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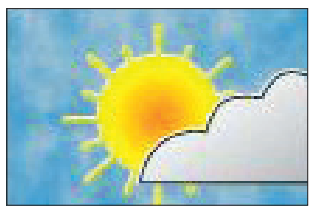


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## County to mull economic development program

**Meeting set for 10 a.m. Monday in courthouse**

**By THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer  
Howard County commissioners are expected to discuss developing a county-run economic development program designed to help draw business prospects to the Crossroads area during the court's Monday morning meeting.

County Judge Mark Barr said an economic development program could help the county offer grants to businesses considering moving to the area.

"With something like this you're looking mainly at tax abatements and grants," said Barr. "It's just another tool when it comes to attracting

new businesses to the area. One of the first things most businesses look at when they are considering an area is what sort of tax abatements are available.

"The city of Big Spring has used a similar tool in the past and had some success with it.

We just want to make sure we have the option open to us if the situation arises."

Barr said the creation of a county-run EDC would overlap with the services currently offered by the Big Spring

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## Germ ID'd at federal institution

**No new pneumonia cases since March 29, officials say**

**By THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer  
Officials with the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution say the cause of a recent outbreak of pneumonia at the facility hasn't yet been determined by the Centers for Disease Control, but the germ causing the illnesses has been identified.

According to Associate Warden Manny Ocasio, preliminary reports from the CDC — which, along with the Texas Department of State Health Services, has been assisting prison officials on the matter — have identified Chlamydia pneumoniae as the germ causing the outbreak, which has affected nearly 40 inmates during the past several months.

"We have not received an official report on the pneumonia outbreak (from the CDC or TDSHS)," said Ocasio. "How

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Steve Reagan

**Above, runners leave the start line to kick off the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk, held Saturday morning at Big Spring State Park. At right, Karen Schobel talks to visitors to her Juice Plus booth at the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Howard County Fair, held Saturday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.**



## Rodgers accepts CEO post at SMMC

**Special to the Herald**

Larry Rodgers has accepted the position of chief executive officer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Rodgers has served as interim CEO since mid-February of this year. During the past two years, he has served as chief operating officer at College Station Medical Center. Prior to that, he served as assistant CEO at Moberly Regional Medical Center in Moberly, Mo.

He holds a bachelor's degree in communication from Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., and a master's degree in business administration from William Woods University in Fulton, Mo.

"I am looking forward to doing everything I can to help the Scenic Mountain team achieve our primary goal of providing exceptional service to our patients, physicians, staff and community," Rodgers said. "My family and I are enthusiastic about becoming a part of the Howard County community."

Rodgers' family will relocate from College



Rodgers

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## Pre-K, K registration set at Forsan

**By STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

FORSAN — Forsan Independent School District will hold registration for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students for the 2010-2011 school year beginning Monday, officials said.

The registration will be held at Elbow Elementary, located at the intersection of Nichols Road and FM 818 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Officials said they were holding registration so far in advance of the next school year in order to get an accurate

count of students and to help in the purchasing of supplies and making personnel decisions.

In order to qualify for the full-day pre-kindergarten classes, students must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 and

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## CCC signs off on settlement

**Judge Moore reduces contribution to Freedom of Information Foundation**

**By THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The lawsuit settlement agreement between the Concerned Citizens Council and the city of Big Spring was finalized

Thursday, effectively drawing the issue — which centered around a city council meeting that violated the Texas Open Meetings Act — to a close.

According to City Attorney Linda Sjogren, the city signed off on the settlement Wednesday, with officials from the CCC getting approval from its body and signing the arrangement by the end of Thursday.

The agreement was reached March 29 during a preliminary hearing in 118<sup>th</sup> District Court with District Judge Robert H. Moore III presiding. During the hearing Moore determined the city was in violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act when it held an emergency meeting Jan. 6.

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# Coahoma P Dunn outduels Jim Ned for win

BY JOE ZIGTEMA  
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Katie Dunn pitched dangerously Friday night at Coahoma High School.

The senior Bulldogette got herself in trouble at times during Friday night's contest against Jim Ned, but she wiggled out again and again to give Coahoma (20-7, 5-1) a 4-1 win.

Dunn struck out 12 and scattered 10 hits over seven innings, allowing just the lone run and stranding nine Lady Indians on base.

"I wanted to show my team that I can strike people out, even in the worst of situations," Dunn said. "I knew they were big hitters, and we wanted to show everyone that we're going to have to be the team to beat."

Kylie Gee came up with a 2-RBI double in the third that gave the Bulldogettes all the ammuni-

tion they would need. Haley McCullough followed with an RBI double, and Gee later knocked in Kalea Neff on an error in the fifth.

"We had a bunch of people come through," Bulldogs coach Tracy Tadlock said. "It was a team effort and that's how you win ball games. I'm proud of them."

Dunn worked out of trouble after putting the first two runners on in the second and third innings, using the strikeout as her best weapon. Two more reached with in the fourth, but Dunn came up with another inning-ending punch out.

"She's a finesse pitcher and that's going to be just as good if she hits her spots," Tadlock said. "It wasn't her best performance, but it was a fantastic win under the circumstances."

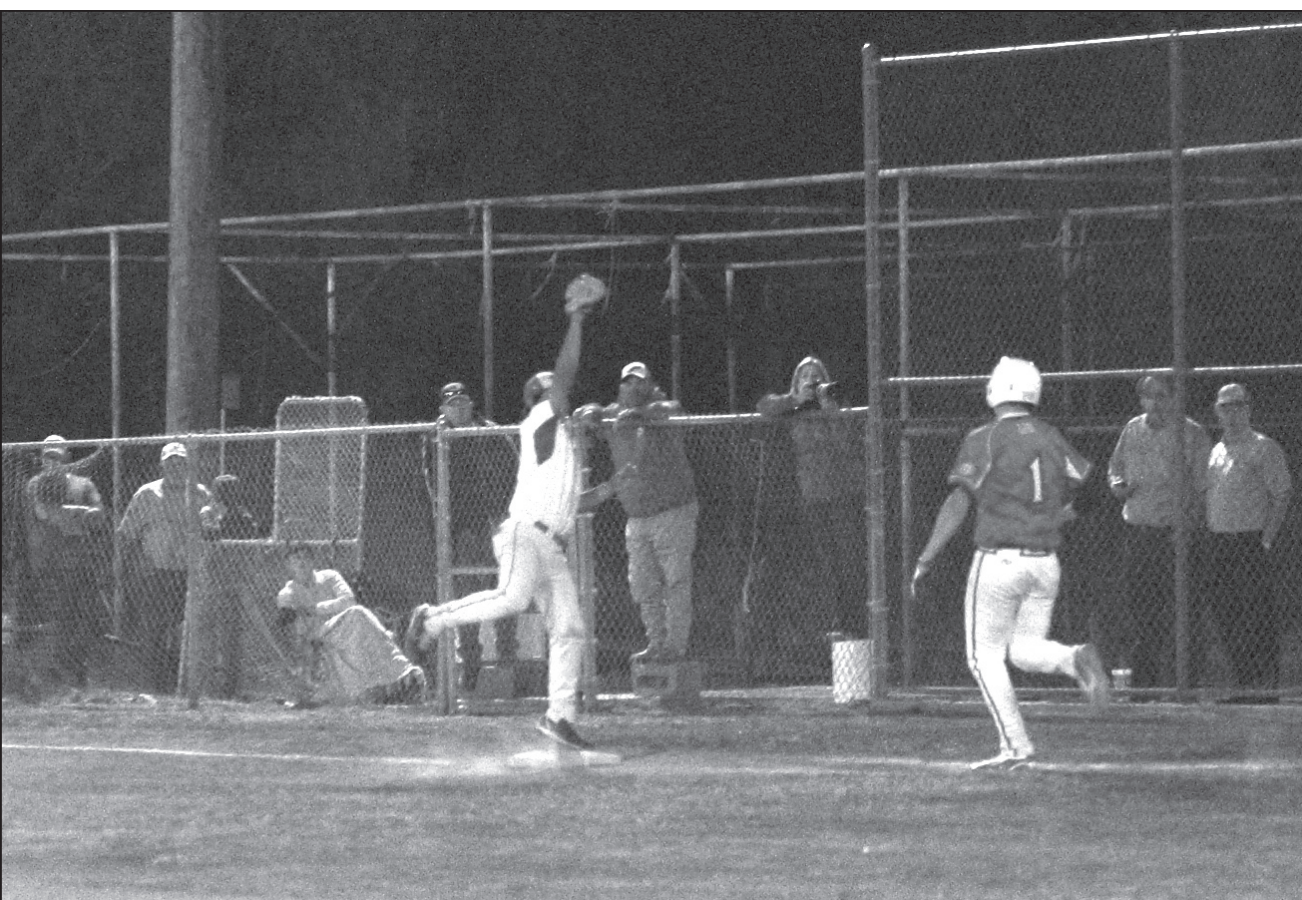
Jim Ned's (3-3 district) lone run came home

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HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

Shortstop Joanna Gonzales beats a Jim Ned runner to second base Friday at Coahoma High School.



HERALD PHOTO/Joe Zigtema

First baseman Jared Doport reaches high to pull down a throw against Jim Ned in extra innings Friday night at Coahoma High School. The Bulldogs fell to the Indians 8-5 in 12 innings at home.

# Coahoma falls to Jim Ned in 12 innings

BY JOE ZIGTEMA  
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — There was no shortage of drama Friday night for the Coahoma Bulldogs.

Unfortunately, it ended in tragedy for the Coahoma Bulldogs, who tied the game with a 2-run home run in the bottom of the seventh but fell 8-5 in a 12-inning marathon.

The Bulldogs had chances to score in extra innings, stranding six runners after the ninth inning. But after Coahoma loaded the bases in the bottom of the 11th and couldn't score, the Indians pushed across three runs on a 2-RBI single by Taylor Lloyd and an RBI groundout.

"That's just fun baseball," Jim Ned coach Vincent Lavallee said. "You've got two good teams just knocking each other out. They have two good pitchers and we have two good pitchers, and it was just a battle."

Relief pitcher Jayden O'Dell picked up the win in relief of his cousin, Clay O'Dell, who worked 10 innings, three upwards of 150 pitches and struck out 17.

Each team had 21 strikeouts in the game.

Down two runs and to his last out in the bottom of the seventh Coahoma coach Shane Fuller couldn't think of anybody better than Chance Hart to be at the plate.

Hart gave the Bulldogs exactly what they needed when he took a 2-2 pitch over the left-center field wall for a game-tying, 2-run blast.

Lane Douglass tripled to follow Hart but was stranded on third as the inning ended with a groundout.

"I felt like we were right there in it," Fuller said. "We had the triple afterward, and we were a half-step from winning it right there. But that's baseball."

Several big plays kept teams off the board in extras. On a wild pitch in the 10th, catcher Adrian Amaro got a lucky bounce off the backstop right to him and threw out the runner stealing. In the

11th, a ball squirted through to the fence in right field, where Josh Paniagua fielded it and threw a strike to second base to throw out another runner.

"Not many teams can go zero-zero for that amount of time," Fuller said. "They just got the breaks last night."

Hart tossed six innings on the mound, giving up five runs and striking out 12. Ray Gutierrez took the loss for the Bulldogs, though he gave up three runs in 7 innings of work and struck out nine.

Josh Paniagua was the catalyst for Coahoma's offense, tripling home two runs in the second inning and scoring two

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# Forsan wins easily at Buffalo Showcase

Herald Staff Report

FORSAN — The Buffalo Showcase at Forsan High School turned out to be just that Friday.

Forsan (17-0) rolled to a 19-4 win over Loraine in five innings, highlighted by a two home run effort from senior Evan Burton.

Burton belted a grand slam in the second inning and added another shot later, picking up 6 RBI on the day.

Elgen Suazo and Ryan Flores each went 2-for-4 with 2 RBI, and Dylan Lowery went 2-for-2 in the game.

Foster Burchett picked up his first win of the season with the start, allowing just two hits and striking out five in three innings.

Suazo pitched two clean innings in relief, walking one.

Forsan takes its perfect record to Winters on Tuesday, a team the Buffs beat 9-6 earlier this season. First pitch is at 5 p.m.

Forsan 19, Loraine 4  
LHS 004 00 -- 4 2 5  
FHS 377 20 -- 19 13 0  
W- F. Burchett (1-0)

**Lady Buffs win**  
FORSAN — The Forsan Lady Buffs

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# Frenship's big inning too much for Steers

Herald Staff Report

A big 4-run fifth inning proved costly for the Big Spring Steers on Friday as they fell 6-1 to Frenship at Steer Park.

"If we just make one play, we're out of that inning and it's 2-1," Steers coach Bert Otto said of the fourth inning, where all four Frenship runs scored with two out. "If we put it together, we'll be OK."

Frenship pitcher Chas Quisenberry scattered six hits over seven innings and gave up just one run, a laser solo shot over the left field wall off the bat of Martin Yanez.

"It was a line drive that was still on line when it went over," Otto said. "It was the longest one I've

seen hit at this park."

Frenship (8-15, 2-3) added runs in the sixth and seventh to pull away for the win. Big Spring (7-14, 0-4) committed eight errors in the game.

"For four innings we looked good," Otto said. "It looked like we were relaxed, but once one kid makes a mistake, I think it's contagious."

Max Pappajohn took the loss but pitched well, giving up six hits and two earned runs in six innings. He struck out five, walked five and gave up five runs.

The Steers play at Plainview on Tuesday. First pitch is 7 p.m.

Frenship 6, Big Spring 1  
FHS 010 041 1 -- 6 8 3  
BS 001 000 0 -- 1 7 8  
W- Quisenberry, L- Pappajohn

# Sports in brief

## Seven former Bulldogettes up for UIL All-Century team

The UIL is forming a softball all-century team on its Web site.

On the softball ballot are former Coahoma players Tara Sterling, pitcher; Shana Earnest, first base; Tori Elmore, third base; Brandi Hart and Cassie Tindol, outfield; and Kortney Kemper and Ruby Garcia, designated hitters. Vote until April 27.

The ballot is at: <http://uil100.org/vote-softball.php>

## Hawks softball, baseball sweep Friday doubleheaders

Howard College's softball and baseball teams each swept Friday's doubleheaders against Western Texas, with the softball team winning 9-4 and 13-5 at home and the baseball team picking 7-1 and 6-1 wins in Snyder.

The series continued Saturday as the games switched venues. Check Monday's *Herald* for recaps of the series.

## Crossroads scoreboard

Frenship 6, Big Spring 1, baseball  
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Jim Ned 8, Coahoma 5, F/12, baseball  
Forsan 19, Loraine 4  
Forsan 17, Loraine 2  
Howard bsbl def. W. Texas 7-1, 6-1  
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# SWCIDfest

## A weekend of fun and learning

Plans are shaping up for SWCIDfest, a fun filled family celebration held annually on the campus of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID).

The weekend-long celebration will be held Friday, April 16 through Sunday, April 18.

SWCID, a community College for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, is the only self-contained community college in the nation. It is celebrating 30 years of existence and plans to make the SWCIDfest activities even bigger and better this year.

SWCIDfest is not limited to the deaf population. The general public from all across the Permian Basin is invited to enjoy the free, "family friendly" activities.

"We want everyone to come out to our campus and have a great time while learning a little more about SWCID," said Dr. Mark Myers, SWCID provost. "There is something for everyone throughout the entire weekend and we look forward to a great time."

The general public events for Friday evening will be held on the campus of Howard College at the Hall Center for the Arts. The National Theatre of the Deaf will be performing "Treewise," the story of a young person who has deaf parents and has made a new friend at school. Through the help of a very special tree, the boy learns how to help his new friend understand deaf culture.

Tickets for the Friday night performance are \$10 and will be available at the door or can be purchased on the SWCID campus prior to the event.

Deaf culture will be celebrated Friday evening at the Maddux Student Center with the Anderson twins comedy, "Two Cultures, One Town: A Story to Tell."

- Anderson Twins comedy team
- 'Treewise,' by the National Theatre of the Deaf
- Silent auction
- Booths
- Refreshments



Clay and Levi Anderson have put together a performance that showcases real life events, made-up events (but they could have happened), and stuff that is so unrealistic it has to be a story — we hope!

Tickets for the Anderson brothers' comedy event will be \$15 for individuals age 13 and up and free for those under the age of 13. Refreshments will be provided following the performance. Tickets can be obtained on the SWCID campus and will also be available at the door.

Saturday, April 17, the SWCID campus will be open to visitors with a silent auction, numerous booths offering fun activities, food and other entertainment designed to appeal to all walks of life, both young and old. There is no admission for Saturday afternoon activities.

Silent auction items include gift cards for Allen's Furniture, Blum's Jewelry, Starbucks and several restaurants, such as On the Border and Carino's. Exhibitors such as Sorenson, H-E-B, Sprint Relay and others will also have booths set up on campus to showcase their products and services.

The deaf culture will cap off Saturday's activities with a National Theatre of the Deaf performance of "Treewise" at 8 p.m. in the Maddux Student Center on the SWCID campus. Tickets for the Saturday theatre production are \$10 for individuals 13 years old and up and free for those under 13. They will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance on the SWCID campus.

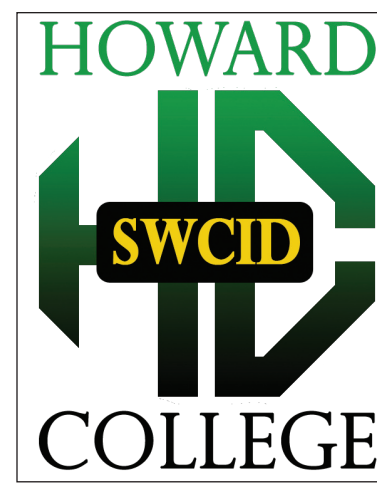
On Sunday, April 18, there will be a worship service at 9:30 a.m. at the Maddux Student Center that will conclude the weekend's activities.

All funds raised throughout the SWCIDfest celebration will be used to help increase the SWCID scholarship fund.

