene Kelley
 Grantee: Alvaro J. Palacios
 Property: lot 11, Block 107, Original Town of Big Spring
 Date: Feb. 19, 2010
 Grantor: Ab-Tex Beverage Ltd.
 Grantee: Bottling Group LLC
 Property: A 6.8-acre tract out of Section 20, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Feb. 22, 2010
 Grantor: Phillip Riddle and Sue Riddle
 Grantee: Marcellous Weaver
 Property: Lot 5, Block 3, Marshall Fields Estates
 Date: Feb. 24, 2010
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 Grantor: Kinney Marlow Dupree and Melissa Dupree
 Grantee: Dustin Garrett
 Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 10, Fairview Heights
 Date: Feb. 18, 2010
 Grantor: Charlie Shane Clark and Kym Clark
 Grantee: Richard J. Good Jr.
 Property: A tract out of Section 34, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Feb. 22, 2010
 Grantor: Delinda Reid and Rebecca G. Holleman
 Grantee: Gerald Lee Harris Jr.
 Property: Lots 11-12, Block 22, McDowell Heights
 Date: Feb. 22, 2010
 Grantor: Marcellous Weaver
 Grantee: Blake D. Durham
 Property: A tract out of Section 21, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Feb. 24, 2010
 Grantor: Donnie Reid
 Grantee: Lester Jourdan Sr. and Kimberly Jourdan
 Property: A 4.1-acre tract out of Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Feb. 24, 2010
 Grantor: Jack Watkins Bypass Trust
 Grantee: Jack A. Bain Sr.
 Property: Th S/65 feet of the E/150 feet of Lot 20 and the N/10 feet of the E/150 feet of Lot 21, Block 12, North park Hill Addition
 Date: Feb. 24, 2010

RATES

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 timing for buying TIPS may have passed. So many investors piled into them last year, concerned that heavy government spending

would spur inflation, that some advisers consider them too pricey now.
 SAVING/BORROWING
 Long-suffering savers can look forward to a time when their money can grow at a decent

clip again while sitting in the bank. Currently, rates for one-year CDs are under 1.7 percent, savings and money-market bank accounts often below 1 percent and money-market mutual funds hovering just above zero.
 At the same time, ris-

ing rates will make mortgages and other loans more expensive. If you're thinking about buying a home or refinancing an existing mortgage, it might be time to consider locking in those low-low rates.
 All these trends are likely to be gradual,

and hinge on a Fed decision that still appears months away.
 But financial planners like Paul Ahern of WealthTrust-Arizona in Scottsdale, Ariz., are making it a priority to talk with clients about

what it all means and prepare for the inevitable.
 "The economy's still too uncertain to call, so I don't think they can raise rates just yet," he says. "But we know it's coming."

COURSE

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Did any one of you ask the kids in town? I would say not, since any kid I know would think you were crazy not to have a diving board at a pool. Once again, it shows you will do what you want instead of what the citizens of this town have told you they want.

These are just a few bonded things the city council and its followers, and a few other people that thought they were doing the right thing, have passed.

Now, the main problem is we have approximately 20,000 people in this town and only about 2,500 voters. The majority of voters keep putting the same people in office year after year.

When you try to get the votes to keep from passing these bonds, you cannot get enough signatures to keep it from passing because you have to be a registered voter.

Another problem is 65 percent of the citizens here do not own property and do not pay property taxes, and for the percentage of them that do vote, it does not matter to them because they are not paying for the bond anyway.

I also heard that we have paid off a bond and the city council is still taking taxpayer money for that bond to help pay for the water park. If that is so, then that is stealing in my book and they should be put in jail for theft.

I'm sure I am making a few people mad, but that is what I want. I am tired of the same people being voted in and everybody complaining and not doing anything about it.

So, if you want a change and are tired of the same people that do not want to hear what you have to say, or do what you tell them to do, then vote someone else in; or stop complaining if you don't.

Just remember they work for you. You do not work for them. They are complacent in their jobs and feel they do not have to answer to anyone and do what they want. It is time to replace all these disrespectful city council people and replace them with people that will listen to the majority of people and not their followers.

CHARLES DYKES
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I can't let the article by the mayor go by without some comments. I think there are some considerations that should be given to the citizens of our city.

Cost: \$4.2 million seems to be an exorbitant amount of money to be spent on a water facility of a city of fewer than 25,000 people. Let's do the pool, at \$2.5 million and spend the other \$2 million on street and water line repairs.

I live on Goliad Street, and between Sixth and 10th Streets there are a minimum of 12 breaks that have been repaired by the city in the last few years. It is the same all over town. It seems almost anywhere you drive in the city you come upon a large pit that has been dug to repair a water line break.

erated like the pool, it will only be open three months of the year. Doesn't \$4.2 million seem like a lot of our money to be spent for a facility to be used three months a year?

Operation: Once the park is built it doesn't matter how much it costs to run and maintain, it will have to be done. Are there going to be suitable lifeguards available to man it and city personnel to maintain it? If I remember correctly, we have had to close the present pool on some occasions because no lifeguard was available.

Once the facility is operational, it doesn't matter how much it costs to operate, it will be kept open and the costs will be added to the city budget. Then the cry will be we don't have enough money to operate the city so we must raise taxes, again.

My city taxes have doubled in the past five years. The city is like the federal government — it has no money other than what it takes from its citizens in taxes and fees.

The disadvantaged: Yes, we have a lot of disadvantaged folks in our community. But if you are truly disadvantaged, are you going to spend money to send your children to the water park? I also don't believe we will see any kind of influx from surrounding communities to use the facility.

Are you going to drive 40 or more miles to take your child swimming? I doubt it.

I attended the council meeting when the presentation for the park was given and it appeared the council had a closed mind about the project, like we're going to do this no matter what the citizens want.

We are supposed to be a retirement city, but if taxes and fees continue to rise at the present rate, we very well may lose that title.

Solution: Let the taxpayers vote. Do you have the intestinal fortitude?

After all, it is we who will be paying the bills.

CLEM JONES
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I found two pieces of mail from the city of Big Spring in my mail box yesterday. The first was a \$90 water bill, and the second, a notice advising me that the water supplied to my house in the month of December did not meet the minimum state requirements.

