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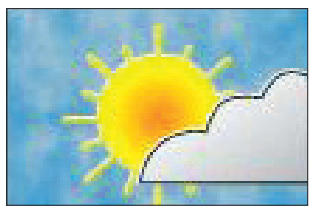
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Ryan Williams tees off in the City Championships, being held this weekend at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The two-day tournament will wrap up Sunday.

## Area schools get TEA seal of approval

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

All Howard County public school districts and campuses passed muster in the latest round of accountability ratings released by the Texas Education Agency.

Two campuses — Coahoma Elementary and Elbow Elementary in Forsan — received ratings of Exemplary (the highest possible), while no campuses received a rating below Academically Acceptable.

"Academically Acceptable" was the order of the day for Big Spring Independent School District, as the district and all but one campus received that designation. Moss Elementary received a rating of Recognized, the second-highest possible.

Perhaps the best news for the district, however, is that Big Spring Junior High, which had been designated as Academically Unacceptable

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## HC officials coping with major cuts

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will consider a lean budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year when they hold a workshop and special meeting Monday morning.

The workshop will begin at 10 a.m., with the special meeting following at 12:30 p.m. Both will be in the student union building's Tumbleweed Room.

A 5 percent cut in expenditures mandated by state leaders have forced college



officials to lop off \$400,000 from Howard College expenditures and \$114,000 from the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf operating budget, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

The proposed budget officials will present to trustees Monday includes expenditures of \$21.2 million for Howard College and

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

A Big Spring firefighter prepares to enter a structure fire reported at 700 E. 16th Saturday morning. No injuries were reported, but information on damages or the cause of the fire was unavailable at press time.

## Texas man exonerated of rape free after 27 years

HOUSTON (AP) — Imprisoned for 27 years for a rape he didn't commit, Michael Anthony Green walked out of jail a free man on Friday and in the process was able to leave behind some of the anger that had fueled his survival behind bars.

Accompanied by his attorney, Green walked out of the Harris County Jail and into the arms of about 20 family members who cheered him.

"Live life," Green said, when asked what he is going

to do now.

Green, 44, was released after the Harris County District Attorney's Office reopened his case and new DNA tests it commissioned showed he did not commit the 1983 rape of a woman who had been abducted.

During a court hearing Friday, a judge ordered that Green be released on a \$500 bond, allowing him to be free while the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals makes a final ruling on his innocence.

Asked what kept him going the last 27 years, Green said that in part it was his anger. "I took and channeled my anger into studying the law," said Green, clutching a photograph of his mother, who died while he was in prison. "That's how I lived, day by day ... doing what I did. Get up in the law, try to find me a way out."

Some of the anger that Green had held onto for so

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### Neugebauer to hold town hall meeting

Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-Texas) will be in Big Spring Tuesday.

Rep. Neugebauer will visit the VAMC to commemorate the recent 60th anniversary of the facility in addition to hosting a town hall meeting.

The town hall meeting will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus. The congressman will listen to constituents, discuss current issues facing the federal government and gather input.

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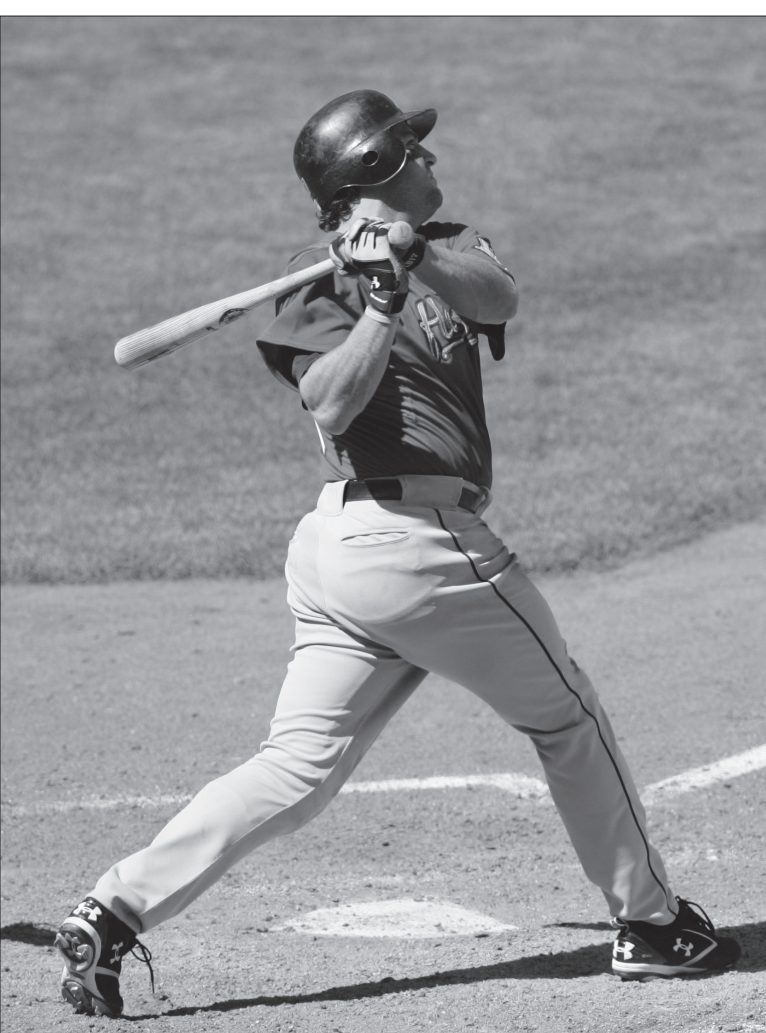
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# Change of Pace

## Oswalt's Philly debut a dud; Berkman headed to NYY



AP File Photo

The Astros are going through a makeover with Lance Berkman being traded to the New York Yankees on Saturday. Meanwhile, Roy Oswalt, who was traded to the Philadelphia Phillies, lost in his debut against Washington on Friday.

(AP) — Roy Oswalt's debut with the Philadelphia Phillies was a dud. Maybe ex-teammate Lance Berkman will make a better first impression for the New York Yankees.

On another busy day of wheeling and dealing leading up to baseball's trade deadline, the Chicago White Sox added pitcher Edwin Jackson, and the Yankees landed outfielder Austin Kearns. New York also closed in Friday on acquiring Berkman, the switch-hitting slugger who played with Oswalt for 10 seasons in Houston.

The Yankees planned to complete a deal for the five-time All-Star on Saturday, a day after the World Series champions obtained Kearns from the Cleveland Indians for a player to be named or cash.

New York will send a couple of prospects to the Astros, likely

to be reliever Mark Melancon and infielder Jimmy Paredes, and Houston will pay part of the salary Berkman is owed, a baseball executive familiar with the discussions said Friday night. The executive spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been announced.

Berkman sat out Friday night against Milwaukee, and his Astros teammates said their goodbyes.

"Nothing's been completed," he said before the game.

Berkman, who is from Texas, had full no-trade rights. His approval was necessary for a deal, accounting for the delay in its completion.

"This city is like the womb. I feel very comfortable here. To think about the possibility of going anywhere else is kind of scary," Berkman said.

More trades were

expected before Saturday's 4 p.m. EDT non-waiver deadline. The Los Angeles Dodgers were exploring a deal Friday night with the Chicago Cubs to acquire left-hander Ted Lilly, according to a person with knowledge of the situation.

Oswalt, a two-time 20-game winner and three-time All-Star, was dealt Thursday from Houston to the Phillies in a four-player swap. But the right-hander was roughed up in his first start for the NL champions Friday night, allowing five runs — four earned — and seven hits in six innings of an 8-1 loss at Washington.