For more information regarding any scheduled activity, or to purchase event tickets, contact John Green at jgreen@howardcollege.edu or Jennifer Key at 432-264-3700.

For more information about SWCID and Howard College, visit www.howardcollege.edu.

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# Obituaries

## Thomas M. Cudd

Thomas M. "Tim" Cudd of Arlington peacefully passed from this life and went home to his heavenly Father Sunday, April 4, 2010.



Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. at Bomar Point Cemetery in Wilson, Okla., Saturday, April 17, 2010, with a reception to follow at Wilson Church Of Christ.

Tim was born Dec. 28, 1937, in Oklahoma City, Okla. to Thomas and Faye Cudd. Tim was the son of a gospel preacher and always looked forward to the new adventures and travels that came along with a preacher's life. Tim was a devout Christian who loved the Lord, his family, music, history, photography, traveling and floating down the Frio River.

Tim attended Abilene Christian University where he met his wife of 52 years. Tim worked for Cosden/Fina for 30 years and, after retiring at the age of 50, went to the University of Lamar to obtain a nursing degree. At graduation, Tim was recognized and received the leadership award. His exceptional abilities came from a love of nursing and the honor of being able to care for his fellow man.

Donations may be made in honor of Thomas M. Cudd to the New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, N.M., 88130

Survivors include his wife, Norma Cudd; sons, Bill, Brad and his son James, Tom and his wife Bea and their four children, Ashton, Andrew, Morgan and Christian; sister, Jane and her two sons, Darin and wife Lek and Donald and wife Grace; great-nephews Brennan, Casey and Connor; and numerous cousins and friends.

Arrangements under the direction of Brown, Owens & Brumley Funeral Directors, 425 S. Henderson, (817) 335-4557.

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## George Morgan Jr.

George Morgan Jr., 53, of Big Spring, died Thursday, April 8, 2010 in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Nancy Tovar

Nancy Tovar, 59, of Big Spring, died Thursday, April 8, 2010, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Emmett Barnard officiating. Burial will be at the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery at 11:30 AM Monday.



She was born Oct. 3, 1950, in Odessa. She grew up in Odessa and married Pablo "Paul" Tovar, Oct. 17, 1977, in Marietta, Okla. She lived most of her life in the Dallas area before moving to Big Spring one year ago. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Pablo "Paul" Tovar of Big Spring; one daughter, April Miller and her husband Herb Estrada of Eagle Pass; two sons, Jimmy Miller and his wife Darla of Fort Worth, and John Miller and his wife Sandra of Hendrix, Okla.; parents, Earlene and Don Grider of Odessa; two sisters, Karen Duke of Longview and Janice Carouthers of Sonora; three brothers, Bill Barber and Brian Barber, both of Odessa, and Jay Barber of Pineville, La.; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren, Emily Walton and Lacey Tovar.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

# 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.

## Marguerite Schwarzenbach

Marguerite "Mog" Schwarzenbach, 89, of Big Spring, passed away at her home Wednesday, April 7, 2010.

"Mog" was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard F. Schwarzenbach, D.V.M.; a son, William H. Schwarzenbach; and a sister, Mary Jane Edwards.

She was well known in the community and was a retired teacher in the Big Spring Independent School District.

She is survived by her son, John Reed (Red) Schwarzenbach, M.D., and daughter-in-law Carolann of Hot Springs, S.D.; and her daughter, Belle Schwarzenbach of Ogden, Utah. She is also survived by six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a niece, Mary Lane Reynolds of Big Spring.

Honorary pallbearers will be Nick L. Schwarzenbach, David W. Schwarzenbach, Matthew C. Wallace, Nathan P. Wallace, Lefty Reynolds, Sunny Edwards, Jack Ed Irons and Holden Schwarzenbach.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, Big Spring 79720 or to the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring 79720.

Private graveside services were attended by immediate family and friends April 10, 2010. The family will receive friends at the family residence, 810 West 14th, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, April 11, 2010.

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

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# HC's Teller wins all-around title

BY CINDY SMITH  
Special to the Herald

Hawk cowboy Cullen Teller brought home enough points in steer wrestling and team roping to secure the All Around Cowboy title for the Western Texas College Rodeo held April 1-3 in Snyder.

Teller stopped the clock with a 5.8 and a 5.2 to secure 4th place in the average in Steer Wrestling. He partnered with fellow Hawk Josh Siggins to snag a 5.9 in the team roping long round, but the duo couldn't get both ends of the steer and received no score in the short round. The team roping performance was enough to push Josh Siggins into first place and Teller to 6th in the tough

Southwest Region standings.

"Cullen had a good week," said Hawk Rodeo Coach, Greg Kernick. "He worked hard and brought in some points to really boost his regional standings and that is always good," said Kernick.

A.J. St. Goddard went into the bareback riding short round with a score of 66 from the long go and ended up in 8th in the average after a score of 68 in the short round.

Although the Lady Hawks struggled a bit this weekend, Kirby Coats was able to split third and fourth place in the Breakaway Roping long round, stopping the clock at 2.1. Lady luck turned the other way and Coats finished with a no score in the short

round, which dropped her out of placement in the average.

The Southwest Region is widely known as one of the toughest in the nation.

"We compete with other community colleges as well as 4-year universities," said Kernick. "And our kids are right up there with the best of the best every week."

Heading into the last two rodeos of the spring season, the current regional standings for the Hawk Rodeo Team is as follows: Men's Team - 4th; Women's Team - 8th; Men's All Around - Jason Schaffer 2nd; Bareback Riding - A.J. St. Goddard 6th; Steer Wrestling - Jason Schaffer 10th; Bull Riding Lonnie Graham 13th; Team Roping

Header - Josh Siggins 1st, Jason Schaffer 7th, Payton Norell 10th, Chase Sullivan 15th; Team Roping Heeler - J.W. Townsend 3rd, Cullen Teller 6th, Rhett Anderson 14th; Breakaway Roping - Kady Knox 11th.

The Hawks will have the week off before hosting their own rodeo April 15-17 at the Rodeo Bowl in Big Spring.

"This is the only time our kids get the chance to perform at home," said Kernick. "We really want to encourage everyone to come out, enjoy the rodeo and support these student athletes."

For more on the HC Hawk Rodeo Team and updated schedule and results, visit [www.hchawk.com](http://www.hchawk.com).

# Frenship rallies past Lady Steers on road

Herald Staff Report

WOLFFORTH — The Big Spring Lady Steers faced a critical game Friday night against district 4-4A leader Frenship in Wolfforth. The Lady Tigers came away with a 4-2 win in the game, improving to 5-0 in district while dropping the Lady Steers to a tie with Plainview for second.

Frenship (18-8, 5-0) took advantage of six Big Spring errors in the game that led to three unearned runs, and Maddie Johnson hit a solo home run in the fifth.

"We just were not making the plays that we know we can make," Steers coach John

Sparks said. "We will work through these mistakes and be the type of team we need to be for the playoffs."

Ciara Raspberry earned the win for the Tigers, allowing just four hits. Kenzie Hunt took the loss for Big Spring (17-10, 3-3).

Jessica Womack hit an RBI single in the game and Carson Riebe also knocked in a run with an RBI double.

The Lady Steers will play Abilene Cooper at home Tuesday as the district 4-4A race tightens up. Plainview will play Frenship at home.

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# FORSAN

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haven't played a game within at 10-run margin since early March.

The Lady Buffs won their 23rd straight conference game Friday with a 17-2 decision over Eldorado, making them 16-3 on the season and 11-0 in district.

Amanda Longorio hit three doubles and a triple, knocking in four runs. D'Amberly Averette and Shelby Jones each hit triples as well, and Kelsey Jones

notched three hits.

"Their pitcher was a little bit faster than what we've been seeing, and we hit the ball really well," Lady Buffs coach Shanna Roberts

said. "We're playing really well right now."

Longorio also picked up the win in the circle, tossing three innings of no-hit ball and striking out five. Ashley Buzbee

allowed two runs on three hits in the fourth inning.

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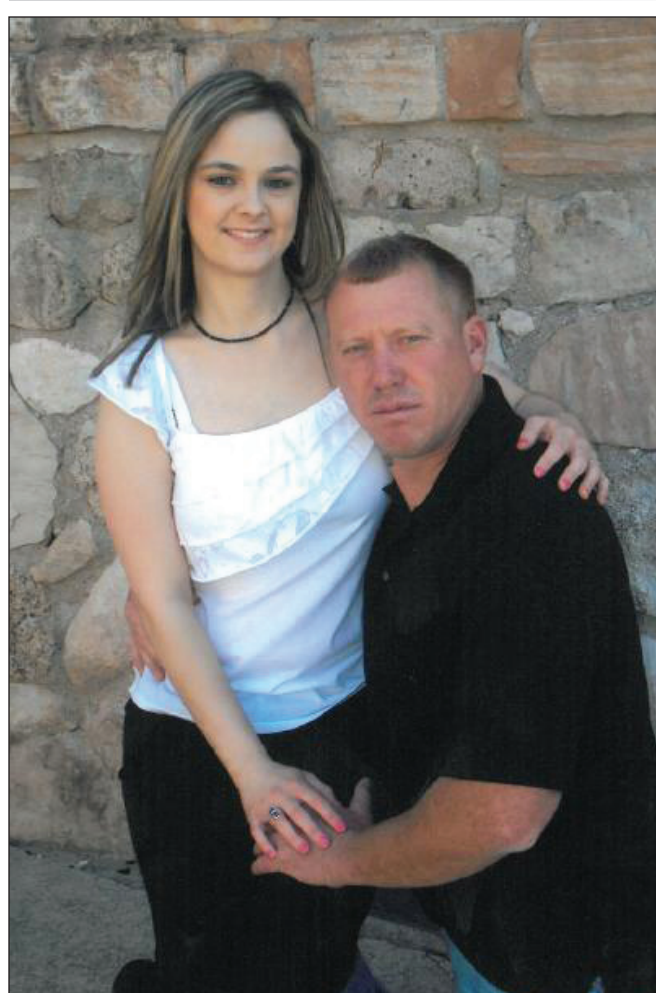
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Vanessa Jean Raney and Anthony Allen Pace

### Raney and Pace

James Raney of Roscoe announces the engagement and approaching marriage of his daughter, Vanessa Jean Raney, to Anthony Allen Pace of Sweetwater.

The prospective groom is the son of Donna and David Pace of Big Spring.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Joan Kendrick of Roscoe.

The couple will exchange vows Aug. 28, 2010, at the Sweetwater Lake Amphitheater.



Tony Cleburne Rodriques and Erica Antoinette Deleon

### Deleon and Rodriques

Benjamin and Maryann Deleon would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Antoinette Deleon, to Tony Cleburne Rodriques of Lamesa.

A 2001 graduate of Big Spring High School, she received a associates in science and her medical assistance license from Howard College in 2005. She is employed in Big Spring.

Tony is the son of Tony Rodriques and Jatuan Rodriques of Lamesa.

He is a 2001 graduate of Lamesa High School. Upon completing his education he served five years in the United States Marine Corps, including two tours in Iraq. He is employed at Alon USA.

Erica and Tony will exchange wedding vows July 31, 2010, at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring.



William Martinez and Jennifer Walleck

### Walleck and Martinez

Milton (Moe) and Rachel Horton of Big Spring are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Walleck, to William Martinez, son of Willie and Tressie Martinez of San Antonio.

Jennifer's father is the late Johnnie Walleck of Gonzales.

Jennifer is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College. She is currently employed with the UT Medical Center in San Antonio as a technician.

William is a 2001 graduate of William H. Taft High School and attended The University of Texas at San Antonio. He is currently employed with Jordan Ford in San Antonio.

Their wedding will be held in San Antonio, at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, on June 5, 2010.

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# Snyder man pleads guilty in federal pornography case

Special to the Herald

LUBBOCK — Wesley Ray Haddox, 31, of Snyder, pleaded guilty Friday afternoon before U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings to one count of receipt of child pornography, announced U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks, of the Northern District of Texas.

Haddox faces a maximum statutory sentence of not less than five years or more than 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and a lifetime of supervised release. Judge Cummings ordered a presentence report with sentencing to be scheduled after the comple-

tion of that report. Haddox has been in custody since his arrest in February on related charges.

According to documents filed in the case, Haddox admitted using a "peer-to-peer" file-sharing program on his computer to download videos of child pornography. In the course of searching for videos depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, Haddox downloaded and saved approximately 58 such videos.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice, to combat a growing epidemic of child sexual exploi-

tation and abuse. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, visit <http://www.project-safechildhood.gov/>

The case is being investigated by the FBI and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven M. Sucusy of the Lubbock U.S. Attorney's Office.

# SUIT

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The settlement called for the city to pay the plaintiff's attorney fees in the amount of \$7,000 — along with \$328 in court fees — as well as make a \$5,000 contribution to the Freedom of Information Foundation. In return, the CCC agreed to non-suit with prejudice all of its causes of action, as well as not challenge to the 2009-2010 tax rate unless the council opted to go up on the rate.

The city agreed to accept the arrangement during the March hearing, while Austin attorney Jim Hemphill, who represented the CCC, said he would only be able to sign off on the agreement once the group had taken a formal vote on the matter.

According to Sjogren, waiting on the CCC to take a formal vote on the agreement didn't set well with Moore.

"I spoke with Mr. Hemphill and explained to him we might need to take action on the matter during the April 13 council meeting, so it was important to get a final answer from the CCC's membership as soon as possible," said Sjogren. "He spoke with his clients that day and tried to get something set up, but he was unsuccessful. At that point I explained to him I was going to have to go to the judge with the matter.

"We (attorneys for the plaintiff and defense) had a conference call with Judge Moore Tuesday and he was less than pleased the plaintiffs were taking so long to approve or disapprove the agreement. He told the plaintiff's attorney he was dropping the \$5,000 donation to the Freedom of Information Foundation to \$2,500, and if the agreement wasn't signed and finalized very soon, he would eliminate it all together,

leaving the city to only pay the attorney fees."

Sjogren said she was pleased with the outcome of the matter and the city is ready to move on.

"We have a lot of important matters to deal with in the coming months," said Sjogren. "By finalizing this agreement, we can now move on to more pressing issues."

The lawsuit — which was filed on behalf of the CCC with local residents Shannon Thomason, Steve Campbell, Thomas Tafuro, John Huckabee, Joe Hernandez and Mary Musik named as plaintiffs — alleged an emergency meeting of the Big Spring City Council held Jan. 6 violated the act, which requires 72 hours notice of meetings.

Thomason, chairman of the CCC and a candidate for mayor, said he conducted a "quick telephone poll" of the group to decide whether or not to accept the agreement, and the results were anything but unanimous.

"I did a quick telephone poll of a quorum of our members, which just happened to be the plaintiffs named in the lawsuit along with a few other members," said Thomason. "We had at least one or two members that were still very gung-ho about

moving forward with the lawsuit. However, our final decision was to go ahead and accept the agreement.

"Are we pleased with the agreement? Let's just say we can live with it," he added. "We all had questions and concerns on both sides of the issue. However, it is what it is."

During the Jan. 6 meeting, the Big Spring City Council declared a rollback tax petition submitted to the city in December as invalid. To be successful, the petition would have needed approximately 1,200 names. However, the final copy submitted to the city contained just one name, that of Thomason.

The legal remedy the CCC was pushing for in its lawsuit was a tax rollback election, according to Hemphill. However, neither side could agree what the current tax rollback rate was, as the city contended a pair of blunders — the first by the Howard County Tax Appraiser's office that removed nearly \$11 million from the

tax roles, and a second by a Abilene tax management company that nixed another \$6.6 million — that spurred recalculations of the city's certified values have raised the rollback rate above the current adopted tax rate, making the possibility of holding a rollback election moot.

Moore called the idea of having voters cast ballots in a rollback tax election that, if successful, would — using the city's newly calcu-

lated rollback rate of \$1.014 per \$100 valuation, which eclipses the existing rate of \$1.013 — essentially raise taxes absurd.

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On Monday, March 29, 2010, a hearing was held in 118th District Court concerning the illegal action of the City Council of the City of Big Spring alleging a violation of Texas State Law (Texas Open Meeting Act.) As we all now know, the District Judge hearing the case ruled very quickly that, in fact, the "emergency meeting" called for January 19, 2010, by the mayor did indeed violate the Texas Open Meeting Act and as a result needlessly cost the voters and taxpayers even more tax dollars.

I took the opportunity to attend the hearing and found the performance of the city attorney and city secretary embarrassing, at best, in attempting to defend the irresponsible actions of the mayor and city council. One would think since the mayor organized the meeting and council members attended this "emergency meeting" they would have attended the district court hearing and defended their actions and stood by them. But no!! Only one of the council members had the conviction to attend the hearing and be informed by the presiding Judge that the mayor and city council had indeed violated Texas State Law and as a result embarrassed the City they represent. The mayor and other council members were nowhere to be seen and their absence was conspicuous. The sole purpose of the mayor's and council's violation of the Texas Open Meeting Act was an "in your face" attempt to circumvent the will and wishes of the voters and taxpayers of the City of Big Spring.

If you, like many others, have concluded, that enough is enough, I would respectfully refer you to the wit of an old wise man and philosopher when he stated, "The most effective method to guarantee real change is to vote the incumbents out of office at the earliest opportunity."

If you have come to believe the antics of the present mayor and council warrant serious adjustment, I would sincerely appreciate your consideration and vote in the upcoming election for City Council, District 5.

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# Tech's Tuberville adjusting to life in West Texas

LUBBOCK (AP) — Tommy Tuberville has had some sleepless nights since arriving in West Texas.

He can't stop hearing the wind. It howls at night and blasts his family's new home with gusts up to 50 mph. Tumbleweed from nearby cotton fields blow all over the place.

"There's nothing to block the wind so when it's blowing (at Tech) it's double that out in the middle of the cotton fields," Tuberville said.

But that's life on the wind-swept South Plains, where all kinds of changes are blowing through the Texas Tech football program.