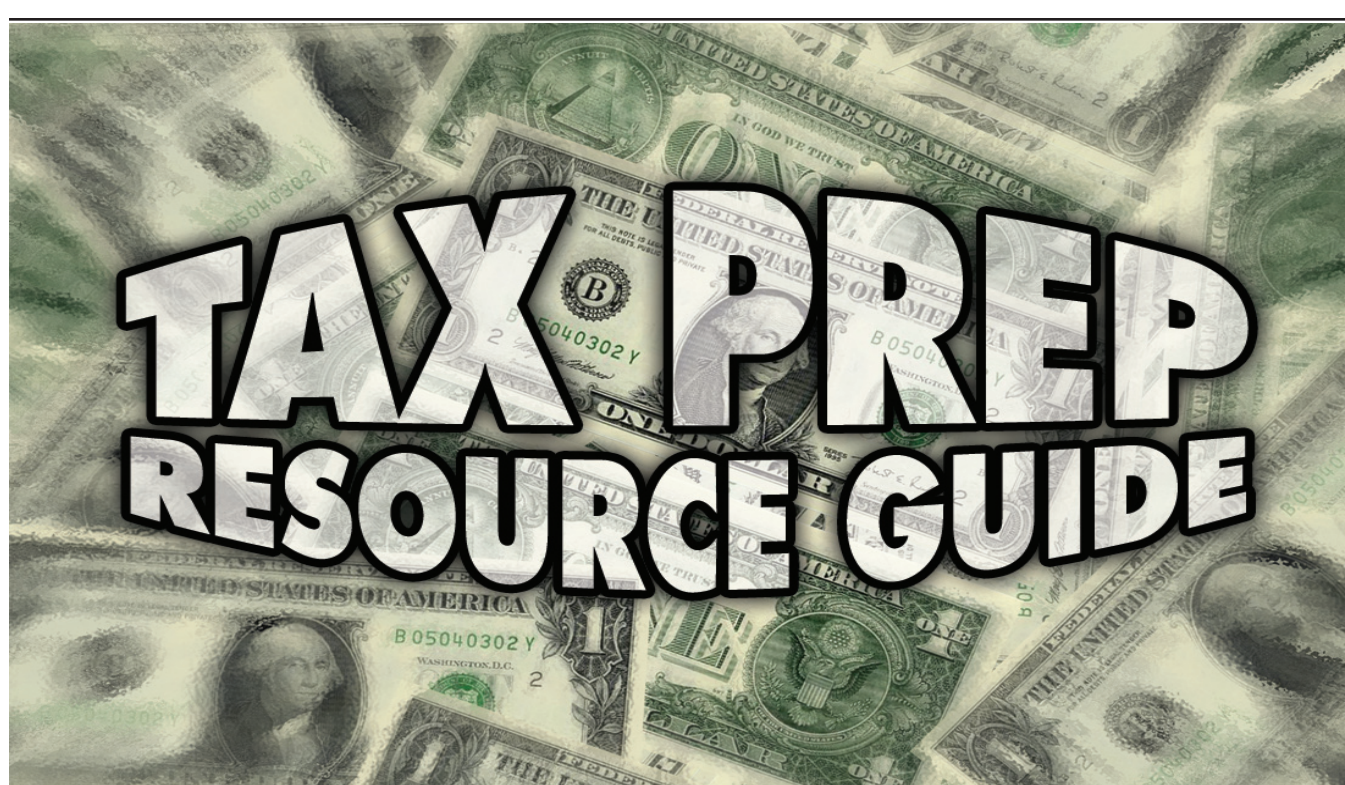
Dang, I already drank it!

I get those notices frequently, and I always think, "Wow! This would be a great time for the mayor and city council to raise taxes and build a water park."

Regardless of your thoughts concerning the water park, we as a community should be thankful for the members of the Concerned Citizens Council and most especially the Texas Freedom of Information Foundation for doing the right thing by ensuring the mayor and council follow the laws that protect citizens' rights.

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vote on the tax increase, instead of ramming it down our collective throats.

A second opportunity to do the right thing presented itself when the mayor and council realized they had not met the state-mandated requirements. At that point, rather than trying to circumvent the law regarding open meeting requirements, they could have allowed a vote on the tax increase.

Now a third opportunity is available to do the right thing. I ask the mayor and city council to eliminate the need for a costly legal procedure and just allow the citizens to vote on the tax increase.

Regarding the mayor's comments in Sunday's paper, he doesn't know how much it will cost to repair the pool, but a new pool like the one we have will cost \$2.5 million. So, we might as well get a water park, because that \$2.5 million is close to \$4.2 million.

Hey, that makes sense. Wait, \$4.2 million is almost \$6 million, and that's halfway to \$10 million. Heck, let's just go for \$20 million — the taxpayers are the ones who pay for it. If we had a \$10 million or \$20 million Disney World-type pool, there would never be any delinquency in Big Spring again, and wouldn't it be wonderful?

Personally, I oppose a tax increase of any kind during these times. I think it is time for our elected officials to earn their pay and look for ways to save money. I suggest they look to the state for guidance and ask each department to submit proposals to cut at least 5 percent from last year's budget, maybe even offer incentives for those who

find ways to cut departmental spending by as much as 10 percent.

It seems the city had no problems finding money to cover a mistake made in accounting when a local company was going to be taxed twice for their property values. I wonder how much more money we could find if we truly managed our departments' expenses and spent only what was necessary.

I realize there are those with different opinions regarding the water park, and I can respect the mayor and council's opinion regarding the pool, but surely all citizens and elected officials believe we have the right to vote on issues such as tax increases and major investments in non-essential additions to the community. I still believe that with the right management of our resources, we could provide appropriate summer recreation, including swimming, for our community without raising taxes.

I encourage everyone to vote in the upcoming elections and remember the tax and spend history of the current mayor and city council members. I hope we will have candidates who understand the tough financial times we are in and will commit to managing our resources and assuring citizens have the right to vote on tax increases and other significant issues.

For the school board: What is up with this? The county and Howard College whacked us last year, the city is hitting us with higher taxes and water rates this year, you want \$42 million?

I can support a small tax increase to begin this process, but how about backing off a little. Times are hard. Let's look at one piece of this project at a time. We are out of money.

If you want to do something for the kids in school, how about trying to set an example of using some integrity. That move of "artificially" zeroing out one budget and increasing debt on another to cheat the state taxpayers didn't go unnoticed by our children. What will you tell them when they "artificially" change test scores? I just don't think that was the right thing to do.

Let's all vote.

TOMMY DUNCAN
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is written after careful consideration and thought. First of all, I would like to acknowledge my support for our Big Spring City Council.

The way I see this all unfolding is that a few years ago we had a vote on the smoking ban and an overwhelming majority of the citizens of Big Spring voted to ban smoking in public places.

This angered a minority of citizens that have never gotten over this defeat. As time went along, this minority group of people found it fit to get together and call themselves "Concerned Citizens Council" and become a disruptive force in our local government to the detriment of the majority.

I myself was born and raised in Big Spring. My roots are deep-seated and my concern is for the majority. I could be wrong, but I believe that some, if not the whole of the CCC is made up of "carpetbaggers," or to be plain, people not from here.

I, for one of the majority, do not want, nor need the CCC to look out for me, my family, or my city. We have done well without your interfering with our city government, and I implore you to cease

and desist.