The defeat ended Philadelphia's eight-game winning streak and left Oswalt (6-13) leading the majors in losses.

"I came out amped up, held the ball a little tight," Oswalt said. "Didn't really start feeling better

until the last two innings. Didn't really go my way."

J.A. Happ, one of the players shipped from Philadelphia to Houston for Oswalt, pitched his new team past the Brewers 5-0 in a stellar Astros debut.

Happ yielded two hits over six innings and struck out six in his fourth big league start this season. The left-hander, who went 12-4 with a 2.93 ERA as a rookie last year, had been sidelined because of a left forearm strain.

"It's a strange thing to fly out this morning, meet the new teammates and then go out there and pitch. But it was good," Happ said. "It was very emotional yesterday saying goodbye to the guys I've played with a few years and then coming in here and meeting new guys."

Elsewhere, third

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## Bryant out with high ankle sprain

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Cowboys rookie receiver Dez Bryant could miss the rest of training camp after the first-round draft pick suffered a high right ankle sprain near the end of practice Friday. The team said he will be out four to six weeks.

Bryant became entangled with cornerback Orlando Scandrick while trying to catch a pass that was thrown behind him on the next-to-last play of the day. It quickly became apparent that something was wrong.

Bryant didn't immediately get up, and when he finally did gingerly get to his feet while tak-

ing his helmet off, he took only a step before falling back to the turf. Bryant was reaching for his ankle and grimacing in obvious pain. Two trainers who checked on him helped him off the field.

Though the Cowboys have an extended camp with five preseason games because of their game in Canton, Ohio, next weekend, the injury could keep Bryant from playing until the regular season. The last preseason game is at home Sept. 2, which is five weeks away. The season opener is Sept. 12 at Washington.

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HERALD Photo/ Adam Coleman

Mike Mendoza tees off in the City Golf Championship on Saturday at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The tournament started Saturday and ends Sunday with the round being flighted. Results will be in Monday's issue.

## Sports in brief

### Youth Basketball Tournament

The 2010 San Antonio Youth Basketball Championships will take place Aug. 6 through 8. This tournament is for boys and girls, third through 12th grade. Visit [www.otcybc.com](http://www.otcybc.com), e-mail [rising-stars07@yahoo.com](mailto:rising-stars07@yahoo.com) or call (979) 417-3721 for more information.

### Co-ed Softball Tournament

There will be a co-ed softball tournament Aug. 7 in Ozona. The entry fee is \$125 per team and the deadline to enter is Aug. 2. There will be prizes for first, second and third winners. For more information call Chris at 325-763-6630 or e-mail him at [cardenas\\_chris@yahoo.com](mailto:cardenas_chris@yahoo.com).

### Big Spring Football Season Tickets

Get season tickets at the ATC. Previous season ticket holders can purchase tickets from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday starting July 26 and ending Aug. 9. General public ticket sales are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday

through Thursday starting Aug. 10 and ending Aug. 18. The cost is \$25 dollars per ticket book, which includes five home games. The last day to purchase will be Aug. 18. Any questions should be directed toward Kay Cook at 264-3662.

### Athletic Physical Exams Notice

Athletic physical exams are required by the University Interscholastic League for all athletes entering the seventh, ninth and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. This also includes any new person to athletics who has never completed a physical exam. Forms can be picked up at the Athletic Training Center. Once completed, the physical form must be turned in to coach Campbell in the training room or to Kay Cook, the athletic secretary. Prior to Aug. 2, equipment will not be checked out until physical is complete and on file in the training room. For more information, call 264-3662.

### Over 80 Scramble

The Big Spring Country Club invites everyone to

participate in its over 80 scramble Aug. 14 and 15. It benefits the Big Spring Shirne Club. Combined ages of the 2-person team must be 80 or higher. Entry fee is \$60 per player plus the golf cart. Private carts are welcome. There is a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days.

Entry includes barbecue on the course both days. For more information call the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

### Big Spring Quarterback Club Meeting at ATC

This meeting takes place Monday at 5:30 p.m. All parents of football players in grades seven through 12 are encouraged to attend.

Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 for more information.

### Coahoma Girls Softball Association

There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. Aug. 10 at the community center and everyone is welcome to attend.



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# MAKING Munchies

## MATTER

### Better-for-you snacks kids will love

FAMILY FEATURES

**K**ids love to snack. But left to their own devices, most kids don't always make the healthiest snack choices. A new study of long-term eating patterns in children, from researchers at the University of North Carolina, shows that kids today are getting nearly one-third of their daily calories from unhealthy snacks such as chips, crackers and candy.

Nutritious and delicious snacks are as close as your produce aisle. Watermelon is practically a multivitamin unto itself — and its natural sweetness is something kids love.

#### Did You Know?

- A 2-cup serving of watermelon is an excellent source of Vitamins A, B6 and C.
- Vitamin A found in watermelon is important for optimal eye health.
- Vitamin B6 found in watermelon is used by the body to manufacture brain chemicals (neurotransmitters), such as serotonin, melatonin and dopamine, which preliminary research shows may help the body cope with anxiety and panic.
- Vitamin C in watermelons can help to bolster your immune system's defenses against infections and viruses, and is known to stimulate the immune system and protect against free radical damage.
- A 2-cup serving of watermelon is also a source of potassium, a mineral necessary for water balance and found inside of every cell. People with low potassium levels can experience muscle cramps. A 2-cup serving has less than 10 percent of the daily reference value for potassium.

Try these fun recipes as after-school and post-activity snacks. For more kid-friendly recipes and healthy eating tips, visit [www.watermelon.org](http://www.watermelon.org).

Send some healthy lunch munchies to school — watermelon chunks are an easy way to brighten up a sack lunch and give kids a tasty nutritional boost in the middle of the day.



Watermelon Kebabs

#### Watermelon Kebabs

- 1-inch cubes of seedless watermelon
- Smoked turkey breast
- Cheddar cheese
- Coffee stirrers or beverage straws

Cut watermelon, turkey and cheese in cubes and skewer on stirrers or straws.

#### Watermelon Cut Outs

- Seedless watermelon, cut into 1/2- to 3/4-inch-thick slices
- Yogurt
- Granola or similar cereal

Using your favorite cookie cutters, cut shapes out of watermelon slices. Frost with vanilla or other flavored yogurt. Sprinkle with granola.

#### Healthy Eating Tips

Healthy eating habits start at home. One of the best things you can do for your kids is to be a role model for smart food choices. Here are some simple things you can do to help your kids develop healthy lifelong habits.

- Shop for food together and take time to examine, discuss and select fruit and vegetables that catch your child's eye. Allow your child to help you to prepare these healthful foods. For example, let your child use a melon-baller to create melon balls from watermelon, cantaloupe and honeydew to create a festive, nutritious and visually appealing dessert.
- Make healthy snacks available at all times for your children by keeping the fridge filled with flavorful, nutrient-rich treats such as grapes, cherries, carrots and watermelon cubes.
- Simple changes are easier for your child to get used to. Try switching from full fat milk to non-fat milk, serving sherbet, sorbet, ice milk or fruit juice bars, or adding fresh fruit to his or her cereal in the morning.
- Serve your children colorful, deeply pigmented plant food. These foods tend to offer tremendous nutritional value. For example, red peppers, carrots, broccoli, oranges and watermelon are all packed with minerals, vitamins and antioxidants.
- Start each day with breakfast, preferably fruit with low-fat yogurt or granola. Make a fruit smoothie by blending watermelon cubes and a banana with crushed ice.