Tuberville, who'd been out of coaching for a year, was hired by Texas Tech in mid-January, less than two weeks after the university fired Mike Leach for cause following allegations he mistreated a player with a concussion. Leach has denied the accusations and has filed a lawsuit against the school alleging slander, libel and breach of contract.

The 55-year-old Tuberville spent the first

couple of months talking up Tech football to fans across the state, visiting recruits and getting his family settled in their new home on the outskirts of Lubbock. He's already found his favorite steakhouse in beef-heavy Texas, though that's not the Arkansas native's favorite meat.

"I might have moved to West Texas, but I'm still a pork guy," he said. "I like pork ribs. I grew up on pork."

On the field, Tuberville has invited the public to attend spring practices — a shift from last year when Leach closed the sessions — and the pace during the workouts has been sped up dramatically.

There's more supervision by position coaches — before, during and after the end of plays — and players like it.

"It's really exciting," linebacker Brian Duncan said. "It's different. It's big-time different, but it's good for us."

While the defensive players are adjusting to the changes, the learning curve isn't as steep on offense, where Tuberville only plans



AP FILE PHOTO

Tommy Tuberville is getting used to the West Texas wind in his first season at Texas Tech.

to make subtle changes to Tech's pass-happy scheme.

That's probably a good thing since the two senior quarterbacks vying for the starting role, Taylor Potts and Steven Sheffield, both went out with injuries in late March and won't return for spring workouts.

Sheffield had surgery to repair the same bone in his left foot that he broke at Nebraska last

season. Potts, last year's starter, split the webbing between his right index and middle fingers when he hit his hand on a teammate's helmet while following through on a pass.

"Obviously, we get to work on our running game a little bit more," said Tuberville, who has said he'll use the rush more. "We need to do that anyway."

Tuberville's boss likes what he sees, calling him

a "CEO-type coach."

"I'm really pleased with how he's handled things and adjusted to a new situation," Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said. "He kind of has his hands on everything and knows what's going on."

In 2000, Leach brought a high-octane aerial offense to Texas Tech that put up gaudy numbers. Tech's starting quarterback led the nation in passing in all but two of Leach's 10 seasons.

One of those two instances came last fall, when Potts went out with a concussion and Sheffield broke his foot.

Though Tuberville says he'll select his starter about two weeks before Tech's opener against SMU on Sept. 5, he plans to play both quarterbacks next season.

"You hate to have a quarterback controversy, but when you have two seniors there's no way around it," Tuberville said.

Sheffield threw for 1,219 yards and 14 touchdowns while appearing in six games last season.

Potts had 3,440 yards and 22 touchdowns in 11 games.

Tuberville said he knows he can take Tech to the next level.

"It's not our first rodeo. We've been to two other places and been successful," he said. "

Tuberville was 85-40 at Auburn, including a 13-0 season in 2004 when the Tigers finished No. 2, won the SEC title for the first time in 15 years and Tuberville won the AP Coach of the Year award.

Before going to Auburn, Tuberville coached at Mississippi and was 25-20 in four years. He also spent a year as defensive coordinator at Texas A&M, helping the Aggies finish 10-0-1 and rank among the nation's defensive leaders.

He inherits a program that went 9-4 last season and 84-43 under Leach. Tuberville understands he needs to prove to Tech fans he knows how to win.

"It never is easy when you have changeover, but I like the potential here," he said. "I think whatever we want to do here we can do."

## Leach visits spring practice at Okla. State

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy welcomed a former Big 12 South rival into his huddle this week as Mike Leach paid a visit to Stillwater.

Leach, who was fired as Texas Tech's coach in December after he was accused of mistreating an injured player, stopped by Oklahoma State's spring practice as the Cowboys install a version of his high-powered spread offense.

"Obviously coach Leach is not like anybody else," Gundy said. "I've been around him before and I've always had a good relationship with him. That was the first time I'd been around him in a football setting."

"Very informative and a great opportunity for me to learn what was going on when they're

out there running his offense and he's sitting there with me."

One of Leach's former assistants, Dana Holgorsen, was brought in this offseason to run Oklahoma State's offense. Holgorsen spent eight seasons on Leach's staff at Texas Tech before serving as Houston's offensive coordinator the past two years.

"It was entertaining. ... (Leach) and I went over the play scripts and he could kind of tell me what was going on because obviously he has a thorough background in this offense," Gundy said. "It was enjoyable. He's always fun to be around and listen to him talk and what he has to say."

The Cowboys ranked among the nation's top 10 teams in offense in 2007 and 2008 before dropping to 70th last season.



AP FILE PHOTO

Mike Leach paid a visit to Stillwater this week.

Holgorsen will be taking over play calling from Gundy, who handled it for the past two years after former offensive coordinator Larry Fedora became the head coach at Southern Mississippi.

"When Dana came in here, we were obligated to let him run his system and he's done a great job with it," said Gundy, himself a former offensive coordinator at OSU. "Our players are comfortable with it and

I've enjoyed watching it because it's very new to me, similar to when coach Fedora came here and put his system in. I'm learning it and looking forward to continuing to learn it and see how it works out."

Holgorsen's offense at Houston led the nation in scoring, passing and total offense last season. An early glimpse at his scheme will come in the Cowboys' spring game on April 17.

## COAHOMA

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fifth, when leadoff hitter Lauren Powers reached on an infield single and scored on a Jordan Roberts RBI single.

Dunn set down seven in a row to end the game.

The Bulldogettes played Midland Christian in a makeup game Saturday at 1 p.m.

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more runs himself, including a critical one in the seventh.

"I was happy with the way the guys responded last night," Fuller said. "They have nothing to hang their heads about. That's the longest game most of us have ever been a part of."

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Tuesday: Breakfast - Oatmeal, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - Meat loaf, creamed potatoes, apples, spice cake, milk; Burritos.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Biscuits, gravy, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, pineapples, roll, milk; Corn dogs.

Thursday: Breakfast - Pop Tarts, ham, juice, milk. Lunch - Spaghetti, corn on cob, bread sticks,

strawberry cup, milk; McRib's.

Friday: Breakfast - French toast, sausage, apple sauce, milk. Lunch - Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, apples, cookies; Flex Day.

**Big Spring ISD**

Monday: Breakfast - Cereal, cheese, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken patty, cheese, french fries, corn, fruit cocktail, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage roll, juice, milk. Lunch - Cheeseburger mac, broccoli, cheese sauce, Orange Smiles, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Tortilla, cheese omelets, fruit cup, milk. Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sliced apples, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Ham/cheese biscuits, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken fajitas, tortilla, ranch beans, Spanish rice, apricot cobbler, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - French toast slices, juice, milk. Lunch - Cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, rosy applesauce, fruit, milk.

**Forsan ISD**

Monday: Breakfast - Muffin, banana, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Turkey sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tater tots, baby carrots, sliced peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - French toast, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - Taco salad, pinto beans, Orange Smiles, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk. Lunch - Sloppy Joe, Funyuns, corn on the cobs, pickle spears, apple, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cereal, cinnamon toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, fruited gelatin, milk.

**Wedding**



Ron and Daury Booth

**Mr. and Mrs. Ron Booth**

Ron Booth and Daury Cockrell were joined in marriage in an afternoon ceremony March 8, 2010. They were married in Canadian County, El Reno, Okla.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Alda L. Dorrough in the home of the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Roy and Nelda Maynard.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth are both retired. They are active in the local golf associations.

The couple was honored with a dance and reception, given by their children, on March 27, 2010, at the home of Steve and Jana Hector. A host of treasured friends joined with the families to celebrate their marriage.

They will continue to reside in Big Spring.

**Births**



Anslee Dawn Burris

Anslee Dawn Burris, a girl, was born at 1:35 a.m. March 1, 2010, weighing 6 pounds, 13.7 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Her parents are Cody and Christin Burris of Coleman.

Grandparents are Courtney and Kelli Ballard of Big Spring and Kevin and Deana Burris of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Bill and Barbara Ballard of Big Spring, the late Enola Myrlene Ballard of Big Spring, Helen and the late Marvin Kendrick of Big Spring, Mildred and the late Leroy Burris of Norton and Sue and the late Wesley Lloyd of Tyler.



Amorina Andrea Gonzales

Amorina Andrea Gonzales, a girl, was born at 12:23 p.m. March 28, 2010, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 18-1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Cecilia Barrera and Manuel Gonzales Jr. of Big Spring.

Grandparents are Silvia Two Bear of Big Spring, Ernesto Barrera of Arizona, Yolanda Gonzales of Big Spring and Manuel R. Gonzales of Big Spring.

**Military**



Army Pfc. Nicholas A Paredez has recently been promoted to Specialist. He is deployed in Iraq and stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C. He is a Fire Support Specialist with the 82nd Airborne Division.

He graduated from Big Spring High School in 2005. His wife, Ashley Paredez, is in Fort Bragg. His parents are the late Leonard Paredez and Louisa and Jim Rangel, all of Big Spring. Grandparents are

Guadalupe and the late Santiago Paredez and Joe and Celia Ovalle, all of Big Spring.

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## OUR VIEW

# Giving children proper options on alcohol vital

April is Alcohol Awareness Month and a good time to consider a somewhat sobering thought: That far too many very young children are being faced with the decision of whether or not to drink.

Unfortunately, too many of us seem to find that difficult to believe. What's more, it's not a situation that's gone away. As a matter of fact, it's a problem that's just as serious as ever, if not, more so.

Underage drinking is seen by many as a problem found at high schools and with college freshmen — not in middle schools and on elementary school campuses.

Thankfully, most fifth and sixth grade students in Big Spring and across the state of Texas are not using alcohol.

However, it is a sobering thought that even a few of them are facing such an important decision. What's more, we as adults should remember that how wisely they choose is up to us.

We have noted in this space before that one national study showed 10 percent of 9- to 10-year-olds say they have already started drinking. And by the time students reach the eighth grade, nearly 50 percent report they had at least one drink. Some 20 percent say they've been drunk.

All of us — parents, teachers ... all adults — have a responsibility to make sure children not only know how to say "no" to peer pressure and other enticements to drink, but to help educate them as to how potentially damaging underage drinking can be to their health.

This month many schools across the state will be conducting programs to help give fifth and sixth graders the information they need.

But the discussion about the harmful effects of underage drinking should not stop at the doors of our schools. A clear and consistent message at home and at school that underage alcohol use is dangerous and unacceptable will reinforce a child's ability to make healthy decisions.

Statistics show that about 10.8 million young people between the ages of 12 and 20 in America drink alcohol and that is a statistic that needs to change.

We here at the *Herald*, as we've done so in the past, encourage our readers to talk with their children today and help prevent underage drinking.

For more information about underage drinking and drug use, log onto [www.samsha.gov](http://www.samsha.gov) or call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Clearinghouse for alcohol and drug information at 1-800-729-6686.

The cost of not being responsible adults in such a matter is simply too great to bear.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we build a better future.

Amen

# Let's turn down the vitriol

It is a confusing, sad commentary on life here in the good, old U.S. of A. when a Republican saying nice things about a Democrat makes national headlines.

What's next — dogs sleeping with cats?

According to CNN.com's Political Ticker blog, Oklahoma Sen. Tom Coburn recently had nice words for House Speaker (and fervent Democrat) Nancy Pelosi.

At a March 31 town hall meeting in Oklahoma City, Sen. Coburn mentioned Pelosi's name, which elicited groans and a few jeers from the audience. That response caused Coburn to jump to Pelosi's defense.

"Come on now, she is a nice — how many of you all have met her?" Coburn said. "She is a nice person. Let me give you a little lesson here, I hope you will listen to me. Just because somebody disagrees with you doesn't mean they aren't a good person."

What a radical sentiment. Make no mistake — Coburn is as conservative as you would expect an Oklahoma senator to be, so I'm sure he has crossed swords with Pelosi on several issues in the past. As a self-avowed conservative, I have found myself disagreeing with Madame Speaker on a lot of occasions.

But Coburn is right: A person's views on particular issues are in no way a reflection on their character. Just because a person is on the opposite side of the political spectrum from you doesn't mean that they suddenly grew horns and began sacrificing small children during midnight Satanic rituals.

Unfortunately, demonizing po-

litical opponents seems to have become the national pastime. As anyone who follows politics knows, it is now no longer suffice to disagree with a person's political views; you have to paint them as the second coming of the Anti-Christ, also.

Just listen to conservative mouthpieces like Rush Limbaugh or Glenn Beck, or their counterparts on the liberal side of the spectrum, and you will hear massive amounts of vitriol aimed at political opponents. To hear these folks talk, you'd think politicians like President Obama were so stupid they couldn't spell "cat" if you gave them the C and the A.

And, of course, it's not enough to paint someone as stupid — they're also un-American at best and downright evil at worst.

With the narrow passage of the healthcare bill, things really got out of hand. Of course, Limbaugh and Beck went ballistic, but that was to be expected. However, private citizens started getting into the act, including one genius who issued a death threat against a representative who voted for the bill.

I don't know where all of this will stop. I only know that it has to stop, and soon.

You don't like the healthcare bill? Fine, neither do I. But it passed by a majority vote in both Houses of Congress. And, last time I checked, majority rule was a way of life in this country.

You don't like the way President Obama is running the country? Fine, vote against him when he runs for re-election. For the time being, however, try to keep in mind the fact that he was fairly and decisively voted into office in 2008.

You don't like the way a representative voted on a certain bill? Fine, call them up or write them a letter or e-mail and express your disappointment with their

actions. Or go to a Tea Party rally. Or take any of a number of constructive actions to air your point of view.

But as my mother once said, getting all red in the face about things is only going to raise your blood pressure, which means the only person who gets hurt is you.

Likewise, painting the president of Speaker Pelosi as the newest incarnation of Beelzebub or phoning in death threats serves no other purpose than to display how utterly stupid you are.

I'm not trying to say a person's political views don't matter. Of course they do. But the mere fact that a person is liberal or conservative or whatever in outlook doesn't mean you wouldn't like the guy if you happened to meet him.

I'm reminded of two of the greatest movie stars in history, Henry Fonda and Jimmy Stewart. Fonda was a true blue liberal, while Stewart was a staunch conservative. Yet, the two were best friends. Why? Because they knew that their respective political views were only a part of their identity.

Sen. Coburn gets it. I'm not saying he's all buddy-buddy with Speaker Pelosi, but he does understand that there's more to a person than their particular viewpoints.

Civility toward others is more than just good manners. If we want to truly address the pressing issues this country faces, it's going to be downright necessary, because we're all in this mess together.

In other words, it's OK to disagree — just try not to be so disagreeable about it.

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## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

My family and I have had the privilege of getting to know and work with Jim Rhodes over the past four years. I was so pleased to see such a deserving individual receive the prestigious award from the University Interscholastic League.

In such a small school as Forsan, more than 125 high school students choose to be members of the amazing Buffalo Band. We have watched Rhodes take this group of students and turn them into an award-winning band year after year.

The students who work with Rhodes have self-confidence, pride and the feeling of being a part of something bigger than themselves. Band is only one of the activities which he directs at Forsan. It is hard to put into words how the parents and students feel about Mr. Rhodes, but here are a few words that come to mind: admired, respected, loved, appreciated. We are so grateful for you.

SCOTT AND LISA EMERSON  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I grew up in West Texas and, while I don't get to live there anymore, I did happen to read your story in the *Big Spring Herald* online about Matthew Snyder.

I was really touched by it and am appalled by the actions of the protesters.

Thanks for having the *Herald* online, I find the longer I live away from West Texas the more I miss the integrity and love of the community there.

PAULA ROBINSON  
COPPER CANYON

TO THE EDITOR:

I love to browse your online paper. I was born at Medical Arts Hospital back in September 1963. My grandmother, Alice Haynes, was the head nurse there for many years.

I am now a pastor in Fort Worth and run a food assistance ministry to senior citizens.

Big Spring is always on my heart. God bless you all.

Since my grandparents passed away, I have not had much reason to come by. But I pray for Big

Spring. Once again, God bless you!

JAMES BRADY  
FORT WORTH

TO THE EDITOR:

Imagine if you will, being 6 years old and having to leave your home, family members, friends and everything that is familiar to you, and moving across the state of Texas all alone. Now imagine lying in a strange bed at night, wondering if you will ever make it back "home."

For more than 300 Permian Basin foster children, this is their reality. When you hear the words "child abuse," people most often visualize a scared young child with bruises, clinging to a tattered teddy bear, or some may picture a teenage girl who has been practically raising herself and her little siblings because her parents care more about drugs and alcohol than being a family.

In the Permian Basin, there are currently well over 300 children in the foster care system,

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# Texas Stadium set to become pile of rubble

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The old stadium for America's team is about to become a pile of dust and rubble.

With the push of a button at 7 a.m. Sunday, more than a ton of dynamite will blow Texas Stadium into pieces.

In about one minute, down will go the building that was home to the Dallas Cowboys during all five of their Super Bowl championships and was the birthplace of those famous cheerleaders. It also hosted events ranging from a Billy Graham crusade to Von Erich brothers wrestling extravaganzas.

"They can blow it up, implode it, dynamite it — but they can't take away the memories created there," former Cowboys star receiver Drew Pearson said Friday. He plans to watch the demolition from a nearby building, "because I don't want anybody to see me tearing up."

For former running back Walt Garrison, it's just a building: "The memories are not about where you played, but who you played with," he said.

The Cowboys played their last game at Texas Stadium in December 2008, then moved into the \$1.2 billion Cowboys Stadium in Arlington last season. The hole-in-the-roof stadium couldn't compete with its successor, or even

area colleges and high schools, so leaders in Irving decided to clear the city-owned building for future development.