I have been sitting on the sidelines watching the CCC interfere with each and every move our city council makes and then calling them to the mat. They initially wanted them to get thrown out. I could not believe the gall of this minority group, but I sat and was quiet.

We took a vote and the council members received overwhelming support from the majority. We embraced the rule of our city council and rejected the rule of a vocal minority. At that point, I thought they would finally leave this town or fade away. I was wrong.

It has become clear that the only agenda the CCC has is to continuously disrupt and hold our city council and the majority of its citizens hostage to their demands, needs or wants, however misguided as they may be.

The last endeavor of the CCC was to get a petition signed by enough people to force a vote on the tax rollback. They failed, but did submit their petition with one signature. Didn't this tell you all something?

Now they are about to force a vote under the guise of the Open Meetings Act and Open Records Act.

I am sick and tired of this irate minority attempting to impose its will on the majority of the citizens of Big Spring.

To the majority, isn't it time to speak up and no longer straddle the fence. Either you support the city council or not. If you don't, then vote them out at the next election. That is the power you all have in this free democracy.

Bad things happen when good people say and do nothing.

To the CCC, this is Big Spring, Texas, and if you do

not love it, it is time for you to leave it. You have overstayed your welcome.

TONY M. MARQUEZ
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a recently retired Big Spring attorney who has known and practiced with both Tim Yeats and Mike Thomas for the past 20 years.

Based on this experience, I am proudly endorsing Tim Yeats for district judge in next Tuesday's primary election. Here are my reasons:

- Tim's integrity is rock solid. His handshake is as good as a written contract. He keeps his word — always.

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JOHN RHEINSCHELD
 BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

A couple of weeks ago, I received a letter in the mail from a man named David Andrews. He is running for state representative. I normally don't even open these letters, as I look at voters guides to compare the issues that I

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agree or disagree with and then make my decisions. But for some reason, I opened this one and read it.

You may have received the same letter. In it, David described some of the issues that he is concerned about and how he plans to implement his solutions to them if elected.

However, he left out an issue that is one of the most important ones to me and that is pro-life vs. pro-abortion. This is the one that determines whether I vote for you or not. Then I look at the less important items

that affect our lives.

On the return envelope he enclosed, it had a flap that covered the front of the envelope and under the flap, he gave options on how to help support him. Since he did not address the abortion issue, I made a note that if he answered my enclosed question we would see about supporting him.

I sent his letter back expressing my concerns and asked him, "Are you pro-life or pro-abortion? There is no in between and it is not an issue of choice. We were given the gift of free will (choice) in the womb by our creator. So which is it?"

I honestly did not expect an answer from him, so imagine my

shock when there was a knock on my door two days later. There stood a stranger with that letter in his hand and tears in his eyes, as he looked me straight in the eye and asked if I was Wilma Doll.

I said I was and he told me that he is David Andrews and he wanted to assure me that he would never, ever, ever, even consider taking the life of an unborn child.

David Andrews is just a regular guy who cares that our country is going down the tubes under the current administration and wants to do something about it. I voted early and he got my vote. I hope you will check him out and consider voting for him, too. We need someone who is on the same level as most of us are.

WILMA DOLL
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TO THE EDITOR:

For decades, Texans have been looking to Washington to remedy the problems that Washington causes. Decade

after decade we send "good" people there to clean things up and make the D.C. beast "behave" and start to genuinely look out after our interests. Yet, decade after decade sees no improvement, but rather a continuing decline and destruction of our constitutional republic — our form of government is not a democracy.

Perhaps the reason conditions don't improve there is because the system that has developed over many decades in Washington, D.C., is not what was designed for a free people. Our republic was not designed to have massive amounts of governing authority and wealth concentrated in one small location among a relatively small group of elected officials.

There is no possible way for legislators in, say, Nebraska or New York to understand, and look after the best interests of those of us in Texas. We saw clear evidence of that in the recent political bribes given to Sens. Ben Nel-

son (Nebraska) and Mary Landriou (Louisiana). The shameless display of political bribery served Texans not in the least, but only served to harm us further.

Because of a lack of space to fully make my case, I'll cut straight to the chase. We need to require our state legislature to perform as constitutionally-directed and approve (preferably by a two-thirds majority) all unenumerated federal legislation and regulations coming out of Washington.

If every state legislature in the nation did this, it would require all the special interests currently in Washington to spread out over 50 states to peddle and beg for favors (and our money). It would restore governing balance to the nation wherein each state's best interests would be genuinely represented.

There are many who will say this is not possible due to the "Commerce Clause," but the Commerce Clause does not trump the en-

tire U.S. Constitution.

The Constitution clearly does not grant Washington, D.C., the last word on unenumerated governing privileges that the states, so far, have freely abandoned to Washington.

This practice by the Texas legislature, and government in general, has to stop. In short, defund and deny governing authority to Washington. It's our right as a free people to do so. Stop granting Washington "the last word" on unenumerated governing privileges.

Forget about looking for solutions in Washington. You're not going to find any. Consider refocusing and directing your attention to our state government.

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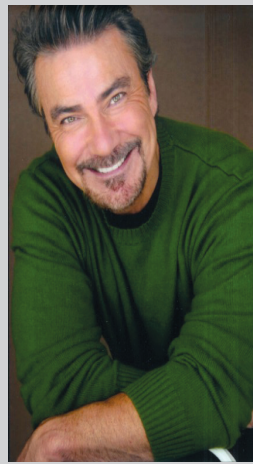
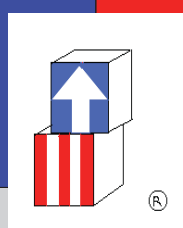
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TO Unknown Heirs of Vada Doyle Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday 8th day of March, 2010, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas at the Court House of said County in Big Spring Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 16th day of October, A.D. 2009, in this case, numbered 46817 on the docket of said court, and styled, CitiMortgage, Inc Vs.

David Laymon Doyle, Shannon J. Creswell, Kelly Doyle Reitzer, Bradley Browning, Randall Mark Browning and The Unknown Heirs at law of Vada Doyle

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Accounts, Contracts and Notes as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring, Texas this 19th day of January A.D. 2010.

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To: Jose Cuellar, Jr. AKA Joe Mendez Cuellar, Jr., Respondent
GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 118th District Court, Howard County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Big Spring, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Service, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 10th day of December 2009, against Jose Cuellar, Jr. AKA Joe Mendez Cuellar, Jr., Respondent, and said suit being numbered 46911 on the docket of said Court and entitled "In the Interest of Daminique Cuellar, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request for protection of a child, for conservatorship, and for termination in suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this citation shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this the 24th day of February, 2010.