Watermelon Nachos

#### Watermelon Nachos

Serves 6 to 8

- 12 to 16 1/2-inch thick watermelon triangles with 3-inch sides
- 2 cups Greek vanilla yogurt
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- A few drops almond extract
- 1 cup Craisins
- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup toasted sliced almonds
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Arrange the watermelon triangles on a serving platter or glass cake stand. Mix yogurt with extracts and spoon yogurt over the watermelon in the fashion of nacho cheese sauce. Sprinkle craisins, white chocolate chips, and almonds over the yogurt and dust with cinnamon.

#### Watermelon Berry Slush

Makes 6 servings

- 4 cups cubed, seeded watermelon
- 1 10-ounce package frozen raspberries
- 1 12-ounce bottle sparkling mineral water

Place watermelon in a single layer in shallow pan; freeze until firm. Remove from freezer and let stand 5 minutes. Drop watermelon through food chute of a food processor or blender with the motor running. Add frozen raspberries alternately with mineral water, processing until smooth.

#### Watermelon Jelly Logs

Makes 6 servings

- 6 3-inch x 2-inch x 5-inch watermelon rectangles
- 3 flavors all fruit or low sugar preserves
- 6 ginger, molasses or peanut butter cookies

Using a melon baller, cut 3 divots into a long side of each watermelon rectangle. Fill each divot with a different all-fruit or low-sugar preserve. Serve each rectangle with a cookie.

#### Watermelon Dippers

- 8 ounces sour cream
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Watermelon sticks or small wedges

Blend together the sour cream, sugar and vanilla in a small serving bowl. Use as a dip for the watermelon.



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## Obituaries

## Chester Urban



Chester Dwight Urban, 90, of Houston, formerly of Big Spring, died at his residence July 20, 2010. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 2, 2010, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn Street in Big Spring. Visitation will be held from 6-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, 2010, followed by a vigil at Myers & Smith Chapel, 301 E. 24th St., Big Spring. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Chester was born Feb. 20, 1920, in Pukwana, S.D. to Dan and Elizabeth Urban and spent his childhood on a farm near Pukwana. Chester graduated from high school in 1938 and worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps prior to enlisting in the military in May 1941.

He married Hallie O'Connell in Clayton, N.M., Jan. 7, 1943.

During his 30-year career in the U.S. Air Force, he fought in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Chester was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in action during the invasion of Sicily in July 1943. He also was awarded five Battle Stars, a Distinguished Unit Citation Badge with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. Chester also participated in the Naples-Foggia, Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland campaigns during WWII. He was stationed at Webb Air Force Base from 1964 to 1969 and retired in Big Spring in 1972. He has resided in Houston for the last four years.

Chester is survived by his children, Toni of Canyon Lake, Kathy of Salt Lake City, Utah, Mike and his wife Barbara of Houston, and Jan of Houston; his grandchildren, Michelle Chapman and her husband Jon Pruitt of Fairfield, Conn., Lonzo Jackson of New York City, Jonathan Jackson of Houston and Michaela Urban of Houston; and his great-grandchildren, Hallie and Luke Pruitt of Fairfield, Conn.

Chester was preceded in death by his wife, Hallie, and his son-in-law, John Fralick.

Pallbearers will be Ben Rubio, Cody Rubio, Ben Douglas, Jimmy Leffler, Lonzo Jackson and Jonathan Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in his memory to MD Anderson Cancer Center, PO Box 4486 Houston 77210-4486 ([www.mdanderson.org/gifts](http://www.mdanderson.org/gifts)). Your donations will be used to fund children's cancer research.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- VALENTIN CALDERON QUINTANA, 33, 1201 FM 461, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CATARINA FRANCO, 19, 1407 Scurry, was arrested on a warrant charging no driver's license.
- RAFAEL CRUZ LOPEZ, 65, 508.5 Father Delaney, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

## Support Groups

## MONDAY

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

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

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

## New Menu Items



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## Take Note

• The Salvation Army will take applications for its annual school supply program from Monday through Friday at the Army's headquarters at 811 W. Fifth. Application times are from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. For more information, call 267-8239.

• Youth at the Spring Creek Fellowship are conducting a shoe drive for Shoes for Orphan Souls through Aug. 1. Shoes for Orphan Souls is part of Buckner International and has distributed more than 2 million pairs of shoes to vulnerable children in the U.S. and to orphans in 69 countries. Shoes collected in the drive will be taken to Rock the Desert, set for Aug. 5-7 in Midland. Drop off boxes are located at Faye's Flowers (1013 S. Gregg) or Slaton Insurance (205 W. 15th). The drive accepts new shoes, socks and shoe strings. For more information, go to [www.shoesfororphansouls.org](http://www.shoesfororphansouls.org) or [rockthedesert.com](http://rockthedesert.com).

• New hours for the Chalet, Big Spring State Hospital's volunteer-run resale shop, are 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and until 2 p.m. Saturdays. The Chalet is located at 110 East Second St. Sales from the shop are used to support patients during their stay at the Big Spring State Hospital. Donations of items are welcome.

• Each Saturday there is free admission to the Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry St. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 267-8255.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• If you were laid off between December 2008 and March 2010 and are interested in training, contact the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office in Big Spring at 263-8373 or 1-800-749-8373. Training dollars are available to assist those affected by the layoffs and ultimate plant closure.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help! A class is forming in Howard County and we need at least 27 volunteers to fill this need. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeCASA.org](http://www.BecomeCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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

• Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer.

This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lyken at 267-2915.

## Lottery

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were:

11-30-40-48-52.  
Mega Ball: 42.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn:  
8-14-21-23-33.  
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:  
8-2-4-4. Sum It Up: 18.

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9-1-3. Sum It Up: 13

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baseballer Jhonny Peralta hit two homers for Detroit in his first game since being acquired from Cleveland. Matt Capps worked a scoreless ninth inning for a save in his first appearance with the Minnesota Twins after he was traded by the

Washington Nationals the previous night. The White Sox, trying to hold off the Twins in the AL Central, obtained Jackson from the struggling Arizona Diamondbacks for rookie pitcher Daniel Hudson and prospect David Holmberg. An All-Star in 2009 with Detroit, Jackson tossed the second no-hitter in Diamondbacks

history June 25 against Tampa Bay. His arrival gives Chicago a talented, though sometimes wild, addition to a solid rotation that is missing injured ace Jake Peavy. White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said Jackson is scheduled to start Wednesday at Detroit. Kearns left Cleveland's game at Toronto in the seventh inning and will join the Yankees on Sat-

urday. He is hitting .272 with eight homers and 42 RBIs. "A corner outfielder that gives us depth and experience," New York manager Joe Girardi said. "A right-handed bat that has power. We can use him a lot of different ways. "It will give me a chance to rest our left-handed guys."

# Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Weekly Update

In Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association play day July 26, the team of Dee Jenkins, Patsy Sharpnack, Joan Daniel and Annie Ward won first place, shooting even par. Second place

went to Linda Dewaters, Tammy DePauw and Ramona Harris with a 1-over par. There were 22 golfers competing in Thursday's couples play. Five teams tied for first place — all shooting 2-under par. Betty Lou Farmer shot closest to the pin on Hole No. 3 and Jimmy Forsythe was closest to the pin on Hole No. 6.

# Camps could change with longer season

NEW YORK (AP) — Two-a-days and wind sprints. Lugging heavy playbooks and checking into dorms.

As NFL teams get going this weekend, take a long, hard look. This might be the end of training camp as we know it.