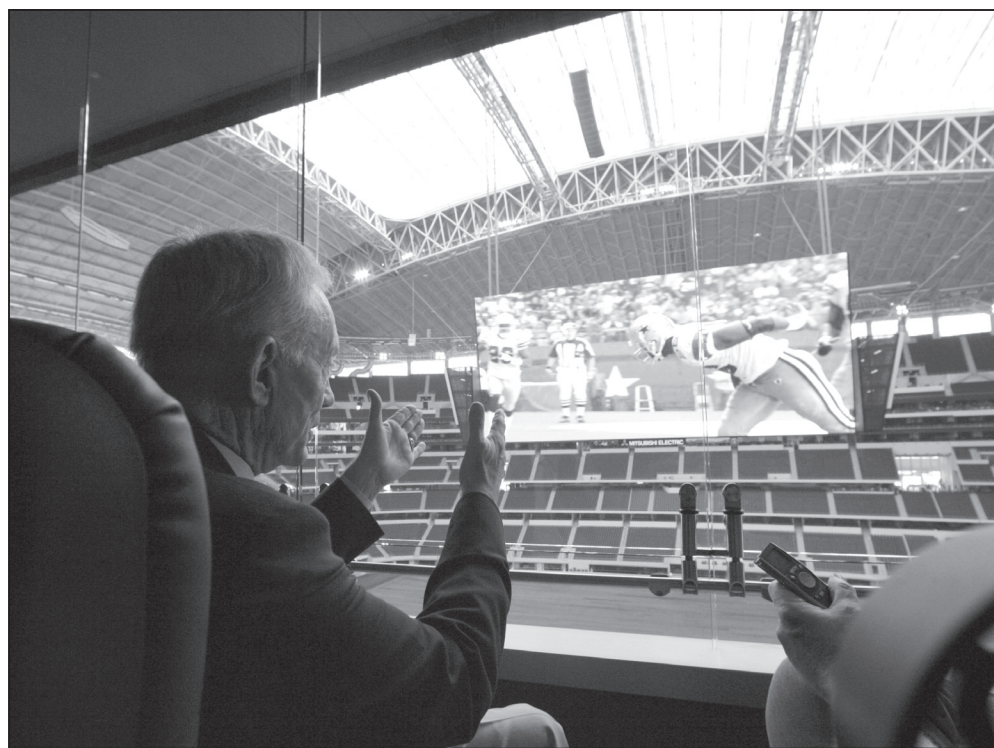
About 2,200 holes were drilled into the stadium's support columns and packed with dynamite. On Sunday, a series of 50 explosions on half-second delays will level the building. "It will go boom, boom, boom, boom — like dominoes falling," said Doug Janeway, an assistant director for the city.

The city is charging \$25 per car to attend what's being billed as "the final tailgate party." The proceeds will go to charity.

Clint Murchison Jr., who founded the Cowboys in 1960, never liked their original home in the Cotton Bowl — and he liked it less once Houston built the Astrodome. Dallas officials didn't want to build a stadium for a billionaire, so Murchison convinced suburban Irving to spend a then-whopping \$25 million to build one. Murchison kicked in another \$10 million.

When the team moved in midway through the 1971 season, during an era when players were paid about as much as ordinary fans, players were awed by a facility that would eventually change the world of professional sports.

"When we got into Texas Stadium, it felt



AP FILE PHOTO

**Jerry Jones, left, ditched Texas Stadium for the \$1 billion superstadium in Arlington. Texas Stadium is set for demolition Sunday.**

like, "This is our new home. We've got to make the most out of it," said former star safety Cliff Harris.

And they did. The Cowboys won their first Super Bowl that season. The cheerleaders started the next year, and more Super Bowl trips followed. Their glitzy image and a state-of-the-art stadium helped brand them as "America's Team."

The nickname stuck as the club went from Roger Staubach to Troy Aikman to Tony Romo, Tony Dorsett to Emmitt Smith to Marion Barber, Bob Lilly to Randy White to DeMarcus Ware, Tom Landry to Jimmy Johnson to Bill Parcells.

The hole-in-the-roof concept was to keep fans comfortable while exposing players to the elements, which didn't really catch on. But other concepts did — for better or worse.

Personal seat licenses can be traced to Murchison forcing fans to buy bonds to buy season tickets. He also pioneered catering to the elite by building 176 luxury suites, billing them as a "personalized penthouse." They became so popular, the stadium eventually had 360.

When Jerry Jones took over, he exploited a loophole in NFL revenue-sharing rules by getting companies to sponsor his stadium

instead of his team. He ended up making big bucks from Pepsi and Nike at a time when Coke and Reebok were league sponsors.

The building deteriorated over the years, but it always looked great on television. Anyone flying into Dallas' two major airports probably heard a pilot pointing out the place below.

"Texas Stadium just happened to bring out the Hollywood in people," said longtime tight end Billy Joe DuPree. "It was always show time on Sundays."

The final show will come this Sunday.

The wireless button to trigger the detonation will be pushed by 11-year-old Casey Rogers

of nearby Terrell. He won a nationwide essay contest by writing about his charity, Casey's Heart, which provides food and clothes to the homeless.

It's one of the few sentimental demolition jobs for Jim Rawson, the project manager for A&R Demolition who has been helping blow up buildings for 20 years. He grew up a Cowboys fan. But his field superintendent, Terry Tejada, is a lifelong 49ers fan.

"When we brought in the first machine, I actually yanked my operator off of it and I got on it," Tejada said with a big smile. "I was the first one to tear this building up. I loved it."

Dirt scooped up for a nearby highway construction project has been used to fill in the stadium's subterranean level. The state transportation department has a 10-year lease to use the land as a staging area for the project, with an escape clause if a development deal comes along.

A sense of fading nostalgia was already evident at a luncheon Friday, when Mayor Herbert Gears presented a key to the city of Irving to Alicia Landry, widow of the club's longtime coach. It was the city's last key featuring the stadium.

What will replace it? "We're still working on that," Gears said.

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### RIBBON CUTTINGS HELD



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Linda Summersell, with scissors, manager of the new pro shop at Comanche Trail Park, is joined by city of Big Spring and Chamber of Commerce officials during ribbon-cutting ceremonies to mark the opening of the facility.

### Energy Watch



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We humans are nothing if not emotional and subject to some irrational fears. The past several days, the stock market has given back a little of its 12 percent, seven-week rally by the S&P 500 — actually, very little. Wall Street is not a one-way street and pauses-to-refresh are simply part of the deal and totally normal. But, we are still asked if the market faces serious downside because of its modest stall.

Probably the best way to answer an emotional question is by looking at the market based on its assets and liabilities, as that's about as close to facts as one can get in dealing with the stock market.

OK, first the market's assets.

The most critical asset is the fact that the economy is recovering in a solid fashion and will probably perk up more as time passes. The market and investors love low interest rates and that we do have. Also, the Federal Reserve chairman has stated that rates will stay low for quite some time.

Another asset is that inflation is very modest and likely to stay that way the rest of the year, thanks to the very soft labor market. The labor market is also a liability to be discussed later. Corporate profits are growing rapidly, which is a strong market asset.

Also in the asset column is a price/earnings multiple of just under 15 based on a \$78.00 per share estimate for the S&P 500 this year. We look for corporate earnings to be up nicely again in 2011.

All balance sheets have a liability side and there are many we must account for in the current stock market. The international scene remains very uncertain and the Middle East seems to continuously heat up. In America, the political environment is as contentious as we have witnessed in our years as professional students of the stock market.

Another big liability is the mood of the people. Fear and anger are very high, which creates extreme distrust of our political leaders on both sides of the aisle. Our federal deficit is huge, growing rapidly and probably will result in higher taxes as spending cuts seem unlikely.

The very soft labor market does help keep inflation down, but also restricts economic growth and the mood of our nation. A strong job market would help the unemployed, the economy, and the nation's mood.

Yes, we realize that some believe the assets do not outweigh the liabilities, and indeed it is fairly close. However, there is another part of the balance sheet called goodwill.

Goodwill is somewhat fictitious and represents faith in the future. Well, the stock market is all about faith in the future. The reason the S&P 500 index is up some 77 percent since March 9, 2009 is because investors are looking past the valley of our liabilities to the assets or peaks that the market believes lie ahead. The bullish momentum shown by the stock market is very strong goodwill.

Pullbacks will come and go, but the market's balance sheet says the bull is alive and well.

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Downtown Boutique co-owners Mary Wallis, with scissors, and Vickie Wallis, third from right, are joined by employees and Chamber of Commerce representatives during ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the business, located at 1710 Gregg St.

## Want a health career? Summer camp could provide jump start

Special to the Herald

Interested in a health career? If so, there's a summer camp designed especially for you.

Camp Jump Start is a summer opportunity that gives area high school students information, activities and hands-on learning about health careers.

Students participate in tours of health care facilities, shadowing opportunities with health professionals, hands-on science experiments and lectures from college professors and instructors that

will offer good habits for college success.

Also, students will learn basic CPR and first aid, take tours in a medical simulation lab and much more.

The 2 1/2-day camps are offered to high school students at two locations — the Circle Six Camp, Lenorah, June 28- July 1, and Angelo State University in San Angelo, July 6-8.

Admission requirements include:

- Recommendation from a

teacher or mentor.

- A completed application. Applications are located on website [www.permianbasinahec.org](http://www.permianbasinahec.org)

- Deadline for application is no later than May 14. Space limited to 25 campers.

- Cost is \$50 per student.

- Must have a 3.0 GPA.

Limited scholarships for the camp are available.

For more information, contact the Permian Basin Area Health Education Center in Midland at 432-685-8306.

## Online tomato growing course ripe for picking

By KATHLEEN PHILLIPS

Special to the Herald

COLLEGE STATION — People who want to try their hand at growing tomatoes may want to try their intellect on a new Web site first.

"Tomato Growing 101" is an online course by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service that walks people from seed to harvest in nine easy-to-learn chapters. Tests after each section enable one to see what information was learned

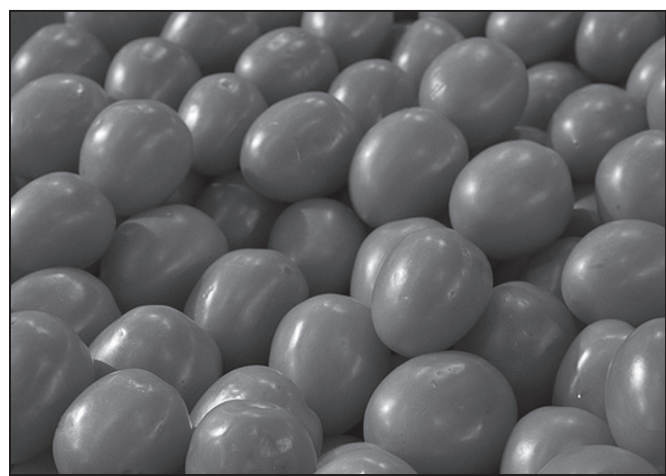
and what needs more attention. At the end of the instruction and tests, participants can print out a certificate of completion, according to its developers.

"For the home gardener, we know their main questions revolve around the three Ts — tomatoes, turf and trees. We know this from the questions that come to AgriLife Extension agents in the counties," said Dr. Joe Masabni, an AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist. "Of all the vegetables,

the tomato is the No. 1 interest of home gardeners. We decided that if we were to develop a self-paced, self-taught course, the needs and demands were for tomato information."

Participants first log on by selecting the course at <http://www.horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/>. After a quick signup process, they can select any of the nine sections to study.

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a number that is growing daily. Of these 300-plus children, only a few are able to be placed in the Permian Basin due to the lack of quality foster homes.

So my question is, "Why not you?" Maybe you have thought about becoming a foster parent or a foster/adopt parent, but you weren't sure how to get started.

April has been designated as Child Abuse Awareness month. It is a time to remember our duties as a community to protect our most valuable and most vulnerable. It is a time to search in our hearts to find a way to preserve these children's future. Young people need committed individuals to help them deal with the deep scars and forge a new way of life.

A World for Children is a Christian therapeutic foster care agency in the Permian Basin. We are teaming with this community to combat the effects of child abuse on children, and to provide safe, nurturing homes for kids.

If you feel it is in your heart to serve these special children, come to an information meeting to find out more about becoming a foster and adoptive parent. For more information, call (432) 935-9056 or go to the Web site www.awfc.org.

We can change the world, one child at a time.

ISAAC MIRAMONTES  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I have read all the letters concerning the water park, streets, water lines, etc. and how most people writing the letters are dissatisfied. So I decided to write a positive letter.

I am positive we need to vote out of office the mayor and city council members who back him, and put in some "new blood." We need people who will listen to what the citizens of our city want, instead of people who want their own agenda. Leaving a legacy of a water park, which is what the mayor wants, is not nearly as impressive as being the leaders who improved our water and got our infrastructure in shape.

Citizens will remember that with a positive attitude and with gratitude. As long as we get a new pool, I doubt if anyone will be whining because we didn't get a water park. They will be having too much fun in the new pool, which didn't cost nearly as much as a water park.

I am positive that we need good, adequately treated, healthy water. Several folks have asked the question, "How is the city going to adequately treat and maintain a water park when

the water in our homes is not even fit to drink?" Also, "Why in the world doesn't the city use those millions of dollars they want to spend on a water park and buy a good water system or whatever is needed to give us really good water?" Those are excellent questions.

My husband has to take off the filters from our sink faucets and washer hose and clean them out because they are so full of dirt and crud. When the water is barely a trickle coming into our washer, it takes a long time to fill. Very frustrating! So then my husband has to pull out the washer, get behind it, take off the hose, remove the filter, clean it and put everything back.

He is already busy enough, then has to take the time to do this. We're really tired of it. And the bad thing is, it's happening way too often.

We have drained our water heater. We have had a water softener installed. We have done everything we can, yet nothing helps. Does anybody else think this is unacceptable?

I am positive the citizens are spending way too much money on decent water to drink because our city will not do what we are paying them to do — buy or fix whatever it takes to give us good water. Our water bill keeps going up and I know that makes a lot of folks mad and it should. We deserve good water for the money we are paying. We are also paying for an R/O unit. So now we pay a water bill, plus another bill for our R/O unit and water softener.

Kandace Baucum addressed the R/O subject very well. I know there are many, many other folks who buy bottled water to drink, so they also have an extra expense. What is wrong with this picture?

It just seems like our city fathers have their priorities very mixed up. Decent water, and safe water ought to take precedence over all these recreational projects that have been done or will be done.

I am positive Clem Jones, Dalton Lewis and others brought up a very good point. Let the taxpayers vote.

Why are our city "leaders" so determined not to let the citizens vote on whether we want a water park? The term "cramming it down our throats" has been used over and over. Don't the mayor and city council get it?

MARTHA MYERS  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

It looks like Big Spring has finally arrived in the 20th century. A century late perhaps, but it does show signs of progress. You can now pay your utility bill online. But get this: They want to charge you a "convenience fee." That's right, a "Convenience Fee" of \$2.33. That's not all! There is also a \$1.25 charge for "Municipal Online Payments."

I was wondering who it was so convenient for, so I contacted the manager at the billing department, inquiring what said charges were for, and was told that the bank was charging them the \$2.33 for each transaction and that the \$1.25 was going to the makers of the software program.

If this is true, we should take another look at who we are doing business with. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to do a few numbers in your head and see that somebody could be making a killing.

I have been paying all my bills online for many years, except for my water bill, and have never been charged any kind of a fee.

Maybe we should take a look at where this money is going and why. Attempting to nickel and dime people to death has always been the prerogative of the large financial giants, not our local elected officials.

Especially in these tough economic times, our so called leaders should be trying to give us a break. After all, we are paying high rates for water that doesn't even meet minimum standards for safe consumption. Are they trying to pay for the notices they have to send out every month to inform us our water is not fit to drink?

I know a lot of people are thinking, "That's just the way it is nowadays."

That may be, but it still isn't right. Call your city officials and let them know how you feel. I did. (And yes, it did feel kind of like butting my head against a wall, but I've got a hard head). Remember to vote!

CARL NEWELL  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

March 12, I was a victim of a hit and run. Within two minutes of the incident, a witness came as we were leaving the house to describe what happened, the color and type of vehicle and the fact that it was backing out of the driveway of our neighbor's home across the street.

The witness claimed that the dark vehicle's trailer hitch hit the bumper of our car, which caused about \$1,440 worth of damage. I immediately recognized the dark Yukon as one that frequents the address.

The police were called. They came, took measurements and talked to the witness. They stated that we have a form for our insurance. Since it was

a crime and we figured we could find the perpetrator, we did not file with our insurance.

The following day, I talked to the neighbor, who would not answer the door that night. She said the person who hit us would come see us and talk about what she did. Of course, she never came.

When I finally found the vehicle at the same location about a week later, I called the police again. The officer stated that he would add it to the police report. We gave it enough time and went to the police station to get the police report so that we could file charges against the person. We now have the license plates and a witness who came back over to tell us that it was the same vehicle, except now it no longer has a trailer hitch.

Now, the police department says they did not file a police report. They instead gave us a blue paper to give to our insurance company. Our insurance company will pay after our deductible. I cannot get a dime toward anything without a police report!

My question is, why would the Big Spring Police Department not file out a police report on a crime?

A crime happened outside of my home. They came out and took measurements and talked to a witness, whom I never knew prior to this incident.

I am out more money than I can pay unless I can get a police report. However, it appears that Big Spring does not make out police reports for all crimes.

It looks like a case where I need to press tort cases, although a crime occurred.

Does anyone one know where I can go to file charges against the city police or at least file a complaint? I am out about \$1,400 and cannot collect or take the criminal to court because there was never a police report.

DEBORA TURPIN  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Texas folklorist Delbert Trew of Amarillo is credited with saying, "I never let the truth stand in the way of a good story." This statement was never more appropriate than when reading "Now, who really won this thing?" by Thomas Jenkins this past

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**County Court Decisions:**  
Judgment and Sentence: Cody Walter, evading arrest or detention, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Cory Steven Swick, false drug test - falsification device, \$1,000 fine, \$228 court costs.  
Judgment and Sentence: Santos Mendoza Jr., evading arrest or detention, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 30

days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Shelley Everett, harassment, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Ashley Cassarez Luna, theft of property - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 45 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Saquita Sneed, burglary of a vehicle, \$1,500 fine, \$282 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Alexander Hernandez, criminal mischief, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Ammie Lee Howell, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$475 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Terry Savoy Mosley, criminal trespass, \$100 fine, \$282 court costs, 10 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Amalia Mora Deanda, criminal mischief, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 45 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Amalia Mora Deanda, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 45 days in jail.