COLLEEN BARTON, District Clerk
118th District Court,
Howard County, Texas
By Brandie Martinez, Deputy
#6446 February 28, 2010

Legals

No. P-13,823
ESTATE OF HELEN JOYCE BATES, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Helen Joyce Bates, Deceased were issued on the 16th day of February, 2010, under Docket No. P-13,823, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Timothy Spivey, Donna Whetsel and Diane McLemore.

Claims may be presented in care of Timothy Spivey, Donna Whetsel or Diane McLemore to the estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Helen Joyce Bates
c/o Timothy Spivey
210 Hack's Valley Road
Big Spring, TX 79721-0948
Estate of Helen Joyce Bates
c/o Donna Whetsel
P.O. Box 265
Forsan, TX 79333-0265
Estate of Helen Joyce Bates
c/o Diane McLemore
1213 S. CR 1128
Midland, TX 79706

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 25th day of February, 2010.

TIMOTHY SPIVEY, Co-Independent Executor of the Estate of Helen Joyce Bates, Deceased
DONNA WHETSEL, Co-Independent Executrix of the Estate of Helen Joyce Bates, Deceased
DIANE McLEMORE, Co-Independent Executrix of the Estate of Helen Joyce Bates, Deceased
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Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT
Mariner Energy, Inc., 2000 W. Sam Houston Parkway South, Suite 2000, Houston, TX 77042 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres/Glorieta, Schwartz Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 2 miles West of Garden City, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Glasscock County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2975 to 5400 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #6448 February 28, 2010

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News in brief

8.8-magnitude Chile earthquake sets off tsunami; 16 dead

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — A massive 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck Chile early Saturday, collapsing buildings, killing at least 16 people and downing phone lines. President Michele Bachelet declared a "state of catastrophe" in central Chile and said the death toll was rising.

Tsunami warnings were issued over a wide area, including Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Antarctica and Australia.

"We have had a huge earthquake, with some aftershocks," Bachelet said, appealing from an emergency response center for Chileans to remain calm. "Despite this, the system is functioning. People should remain calm. We're doing everything we can with all the forces we have. Any information we will share immediately."

Bachelet said early reports were that 16 people had been killed, and "without a doubt, with an earthquake of this magnitude, there will be more deaths."

She urged people to avoid traveling in the dark, since traffic lights are down, to avoid causing more fatalities.

Jails installing eye-scanning equipment to stop inmates from bluffing way to freedom

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A Baltimore inmate who bluffed his way out of prison probably wouldn't

have tricked guards if they had eye-scanners such as those being installed at dozens of jails nationwide.

The federal government is paying for the scanners as part of an effort to build a nearly foolproof identification system to put a stop to such escapes.

"After this occurrence, we will be studying whatever we can do to make sure this kind of thing doesn't happen again," including iris scanners, said Mark Vernarelli, a spokesman for the Maryland Division of Corrections, which oversees the facility that mistakenly released Raymond Taylor.

Taylor was serving three life sentences for shooting his ex-girlfriend and her two teenage daughters. He impersonated his cellmate Thursday and was released. He was arrested the following day in West Virginia.

U.S., Afghan forces clear last area of former Taliban stronghold of Marjah

MARJAH, Afghanistan (AP) — Marines and Afghan troops who fought through the center of Marjah linked up Saturday with American soldiers on the northern edge of the former Taliban stronghold, clearing the town's last major pocket of resistance.

The joint force encountered almost no hostile fire, indicating that the militants have either fled or blended in with the local population — perhaps to stage attacks later if the Afghan government fails to hold the town. Some Taliban operatives are believed to remain west of Marjah.

Establishing a credible local government is a key component of NATO's strategy for the 2-week-old offensive on the Taliban's longtime logistical hub and heroin-smuggling center. Earlier in the week, the government installed a new town administrator, and several hundred Afghan police have begun to patrol the newly cleared areas.

After a grueling four-day march, Marines and Afghan troops succeeded Saturday in linking up with an Army Stryker battalion on Marjah's northern outskirts.

Suspected al-Qaida-linked militants kill 11 in attack on southern Philippine village

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Suspected al-Qaida-linked militants raided a village in the southern Philippines early Saturday, killing 11 people in the country's worst militant attack on civilians in nine years.

Gunmen from the extremist Abu Sayyaf group backed by renegade Muslim separatist rebels fired grenade launchers and automatic rifles on houses while residents were asleep, killing one government-armed militiaman and 10 civilians in the village of Tubigan on Basilan Island, said deputy regional police commander Sonny David.

"The villagers were sleeping when the Abu Sayyaf came with their guns blazing.

"They spared no one, not even the children," David said.

The attack came in the wake of the recent killing of an Abu Sayyaf commander and the arrest of two key members.

Government forces had been told to be on alert for reprisal attacks.

Surprise, confusion after Puerto Rico voids birth certificates to combat ID theft

WASHINGTON (AP) — Native Puerto Ricans living outside the island territory are reacting with surprise and confusion after learning their birth certificates will become no good this summer.

A law enacted by Puerto Rico in December mainly to combat identity theft invalidates as of July 1 all previously issued Puerto Rican birth certificates. That means more than a third of the 4.1 million people of Puerto Rican descent living in the 50 states must arrange to get new certificates.

The change catches many unaware.

Julissa Flores, 33, of Orlando, Fla., said she knew nothing about Puerto Rico's law.

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Supper Club "China Dragon", 5:30 p.m.

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Movie, 1:00 p.m. "Evan Almighty"

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<input type="radio"/> Randy Neugebauer	<input type="radio"/> Victor G. Carrillo	<input type="radio"/> Michael E. Keasler
STATE ESTADO	<input type="radio"/> David Porter	Member, State Board of Education, District 15 (Miembro de la Junta Estatal de Educación Pública, Distrito Núm. 15)
Governor (Gobernador)	Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3)	<input type="radio"/> Randy Rives
<input type="radio"/> Debra Medina	<input type="radio"/> Jeff Brown	<input type="radio"/> Bob Craig
<input type="radio"/> Kay Bailey Hutchison	<input type="radio"/> Jim Moseley	State Representative, District 85 (Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 85)
<input type="radio"/> Rick Perry	<input type="radio"/> Rick Green	<input type="radio"/> David Andrews
Lieutenant Governor (Gobernador Teniente)	<input type="radio"/> Rebecca Simmons	<input type="radio"/> Jim Landtroop
<input type="radio"/> David Dewhurst	<input type="radio"/> Rick Strange	Justice, 11th Court of Appeals District, Place 3 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 11, Lugar Núm. 3)
Attorney General (Procurador General)	<input type="radio"/> Debra Lehrmann	<input type="radio"/> Terry McCall
<input type="radio"/> Greg Abbott	Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 5)	District Judge, 118th Judicial District (Juez del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 118)
Comptroller of Public Accounts (Contralor de Cuentas Públicas)	<input type="radio"/> Paul Green	<input type="radio"/> Timothy D. Yeats
<input type="radio"/> Susan Combs	Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 9)	<input type="radio"/> C.E. "Mike" Thomas
Commissioner of the General Land Office (Comisionado de la Oficina General de Tierras)	<input type="radio"/> Rose Vela	COUNTY CONDADO
<input type="radio"/> Jerry Patterson	<input type="radio"/> Eva Guzman	District Clerk (Secretario del Distrito)
Commissioner of Agriculture (Comisionado de Agricultura)	Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)	<input type="radio"/> Colleen A. Barton
<input type="radio"/> Todd Staples	<input type="radio"/> Lawrence "Larry" Meyers	County Treasurer (Tesorero del Condado)
	Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 5)	<input type="radio"/> Teresa Thomas
	<input type="radio"/> Cheryl Johnson	