Next year a work stoppage might affect camps. Then by 2012 the league's owners hope for an 18-game regular season, which would throw off the traditional football math of late summer: two weeks of camp before the first exhibition, six before the

**"I think it will make training camp more intense. You won't be able to pace your way quite as much into some of the work you want to do."**

John Harbaugh, Baltimore Ravens head coach

opener. If the proposal to essentially turn the last two preseason games into regular-season contests becomes reality, teams could just start practicing two weeks earlier, right? Well, maybe not. Players worry a longer regular season would increase injuries, and NFL leaders have suggested they might cut

back on training camp as a concession. "It has to be done in a comprehensive way, which includes how we look at offseason training," commissioner Roger Goodell said Thursday while visiting the Packers' annual shareholder meeting. "Should we still have OTAs? If so, how many? Should we have restric-

tions on how long training camp is? Should we have restrictions or limitations on how practices are evolved?" Talk like that leaves coaches to fret that the new schedule would leave them with too little time to prepare their teams for the season. These competing desires to make training camp longer or shorter, more

intense or less, will be among the many issues the league and union talk out as they negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement, with the current one set to expire in March.

Here's the coach's perspective, from the Ravens' John Harbaugh: "I think it will make training camp more intense. You won't be able to pace your way quite as much into some of the work you want to do. We'll have to throw a lot more at them a lot quicker." And the player's perspective, from Panthers

receiver Steve Smith: "I'm biased, but yeah, I think camp is too long. If camp was four days I'd think it was too long." Players point out they stay in shape during the offseason, so they don't need a long training camp for conditioning. "I take a couple of weeks off after the season and do absolutely nothing, but I'm right back into it doing some sort of a workout," said Buffalo linebacker Chris Kelsay, the Bills' alternate union rep. "It is a league where you've

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# COWBOYS

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After Bryant had been evaluated by doctors, the team announced in a camp update more than two hours after practice that he would be out the extended time. Scandrick said right after practice that he initially thought Bryant was OK because the receiver "started to get up."

While Scandrick then said Bryant had tweaked an ankle a couple of days ago, coach Wade Phillips said the rookie receiver wasn't being bothered by any ankle issues before practice Friday. Phillips said Scandrick did nothing wrong on the play that Bryant got hurt on while trying to catch a pass from backup quarterback Jon Kitna. "(Scandrick) made a play on the ball. That's what we expect," Phillips said. "The

ball was thrown behind the guy." The Cowboys have two practices scheduled Saturday and two more Sunday, a week before their preseason opener against Cincinnati as part of Pro Football Hall of Fame induction weekend. Bryant impressed on the field the first seven days of training camp, making routine and spectacular catches in individual and team drills. He has also has been returning kicks, but now will get an

unwanted break. Dallas was already without the other of its top three draft picks. Linebacker Sean Lee, the second-round pick, has been out the past few days with a quadriceps strain but hopes to return this weekend. Safety Akwasi Owusu-Ansah, the fourth-round pick, hasn't practiced at camp because of a hamstring injury while coming back from offseason shoulder surgery. "You don't like to see them

out. If it happens, you have to deal with it," Phillips said. "The rest of the receivers, we've got to step up," receiver Patrick Crayton said about Bryant's injury even before the extent of it was known. "You never want any teammate, especially a receiver, to get hurt." Crayton was given permission to seek a trade and then skipped most voluntary offseason workouts after the Cowboys drafted Bryant 24th overall in April.

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## Weddings

### Runnick-Neptune

Wendolyn Leigh Rud-dick and Nathaniel Lee Neptune were united in marriage on May 15, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at First Christian Church in Midland. The Rev. Mike Hunter, of First Christian Church, and Pastor Ronnie White of Trophy Club officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Following the wedding ceremony a reception was held at Green Tree Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Moore of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Rud-dick of Colorado City. She is the granddaughter of Vivian Ruddick Beights and the late Albert Beights of Colorado City and the late Wendolyn Dial of Abilene.

The groom is the son of Diana Neptune of Midland. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sheppard of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless, lace Casablanca gown with an empire waist complemented by a sash of champagne satin. She wore a matching candlelight veil. For some-

thing old, borrowed and blue, the bride wore a bracelet of her great-grandmother's pearls accented with tear-drop blue topaz. She carried a fresh-cut, round bouquet of lilies, hydrangeas and pink and green roses.

The bride's sister, Vanessa Moore Burkhalter of San Angelo, served as matron of honor. The other bridal attendants included Courtney Brown, Katie Huff, Lacey DuBose and Bonnie West. Rylee Ray and Caroline Moore served as flower girls.

The groom's brother, Jacob Andrew Neptune, served as best man. The other groomsmen were Brett Rodgers, Mark Friday, Ryan Fink and Lantz Casey.

Ushers were Joe Guerra, Russell Johnson, Tyler DuBose and Josh Fortney.

The bride is a graduate of Midland Lee High School and also of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center with a master's degree in occupational therapy.

She was also a member of Chi Omega sorori-



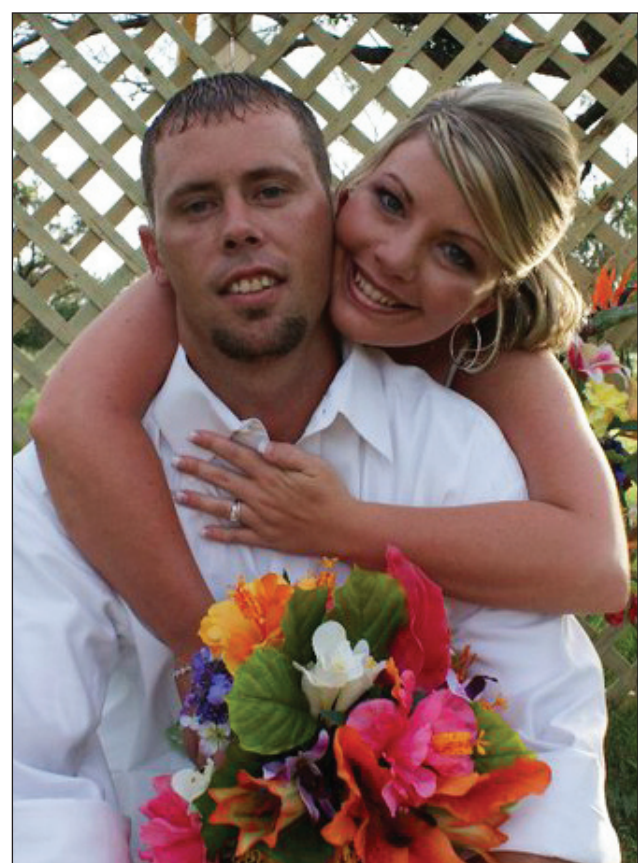
Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Lee Neptune

ty. She is currently completing clinical work in Lubbock prior to her certification in occupational therapy.

The groom is a graduate of Midland Lee High School in Midland and is currently completing his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering at Texas Tech University. He is a member of Kappa Upsilon Chi fraternity. He

has recently completed his vice wing command duties and is a cadet colonel in Detachment 820 AFOTC at Texas Tech University. Upon completing his undergraduate program, he will become an Air Force officer and attend pilot training.

Following their honeymoon in Riviera Maya, Mexico, the couple reside in Lubbock.



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Tilley

### Carlile-Tilley

Camie Rae Carlile and Stephen Tilley were united in marriage at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2010, in an outdoor ceremony at the groom's aunt's home. Doug Shelley of Big Spring officiated as the couple exchanged vows.

The bride is the daughter of Albert and Gayla Carlile of Colorado City and Donna and Tom Marlow of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Elton and Vada Carlile of Colorado City and the late Grady and Claudine Gaskins.

The groom is the son of Tommy and Saletta Tilley of Big Spring and grandson of the late Mary Frances Osburn.

Keeley Rae Tilley, the couple's daughter, served as flower girl.

Both attended Forsan High School. The groom graduated in 2000, and the bride graduated in 2003. They will reside in Big Spring.