**District Court Filings:**  
Tommy Hildebrand vs. Sonnet Hildebrand, divorce.  
Cha Vonna Patterson vs. Kayla Warnick, injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.  
In Re Jenavee Yvette Monoz Streigler, name change.  
In Re Sage Nicole Kolden, name change.  
Monica Ortega vs. Rudy Ortega, protective order.  
In Re Jaylon Toby Kirkham, family.  
Maria Lopez Manuel vs. Hugo Martinez Manuel, divorce.  
In Re Katie Lane Castillo, family.  
Ellen Carroll vs. Horace Dwayne Carroll, divorce.  
Cecilia Quintana vs. Valtine Quintana, protective order.  
In Re Kaden Keith Myrick, family.  
Michael David Conner vs. Sharon Lee Conner, divorce.  
Alexandre C. and Mary E. Betus vs. Bobby W. Price, civil.  
Capitol Records Inc. vs. Amber Bailey, civil.  
In Re Ethan Evan Rodriguez, family.  
Libredo Calderon vs. Mary Ann Perez, divorce.  
In Re Bethany Dominique Martin, family.  
Ray Uribe vs. Jennifer Uribe, divorce.  
Chad Pederson vs. Traci Myrick, divorce.  
In Re Jack Salgado, family.  
Amy Ortega Romero vs. Juan Belmontes Romero, divorce.  
Big Spring Hospitality vs. Robert Tinsley (dba Lovely lawns), American Waterboys Inc. and Ewing Irrigation Products, civil.  
CACH LLC vs. Jamie Olivarez, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Billie Christie vs. Terry Alexander, annulment or divorce.  
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James Huckaby vs. Im Jean Huckaby, divorce.  
Beatrice Anita Rahn vs. Keith David Rahn, divorce.  
In Re Jena Guadalupe Mata, family

**Marriage Licenses:**  
Dustin Zane Todd, 27, and Courtney Jo Rodriguez, 21, both of Big Spring.  
Derek William Wash, 28, and Crystal Michelle Bridges, 22, both of Big Spring.  
Shay A. Long, 22, and Kristen N. Brown, 19, both of Big Spring.  
Juan Carlos Pena, 35, and Kimberly Johanna Bedoya, 22, both of Big Spring.  
Scott Adrian Vellinga, 40, and Calina Rae McCafferty, 28, both of Big Spring.  
Dustin Heath Garrett, 25, and Nickea Bustamante Cooper, 25, both of Big Spring.  
Benjamin Luke Best, 28, of Terrell, and Megan Nicole Ward, 25, of Big Spring.

Bryan Heath Pearson, 23, and Nikki Lee Angel Smith, 22, both of Big Spring.  
Gary Don Feaster. 33, and Amy D. Bollier, 26, both of Big Spring.  
**Warranty Deeds:**  
Grantor: H.D. Barber  
Grantee: John Purcell and Stacie Purcell  
Property: Lot 5, Block 20, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: April 1, 2010  
Grantor: Sunny Charlotte McAdams  
Grantee: Joaney Lea Patton and William George Patton  
Property: Lot 38, Block 3, Belvue Addition  
Date: April 5, 2010  
Grantor: Dixie Electric Inc.  
Grantee: LSCRA Electric Holdings LLC  
Property: A 1.43-acre tract out of Section 13, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: April 5, 2010  
Grantor: Albert Eugene Kelley  
Grantee: Steven Escanuelas  
Property: A tract out of Section 42, Block 32, William B. Currie Addition  
Date: April 5, 2010

Grantor: Cletis Bullard  
Grantee: Sherry Felts  
Property: Lots 13-14, Block 19, Washington Place  
Date: April 5, 2010  
Grantor: Albert Eugene Kelley  
Grantee: Nicolas Rangel Jr.  
Property: Lot 1, Block 32, Cole & Strayhorn Addition  
Date: April 6, 2010  
Grantor: Huebner Land Partnership LLC  
Grantee: Huebner Land Development LLC  
Property: Crestwood Subdivision (being a 17.61-acre tract out of Section 13, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey)  
Date: April 7, 2010  
Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:  
Grantor: John L. Freeman Jr. and Agelia Mitchell  
Grantee: Russell D. Crawford and Jerry Crawford  
Property: Lot 21, Block 5, College Park Estates  
Date: April 1, 2010  
Grantor: Gary Donelson  
Grantee: John Andrew Tschopp and Maria Tschopp  
Property: Lot 8, Block 7, College Park Estates  
Date: April 1, 2010  
Grantor: Gary W. Howell and Kim Howell  
Grantee: Buddy Owens and Julie Harris  
Property: Lot 12, Block 18, Edwards Heights Addition; and a 316-acre tract out of Section 6, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: April 1, 2010  
Grantor: Albert Eugene Kelley  
Grantee: John Campos  
Property: Lot 15, Block 16, McDowell Heights Addition  
Date: April 6, 2010

Grantor: Michael Bailey and Diana Bailey  
Grantee: Prudential Relocation Inc.  
Property: The S/84 feet of Lot 15, Block 8, Coronado Hills  
Date: April 7, 2010  
Grantor: Nicole Daniels  
Grantee: Gene Albert Rodriguez  
Property: Lot 5, Block B, Earles  
Date: April 7, 2010  
Grantor: manuel Alonzo Jr. and Stella Alonzo  
Grantee: Shad Aaron Barrows and Gail Babb  
Property: A 2.2-acre tract out of Section 7, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: April 7, 2010

**TOMATOES**

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Masabni developed the online course with AgriLife Extension assistant Patrick Lillard. In the first section, "Thinking about Tomatoes," information is given to help a person decide whether to start with seed or with transplants. Advantages of starting with seed include being able to try unique varieties that are not locally available as transplants. Reasons for starting with transplants include being faster and requiring less work than beginning with seeds. Tomato students are also taught how to decide how many plants to produce. "If you are just wanting to eat them fresh as

they ripen, one to two plants per person should be more than enough," Masabni recommended. The course continues at the participant's pace — even if one needs to do only a portion of the study over a period of days. Other portions of the course include chapters on soil, planting, training, watering, fertilizing, plant pests, general care and a conclusion. Each section includes a test that scores as one selects answers. Presently, the Tomato 101 course is a Beta version. The complete version will be relaunched soon for a nominal fee. "The comments we've gotten from participants during the Beta version have been great. They have remarked about how much they learned and asked where they could take additional courses like it," he said.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Where There's a Will, There's a Way**

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 8 2  
♥ J 10 8 4 3  
♦ A 9 4  
♣ 10 7 6

**WEST**  
♠ K Q 9 4  
♥ A  
♦ 10 8 5  
♣ 9 8 5 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ 10 7 6 5 3  
♥ K 6  
♦ 7 6 2  
♣ A J 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J  
♥ Q 7 5 2  
♦ K Q J 3  
♣ K Q

The bidding:  
South 1♥  
West Pass  
North 2♥  
East Pass

Opening lead — king of spades.

There are some deals where, after you've seen the dummy, you wonder how your side ever got so high. Granting that, in the great majority of cases, it's all your partner's fault, you're still duty-bound to try to make the contract, no matter how impossible this may seem. Suppose, for example, you wind up in four hearts in today's deal. This contract seems to have no chance: The loss of a spade, a club and the A-K of trumps appears inevitable. There are three ways to approach such a situation. First, you can resign

yourself to defeat and graciously go down one. However, that attitude is hardly likely to improve your stature as a bridge player. Second, you can look for a legitimate way to make the contract, even if this requires a highly unlikely distribution of the opposing cards. Finally, you can resort to some form of chicanery in an effort to bilk the opposition out of their proper due. For instance, you could cross to dummy after taking the ace of spades and lead the jack of hearts, hoping to induce your right-hand opponent to cover with the king from K-x. But there is no reason to think that East was born yesterday, so your best bet is to seek a legitimate way to achieve your goal. Then it hits you. If the missing diamonds are divided 3-3, the contract may be unbeatable. So you cash the A-K-Q, and, after everyone follows, you lead the jack, planning to discard dummy's spade regardless of what either defender does. In the actual layout, if West ruffs with the ace, your only remaining losers are the king of hearts and ace of clubs. And if West doesn't ruff, East can trump with the six, but the A-K will then fall together when trumps are led next. Either way, you wind up losing only two trumps and the ace of clubs — and there isn't anything the opponents can do about it!

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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## LETTERS

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Wednesday.

Needless to say, I feel it necessary to set a few facts straight for Mr. Jenkins and the citizens of Big Spring. No soapbox, no bully pulpit, just the facts.

Fact 1: On Dec. 18, 2009, we did indeed submit a token rollback petition with a single signature on it...namely mine. Was that petition sufficient to call a rollback petition? Of course not. We never claimed that it was.

Why did we submit the token petition in the first place instead of the 800 or so signatures we received? Well, there are a couple of reasons. First, to register a formal complaint over the tax increase the city imposed to build their new wading park.

Second, this wasn't our first petition rodeo. We have had (albeit unsubstantiated) reports of petition signers being retaliated against for signing our petitions before. Quite frankly, we didn't feel like handing over the names and addresses of hundreds of folks when just one would suffice.

Fact 2: The Texas Tax Code states that when a rollback petition is submitted within 90 days of a tax rate being set, the governing body of the taxing entity (in this case, the Big Spring City Council) must take action on said petition within 20 days of receiving it or the petition is considered valid.

Fact 3: The city council, in an emergency meeting on the 19th day after receiving the petition, voted to pass a resolution to declare the petition invalid. The Texas Open Meetings Act

defines an emergency as "an imminent threat to public health or safety," which obviously doesn't apply here; or "a reasonably unforeseeable situation," which is the excuse the city attorney went to great lengths to claim.

The Texas Open Meetings Act goes on to say that when a meeting is held in violation of the act, that any action taken at that meeting is voidable, or considered to not have happened.

So, the token petition, even though it only had one signature, was not legally voted on within the 20-day period.

Therefore, it was the illegal action of the Big Spring City Council that made the petition valid. Judge Moore, in a preliminary ruling at the final hearing, found that the city acted contrary to the Open Meetings Act, found that the action taken at the emergency meeting was void and that the token rollback petition, with its single signature, was valid.

Fact 4: The Texas Open Meetings act requires all of the elected and appointed city officials to attend open meetings training. This includes most, if not all, of the managing staff of the city as well as the city council.

Obviously, the city attorney should be very well versed in the act so that she can advise staff and council as to the requirements of the act.

So, given the fact that they should all be familiar with the act and have a full time municipal attorney on staff to advise them, it is reasonable to assume that the council consciously decided to act contrary to their attorney's advice, got bad legal advice, or flat didn't care that they were violating the law. Any of these is cause for concern.

In fact, on the day of the emergency meeting, the city attorney received a phone call from the county attorney questioning the legality of the meeting.

Fact 5: The city claims that they have had to reset the rollback rate

twice. It has claimed this without demonstrating any legal standing to do so, based on two sets of "corrected certified values" supplied by the Howard County Appraisal District.

Now, if you call the chief appraiser, he will tell you that the corrections are not certified values. If you call the Howard County Tax Assessor and ask her what the current rollback rate is, she will tell you that it doesn't change and is the same as established by her office back in September. This fact was pointed out to the staff of the Herald prior to the final hearing.

Evidently, they never bothered to check it out, so I encourage the readership not to take my word or the city's on it but to make the calls and find out for themselves.

Fact 6: Under cross-examination City Finance Director Peggy Walker had to recant a sworn statement made in documents filed with the court. In her testimony, she claimed that city staff "didn't know that the plaintiffs were circulating a rollback petition but had heard rumors" to the fact. Yet, in their sworn pleading, her statement is: "Staff also knew at this time that plaintiffs were circulating a rollback petition."

This is in the court transcript and is a fact conveniently omitted by Mr. Jenkins in all of his reporting and commentary about the lawsuit. A fact compounded by the point that, prior to our turning in the token petition, there were no less than five articles about the rollback petition effort printed in this newspaper, not to mention radio and TV coverage, a booth at the Howard County Fair and a table set up at Wal-Mart on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Four of those articles were written by Thomas Jenkins.

Fact 7: Sorry to disappoint you Mr. Jenkins, but the Concerned Citizens Council has already voted to accept the settlement. In fact, we held a telephone vote the day before you mounted your proverbial soapbox. We also need to correct your numbers; \$2,500

donation to the Freedom of Information Foundation, \$328 in court costs and expenses, and \$7,000 in legal fees.

This is also the perfect spot to point out that the \$7,000 figure set by our attorneys is less than a third of what their actual billable hours on this case were. The monetary awards granted in the settlement were not requested by the CCC or its attorneys, but were actually suggested by the city attorney and approved by the city manager at the hearing.

If you care to call them fines, that's OK. Fines are levied when laws are broken. In fact, if you care to check the Texas Register for March 12, 2010, you will find that the City of Big Spring has been fined \$7,290 by the TCEQ for "failing to operate with a valid sludge transporter registration" and for "failing to submit an annual summary report for transporters of municipal sludges and similar waste."

Why were they fined? Because they broke the law yet again. The Herald also failed to report it, again.

These costs to the taxpayers fall squarely on the shoulders of the council and staff. Blaming those costs on the actions of the CCC is akin to a bank robber blaming their robbing of a bank on the person who turned them in.

Fact 8: The Concerned Citizens Council is unpredictable? Hardly. The CCC is committed to furthering responsible government in Big Spring and Howard County.

The next time any governmental body attempts to break the law like the Big Spring City Council and its senior staff did in this situation, I predict that the CCC will stand up against them again.

In fact, I promise that we will.

Fact 9: Mr. Jenkins quotes Tony M. Marquez in his editorial. Mr. Marquez said, "I am sick and tired of this irate minority attempting to impose its will on the majority of the citizens

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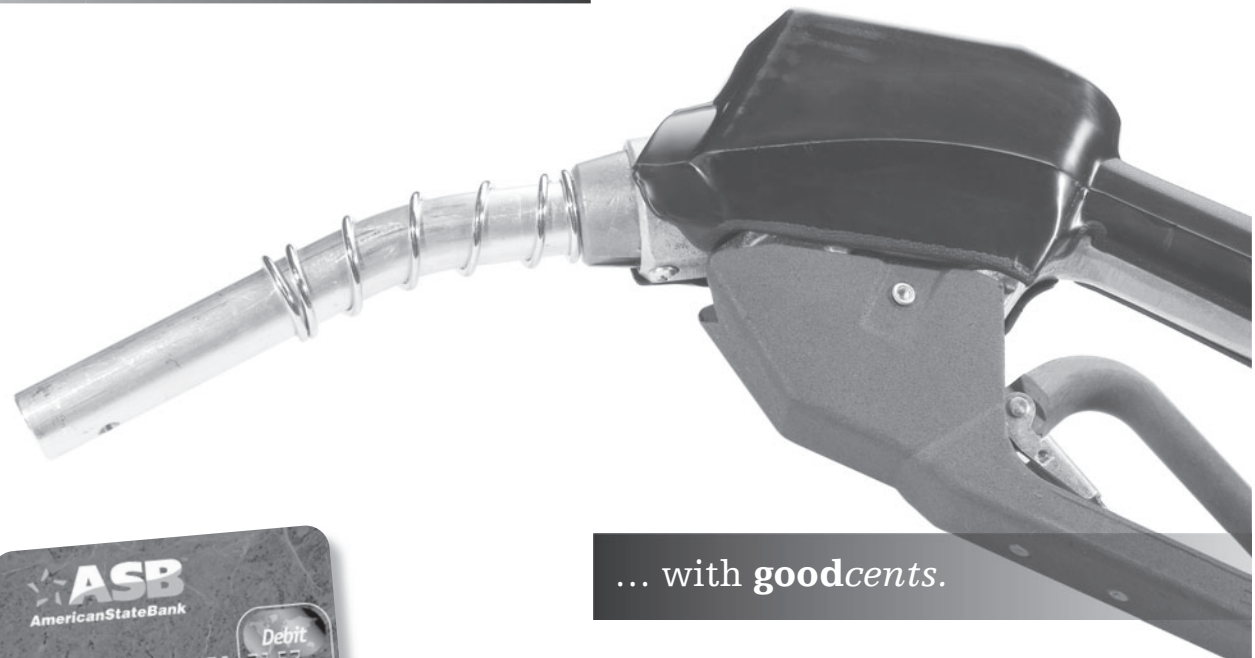


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of Big Spring.”  
I would recommend that before either of you count yourselves as the majority, simply count the number of letters on these very pages from people who are opposed to the wading park, the tax increase, the actions of the city council, etc. Enough said.

So, what did the taxpayers gain from this “political circus?” Easy answer; they have gained an invaluable insight into the actions of their elected officials, the lengths that those officials will stoop to prevent the citizens from having a real voice in how the taxpayers’ money is spent, and into the worth of your reporting.

All of that information is easily worth \$9,928, if it is put to good use in the upcoming tax election.

No, there isn’t going to be a rollback election, but there is going to be a tax election.

It will happen May 8, is being held at the Big Spring High School Library, and it is called the Big Spring City Council election.

SHANNON D. THOMASON  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to refresh Bobby McDonald’s memory about a former mayor that accomplished quite a few things for our fair city. I guess Mr. McDonald just didn’t do quite enough research to find out that former Mayor Cotton Mize was instrumental in helping get Lake O.H. Ivie, one that benefits a lot of West Texans.

Also, one of the greatest things Mayor Mize got corrected was to change the contract for the sale of water to the Big Spring State Hospital. In order for the state hospital to be located in Big Spring, instead of Midland or San Angelo, our city fathers at that time agreed to sell the Big Spring State Hospital water for 10 cents per 1,000 gallons forever.

They signed a perpetual contract for this. Two or three former mayors tried to get the contract changed, but could not. This was costing the city close to \$100,000 a year.

Mayor Mize and City Manager Hal Boyd went to Austin, and after much discussion, got the contract revised so the city charges the hospital a set rate above the city’s cost to the CRM-WD. This new contract makes a profit for the city of an estimated \$65,000 to \$70,000 per year, instead of a loss to close to \$100,000 per year.