COUNTY CONDADO	PARTY REFERENDUM REFERENDUM DEL PARTIDO	COUNTY PRECINCT 2
County Chairman (Presidente del Condado)	Ballot Proposition #3: Cutting Federal Income Taxes In addition to aggressively eliminating irresponsible federal spending, Congress should empower American citizens to stimulate the economy by Congress cutting federal income taxes for all federal taxpayers, rather than spending hundreds of billions of dollars on so-called "federal economic stimulus".	County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 2)
<input type="radio"/> Craig Bailey	<input type="radio"/> YES (SI)	<input type="radio"/> Donnie Baker
PARTY REFERENDUM REFERENDUM DEL PARTIDO	(Propuesta Electoral #3: Reducir los Impuestos Federales sobre los Ingresos) (Además de agresivamente eliminar el gasto federal irresponsable, el Congreso debería dar el poder a los Ciudadanos Norteamericanos de estimular la economía mediante un recorte de los Impuestos Federales a todos los contribuyentes en lugar de gastar cientos de billones de dólares en los apodados "estímulos económicos federales.")	<input type="radio"/> Jerry Kilgore
INSTRUCTION NOTE: Darken in the oval provided to the left of the statement indicating the way you desire to vote. (NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN: Llene completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda de la frase que indica la manera en que quiere votar.)	<input type="radio"/> NO (NO)	<input type="radio"/> Melanie Gambrell
Ballot Proposition #1: Photo ID The Texas legislature should make it a priority to protect the integrity of our election process by enacting legislation that requires voters to provide valid photo identification in order to cast a ballot in any and all elections conducted in the State of Texas.	Ballot Proposition #4: Public Acknowledgement of God The use of the word "God", prayers, and the Ten Commandments should be allowed at public gatherings and public educational institutions, as well as be permitted on government buildings and property.	COUNTY PRECINCT 4
<input type="radio"/> YES (SI)	<input type="radio"/> YES (SI)	County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 4)
<input type="radio"/> NO (NO)	<input type="radio"/> NO (NO)	<input type="radio"/> Roy Don Beauchamp
Ballot Proposition #2: Controlling Government Growth Every government body in Texas should be required to limit any annual increase in its budget and spending to the combined increase of population and inflation unless it first gets voter approval to exceed the allowed annual growth or in the case of an official emergency.	(Propuesta Electoral #4: Reconocimiento Público de Dios) (El uso de la palabra "Dios", las oraciones, y los Diez Mandamientos deberían ser permitidos en reuniones públicas y dentro de Instituciones Públicas de Educación así como ser permitidos en edificios y terrenos gubernamentales.)	<input type="radio"/> John Cline
<input type="radio"/> YES (SI)	<input type="radio"/> YES (SI)	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1 PL 2
<input type="radio"/> NO (NO)	<input type="radio"/> NO (NO)	Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Place 2 (Juez de Paz, Precinto Núm. 1, Lugar 2)
Ballot Proposition #5: Sonograms The Texas Legislature should enact legislation requiring a sonogram to be performed and shown to each mother about to undergo a medically unnecessary, elective abortion.	(Propuesta Electoral #5: Sonogramas) (La Legislatura de Texas debería aprobar legislación que requiriese que se tomase y mostrase un sonograma a cada madre que esté a punto de someterse a un aborto no indicado médicamente, de naturaleza opcional.)	<input type="radio"/> David Baird
<input type="radio"/> YES (SI)	<input type="radio"/> YES (SI)	<input type="radio"/> Kathryn Wiseman
<input type="radio"/> NO (NO)	<input type="radio"/> NO (NO)	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2
		Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 2 (Juez de Paz, Precinto Núm. 2)
		<input type="radio"/> Quail M. Dobbs

Democratic Primary sample ballot

FEDERAL FEDERAL	STATE ESTADO	COUNTY CONDADO
United States Representative, District 19 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 19)	Commissioner of Agriculture (Comisionado de Agricultura)	County Clerk (Secretario del Condado)
<input type="radio"/> Andy Wilson	<input type="radio"/> Richard "Kinky" Friedman	<input type="radio"/> Donna Wright
STATE ESTADO	<input type="radio"/> Hank Gilbert	County Surveyor (Agrimensor del Condado)
Governor (Gobernador)	Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)	<input type="radio"/> Michael McBrayer
<input type="radio"/> Bill White	<input type="radio"/> Jeff Weems	County Chairman (Presidente del Condado)
<input type="radio"/> Star Locke	Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3)	<input type="radio"/> Roland Gore
<input type="radio"/> Felix (Rodríguez) Alvarado	<input type="radio"/> Jim Sharp	COUNTY PRECINCT 2
<input type="radio"/> Bill Dear	Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 5)	County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 2)
<input type="radio"/> Alma Ludivina Aguado	<input type="radio"/> Bill Moody	<input type="radio"/> Jim Sinclair
<input type="radio"/> Clement E. Glenn	Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 9)	<input type="radio"/> Richard Belew
<input type="radio"/> Farouk Shami	<input type="radio"/> Blake Bailey	COUNTY PRECINCT 4
Lieutenant Governor (Gobernador Teniente)	Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 6)	County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 (Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 4)
<input type="radio"/> Ronnie Earle	<input type="radio"/> Keith Hampton	<input type="radio"/> Gary Simer
<input type="radio"/> Marc Katz	State Representative, District 85 (Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 85)	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1 PL 2
<input type="radio"/> Linda Chavez-Thompson	<input type="radio"/> Joe Heflin	Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Place 2 (Juez de Paz, Precinto Núm. 1, Lugar 2)
Attorney General (Procurador General)	COUNTY CONDADO	<input type="radio"/> Ricky Hughes
<input type="radio"/> Barbara Ann Radnofsky	County Judge (Juez del Condado)	
Commissioner of the General Land Office (Comisionado de la Oficina General de Tierras)	<input type="radio"/> Mark J. Barr	
<input type="radio"/> Hector Uribe		
<input type="radio"/> Bill Burton		

Trio vying for Lt. gov. nod from Democrats

AUSTIN (AP) — A nationally known retired labor leader, a powerful former district attorney and a local celebrity restaurant owner top the list of downballot candidates on the Democratic ballot Tuesday.