### Davis-Harrison



Mrs. William Chad Harrison

Dr. Lesley Robin Davis and William Chad Harrison were united in marriage Saturday, July 10, 2010, at 7 p.m. at Saint Paul's United

Methodist Church in Houston. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Gail Williford. Following the ceremony, a reception with dinner

and dancing was hosted by the bride's parents at the Crystal Ballroom at the Rice Hotel.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. (Bill) Davis of Houston and the granddaughter of Ruby Fowler of Big Spring, and the late Mr. and Mrs. George R. Davis. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Harrison of Clear Lake.

Presented in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore an elegant vintage style couture gown designed by Audrey Hart. The scooped neckline of lace with crème satin underlining featured an empire waist bodice beautifully embellished with silver embroidery detailing, crystals and beading, which continued into the softly flared skirt. The scalloped skirt and train were also embroidered with silver accented with crystals and beads. The bouquet of white stem roses was hand tied and wrapped with satin ribbon.

Lesley wore the blue garter worn by her mother and carried a handkerchief which belonged to her great-grandmother, the late Mrs. J.J. Langford.

Natalie Davis Mueller, of Frisco, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Anita Merz of London, England, and Dr. Tara Winklemann of the Woodlands. The bridal attendants wore navy blue gowns designed by Amsale. Each carried a hand tied stem bouquet of soft pink roses.

The best man was Robert Baker of Friendswood. Groomspersons were Richard Holt of Houston and Carey Stevenson of Richmond, Va. Serving as ushers were Bryan Mueller of

Frisco and Sharad Malhauhra of Houston.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology. In 2003, she graduated from Texas Tech University with a Doctor of Medicine degree. In 2007, she completed a four-year residency program in obstetrics and gynecology at St. Joseph Medical Center and The Methodist Hospital in Houston. She is now in private practice in Houston.

The groom is a 1998

graduate of Texas A&M University where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance and Bachelor of Arts in international studies. In May, 2010, he graduated from the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business at Rice University, with a Master of Business Administration. He is employed by Ernst and Young in Houston.

Following their honeymoon in Antigua, the couple will reside in Houston.



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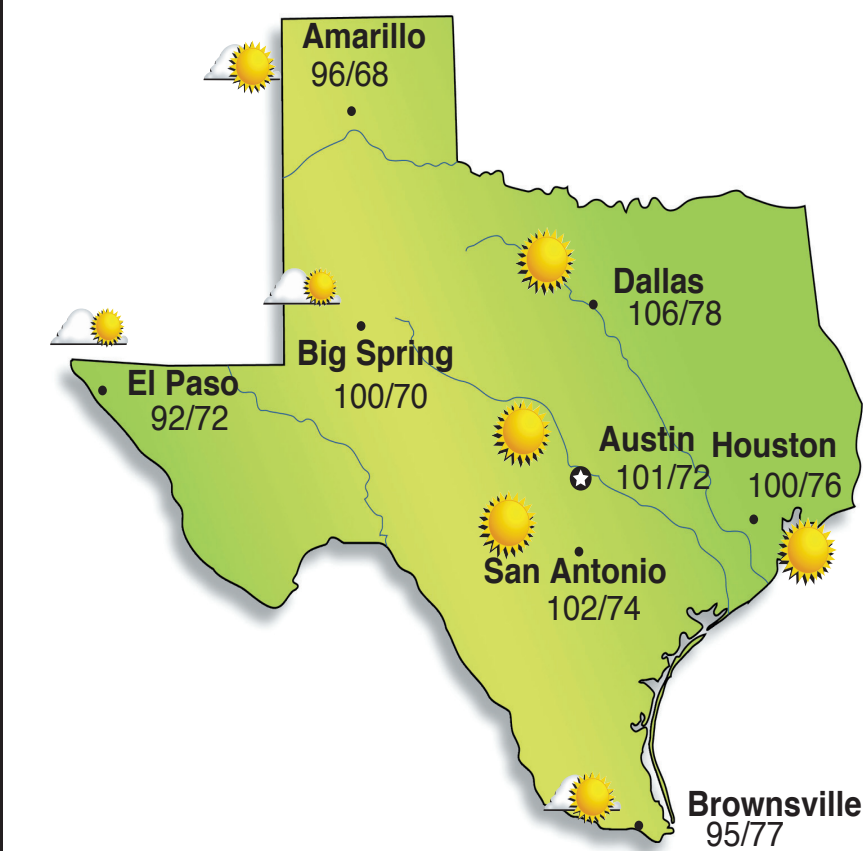
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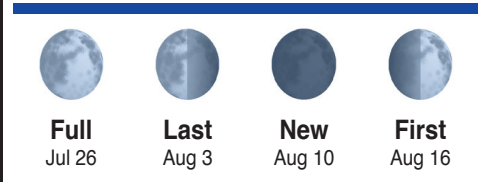
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	104	72	sunny	El Paso	92	72	pt sunny	Midland	102	74	pt sunny
Amarillo	96	68	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	99	71	pt sunny	Raymondville	97	74	mst sunny
Austin	101	72	sunny	Gainesville	105	75	sunny	Rosenberg	100	75	sunny
Beaumont	102	75	mst sunny	Greenville	105	75	sunny	San Antonio	102	74	sunny
Brownsville	95	77	mst sunny	Houston	100	76	sunny	San Marcos	101	73	sunny
Brownwood	105	73	sunny	Kingsville	97	74	sunny	Sulphur Springs	105	76	sunny
Corpus Christi	95	76	sunny	Livingston	104	73	sunny	Sweetwater	102	71	sunny
Corsicana	104	76	sunny	Longview	103	76	sunny	Tyler	103	75	sunny
Dallas	106	78	sunny	Lubbock	97	70	mst sunny	Weatherford	105	75	sunny
Del Rio	102	74	sunny	Lufkin	105	75	sunny	Wichita Falls	104	72	mst sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	96	75	t-storm	Houston	100	76	sunny	Phoenix	92	78	t-storm
Boston	80	61	pt sunny	Los Angeles	72	60	pt sunny	San Francisco	61	52	pt sunny
Chicago	84	66	sunny	Miami	92	80	t-storm	Seattle	73	56	mst sunny
Dallas	106	78	sunny	Minneapolis	89	72	pt sunny	St. Louis	92	73	sunny
Denver	88	66	t-storm	New York	78	71	t-storm	Washington, DC	83	69	t-storm

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Sun 8/1	Mon 8/2	Tue 8/3	Wed 8/4	Thu 8/5
11	11	11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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## FREE

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many years came to the surface Thursday, when he had been originally scheduled to be freed on bond.

His release was delayed to give him time to calm down after he became

## Giant South Dakota hailstone breaks U.S. records

VIVIAN, S.D. (AP) — The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says a giant hailstone that fell in central South Dakota has broken U.S. records, even though the man who found it says it melted somewhat while waiting to be evaluated.

The NOAA's National Climate Extremes Committee says the hailstone found in the town of Vivian on July 23 measures

8 inches in diameter and weighs 1 pound, 15 ounces. The committee says the South Dakota ice chunk breaks records set by hailstones discovered in Nebraska and Kansas.

Ranch hand Leslie Scott says the hailstone was about 3 inches larger when he found it. Scott says he put it in the freezer but that he couldn't prevent some melting because of an

hours-long power outage that followed the storm.

upset that he was put in handcuffs and leg restraints one final time as he was taken from the county jail to the courthouse, said Bob Wicoff, his attorney.

Green said he got upset because one of the deputies escorting him tightened his handcuffs and threatened him.

## RATINGS

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— TEA's lowest rating — the past two years, climbed up to Acceptable status this year.

Districts and campuses receive Academically Acceptable ratings if all students in all socioeconomic groups scored 70 or above on Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) testing earlier this year. If all students scored 80 or above, the rating increases to Recognized. Campuses rated Exemplary had all students scoring above 90 on the TAKS.