Mayor Mize was the mayor of Big Spring when we got Gregg Street wid-

ened to four lanes. This was a very controversial issue in Big Spring. People were saying half of the merchants on Gregg would go out of business.

However, we can see the results of more businesses.

Also, Mr. McDonald either overlooked or forgot to mention that under Mayor Mize’s leadership we had the Comanche Lake dam rebuilt at no expense to the citizens of Big Spring.

In summary, it seems Mr. McDonald, in his letter to the editor, forgot to mention, or overlooked the accomplishments of some of its mayors.

JOE ADAMS  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Because it is of special concern to the community — especially for our youth, I am writing this letter about an uncomfortable but serious health issue. April is STD Awareness Month, an annual observance to raise awareness about the impact of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

STDs are a major public health concern which affect, unfortunately and without discrimination, many Americans.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that there are approximately 19 million new cases of STDs each year in the United States. Almost half of them are among young people ages 15 to 24. This fact, in itself, is very alarming and very disquieting.

Before the 1960s, syphilis and gonorrhea were the only known STDs. Today, there are more than 50 STDs. Many STDs do not have any symptoms, so many of those infected do not know it and continue to pass infections to others. Though several STDs may be cured and controlled, others affect persons for the rest of their lives and may eventually cause death.

Economically speaking, STDs create costs estimated at \$15.9 billion annually. In addition, STDs have a high human cost in terms of pain, suffering and grief. Unlike other diseases, STDs often cause stigma and feelings of shame; and, it is important to note that STDs not only affect and change the lives of those who become infected, but also the lives of their families and friends.

Furthermore, the harm inflicted on infants and children can never be defined in dollar terms.

Making things worse and costlier, most STDs have also been associated with the increased risk of HIV transmission. Please be aware that the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States is real. It isn’t just happening in faraway places. In 2007, Texas

ranked fourth in the nation with 72,828 (72,434 adults and 394 children) cumulative HIV cases.

AIDS is no longer just a homosexual disease. It is now in mainstream America.

Even though there are treatments to help people with HIV live longer, AIDS is still a significant and lingering health threat. Before we can stop it effectively, we need to first recognize the magnitude of the disease. Following are some startling facts from the CDC:

- Every 9½ minutes (on average), someone in the United States is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS;
- More and more women have become infected with HIV since it was first reported in the early 1980s. Today, about one in four Americans living with HIV are women;
- More than 1 million people in the United States are living with HIV and AIDS. Of those 1 million, one out of five do not know they are infected;
- Despite new therapies, people with HIV still develop AIDS. More than 14,000 people with AIDS still die each year in the United States;
- Serious health threats from STDs and HIV cross racial and ethnic lines. It is important for people to understand that race, by itself, is not a risk factor for infection; and
- Poverty, homelessness, lack of access to health care, incarceration rates, drug use and higher rates of sexually transmitted diseases can all

increase rates of HIV.

STDs and HIV infections are completely preventable. It is crucial that everyone learn the facts, talk about STDs/HIV/AIDS with partners and loved ones, reduce risk behaviors and get tested to learn their status.

It’s not always easy, but we must do a better job of educating our youth about sex.

We have to be honestly clear about how and why STDs are contracted; and we must continuously communicate the seriousness of the problem.

Schools, churches, health and community organizations need to provide more education on preventive measures which include more than just abstinence.

Teaching only abstinence will never be effective enough.

For information on testing and protective measures, contact the Region 9 STD/HIV Program at 683-9492 or 571-4143. Also, information may be obtained from the CDC National Prevention Information Network organization database, or call 1-800-458-5231 and a health information specialist will help you locate an organization in the community. The Internet also provides many sources with information.

Lastly, let’s acknowledge that the problem will only get worse if we just judge and stigmatize or if we just remain silent and do nothing.

BOB MONTANEZ  
ODESSA

**APRIL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

Governor Rick Perry designated April 2010 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) in Texas. Victim Services joins rape crisis centers across the state in commemorating Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month to promote awareness and encourage support of this issue.

According to a 2003 study conducted by the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work, approximately 1.9 million Texans have been sexually victimized.

1. 1 in 5 women and 1 in 20 men are victims of Sexual Assault.
2. Most victims are sexual assaulted by someone they know.
3. Less than 20% of sexual assaults are ever reported to the police.
4. Sexual assault is never the victims fault.

Last year our agency served a total of 68 Victims of Sexual Assault:  
50 were child victims    39 Primary and 11 Secondary  
18 were adult victims    14 Primary and 4 Secondary

Sexual violence is a persistent and pervasive problem in our society, one that requires attention year-round. In order to foster healthy communities, all citizens of Big Spring, must support the effort to end sexual violence every month of the year.

**LAST YEAR VICTIMS SERVICES SERVED:**

Child Victim Of Physical Abuse .....	4
Child Victim Of Sexual Abuse.....	50
Victim of DUI/DWI .....	0
Victim of Domestic Violence.....	203
Adult Victim of Sexual Assault.....	18
Elder Abuse.....	0
Adult Molested as a Child.....	4
Survivors of Homicide Victim .....	11
Robbery.....	9
Aggravated Assault.....	16
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>388</b>

“The U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victim of Crime states in their Crime Clock:”

1. 2 People are murder every hour.
2. An average of 24 people are raped each hour.
3. 510 people are assaulted each hour.
4. 1,622 thefts are committed each hour
5. 67 women are victimized by an intimate partner every hour
6. 391 homes are burglarized every hour
7. 103 children are abused every hour
8. There are 2 alcohol-related deaths every hour
9. 1062 people are victims of identity fraud every hour.
10. 157 people are stalked every hour



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#### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 4/11	Mon 4/12	Tue 4/13	Wed 4/14	Thu 4/15
<b>77/53</b> Cloudy skies during the morning hours followed by scattered showers and thunders.	<b>76/53</b> Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	<b>79/50</b> Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>80/52</b> Windy with a possible thunderstorm.	<b>73/51</b> Windy with scattered thunderstorms.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:22 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:13 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:13 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:19 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:14 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:18 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:15 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:17 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:16 PM



## Howard College Dance Troupe auditions slated

Special to the Herald

Auditions for the 2010-2011 Howard College Dance Troupe will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 17 in the Hall Center for the Arts on campus. Graduating high school seniors and Howard College freshmen and sophomore students are eligible to audition. Scholarships are available to those who make the troupe. Auditions will consist of a clinic to learn routines, an interview and the audition itself. Audi-

tionees are encouraged to prepare a one-minute routine of their choice of styles. This is not mandatory, however. Those interested in auditioning can find detailed information about the troupe and the audition on the Howard College Web site. Search <http://howardcollege.edu> and then look at the Big Spring campus > Hall Center Highlights > Dance Troupe. Interested students can also call Eulaine McIntosh, troupe director, at 264-5068 for more information.

## Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- LEONSA LEE JIMENEZ JR., 50, 2910 E. Highway 350, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and hindering officers discharging official duties.
- EUNICE TORRES GONZALEZ, 30, 811 E. 16<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on warrants charging speeding and child passenger not properly secured.
- KELLI ANN MCADAMS, 28, 2401 E. FM 700, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated/open container and driving while license invalid.
- CHELSEA LYNN ANDERSON, 22, 1409 E. 19<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth, the 500 block of W. Fourth and the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported in the 300 block of N. Gregg and the 1100 block of Birdwell Lane.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87 and the 1800 block of FM 700.

## Take Note

- There will be a Forsan Rabies Clinic sponsored by Western Hills Animal Clinic from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Forsan Main Street Fire Station. Rabies shots are \$8, K-9 distemper/parvo \$14 and feline CVR \$20.
- The Big Spring Pachyderm Club will meet Monday in the Howard College Cactus Room at noon. Each of the candidates in the May mayoral election is expected to make a presentation during the meeting. Lunch will be served for \$6.
- The CRMWD (Colorado River Municipal Water District) Soul Survivors Relay For Life team will hold a fundraiser from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Pizza Inn. Ten percent of all sales and 100 percent of donations will go to Relay For Life.

## Lottery

Winning numbers drawn in Friday's Mega Millions game were: 15-18-39-48-53; Mega Ball, 3.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-7-12-18-29.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-4-4-3. Sum It Up: 19.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-5-4. Sum It Up: 11.

## SMMC

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Station to Big Spring at the conclusion of the school year. "We are excited to have Larry on-board and to work with the SMMC team providing exceptional care for our friends and neighbors," said Dr. Steve Ahmed, pediatrician and chief of the medical staff at SMMC. Board of Trustees Chairperson, Dr. Cheryl Sparks, added, "The board welcomes the Rodgers family to our community. We look forward to working with Larry as we move our vision for the medical center forward."

## COUNTY

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Economic Development Corporation, which currently provides similar services, but doesn't see the duplication of services as a problem. "Businesses interested

in these types of grants or tax abatements usually come to us through the Big Spring EDC," said Barr. "However, I don't see any problems with being able to handle some of these on our own." Also during Monday's meeting, the council will discuss invoices

and purchase requests with County Auditor Jackie Olson, along with consideration of bids for aggregate and asphalt for the county's road department. Olson is also expected to make a monthly financial report, as well as discuss requests for bids on preventative

maintenance services for heating and air conditioning systems in county facilities. County Treasurer Teresa Thomas will discuss personnel considerations and a payroll report, along with her quarterly treasurer's report. Also on the agenda,

Barr is expected to make a presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to the Howard County Historical Commission. The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse.

## FCI

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ever, we have been provided with a preliminary recommendation and management intervention tips for Chlamydia pneumoniae, which is a germ that can cause respiratory illness such as pneumonia or bronchitis. Chlamydia pneumonia

is not the same germ that causes the sexually transmitted disease." Ocasio said the germ spreads like most pneumonias bacteria and is treated with antibiotics. "Chlamydia pneumonia can be spread from person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people," said Ocasio. "It is treated with a full course of antibiotics.

We continue to provide regular education to inmates on hand hygiene and cough etiquette, and we are educating the inmates on the illness and encouraging them to present to health services for evaluation if they have a cough with fever, headache, myalgia or sore throat. Additionally, inmates and staff continue to be educated on the precautionary measures needed to prevent the spread of germs." According to previous reports issued by Big Spring FCI, the

most recent case in the outbreak was identified at the prison March 29, with 39 inmates having either been treated or currently undergoing treatment for pneumonia. Officials with the prison first identified the outbreak in November, when two inmates were diagnosed with the strain of pneumonia. Another 36 were reported during the first part of February. Ocasio said inmate transfers to other prisons in the BOP system have been halted in an

effort to prevent spreading the illness, but no other services or activities have been effected. "We've temporarily halted inmate institution transfers out of the facility in order to ensure that the illness does not spread to other BOP institutions," said Ocasio. "However, other things, such as inmate visitations, have not been affected." Officials with the Big Spring FCI maintain there have been no deaths at the prison as a result of the pneumonia outbreak.

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- April 14 – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. "The Day The Earth Stood Still"
- April 15 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Just Peachy's Cafe "Coffee Club," 10 a.m. Bunko, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- April 16 – Lunch Bunch & Birthday's Just Peachy's, 11:30 a.m.
- April 19 – Hobbs, 9:00 a.m. Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- April 20 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Coffee @ Marcy House, 10:30 a.m. Supper Club, "KC Steakhouse", 5:30 p.m.
- April 21 – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 p.m. Movie, 1:00 p.m., "Last Chance Harvey"
- April 22 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Just Peachy's Cafe, 10:00 a.m.
- April 26 – Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- April 27 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Supper Club, "Cowboy's", 5:30 p.m.
- April 28 – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 p.m. Movie, 1:00 p.m., "Watchman"
- April 29 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Just Peachy's Cafe, 10:00 a.m. 11th Anniversary Party, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

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1 Twists  
8 Dance, for example  
15 "Everything's fine"  
17 It was launched by *Discovery*  
18 Former *Meet the Press* moderator  
19 Pro Football Hall of Fame charter member  
20 Asian theater, briefly  
21 Regarded  
22 Venerated symbol  
23 Something seized  
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25 Treated, as soil  
26 Integrated circuit component  
27 Ancient Greek, e.g.  
28 Urban wheels  
29 They may be raised  
31 Trials  
32 Brush alternative  
33 *Funny Face* director  
34 Birch family member  
35 Some mail  
36 Relief preceder  
39 Sinclair Lewis title character  
40 Knife  
41 Be moved by  
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43 Longtime GM chairman  
44 Move with aplomb  
45 Guam annexer  
48 DVD extra, maybe  
49 Resignation recitation  
50 The worse for wear

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11 Nonspecific abbr.  
12 Expiate  
13 Covers over  
14 No great shakes  
16 Well-worn  
22 Indomitable one product  
23 Cellulose  
25 One who pulls strings  
26 Play favorites, perhaps  
27 Naps  
28 Peace Garden State city

29 Hard to predict  
30 Gobs  
31 Romeo  
32 Trot spot  
33 Cooked (up)  
35 David Bowie guitarist/collaborator  
36 Holiday celebrated by music fans  
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44 Rugby position  
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# News in brief

## Polish president, wife, dignitaries, dozens of others die in crash

MOSCOW (AP) — Polish President Lech Kaczynski and some of the country's highest military and civilian leaders died Saturday along with dozens of others when the presidential plane crashed as it came in for a landing in thick fog in western Russia.

Russian and Polish officials offered conflicting death tolls but agreed there were no survivors on the Soviet-era Tupolev, which was taking the president, his wife and staff to events marking the 70th anniversary of the massacre of thousands of Polish officers by Soviet secret police.

The Army chief of staff, Gen. Franciszek Gagor, National Bank President Slawomir Skrzypek and Deputy Foreign Minister Andrzej Kremer were also on board, the Polish foreign ministry said.

The head of Russia's top investigative body, Sergei Markin, said there were 132 people on the Tu-154. Poland's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Piotr Paszkowski, said there were 89 people on the passenger list but one person had not shown up.

"We still cannot fully understand the scope of this tragedy and what it means for us in the future. Nothing like this has ever happened in Poland," Paszkowski said. "We can assume with great certainty that all persons on board have been killed."

## Hopes dashed: Searchers find bodies of 4 missing in mine; death toll 29

MONTCOAL, W.Va. (AP) — Searchers found four bodies deep in a West Virginia coal mine shattered by an explosion, raising the death toll to 29 and ending an excruciating week for families holding onto faint hopes that their missing miners had somehow survived.

Crews are to soon begin the bleak task of carrying out 22 bodies from Massey Energy Co.'s Upper Big Branch mine, though officials said Saturday no timetable has been set. Seven bodies were removed after Monday's blast, making it the worst U.S. coal mining disaster since a 1970 explosion killed 38 in Hyden, Ky.

The investigation into the company that has an extensive list of safety violations at the mine also will begin with President Barack Obama wanting some answers in a report next week and Congress planning hearings.

The discovery of the final four bodies ended days of futile searches by rescue crews that repeatedly battled a volatile mix of poisonous gases and thick smoke that turned them back on three previous attempts. The massive blast also left the inside of the mine a mess of twisted tracks, boulders and debris.

"We did not receive the miracle that we prayed for," Gov. Joe Manchin told reporters after meeting with relatives to deliver the news. "So this journey has ended and now the healing will start."

## Obama urges Americans to take advantage of tax breaks for homebuyers, college students, others

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just ahead of Tax Day, President Barack Obama is urging Americans to take advantage of tax credits for first-time homebuyers, college students and others.

Obama used his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday to promote some of the tax benefits in last year's

stimulus bill, saying they could save people hundreds or even thousands of dollars and were available to more than 100 million Americans. Even those who file before the April 15 deadline can amend their returns if there are savings they missed, Obama noted.

"No one I've met is looking for a handout. And that's not what these tax cuts are," Obama said. "Instead, they're targeted relief to help middle-class families weather the storm, to jump-start our economy and to bring the fundamentals of the American dream — making an honest living, earning an education, owning a home and raising a family — back within reach for millions of Americans."

In their weekly address, Republicans accused Obama of raising taxes and expanding government too much with the health care bill and other initiatives.

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., noted that taxes would rise Jan. 1, when President George W. Bush's tax cuts expire.

"So, these are two Republican ideas: first, reining in Washington spending; second, keeping taxes at a manageable level. If we do these two things, private businesses and American families will be able to save, invest and plan for the future," Kyl said.

Obama wants to extend Bush's tax cuts, except for individuals making more than \$200,000 a year and couples making \$250,000.

## Letter shows future Pope Benedict XVI resisted defrocking molester priest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Four years after a California priest and convicted child molester asked to be defrocked, his bishop pleaded with the future Pope Benedict XVI to remove the man from the priesthood. Then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger replied, urging caution.

"Consider the good of the Universal Church," Ratzinger wrote in a 1985 letter to Oakland Bishop John Cummins. "It is necessary for this Congregation to submit incidents of this sort to very careful consideration, which necessitates a longer period of time."

Two more years would pass before the Vatican acted on the Rev. Stephen Kiesle's request to leave.

A copy of the letter, typewritten in Latin and signed by Ratzinger, was obtained by The Associated Press. It constitutes the strongest challenge yet to the Vatican's insistence that Benedict played no role in blocking the removal of pedophile priests during his years as head of the Catholic Church's doctrinal watchdog office.

The letter is part of years of correspondence beginning in 1981 between the diocese of Oakland and the Vatican about Kiesle, who pleaded no contest to misdemeanors involving child molestation in 1978.

The Vatican confirmed Friday that the letter had Ratzinger's signature and said it was a typical form letter used in laicization cases. Attorney Jeffrey Lena said the matter proceeded "expeditiously, not by modern standards, but by those standards at the time," and that the bishop was to guard against further abuse.

Another spokesman, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, said the letter showed no attempt at a cover-up.

"The then-Cardinal Ratzinger didn't cover up the case, but as the letter clearly shows, made clear the need to study the case with more attention, taking into account the good of all involved."