The trio — former AFL-CIO official Linda Chavez-Thompson, retired Travis County prosecutor Ronnie Earle and Austin deli owner Marc Katz — are vying for the opportunity to replace Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst as head of the Texas Senate in the November general election.

Dewhurst is unopposed on the GOP ballot.

Most of the attention leading up to Tuesday's primary election has been focused on the epic clash between Gov. Rick Perry and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, both on the Republican ballot for governor.

But voters in Tuesday's primaries also will pick their party's candidates for lieutenant governor, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, railroad commissioner and state Supreme Court justices.

"We feel like we're

absolutely going to offer Texans a full slate of credible candidates that will be able to compete head-to-head with the Republican nominees in November," said Kirsten Gray, a spokesman for the Texas Democratic Party.

Republicans hold all statewide offices, but Gray indicated Democrats are particularly excited about their candidates for lieutenant governor.

On the Republican side, Giddings accountant David Porter is taking on incumbent Victor Carrillo for a seat on the three-member Texas Railroad Commission, the agency which regulates the state's oil and gas industry, gas utilities, pipelines and other areas.

Democrats also will be choosing their candidate for land commissioner, which manages state lands to create education revenue and oversees veterans programs and the State Coastal Management Program. Real estate broker and instructor Bill Burton is pitted against former state Sen. Hector Uribe for the opportunity to face Republican incumbent Jerry Patterson in

November.

Songwriter and comic Kinky Friedman is making another ballot appearance, this time in the race to be agriculture commissioner, which promotes agriculture, children's nutrition and rural economic development. Friedman, who ran for governor as an independent in 2006, is taking a more serious tone as a Democrat. He's facing cattle rancher Hank Gilbert in the primary.

In the Texas Supreme Court, six Republican candidates are on the ballot to replace Justice Harriet O'Neill, who is not seeking re-election to the bench.

Justice Eva Guzman, who became the first Latina to serve on the state's highest civil court when Perry appointed her to fill the spot in October, is trying to keep the seat as Corpus Christi Republican Rose Vela tries to wrangle it from her in the primary.

On the Republican side, voters also will weigh in on nonbinding resolutions on five key GOP priorities such as voter identification and federal stimulus spending.

Fight of the Texas titans in home stretch

KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — A Republican showdown building for years between two Texas titans, Gov. Rick Perry and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, highlights the anti-establishment, anti-Washington mood of voters and the muddle that the tea party movement is making in midterm elections.

Support among angry protest voters for a third candidate, Debra Medina, could force Perry and Hutchison to square off again if no candidate gets a majority in Texas' primary election Tuesday.

Hutchison, a regal and reserved Washington veteran, is fighting to force an April 13 runoff for the GOP nomination for governor. Perry, a folksy, go-for-the-jugular campaigner and the epitome of Texas Republican conservatism, is pushing hard to wrap it up next week.

On the Democratic side, ex-Houston Mayor Bill White is considered a shoo-in for his party's nomination over Houston hair-care magnate and political newcomer Farouk Shami.

The cat-and-dog GOP primary fight that Perry once

promised would be brutal has grown meaner in its final weeks. Through it all, he's stuck with one theme: Hutchison represents Washington and all that is wrong with it.

Hutchison has jabbed at Perry's record the nine years he's been governor — his all-but-dead plan for toll roads that threaten private property, a short-lived order to mandate vaccinations for girls against the cancer-causing HPV virus and his revolving door of top aides and lobbyists that she calls cronyism.

Though Hutchison was

once seen as the candidate who could deliver Perry's first election loss in a lifetime of public office, the governor emerged as the front-runner. Hutchison is more moderate than Perry on social issues like abortion, and that's been one of her rough spots with many Republican primary voters.

"Almost from the moment someone fired the gun at the starting line, he simply out-campaigned her," said Jerry Polinard, a political science professor at the University of Texas-Pan American. Perry, he said, has run "a superb

campaign, almost a textbook campaign."

A poll in early February for major Texas newspapers found Perry leading with 45 percent support among likely Republican voters. Hutchison had 29 percent and Medina 17 percent.

The telephone survey was conducted before Medina went on Glenn Beck's nationally syndicated radio show and said there were "some very good arguments" that the U.S. government was involved in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.



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Families fund lends a helping hand to military

Jacob Anthony Sims, E4, United States Army, has been stationed in Iraq since August 2009 with the 5th infantry 20th division out of Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

This is Jake's third tour of duty in Iraq.

Jake was born May 3, 1982, in South Bend Ind., grew up in Michigan City, Ind., and graduated Rogers High School in Michigan City in 2002. He joined the Army and went to training in Fort Sill, Okla.

Jake's first tour to Iraq was, according to him, the worst. He was deployed to Bagdad in 2004 for a year. It was this tour of duty in which his best friend was killed in Bagdad. PFC Steven E. Wyatt was only 19 when he was killed by IED. Steven was from Kilgore.

Jacob met his wife in 2006. Big Spring native Misty Hein-Martin had two boys from a previous marriage, Jayden Nicholas Martin now 7, and Jarrett Josiah Martin, now 5.

Jacob was deployed a second time from October 2006 to February 2008 as President Bush had extended the tour of duty to 15 months. Misty and boys supported him the entire time.

Misty and Jake were married June 15, 2008, upon his return to Fort Hood, where they had met two years earlier.

Misty grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Maranatha Baptist Academy in December



Misty and Jake Sims

of 2000. Jake's in-laws are Larry and Angela Hein of Big Spring. Jake eagerly accepted the role of step-father and they were a family of four.

Jake was deployed in Iraq when his first daughter, Kyliegh Denaria Sims, was born Dec. 26, 2008, at Fort Hood in Killeen. Last year, Jake was transferred to Fort Lewis in Tacoma,

Wash. The Sims' second daughter, Kahlan Adorance Sims, was born there June 1, 2009.

Jake is now in his third tour of duty in Iraq, deployed August of 2009 with the 5th Infantry 20th Division out of Fort Lewis.