"(The junior high) made tremendous gains this year," BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar said. "And the high school showed continued improvement — it was very close to being Recognized this year."

"Most importantly at the junior high, credit

## FUNDS

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\$3.7 million for SWCID, Sparks said. Those figures don't include money from grants and federal sources which will be added later, she said.

"(State officials) asked us to submit a budget request based on a 5 percent reduction in state aid," Sparks said. "Because of that, we have budgeted very conservatively throughout the various fiscal scenarios."

State leaders are reducing expenditures of all state agencies by 5 percent to help Texas weather the current economic downturn.

The biggest impact of the reduction locally is the elimination of some positions and a hiring freeze in other areas, although no staff will be laid off, Sparks said.

"In order to make this thing work, we've reduced operating costs wherever we could," she said. "We've deleted some open positions and kept other open positions but frozen them until we can fund them

again." goes to the teachers. When you have something like a sub-par rating, either you make excuses or you own up to it," Saldivar added. "Those teachers should be commended. They worked very hard, and so did the students. (Last year's rating) was unacceptable to them, so they took ownership of the situation and did something about it."

Coahoma ISD received a district-wide rating of Recognized, the same received by the high school and junior high, TEA results show.

Forsan ISD also received a district rating of Recognized, as did the high school/junior high campus, Superintendent Randy Johnson said.

"We are very pleased. These are obviously very good ratings," Johnson said. "In fact, we were about three student scores from being Exemplary at the high school/junior high,

rate of 28.56 cents per

\$100 valuation, which is almost 4 cents lower than the 2009-2010 rate but will collect the same amount of revenue as last year.

Trustees will formally adopt the new budget and tax rate later in August. In other business, trustees will consider:

- Bond project updates.
- Appointment of a district auditor, deans and directors.
- Other personnel matters.
- Catalog and handbook changes.

At the San Angelo campus, a marked growth in enrollment will mean an actual increase in the number of faculty, with five such positions being added this year, Sparks noted.

The good news for both students and taxpayers is that the college is not planning an increase in either tuition and fees or in the tax levy. Sparks said the proposed budget is fueled by a tax

also. That shows they didn't just sneak into the Recognized rating, they were at the top end of it. We're proud of the teachers and administrators and we're certainly proud of the students who had to take all those tests."

Other area school districts and their TEA ratings are:

- Stanton ISD — District rating of Recognized; all campuses rated Exemplary.
- Glasscock County ISD — District rating of Recognized; high school campus Exemplary, elementary campus Recognized.
- Sands CISD — District and campus rating of Exemplary.
- Grady ISD — District and campus rating of Exemplary.

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# Houston begins training camp



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**Wideout Andre Johnson and the Houston Texans have high expectations this season as they hope to get to the playoffs for the first time in franchise history. They opened camp Friday.**

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans missed the playoffs by one victory in 2009, settling for the franchise's first winning record as the season's defining accomplishment.

That won't be good enough this year.

The Texans opened their ninth training camp on Friday with higher-than-ever expectations, and for good reason. Most of the key players return, anchoring the deepest, most talented roster in the expansion team's history.

Houston boasted the league's top passing offense last season (291 yards per game), and the defense ranked among

the top five over the final 13 games, allowing only 299 yards per game under first-year defensive coordinator Frank Bush.

The steady improvements under coach Gary Kubiak have the players believing they can achieve more than just the team's first postseason berth in 2010.

"Guys don't just look towards just getting to the playoffs," star receiver Andre Johnson said, "they look forward to getting to the Super Bowl."

Johnson led the NFL with 1,569 receiving yards in 2009 and topped 100 catches for the third time in four years. He

caused a stir when he skipped three voluntary workouts in the summer, drawing unwanted attention to his desire for a new contract.

Johnson has five years left on his current \$60 million deal. He said Friday that he doesn't want to become a team distraction, and he's content in feeling that the two sides will reach an agreement soon.

"When it works out, it'll work out," Johnson said. "I'm just out here getting ready for the season."

Texans owner Bob McNair is confident Johnson will sign a new deal

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## Rams, Sam Bradford agree to six-year deal

ST. LOUIS (AP) — No. 1 overall draft pick Sam Bradford agreed to a six-year, \$78 million contract with the St. Louis Rams on Friday night, with \$50 million in guaranteed money.

The Rams and the former Oklahoma quarterback concluded negotiations in time for the first full-squad workout set for Saturday. The guaranteed money is the highest ever in the NFL.

Bradford is the centerpiece of a rebuilding effort for the Rams, who were 1-15 last year in the first season under coach Steve Spagnuolo and are 6-42 the last three seasons.

Spagnuolo reiterated

earlier this week that veteran backup Jay Feeley is the starter entering training camp. But Bradford, the 2008 Heisman Trophy winner, shouldn't be on the bench for long.

Marc Bulger, rookie Keith Null and Kyle Boller combined for only 12 touchdown passes all last year.

St. Louis trailed the NFL with a 10.9-point scoring average, leaning heavily on Pro Bowl running back Steven Jackson.

Quarterback Matthew Stafford, the No. 1 pick last year, got \$41.7 million in guaranteed money on a six-year, \$72 million deal with the Lions last year.

Bradford's agents, Tom Condon and Ben Dogra of St. Louis, also represent Rams offensive tackle Jason Smith and Smith also signed just in time for the first full-squad workout. Smith was the second overall pick last year and got a five-year, \$62 million deal with \$33 million in guaranteed money.

Bradford led the nation with 48 touchdown passes in 2008. He played in only three games in 2009 before undergoing season-ending shoulder surgery.

Bradford attended the team's mandatory minicamp last month as well as a rookie minicamp after the draft.

the season," Chargers coach Norv Turner said. "I think you get that camaraderie by going through some adversity in camp, whether it be grueling practices, whether it's being out here in the afternoon on a hot day and having to fight through it when you've already practiced six straight days of two-a-days."

The question is whether six straight days of two-a-days in sizzling heat will do more harm than good for players who still have to endure an 18-game regular season. Currently the NFL does not restrict

how teams run training camps, yet the new CBA could limit not only how long camp runs but how much players practice each day.

For now, of course, it's all speculation. George Atallah, the NFL Players Association's assistant executive director, said in an e-mail that it's too early in negotiations to be able to discuss the subject in detail.

"I'm comfortable saying that an extra game proposal raises these issues, along with a number of others that I could describe, and that they have to be negotiated over," he wrote.

## McNabb leads offseason of change

(AP) — Call it training camp with a twist: plenty of old faces in new places this summer, all looking for fresh starts.

It's making for some strange sights around the NFL, starting with — it's still weird to see in print — Washington Redskins quarterback Donovan McNabb.

"Obviously, this is a different change from what I'm used to," said McNabb, who went from Philadelphia to flinging footballs for a team he once loved to beat. "But there are days in life you go through change and find out sometimes there's a positive light on the other side of the tunnel."

Jason Taylor is also behind enemy lines now, in camp with the New York Jets after years of trading insults with them and their fans

while in Miami.

"The first few days," the NFL's active sacks leader said with a grin, "were a little strange."

Think watching Brett Favre in a Vikings uniform last season — and maybe this one, too — was just plain weird? How about LaDainian Tomlinson as a member of the Jets, trying to prove he still has plenty left? Several other established players have joined Tomlinson and Taylor in New York, including Santonio Holmes, Antonio Cromartie, Brodney Pool and Mark Brunell.

"I can't wait to get to training camp in Cortland, when we put the pads on and see those guys out there," coach Rex Ryan said.