## Troops advance on anti-government protesters in Thai capital

BANGKOK (AP) — Soldiers and police in riot gear advanced on the two main rally sites held by anti-government protesters in the Thai capital on Saturday, vowing to clear one of them by nightfall.

Clashes between protesters and troops thus far have already injured dozens of people.

The deployment came after protesters were pushed back by water cannons and rubber bullets from the headquarters of the 1st Army Region. The city's elevated mass transit system known as the Skytrain, which runs past one of the protest sites, closed all its stations as possible confrontation loomed.

Emboldened demonstrators vowed earlier in the day to ratchet up pressure on the government after their first violent skirmish with soldiers Friday eroded the prime minister's credibility and exposed concerns about the army's loyalty.

The so-called Red Shirts are demanding that Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva dissolve Parliament and call new elections. They claim that he came to power illegitimately in December 2008 with the help of military pressure on Parliament.

## Republicans promise battle if Obama's Supreme Court nominee to replace Stevens is activist

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are promising a "whale of fight" during the congressional election campaign if President Barack Obama picks too liberal a nominee to succeed retiring Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.

Eleven days before his 90th birthday, Stevens said Friday he would step down when the court finishes its work for the summer, in hopes that a replacement could be confirmed well before the next term begins in October.

Obama said he would quickly name a successor in the mold of Stevens, who he said was a voice for ordinary people rather than powerful interests.

A White House official said about 10 people are under consideration, but speculation has focused on fewer than that. Leading candidates are said to be Solicitor General Elena Kagan, 49, and federal appellate judges Merrick Garland, 57, in Washington and Diane Wood, 59, in Chicago. All three were considered last year as well, and Obama interviewed Kagan and Wood before choosing Sonia Sotomayor for the high court.

Of those, Wood would be most likely to excite Obama's liberal base and stir up conservative opposition. Garland is seen as most acceptable to Republicans, with Kagan somewhere in between.

## China reports \$7.24 billion trade deficit in March as imports surge

SHANGHAI (AP) — China reported its first monthly trade deficit in nearly six years in March, a shift expected to be short-lived and one that may give Beijing only a slight respite from pressure to revalue its currency.

The \$7.24 billion trade deficit in March reported Saturday by China's customs administration was China's first since a \$2.26 billion deficit in April 2004. Though expected, it was significantly bigger than many economists had forecast. It follows four straight months of narrowing trade surpluses.

The return to deficit after many years of surplus comes as China is being pressured to let the value of its currency rise against the dollar — a key source of friction with the U.S. and other trading partners.

Zheng Yuesheng, chief of the customs agency's statistics department, said the 60 percent rise in China's imports in January-March, compared to a year earlier, was a boon to "the balanced growth of the world economy."

"This kind of trade deficit is healthy because it appears when exports and imports both grow rapidly," Zheng said on national television.

Zheng echoed other officials in predicting that China's trade will soon return to surplus, though he said that it will likely tend to be more balanced than in the past.

## E. coli outbreak kills 1 child, sickens 3 other children from Washington state day care center

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Fletch Family Daycare of Vancouver has been looking after its young charges for two decades without serious problems — until a strain of E. coli emerged with deadly results.

Health officials said Friday that an outbreak at the center near Portland killed one child and sickened three others.

The four children were hospitalized, and Elizabeth Winter of the Washington state Department of Early Learning said her department was notified Friday that one of them, a 4-year-old boy, had died.

The other three others have been released, said Dr. Alan Melnick, health officer with the Clark County, Wash., health department. He declined to provide any further details on the child who died.

Melnick said the department learned of the first hospitalization involving the E. coli O157:H7 bacteria strain on March 19.

Health officials determined that the business' hygienic practices were acceptable, but closed it down in April 2 when it became apparent that E. coli was spreading from person to person.

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**

**TO:** Robert Earl Mesker, David Lee Mesker, Barbara Jo Stroud, and Norma Jean Clark, Individually and as Independent Executor of the Estate of Lucille Roberta Mesker, deceased

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

All of Lot 6, Blk 5, College Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$4,997.29, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against TONY G. CASTILLO AND GUADALUPE CASTILLO and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 30, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. Tony G. CASTILLO AND GUADALUPE CASTILLO, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5357 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of May, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of March, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6484 April 4 & 11, 2010

**Legals**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR INJECTION WELL PERMIT**

**SHERIDAN PRODUCTION COMPANY, LLC, 200 N. LORAIN, SUITE 530, MIDLAND, TEXAS** is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, in the Glasscock, Howard W. (G-S) Unit Lease Well Number 1615 The well is located 14 miles Northeast of Garden City, TX in the Howard Glasscock Field in Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2000 to 2700 feet.

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

Requests for 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 & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone (512) 463-6792). #6498 April 11, 2010

**Legals**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

To the registered voters of the City of Coahoma, Texas:  
(a los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Coahoma, Texas):  
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on April 27, 29 and May 4, 2010 at the Howard County Court House for voting in a general election to elect a sales tax increase. Regular voting will be May 8, 2010 from 7-7 at Coahoma Community Center (306 North Ave.).

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., on April 27, 29 and May 4, 2010 en la Corte del Condado de Howard. Votaciones ordinarias se llevaran a cabo 8 de mayo 2010 de 7-7 en el Centro de Coahoma Comunidad (306 Ave. Norte).

**Resolution No. 43**  
**A RESOLUTION ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010. FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING A ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF COAHOMA.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA, TEXAS:**  
1. That the City Council does hereby submit the following proposed sales and use tax to the legally qualified voters of the City of Coahoma at the City Election to be held Saturday, May 8, 2010:

"The adoption of a Section 4B sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent to undertake projects as described in Section 2(11) and Section 4B of Article 5190.6 of Revised Civil Statutes, including but not limited to projects for the promotion of amateur athletics and sports including stadiums, ball parks, auditoriums, projects related to entertainment, convention, tourist, and exhibition facilities, amphitheaters, and public parks, park facilities and events, open space improvements, primary job training facilities for use by institutions of higher education, research and development facilities, regional or national corporate headquarters facilities, museums and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities, related area transportation facilities, and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities, recycling facilities, and projects to promote new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs, and public safety facilities, streets and roads, drainage, and related improvements, demolition of existing structures, development and expansion of affordable housing, and targeted infrastructure and any other improvements, expenditures, or facilities that are related to any of the above projects and any other project that the board determines will promote new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs, and the maintenance and operations expenses for any of the above described projects."

Voting dates as follow: Early Voting on April 26 and 27, 2010 from 8-5 and April 27, 29 and May 4, 2010 from 7-7 at the Howard County Court House.

Regular voting will be May 8, 2010 from 7-7 at Coahoma Community Center (306 North Ave.)

**Resolucion No. 43**  
**DE RESOLUCION que ordena una eleccion a celebrarse el Sabado, 8 de mayo 2010. A LOS EFECTOS DE LA PRESENTACION DE UN SOLO-HALF DE UN IMPUESTO DE VENTAS POR CIENTO Y USO PARA EL DESARROLLO ECONOMICO EN LA CIUDAD DE COAHOMA.**

Proposiccion No. 1  
La adopcion de la Seccion 4B de impuestos sobre las ventas y usos al precio de la mitad de un por ciento para proyectos como se describe en la Seccion 4B del Articulo 5190.6 incluyendo pero no limitando proyectos para la promocion de profesionales y atleticos aficionados y deportes incluyendo estadios, parques de pelota, auditorios, proyectos relacionado entretenimientos, convenciones, turistas, y facilidades de exposiciones, antiteatro, salas de conciertos, y parques publicos, facilidades en parques y eventos, reforma de espacio al interperie, centros de apreciacion, edificios municipales, museos, tiendas, restaurants, concesiones y parques de estacionamientos relacionados en areas defacilidades deransportacion y relacionado carreteras, calles y facilidades de agua y aguaresiduales y facilidades de reciclar y proyectos para ascender nuevos y expendir negocios empresas incluyendo facilidades de seguridad publica, calles, caminos, desagues y relacionado reformas, de demolar estacturas que ya existen y reformas en general que le pertenecen a la municipalidad, desarollar la exposicion de viviendas asequiles y tambien como otras reformas o facilidades que esten relacionadas a los proyectos mencionados o cualquier otro proyecto que la directive determine puede ascender nuevos o expendir negocios empresas y gastos para poder mantenerse en operacion para cualquier proyecto mencionado.

Votar las fechas de la siguiente manera: votacion anticipada el 26 de abril y 27 de 2010 y 8-5 27 de abril, 29 y 4 de mayo 2010 7-7 en la Corte del Condado de Howard. Votaciones ordinarias se llevaran a cabo 8 de mayo 2010 de 7-7 en el Centro de Coahoma Comunidad (306 Ave. Norte). #6501 April 11, 2010

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**Legals**

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**

**TO:** Joe Hernandez  
1015 E. 20th St.  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Morgan Marion  
Sole Trustee of  
New Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lts 1 & 2, Subdivision "A", Bk 27, Fairview Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,510.06, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JOE HERNANDEZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 29, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOE HERNANDEZ, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and 5741 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of May, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of March, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6488 April 4 & 11, 2010

**Legals**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR INJECTION WELL PERMIT**

**SHERIDAN PRODUCTION COMPANY, LLC, 200 N. LORAIN, SUITE 530, MIDLAND, TEXAS** is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, in the West Howard Glasscock (G-S) Unit Lease Well Number 1514. The well is located 14 miles Northeast of Garden City, TX in the Howard Glasscock Field in Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2050 to 2500 feet.

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

Requests for 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 & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone (512) 463-6792). #6503 April 11, 2010

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**

**TO:** Angela Denise McMullen, Individually and as Independent Administratrix of the Estate of Leslie H. McMullen, Deceased and Nona Jean McMullen  
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lt 9, Bk 78, Original Town of Big Spring, also known as Lt 9, Bk 78, Birdwell Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,597.17, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ANGELA DENISE McMullen, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF LESLIE H. McMullen, DECEASED AND NONA JEAN McMULLEN and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on November 24, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ANGELA DENISE McMULLEN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF LESLIE H. McMullen, DECEASED AND NONA JEAN McMULLEN, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5760 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of May, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of March, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6485 April 4 & 11, 2010

**Legals**

**AMERICAN SELF STORAGE**

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, American Self Storage which is located at 3314 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at American Self Storage 3314 East F.M. 700 Big Spring, Texas. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property may be sold item by item or in batches, or by the space. All sales are subject to Texas State Sales Tax. Sale is on the contents of:

Tenant: Hagland Paul Iru Jr.  
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#6477 April 11 & 18, 2010

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**PROPERTY TAX PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES**

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- \* The market or appraised value of your property
- \* The unequal appraisal of your property
- \* The inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- \* Any exemptions that may apply to you
- \* The qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- \* The taxable status of your property
- \* The local governments which should be taxing your property
- \* The ownership of property
- \* The change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- \* Any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

**Review by the Appraisal Review Board**

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB). The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to resolve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at Howard County Appraisal District 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720  
Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires the ARB

members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

**Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator**

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you received the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

**Tax Payment**

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**More Information**

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Howard County Appraisal District P.O. Drawer 1151  
Big Spring, Texas 79721-1151  
(432)263-8301  
You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at PO Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

**Usual Deadline**

On or before May 31 (or 30 Days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late Protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

**Special Deadlines**

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.  
#6409 April 4 & 11, 2010

**Legals**

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**

**TO:** Francis Cantu, Felicia Cantu and Rebekah Lewis  
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A tract of land out of Sc. 45, Bk 31, T1N, Howard County, Texas  
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$8,082.90, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Intervenor, against JIM TRAVIS COKER, ANNETTE COKER AND JIM JASON COKER and others, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on March 30, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JIM TRAVIS COKER, ANNETTE COKER AND JIM JASON COKER, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and 5519 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of March, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6486 April 4 & 11, 2010

**Legals**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Howard County is accepting proposals for a comprehensive full service guaranteed HVAC maintenance agreement for five county buildings.

Specifications may be obtained in the Auditor's Office, 300 S. Main, Room 203, Big Spring, TX or by

calling (432)264-2210. Proposals will be presented in person to the Commissioners' Court at 10:00 A.M. on April 26, 2010 for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
#6495 April 11 & 18, 2010

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Performing 'Treewise'  
Friday, April 16th @ 8pm  
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Join us to learn more about  
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## Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Estela Jara Zapata and Jesse D. Zapata

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lt 1, Bk 6, Settles Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; to include 14x62 mobile home

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,445.73 exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ESTELA JARA ZAPATA AND JESSE D. ZAPATA and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on May 28, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ESTELA JARA ZAPATA AND JESSE D. ZAPATA, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and T-5681 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of May, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of March, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6490 April 4 & 11, 2010

## Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Royce Lee Carson and Cindy Denise Carson

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

All of Lot 6, Bk 5, Highland Park Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas;

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,176.83 exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ROYCE LEE CARSON AND CINDY DENISE CARSON and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on July 30, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ROYCE LEE CARSON AND CINDY DENISE CARSON, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and 5710 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of May, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of March, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6492 April 4 & 11, 2010

## Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Jennifer Ann Alexander

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A tract of land out of Sc 32, Bk 32, T1N, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit; to include 14x66 mobile home

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,183.72 exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against MATT ALEXANDER and

others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on June 30, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MATT ALEXANDER, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and 5695 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings

## Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Elmer C. Bolte and Bobbie Mae Bolte

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lt 7, Bk 1, Edwards Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,072.52, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ELMER C. BOLTE AND BOBBIE MAE BOLTE and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on November 24, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ELMER C. BOLTE AND BOBBIE MAE BOLTE, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and 5753 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of May, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 30th day of March, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6487 April 4 & 11, 2010

now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of May, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of March, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6489 April 4 & 11, 2010

## Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Paula Castillo aka Paula H. Castillo

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lt 11, Bk 30, Cole & Strayhorn Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$738.76 exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against LUPE CASTILLO and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on August 31, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LUPE CASTILLO, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and T-5724 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 17th day of May, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 31st day of March, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6491 April 4 & 11, 2010

## Legals

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## Legals

NOTICE OF A BOND ELECTION

1. TAKE NOTICE that an election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on May 8, 2010, in the Glasscock County Independent School District (the "District") at the following designated polling place:

Garden City Community Center  
117 South Myrl Street  
Garden City, Texas

2. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance and by mail at:

Glasscock County Courthouse  
Office of the County Clerk  
Garden City, Texas 79739

and during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being April 26, 2010 through May 4, 2010, the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sundays and legal state holidays.

3. An early voting ballot board has been created to process early voting results from the election and Suzie Hillger has been appointed as the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, April 30, 2010.

4. All resident, qualified electors of said District shall be entitled to vote at the election.

5. At the election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

**PROPOSITION**  
Shall the Board of Trustees of Glasscock County Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,000,000, for the purpose of the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District and the purchase of school sites and school buses; with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds?

6. The official ballots for the election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the "Code") so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

**PROPOSITION**  
For ----))  
Against-----))

THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,000,000 OF SCHOOL BONDS BY GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS.

7. In all respects, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code.

**AVISO DE UNA ELECCION DE BONOS**

1. SE NOTIFICA que se celebrara una eleccion de bonos el dia 8 de mayo de 2010 en el horario de 7:00 A.M. a 7:00 P.M. en el Distrito

## Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: H.G. Aldridge and Cleo B. Aldridge

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lt 6, Bk 48, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$523.09 exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against H.G. ALDRIDGE AND CLEO B. ALDRIDGE and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on June 30, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. H.G. ALDRIDGE AND CLEO B. ALDRIDGE, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and 5696 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment

Escolar Independiente del Condado de Glasscock (el "Distrito") en el siguiente lugar de votacion designado:

Garden City Community Center  
117 South Myrl Street  
Garden City, Texas

2. La votacion anticipada en persona y por correo se llevara a cabo en:

Glasscock County Courthouse  
Office of the County Clerk  
Garden City, Texas 79739

y durante el periodo de votacion anticipada requerido o permitido por ley, siendo este desde el 26 de abril de 2010 hasta el 4 de mayo de 2010, el horario designado de votacion anticipada en persona sera de 8:30 A.M. a 4:00 P.M. cada dia, excepto los dias sabado, domingo o feriado oficial del estado.

3. Se ha creado un consejo de boletas de votacion anticipada para procesar los resultados de la votacion anticipada de la eleccion, y Suzie Hillger ha sido designada Juez Presidente del consejo. Las solicitudes de boletas de votacion por correo deben ser recibidas no mas tarde que al cierre del horario de oficina del viernes 30 de abril de 2010.

4. Todos los residentes, votantes calificados del Distrito, tendran derecho a votar en la eleccion.

5. En la eleccion, la siguiente PROPOSICION sera presentada en conformidad con la ley:

**PROPOSICION**  
Debera ser autorizada la Junta Directiva del Distrito Escolar Independiente del Condado de Glasscock para emitir los bonos del Distrito, en una o mas series, por la cantidad de capital agregada de \$4,000,000 con el proposito de adquirir, construir, renovar y equipar edificios escolares en el Distrito y de adquirir sitios para escuelas y autobuses escolares; con los bonos madurando, devengando intereses y siendo emitidos y vendidos en conformidad con la ley a la fecha de la emision; y debera ser autorizada la Junta Directiva a imponer y comprometer, y hacer que se determinen y recauden, impuestos anuales de valor agregado sobre toda propiedad gravable en el Distrito, suficientes, sin limite en cuanto a la tasa o el monto, para pagar el capital y los intereses de los bonos?

6. Las boletas de votacion oficiales para la eleccion deberan ser preparadas en conformidad con elCodigo Electoral de Texas (el "Codigo") de manera de permitir a los votantes votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la PROPOSICION mencionada anteriormente, con las boletas conteniendo tales disposiciones, marcas y lenguaje segun lo requiere la ley, y con tal PROPOSICION expresada sustancialmente de la siguiente forma:

**PROPOSICION**  
A Favor-----))  
En Contra-----))

LA EMISION DE \$4,000,000 EN BONOS ESCOLARES POR PARTE DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DEL CONDADO DE GLASSCOCK Y LA IMPOSICION DEL IMPUESTO PARA EL PAGO DE TALEB BONOS.