The family takes advantage of today's technology when they can, by e-mail, texting,

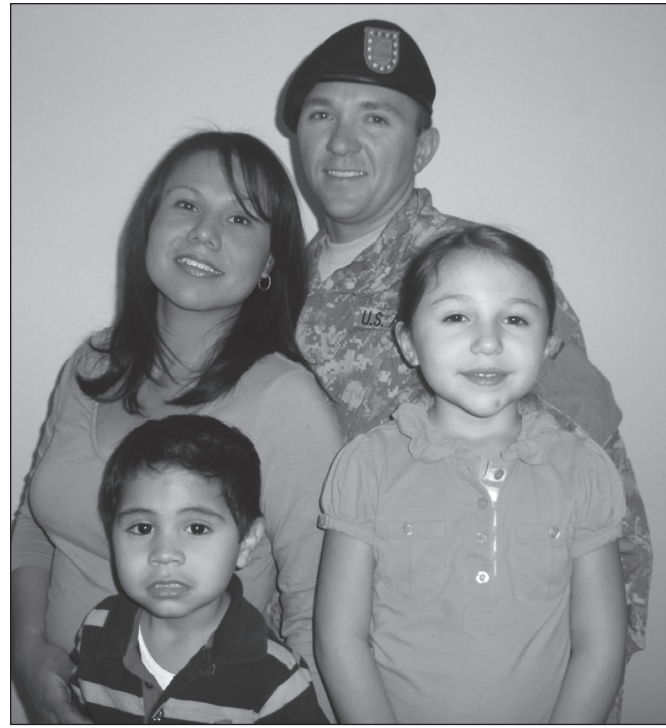
Skype and phone calls at times. His family frequently sends care packages with small comforts of home, such as cookies, candy, toothpaste, magazines, pictures and his children's artwork.

Jacob said he enjoys serving his country and believes in the job he is doing. In his own words, he says, "It's my job."

EDITOR'S NOTE: With a donation of \$1,000 from the Eagles Lodge to the Veterans Families Fund, the Jacob Sims and Daren Weatherby families were awarded \$500.

The Veterans Families Fund was established as a help and a "thank you" to families who have a member serving in the military.

To contribute, make donations to the Wood Forest National Bank, Account 5901848, 201 Marcy Drive, Big Spring, 79721.



Martin and Daren Weatherby and children Alex and Isabella.

Daren and Martina Weatherby were born and raised in Big Spring.

They've been together for 10 years, married for six. They have two children, Isabella, 7, and Alex, 2.

Martina has been a seasonal tax preparer for the past four years.

"I had a rough five years in the oil field straight out of college and decided I wanted a

career that would provide stability and opportunity for my family. So I joined the US Army in July 2009," said Daren.

He graduated Basic Combat Training in Fort Sill, Okla., on Sept. 11, 2009, and completed Combat Medic Training on Feb. 5, 2010, in Fort Sam Houston.

He is headed to fulfill his first assignment in Vilseck, Germany beginning March 1.



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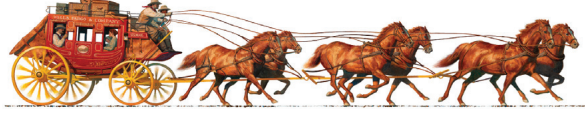
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Pisces people who are celebrating a birthday this week will be gifted with more than anticipated, as a conjunction of the sun and Jupiter sprinkles extra bounty on the flexible fish. However, Pisces people will not be the only lucky souls. The full



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ARIES (March 21-April 19) . Someone who wants your respect may have a backward way of getting it. This person knows how to turn a minor matter into a major battle of wills. It's all a ploy for your attention.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's easy for mature people to keep the peace. They get their own ego out of the way, which is usually the main obstruction in the path of peace. You'll enjoy your place among the wise souls.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Thinking you know the answer will ruin you in terms of asking new and interesting questions. If you don't make assumptions,

you'll be truly free to see the many wonderful facets of a situation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have an admirer. You deserve to have 10, but this new one is special enough to be worth at least that. It takes a sophisticated onlooker to really appreciate the full spectrum of your talents, and that's what you have here.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It will be necessary to count your money — something best done in private. Otherwise, petty disputes could arise. It seems everyone has his or her own ideas about how best to appropriate your funds.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Newsflash from the future: You are going to get the thing you most want, but you will have to sacrifice something to get it. The magnitude of your payoff exists in direct proportion to what you're willing to

give for it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Get a new shirt. You don't really need to, technically speaking, but a little freshening up of your presentation will put a welcome lilt in your step. Sometimes it's the small things that make a big difference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just when you thought you couldn't go another step, a friend reaches out and gives you exactly the kind of encouragement you need. Everyone has friends, but yours are the best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have been riding a spree of brilliance that, while productive and fulfilling, is causing you to fall behind in mundane tasks like taxes, groceries and laundry. Use today to catch up. You'll feel better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can go a long time without talk-

ing to anyone, but when you need a social fix, you really need it. No worries. You're such good company that everyone wants to hang out with you. Friendly interaction is a phone call away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's not like you go around offering advice to anyone within earshot. It's just that your opinion is one people tend to seek out. Today you will tell someone exactly what he or she needs to hear.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 28). There's crazy love and beauty around you this year, and you'll feel

truly blessed. As you appreciate and focus on what you have, your life becomes increasingly abundant. Next month brings an exciting development in a special relationship. You give up a bad habit in June and take on an empowering one. Leo and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 22, 42 and 18.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Usually, the full moon is associated with wild chaos and howling good times. But not this one — that is, unless you call cleaning out the garage in a mad frenzy a "good time." The Virgo full moon that lights up the start of the week is a lovely omen for those who prize efficiency, neatness and organization. There is something irresistible about knowing where everything goes and actually putting it there. Things without a place will

promptly find one in the dumpster or the local thrift store. The sun and Jupiter form another of Sunday's fortuitous aspects, focusing on spiritual expansion. Sure, Jupiter has a reputation for material abundance. But as this planetary fat cat graces Pisces, his gifts take on a different quality. And so will yours. As you give of yourself, consider your emotional intent, because this will have the greatest impact on how your gifts are received. Generosity of spirit leaves a much deeper impression on us than any material item ever could. The week ends under an adventurous Sagittarius moon. Find a good reason and a fun way to skip town, and your heart will be happily skipping, too!

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Look Before You Leap

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 7
♥ K J 4
♦ Q 9 3
♣ A 10 9 6 2

WEST
♠ Q J 6 5 3
♥ 9 7 5 2
♦ A 6
♣ 8 7

EAST
♠ K 4
♥ 10 8 6 3
♦ 8 7 5 2
♣ K 4 3

SOUTH
♠ 10 9 8 2
♥ A Q
♦ K J 10 4
♣ Q J 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Opening lead — five of spades.

duck the opening spade lead, but to take dummy's ace at once. If you were to play low from dummy instead, East would win with the king and return a spade, and down the chute you'd eventually go.

But even if you put up the ace, you would not yet be out of the woods unless you tackled diamonds before clubs. Thus, if you crossed to your hand with a heart to try the club finesse, you'd go down two after East took his king of clubs, cashed the king of spades and returned a diamond.

Both recommended plays can be logically supported. It is reasonable to assume at trick one that West does not have the K-Q-J of spades, from which he would have led the king rather than the five. East is therefore marked with one of these three honors, in which case the play of the ace offers the strong possibility of blocking the suit.