The Jets also have sent a handful of big names packing, includ-

ing Thomas Jones to the Chiefs, Leon Washington to the Seahawks, Lito Sheppard to the Vikings, and Alan Faneca, Kerry Rhodes and Jay Feely to the Cardinals. This from a team that fell one win short of a Super Bowl appearance last season.

"Chemistry issues, I don't think we'll have those," quarterback Mark Sanchez said. "With Rex, he's the great equalizer. We'll be fine."

Whatever the reason — the leaguewide uncertainty over a new collective bargaining agreement and the chance of a lockout next year, or teams shying from re-signing aging stars with no salary cap this season — there was plenty of movement by

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got to be in shape and you've got to be working out."

Conditioning may be the least of coaches' concerns. They want enough time to evaluate players and teach the playbook. They also hold dear the tradition of using training camp to toughen up their teams.

"You want to wear your guys down and you want them to have to operate under adversity because you're going to have that during



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**Coby Edmiston and Krystal Hughes**

## Hughes-Edmiston

Mike and Laura Hughes of Big Spring announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Krystal Hughes of San Angelo to Coby Edmiston of San Angelo, the son of the late George Anne McAngus of Eldorado and Jim Bob and Tricia Edmiston of McCamey.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Forsan High School and received her associate degree from Howard College. She is the granddaughter of Esther Hughes and the late Jim Hughes of Big Spring and Joan Howard and the late Jim Howard of Anchor Point, Alaska.

The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Eldorado High School and is employed at Angelo Community Hospital. He is the grandson of the late Orval and Charlene Edmiston of Eldorado and the late Helen McAngus of Eldorado.

The couple will be married in San Angelo on Sept. 11, 2010. Following a honeymoon in the Bahamas, they will reside in San Angelo.

## Argentine couples wed under new gay marriage law

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — After a 27-year courtship, two men on Friday became the first gay couple to wed under Argentina's historic same-sex marriage law — the first of its kind for a Latin American nation.

Jose Luis Navarro, 54, and Miguel Angel Calefato, 65, tied the knot in provincial Santiago del Estero in an early morning ceremony where a civil registry official used a pen to cross out "man and woman" on the marriage license and wrote in "contracting parties."

"Respect has prevailed over prejudice," Navarro, an architect, told the newspaper *El Liberal*.

He said he met his new husband, now a retired office worker, while vacationing at a beach resort nearly three decades ago, and "there was chemistry from the first moment."

Argentina became the first country in Latin America to permit gay marriage after President Cristina Fernandez signed the law July 21. The legislation was passed by both houses of Congress despite fierce opposition from the Roman Catholic Church.

The law declares that wedded gay and lesbian couples have all the same legal rights and responsibilities as heterosexual marriages, including the right to in-

heritance and to jointly adopt children.

Elsewhere in Latin America, gay marriage is also allowed in Mexico City, while same-sex civil unions granting some rights are legal in Uruguay and in some states in Mexico and Brazil. Colombia's Constitutional Court has granted same-sex couples inheritance rights and allowed them to add their partners to health insurance plans.

Nine same-sex couples also married in Argentina before the law passed, having successfully petitioning judges for the right. But some of those weddings had been challenged in courts.

Navarro and Calefato's wedding was the first of many expected in coming weeks. Hours later, agent Alejandro Vanelli and actor Ernesto Larrese said "I do" in the capital, Buenos Aires.



**Garbiel Gonzales and Stefanie Nicole Armendariz**

## Armendariz-Gonzales

Victor and Teresa Martinez of Big Spring announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stefanie Nicole Armendariz of San Angelo, to Gabriel Gonzales, the son of Ester Gonzales of San Angelo and Pedro Gonzales of San Angelo.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Oralia Armendariz and the late Willie Armendariz.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Jose and Teresa Brito of Big Spring.

The couple will be wed at 3 p.m. Oct. 9, 2010, at Kokopelis.



**Ashley Lang and Brice Born**

## Lang-Born

Bobby and Jaymie Lang are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ashley, to Brice Born, the son of Allen and Terri Born.

Their grandparents are Larry and JoEtta Briggs and Pat Prater.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Coahoma High School. She graduated from Odessa College in 2010 as a physical therapy assistant. She is employed at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Coahoma High School. He attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville and is employed by Production Specialties.

The couple plan an August wedding.

# Luxuries from China's Forbidden City to travel U.S.

**BEIJING (AP)** — Deep in a long-forgotten corner of the Forbidden City and up a twisting stairway are four sets of twin doors, shut for more than eight decades. They reveal rare sweeping views to the north, south, east and west above the golden-tiled rooftops of the imperial palace.

Thesurroundingwalls silence the passing tour groups. On the horizon, modern high-rises are softened by the Beijing smog. The view from this private corner has hardly changed since the Chinese emperor Qianlong designed this courtyard for his retirement more than 200 years ago.

"In my 80s, exhausted from diligent service, I will cultivate myself, rejecting worldly noise," Qianlong wrote of the pavilion, where the floors have been stripped to packed earth and straw as part of a major restoration.

Few people have entered Qianlong's courtyards since China's last emperor was forced out of the Forbidden City in 1924, and it will take more years of work until the public can come inside. The restoration of the pavilion where Qianlong enjoyed the view over the Forbid-

den City rooftops is set to be finished by sometime in 2012. Bringing the entire complex back to life will take until at least 2019.

But now a collection of thrones, large-scale paintings and decor of one of China's most powerful leaders is leaving the country for the first time. In September, the \$1.5 million exhibition arrives in the U.S. for a tour that will show a more intimate side of a country often defined by vastness and control.

"This garden is completely different from the rest of the Forbidden City. The rest is formal, rigid, symbolic. This flows like walking up a mountain flows," said Nancy Berliner, curator of Chinese art at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Mass., where the exhibit of items from the pavilion and courtyards will begin. "You're always finding surprises."

The exhibit will also travel to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Milwaukee Art Museum.

The man who expanded China's borders and brought its wealth to new heights was just as ambitious with the art and design of his surroundings. Qianlong, one of the longest-serv-

ing Chinese emperors, stepped aside only after six decades.

He is famous for his encounter with the vis-

iting Lord George Macartney, the British emissary who came seeking better trade relations but was refused.

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## OUR VIEW

# Have a message to get out? Well, forget 2010 fair

This is the time of year when readers could expect an editorial in this space encouraging local businesses and organizations to start thinking about the Howard County Fair.

We'd normally be noting that the fair's run is a time to show off your product, sell crafts or get the word out about your candidacy or political issue. That's because for the past 37 years, one of the best ways to reach a lot of people in our community in a short period of time was to have a booth at the fair.

But forget about the 38th annual Howard County Fair, because this year there will be no fair. What's more, there's even some uncertainty concerning the local tradition's future.

County Judge Mark Barr, who also serves on the fair committee, said a lack of interest in recent years — from both the volunteer and community sides of the program — convinced the local board to cancel the fall event.

"The fair board has been talking about this for several months now," Barr said grimly. "One of the problems is the people on the board pour so much of their time and energy into the fair each year, and we're at a point where nobody else wants to step up to the plate. You have the same people, year after year, working to put the fair on, and they are pretty much exhausted."

Whether the fair's cancellation is a one-year-only happening or a permanent state of affairs depends on a much-needed infusion of new blood, Barr said. To that end, the fair board is putting out the call for volunteers to help resurrect the event in 2011.

"We're looking for volunteers to help us bring back the fair," Barr said. "We need people to help with basically all aspects of the fair operation. There's a lot of parts to it — working with the booths, the carnival, the exhibits ... lots of stuff."

In other words, a lot of hard work as to be done if the fair is going to return in 2011.