7. En todo lo que respecta, la eleccion sera llevada a cabo en conformidad con elCodigo. En virtud de la Ley Ayuda a America a Votar ("HAVA") y delCodigo, en cada lugar de votacion debera haber por lo menos un sistema de votacion equipado para individuos con discapacidades, y cada tal sistema de votacion debera ser un sistema que haya sido certificado por el Secretario de Estado de Texas y que cumpla con los requisitos de la HAVA y elCodigo.  
#6471 April 11, 2010



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**Legals**

**Open-House Style Public Meeting**  
**Staterwide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035**  
The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration will host two series of open house-style public meetings for the development of the Staterwide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035. This plan will establish a framework for addressing the challenges of our aging infrastructure, urban densification, and a growing population through 2035. The plan will also address the need for improvements to all modes of transportation including roadways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit, freight rail, passenger rail, airports, water ports, pipelines, and Intelligent Transportation Systems. The purpose of this first series of meetings is to present an overview of the project and to solicit comments and input to aid in the development of the plan. Information will be available for viewing at the meetings including exhibits and videos about the planning process. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting written comments. **The open-house style public meeting in the Abilene District will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at:**  
**Texas Department**

**of Transportation, Abilene Area Office**  
**1350 N. Arnold Blvd.**  
**Abilene, Texas 79603**  
Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the State can be found at [http://www.txdot.gov/public\\_involvement/transportation\\_plan/default.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/default.htm) or by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-888-5-TX-PLAN (1-888-589-7526). For those unable to attend the open house-style public meeting, written comments will be accepted on the project website at: [http://www.txdot.gov/public\\_involvement/transportation\\_plan/default.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/default.htm)  
key word: transportation plan 2035, by email at: (TPP\_txtranplan@dot.state.tx.us), or by mail at: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Staterwide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224 Houston, Texas, 77027. Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Mary Beth Kigore, Abilene District Public Information Officer, at 325-676-6806. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.  
#6497 April 11 and May 2, 2010

**Legals**

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT PROPOSED PERMIT NO. WQ0010069003**  
**APPLICATION.** City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010069003 (EPA I.D. No. TX0047023) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed an annual average of 3,800,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at Eleventh Street and Farm-to-Market Road 700, on the north side of Eleventh Street, approximately 1,000 feet east of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 700 and Eleventh Street, in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720. The discharge route is from the plant site to Beals Creek; thence to the Colorado River Below Lake J.B. Thomas. TCEQ received this application on December 8, 2009. Authorization to discharge was previously permitted by expired Permit No. WQ0010069001. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Big Spring City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas.  
**ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.  
**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST:** your name; address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/ activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." **If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how any why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.**  
Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.  
The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.  
**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/ or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/ or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.  
**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www.tceq.state.tx.us/about\\_comments.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/about_comments.html)  
If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.TCEQ.state.tx](http://www.TCEQ.state.tx).  
Further information may also be obtained from the City of Big Spring at the address stated above or by calling Todd Darden- Assistant City Manager, at 432-264-2514.  
Issuance Date: March 15, 2010  
#6499 April 11, 2010

**Annie's Mailbox**



**KATHY MITCHELL**  
**MARCY SUGAR**

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I are an interracial couple. My father totally disapproves of all interracial relationships, especially one involving his "baby girl."  
Annie, I am 47 years old, and even after two years of being with the most wonderful man in the world, I still cannot take him to my parents' house. My mother really likes my husband, as do the rest of my family members who have met him.  
I feel so awkward going to family functions without my husband, but he insists that I go so I can spend time with my parents while they are still here on this earth.  
My dad promised he would meet my husband once we've been married 10 years. My father will be 85 years old then.  
I hope he is still around, but that is a long time to

wait. When I try to talk to Dad, he simply says, "I don't want to discuss it." How do I let my father know how much he means to me, and that he also means a great deal to my husband?  
— *Still Daddy's Girl*

**Dear Still:** You are fortunate to have a husband who understands the importance of family and is willing to sacrifice for your benefit. However, sometimes it helps to push just a little. Your father sounds stubborn, but we sense a tiny bit of hope because he obviously loves you. At the next family gathering, tell Dad you are

bringing your husband — it's time they got to know one another, like it or not, and you insist he have more respect for your marriage.  
He'll grouse and grumble, but if your husband handles him

self by everyone in the family.  
However, she kept it up, so my husband wrote saying that such terribly crude comments could not be coming from the girl he knew.  
I did the only thing I could to save her reputation with my family and took her off my list of friends.  
Prior to this, Nicole had stopped calling us, never came to visit (except on Christmas, which she said she did not enjoy and was glad when it was over) and didn't return any of our calls.  
We talked to our daughter (Nicole's mother) about this, and she said there was nothing she could do.  
I wanted my daughter to tell Nicole that what she says online could hurt her in the future, and that swearing is not the way to get her point across.  
She sounds angry at the world. What can I do? — *It's Cold in Maine*

**Dear Maine:** Nothing. You have told Nicole how you feel, and you have expressed your disappointment to her mother.  
You cannot protect the girl from her own foolishness, so we urge you to back off before it further damages your relationship.  
Since her Facebook postings are so troublesome, you were smart to remove her from your friend list. Now forget about it.

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But I still do all the laundry, grocery shopping and cleaning. I guess my question is, do other people find that the person they live with drives them crazy?  
I hate the way he smells when he hasn't showered. I don't like him walking on my clean floors with wet boots. His constant embellishments annoy me to the point where I don't believe anything he says. He also talks too loudly.  
I've never seen a person try so hard to please me, but I attribute that to his not wanting me to throw him out. He's said as much. Inside my head, I'm constantly complaining about him and wonder whether there's anybody better.  
I don't think he can change. But I probably would miss him if he were gone. Should I just settle for what I have? — *Always Wondering*

**Dear Always:** How romantic. Living with someone requires developing a tolerance for their annoying habits. We're sure you have some, too. However, it doesn't sound as if your affection can overcome your irritation. Yes, of course you'd miss him, so weigh the pros and cons and choose what makes you happiest.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition a default judgment may be taken against you."  
TO: Millissa Joy Massingill a/k/a/ Millissa Joy Green 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 3rd day of May, 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 18th day of March, A.D., 2010, in this case, numbered 44866 on the docket of said court, and styled, In Re Michael William Massingill  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: (Family) 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 the 18th day of March A.D. 2010  
COLLEEN BARTON, District Clerk  
118th District Court, Howard County, Texas  
By Brandie Martinez, Deputy #6466 March 28 and April 4, 11 & 18, 2010

**Legals**

**NOTICE OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOWARD BAA MEETING April 21, 2010**  
1- Roscoe Hartfield, 1102 N. Main St., Big Spring, TX 79720, SC 42 BK 32 IN TR 1, of William B. Currie Addition, also known as 1102 N. Main St.  
2- Kay Littlejohn, PO Box 202461, Arlington, TX 76006-8461, 6.5 AC SW/4 of SC 42 BK 32 1N, of William B. Currie Addition, also known as 218 N. Johnson St.  
3- Palemon Diaz, 215 NE 8th St., Big Spring, TX 79720-1410, SE/4 of SC 42 BK 32 1N TR 22, of William B. Currie Addition, also known as 215 NE. 8th St.  
4- James Jackson, 310 NW 10th St., Big Spring, TX 79720-1218, LT 9 BK 40, of Bauer Addition, also known as 310 NW 10th St.  
5- Lester Crawford, (deceased), PT LTS 7-8 & PT LT 9 BK 11, of Brown Addition, also known as 300 Jones St.  
6- Leslie H. McMullen, 405 E. 10th St., Big Spring, TX 79720, LT 9 BK 78, of Birdwell Heights Addition according to replat of Block 78, Original Town of Big Spring, also known as 405 E. 10th St.  
7- James Spangler, 377 White St, Loveland, OH 45140-8867, LT 6 BK 20, of Cole & Strayhorn Addition, also known as 810 E. 15th St.  
8- Joe A. Torres, PO Box 2955, Big Spring, TX 79721-2955, LT 11 BK 18, of Cole & Strayhorn Addition, also known as 603 E. 16th St.  
9- Riley Rivera, 702 Bell St, Big Spring, TX 79720, LT 2 BK 3, of Earles Addition, also known as 702 Bell St.  
10- Sunshine Unlimited Inc, 1651 County Road 255, Big Spring, TX 79720-0704, of Jones Valley Addition, also known as 906 W. 6th St.  
Dear Property owner (s):  
Current Tax records of the City of Big Spring indicate that you are the owner of the property at, the above street address. This structure is in violation of section 115.1 of the International Building Code and the following detailed report documents the condition which have rendered the structure unsafe to with: Dilapidated, sub-standard structure, plumbing and electrical do not meet the City Code of Ordinances. Windows missing or broken out. Building has been vandalized and poses a potential Health hazard to the public. Structures cannot be secured to keep out transients or children.  
Therefore, by the authority invested in my office by the Big Spring Code, I have declared this structure or portions thereof unsafe, dilapidated substandard or unfit for human habitation, and have determined it or portions thereof poses a hazard to public health, safety, and public welfare.  
The International Building Code, Section 115.01 provides that all structures or existing equipment that are or hereafter become unsafe, insanitary or deficient because of inadequate means of egress facilities, inadequate light and ventilation, or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare, or that involve illegal or improper occupancy or inadequate maintenance, shall be deemed an unsafe condition. Unsafe structures

shall be taken down and removed or made safe, as the building official deems necessary and as provided for in this section. A vacant structure that is not secured against entry shall be deemed unsafe.  
"You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the MEP + Board of Adjustment and appeals of the City of Big Spring, Texas, at 307 E. 4th on the 21st day of April, 2010 at 5:30pm. The purpose of the hearing is to make a final determination as to whether the structure described is in violation of the Structural Standards Code of the City of Big Spring, Texas. You may be present at the hearing and may be, but need not be, represented by legal counsel. You may present any relevant evidence and will be given full opportunity to cross-examine all witnesses testifying against you. You may request the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents or other things by filing an affidavit thereof with the MEP Board of Adjustment and Appeals. At the time of the hearing, you (whether you will be the owner, lien holder, or mortgagee) will be required to submit at the hearing proof of the scope of any work that may be required to comply with the Code and the time it will take to reasonably perform the work. In the event you seek to obtain more than thirty (30) days to complete the project, you will be required to reasonably establish that the work cannot be completed within thirty (30) days. In the event you seek to obtain more than ninety (90) days to complete the work, you will be required to submit a detailed plan and time schedule for the work at the hearing and establish that the work cannot be completed within ninety (90) days.  
Following the hearing the Board of Adjustment and Appeals may issue an order requiring the vacation, relocation of occupants, securing, repair (with or without vacation), removal, or demolition of the structure if the MEP Board of Adjustment and Appeals finds that any of the following conditions exist:  
(1) The structure in question is dilapidated, substandard, or unfit for human habitation; and a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare;  
(2) The structure is unoccupied by its owners, or other invitees and is unsecured from unauthorized entry to the extent that is could be entered or used by vagrants or other uninvited persons as a place of haborage or could be entered or used by children;  
(3) If boarded up, fenced or otherwise secured in any manner, the building constitutes a danger even though secured from entry; or the means used to secure the building are inadequate to prevent unauthorized entry or use of building in the manner described in (B) above;  
(4) Following entry of the order, any person affected by the order may appeal, the order to the State District Court for relief within thirty (30) days, and upon failure to do so within such period of time, the order shall become final.  
Kenny H. Davis  
Building Official  
#6494 April 7 & 11, 2010

lightheartedly, we suspect Dad will put up with it, and that could be the start of something better, sooner.

**Dear Annie:** My cousin goes to a dermatologist's office for his annual skin cancer checkup. The problem is, these checkups are conducted by the nurse practitioner. Unless surgery is scheduled, the doctor is not involved or present — although the bill to the insurance company does not reflect this.  
Shouldn't the specializing physician actually see the patient? I just moved to this area, and my cousin wants me to go to her dermatologist.  
This particular dermatologist has a large cosmetic dermatology practice, and I have heard others say it's the doctor's main interest.  
When is seeing only a nurse practitioner appropriate for diagnosis, regardless of the level of experience? — *Raised in the Sun Belt*

**Dear Sun Belt:** Nurse practitioners are trained and certified to be able to handle many routine examinations, including a skin cancer checkup.  
We are certain that if this NP found anything remotely worrisome, the dermatologist would be alerted immediately.  
The bottom line, of course, is your level of comfort. If you feel this dermatologist will not give your skin the attention it deserves, find one who will.  
**Dear Annie:** This is for "In Need of Altitude," who wasn't attracted to her shorter boyfriend. She said shorter men don't seem "masculine."  
I am not sure what height has to do with masculinity. At just under 5-foot-11-inches in stocking feet, I am a tall woman.  
I'm in a relationship with a wonderful and charming man who is 5-foot-8. "Charles" has more than enough personality to have a presence about him.  
He is confident enough in himself and who he is to cherish and respect all 71 inches of me.  
He is well-educated, affectionate, attentive, kind and a terrific conversationalist.  
Last month while I was hospitalized, not only did Charles visit and dote on me, but he also complimented me on how good I looked in a hospital gown.  
Together we share a passionate and loving intimate life. It sounds as if "In Need" is stuck in her own definition of appropriate. I hope she can expand her horizons. — *Finally a Good Man*

**Dear Annie:** A while back, I went on Facebook and found many friends I had not heard from in years.  
My 21-year-old granddaughter sent me a message that she wanted to "befriend me," and I agreed. "Nicole" is a college student and lives about an hour away.  
I soon began receiving notes in which Nicole swore and made crude remarks.  
I told her to watch what she wrote, as she should not do this online or off, and reminded her that those messages could be

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# Job fair set for May 6 at Howard College's McKinney Center

## Special to the Herald

Howard College, Workforce Solutions of the Permian Basin and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce are planning a job fair for the Big Spring and Howard County area for Thursday, May 6. The job fair will begin at

3:30 p.m. and continue until 6 p.m. at the Don McKinney Career and Technical Education Center on the campus of Howard College.

"The chamber, working with its partners, is hoping to provide this job fair to the community at no cost to the

businesses or prospective employees," explained Debbye ValVerde, the chamber's executive director.

Employers participating in the job fair will receive a table and two chairs at no cost.

However, they must inform job fair organizers of their in-

terest in taking part by the April 19 deadline.

Those interested or having any questions should contact the Workforce Solutions of the Permian Basin at 263-8373.

ValVerde noted the job fair will also give many people the

opportunity to tour the new Don McKinney Career and Technical Education Center, and in the process, see what Howard College has to offer for those who wish to continue their education or for those seeking to change their occupation.

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

There are times when the ethereal world seems more real than the so-called real world. And it may be so, especially when the moon is in dreamy Pisces.

After all, most things that exist started out as mere imaginings. "Not everything that can be counted counts, and not every-



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thing that counts can be counted." — Albert Einstein

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Things that are on your "someday I'll get around to it" list need to be moved over to your "do today" list. Planning and organization will be the cornerstones of your success.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You've suffered a few setbacks in the past, and these are the very same events that gave you the edge you have now. Reflection brings new insight.

You'll analyze what happened and learn from the experience.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Information is power. What one person calls "gossip" you call "being aware of your surroundings." So go ahead and shake a few trees to find out what's really going on. You'll be very good at this.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It would be nice if you could make your goal in the first or second shot. It probably won't go that way today, but never stop trying.

That's the way winners do it, and you definitely do it into that category.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The world is loaded with opportunities just waiting to be seized. You'll wield your optimism like a weapon, cutting down the defenses of the gatekeepers who stand between you and your desire.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Instead of riding on a vague notion that something needs to be done, figure out what it is and how to do it. If you spend a lot of time

in the planning stage, you'll be very likely to quickly see things through to the end.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Participate in games — it will help you stay sharp. Compete whenever the opportunity arises. But do so in the spirit of fun. Surpassing someone else is far less important than doing your best.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Obstacles in your path will make things more interesting. You'll have to stretch, think and assert yourself in order to get past them, but you won't mind a bit. You are always happiest when you are growing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Loved ones want to go where you go because they know that wherever that is — even if it happens to be the grocery store or the city dump — it's where the fun will be.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be energized by the same challenges that once stopped you. You're learning to stop taking things personally and seriously — and your game just keeps on improving.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be at your best when you genuinely feel you don't need to impress anyone. People you know well and see often will make comfortable companions. They will relax you and remind you of your roots.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll focus on your loved ones' needs, connect with them on deep levels and understand how to make them happy. No wonder others are so loyal to you. And next week, they'll become your good-will ambassadors.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 11). You're so endearing to others that you should mention what you want often — if people can help you get it, they will. Over the next 10 weeks, one successful person in particular will be more than pleased to help you become successful, too. Your love life sizzles in June. There's a financial bonus in September. Taurus and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 27, 43, 31 and 17.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

Though it appears to be lit from within, that glowing sphere that is our lone luminary is really a lovely mirror of the sun. Well, usually. The exception is that moment when it's perfectly lined up with the sun (or at least seems that way from an Earthling's point of view) and the conjunction causes the moon to disappear completely from view. This lack of reflection is an encouragement to look inward.

What would you do if you didn't have to do a thing anyone else told you?

By what standard would you judge your own success if you didn't have the example put forth by your parents, your boss or that magazine you subscribe to?

As we careen toward the new moon in Aries on Wednesday, you might be surprised by your own answers to these questions. It will seem easier to hear your inner voice — as though the glaring music of the outside world is being intentionally muted to allow for your quiet process. Many will come up with a new goal, purpose or strategy this week, and if so, it will be best to take action before Saturday, when that plucky mischief-maker Mercury goes retrograde.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Aries is the sign of lucky beginnings, which is illustrated in the life of British singer Joss Stone. As a child, this Aries saw clips of Aretha Franklin on a television advertisement and asked for the CD of "Aretha Franklin: Greatest Hits" for Christmas. Thus, the first CD she ever owned was more than a musical recording — it was a calling. Stone has Mercury and Venus in soulful Pisces.

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