The second step is to immediately force out West's only possible side entry card, the ace of diamonds. The king of clubs — regardless of who has it — can be dealt with later on, but the ace of diamonds constitutes a real threat that should be removed at once.

The defenders are helpless against this sequence of plays and cannot prevent South from scoring at least nine tricks.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Obama on health care: Let's get this done

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Saturday he is ready to compromise with Republicans on health care if they are serious about it, but that an overhaul must go forward.

"Let's get this done," he said.

Obama's comments in his weekly Internet and radio address, two days after an all-day bipartisan summit across from the White House, were the latest sign that Democrats are getting set to try to pass health care legislation without any Republicans on board.

Success will require colossal efforts on the part of Obama and Democratic leaders to round up votes after a year of corrosive debate and a Senate special-election upset that threw the overhaul effort into limbo last month. But Obama and the Democrats reject the piecemeal approach

sought by Republicans and have no intention of scrapping their 10-year, \$1 trillion bill and starting over, as the GOP demands.

"I am eager and willing to move forward with members of both parties on health care if the other side is serious about coming together to resolve our differences and get this done.

"But I also believe that we cannot lose the opportunity to meet this challenge," Obama said.

"The tens of millions of men and women who cannot afford their health insurance cannot wait another generation for us to act.

"Small businesses cannot wait. Americans with pre-existing conditions cannot wait. State and federal budgets cannot sustain these rising costs.

"It is time for those of us in Washington to live up to

our responsibilities to the American people and to future generations," Obama said.

Obama's legislation would insure some 30 million more Americans over 10 years with a new requirement for nearly everyone to carry insurance and would end insurance company practices such as denying coverage to people with medical problems. Republicans generally oppose mandates that make everyone get insurance, and although they want people with health conditions to be able to buy insurance, they would try to address the problem without new requirements on insurers.

Obama plans to release an updated proposal in the week ahead, likely on Wednesday, according to press secretary Robert Gibbs.

Gibbs suggested it would include concepts put forward

by Republicans at the summit.

One attendee, Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., was contacted Friday by the White House and asked to submit details of suggestions he made to tackle waste and fraud in the medical system, Coburn's spokesman said.

John Hart said Coburn views Obama's legislation as a government takeover and would not be able to support it even if it includes some of his proposals.

Adding Republican ideas is not likely to win Republican votes because the GOP insists Democrats should start from scratch.

But Obama would be able to say that he'd listened to Republicans and attempted to meet them part way. Moving ahead may mean using Senate rules that would let Democrats pass legislation with a simple majority

instead of the 60 vote they no longer command.

The approach infuriates Republicans and is opposed by some Democratic moderates because of its partisan nature.

Coburn, in the GOP's weekly address, argued against a Democrats-only bill.

"Unfortunately, even before the summit took place the majority in Congress signaled its intent to reject our offers to work together," Coburn said.

"Instead they want to use procedural tricks and backroom deals to ram through a new bill that combines the worst aspects of the bills the Senate and House passed last year."

"The American people are telling us to scrap the current bills, which will lead to a government takeover of health care, and we should start over," Coburn said.



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Community Service: Served on Board of Directors of United Way of Howard County (Immediate past president), Howard County 9-1-1 Emergency Communication District, YMCA, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Boys Club of Big Spring, Big Spring Civil Service Commission, Big Spring Main Street, Inc. Member of Big Spring Rotary Club.

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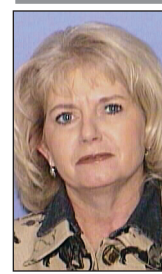


By Lyndel Moody

Brandon Good, Mason Lane and Tony Modisette take advantage of the deep snowfall Tuesday morning to built a snowman in their front yard at 901 Scurry St.

Coming up: Cars, Stars and Handlebars

For the first time in more than 20 years, the Community Relations office was not bursting at the seams with candy-laden baskets on Valentine's Day. Our screen door didn't slam shut every few minutes as volunteer deliverymen and women entered empty-handed and excited fighting balloons whipping in the wind or juggling bud vases and teddy bears holding candy hearts. Last year, the volunteers voted to concentrate on other activities in 2010 and re-evaluate the Valentine's Day fund-raiser for 2011. We haven't closed the door on it yet, and we do appreciate the community's past support of the Valentine's Day fund-raiser. Although it was a little quieter than past Januarys and Februarys, we still have had plenty to do and could use more volunteers. Please come by and see us and help us in our many endeavors.



BILLIE CHRISTIE

The date has been set: Cars, Stars and Handlebars will be Saturday, April 17. This is the fourth year we have hosted this annual fund-raiser, and every year, it grows in popularity. I'm not sure if it's because everyone there has an opportunity to win a new vehicle or because it's just a fun evening. Whatever the reason, we are glad for the number of people who come and join in on the festivities. Co-chairs Stacy Barr and Robin Hallman are making all the preparations for another fun-filled night at the Big Spring Country Club. The doors open at 5 p.m. and ticket drawing begins immediately soon after. Your \$100 ticket entitles you and a guest to a great evening of food and entertainment, with one lucky person taking home a brand-new vehicle. Look for your invitation in the mail the begin-

ning of March. If you do not receive an invitation, please give us a call at (432) 268-7271.

The winter months have been tough for The Chalet Resale Shop, but they continue to go strong and now boast a newly paved street with easy access to the entrance. We are receiving more donations than ever before, and there are so many great items and volunteers willing to help you find whatever you are looking for at a great price. All proceeds benefit the patients at Big Spring State Hospital.

We have missed volunteer Doris Smith who has been out the past few weeks recovering from knee surgery. Hurry back Doris — we need you!

We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of longtime hospital employee Betty Krager. Betty's sweet smile and 'can do attitude' will be missed around the Community Relations office and throughout the campus.

What a blessing — the Dora Roberts Foundation recently came through with a generous grant for the Volunteer Services Council. This will be a huge boost to the projects provided by the volunteers and to assist them with many of their daily activities. Each dollar brings us one step closer to realizing the dream of a new Family Visitation Center.

Talk about community support and giving back ... the volunteers shopped and shopped at Wal-Mart for patients' Christmas presents. Wal-Mart in return granted the Volunteer Services Council \$1,000 to help with Christmas expenses.

Ever thought about doing something with a little bit of your extra time? Volunteers are always needed. Give us a call at (432) 268-7535.

Billie Christie is Director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital.

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Dear Friend of Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez:

I would first like to thank you for the continued support you have shown our home and community. We are now planning the community wide Easter egg hunt scheduled for April 2, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. on our facility grounds.



Last year we had over 3,000 attendees and our community stuffed approximately 50,000 plastic eggs with candy for the children. We were able to have many games, drawings and the Easter Bunny even made an appearance. Compass Hospice made 1,000 hamburgers and hotdogs...it was great for the community and our residents.

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