"We've got to have some people who can bring some enthusiasm to the fair and are willing to work. If we can do that, maybe we can bring it back," Barr added.

The call for volunteers so early should also allow the board to gauge whether the public is even interested in bringing back the county fair.

"We'll just see how big a response we get," Barr said. "If we don't get a bigger response than we've had the past few years, the fair probably won't be back."

To volunteer for the fair, contact Barr at 264-2202 or any fair board member.

Seems to us that making sure the Howard County Fair's hiatus is for just one year should be important to a great many of us, because tradition is important.

It ought to be of paramount importance to us all.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We feel anxious to please and joyful, Lord, when we spend time with You.

Amen

# How 'budget time' becomes fun

Ahh, I love the smell of budgetary madness in the morning. When I first started out as a journalist, one of the things I would dread most each year was budget season, when all of the different government and taxing agencies begin planning their fiscal attack for the coming year.

The onslaught of numbers, percentages and ideas was enough to numb the brain, and it seemed like no matter how good the past year had been, everyone would throw around words like "crunch" or "shoe string" like they were going out of style.

Now, however, after more than a decade in this crazy, crazy business, I have to admit I've grown to enjoy the budgetary process.

No, I haven't found a way to stave off the onslaught of details and statistics, but I have found a way to derive a certain amount of entertainment out of the process, making it quite interesting.

A good example is the proposed 2010-2011 budget for the city of Big Spring.

To call the plan ambitious might very well be the under-

statement of the fiscal year, as the municipality looks to keep its progressive outlook while bringing the tax rate to less than \$1 per \$100 valuation.

Granted, the 1.34743-cent step back from last year's tax rate might only save the average taxpayer in Big Spring slightly less than \$10 on the tax bill, but in the current city council's hearts and minds, the cut sends a much needed signal to city property owners.

It says — and trust me, I'm paraphrasing here — they haven't lost sight of those folks that have struggled through the recent economic crisis.

And, at a glance, that message is a bold and brave step in the right direction.

Most residents agree the city's tax rate — currently proposed at \$0.9995 per \$100 valuation, compared to the 2009-2010 rate of \$1.01 — has been overinflated during the past several years.

The proposed plan not only provides a decrease in the tax rate, it also includes a number of other much needed incentives, such as pay raises for city employees, renovations to the current municipal law enforcement center, an increase in funding for the Big Spring Police Department's narcotics unit and improvements to the city water treatment facility.

So, are taxpayers getting their cake and eating it too?



THOMAS JENKINS



## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this to say I have seen a few — I mean a few — lots getting mowed, but the city has a whole lot to do to earn the name Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

There are a lot of buildings and old houses that are falling down that need to be torn down.

Then there the houses that burned and are still standing that are an eye sore and dangerous if kids go in them.

They could get hurt, and let's see, whose fault will it be? The city? The ones who own the property?

People get fined if they have a weedy lawn or have cars parked in the front yard, so why aren't the people that own these properties getting fined as well?

Our slogan should be "Enter Big Spring at Your Own Risk," because the city of Big Spring is ugly and dirty.

I am embarrassed to have friends and family to come see us because of the way our city looks like. Maybe this should be brought up at a city meeting to see what can be done to improve the way our city looks.

Why can't the prisoners do the work like they did years ago? I remember when they used to do work around town, but not any more.

I have talked to a lot of people that are so upset with how our city looks these days. So, please, let's get our city back the way it was at one time.

I went to school here in 1965-66 and I remember how our town looked then. I was proud to say I

lived here but not now.

Let's get going and clean up our town.

MARILLYN GROESBECK  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I witnessed one of the most appalling incidences concerning an American veteran at the VA Hospital in Big Spring on Saturday, July 17. A veteran came to the hospital for help and was turned away.

The veteran is a 37-year-old Marine. He served our country from 1991 to 1995. He was in the Gulf War and was proud to serve. He left his family and friends and went to work for his country willingly. After he was honorably discharged in 1995, he signed up at the Big Spring VA like he was told to do, in order to receive benefits when he needed them.

This Marine battled many demons in his life, some memories from his childhood and many from his tour of service. He has PTSD. He has not dealt well with these memories and found solace in alcohol. He lost his job July 14 as a result of drinking on duty.

He finally realized he needed help and could not do it on his own.

At approximately 9 p.m. July 17, he walked into the VA Hospital in Big Spring and was turned away. The first reason they gave was because only his knees were covered. He had arthroscopic surgery before he was ever in the service.

Then they couldn't cover him

Unfortunately, that's hard to say at this point. Nope, it's not hard, it's impossible to determine. Such a tight budget won't leave the city much room to maneuver should an emergency arise.

As County Judge Mark Barr once said about the county's budgetary hopes, things will be OK as long as nothing rips, rattles or tears.

However, as most of us already know, Murphy's Law reigns supreme. City Manager Gary Fuqua was quick to remind the council of this fact during recent budget work sessions, warning the council the city administration could be coming back to the government panel with hand out if things don't work out.

In my mind, at least, it's a noble endeavor. Unfortunately, it's one that could come back to haunt the council.

Dipping into the city's general fund to pay for unforeseen costs could begin a downward spiral that would deplete reserves past councils have worked hard to build.

Let's hope things turn out for the best. However, if they don't, I imagine there will be a few "I told you so's" waiting for the city government somewhere in the wings.

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because he made too much money last year, even though he didn't have a job at the moment. One lady even told him to wait until January, that he might qualify then.

Then he was told that because he hadn't used the services before, he wasn't eligible.

The final reason was because he still had insurance until the end of the month — that "he should go to the local hospital."

He was devastated. It took everything he had to even be able to admit he needed the help, only to be slapped in the face by a country he thought would always be there for him, just as he was for it.

He explained that he would be dead in a month if he didn't get help. They said, "Oh, we can help you, but you will have to pay for everything out of pocket." They wouldn't accept his insurance.

If I understand their reasoning, the VA can't help with anything that isn't service related, even though a majority of his PTSD comes from things he experienced in the service. They were willing to help with his knees, which were injured prior to his service, but they wouldn't help because he made too much money, whether or not he'd lost his job.

Are these people so cynical that they can't see he would have been dead by January if he didn't get the help he needed? I can't understand why a productive member of the community that has not

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## Energy Watch



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With respect to the financial markets right now, investors are weighing the proverbial, age-old question of whether the glass is half-empty or half-full. Stocks have churned through a significant amount of ground since the May 6, 2010 “flash crash,” but they have not made much actual progress.

Between the May 6 intraday low and the July 16 intraday high, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fluctuated more than 6,200 points, yet the net move on a closing basis was just 440 points.

Recent stock-market action has been a microcosm of what investors have faced for the past 12 weeks. For a while, we were building on the gains from the July 2 lows after positive outlooks from two blue-chip companies (an aluminum producer and a semiconductor outfit).

Then, however, a report on June retail sales came in low and the Federal Open Market Committee expressed a little more worry about the economy. There were two disappointing manufacturing surveys, adding to evidence of a moderating U.S. economy.

The kicker, though, was two high-profile companies that predicted moderating revenue and a sharp shortfall in the mid-July University of Michigan consumer-confidence survey (reported at 66.5, versus late June’s 76.0). Barron’s noted that a drop of this magnitude in the consumer-confidence survey has occurred only six times in the 32 years that the survey has existed.

We feel that this constant oscillation between good news and bad news for the economy will keep volatility high for a while. The durability of the market’s recovery is also in question because of light trading volume and quick swings from a short-term oversold to an overbought condition.

Additional roadblocks are represented by the major averages rallying near the resistance levels of their 200-day moving averages and to the downtrending lines drawn from the April highs.

The “glass-is-half-empty” attitude that can be drawn from recent market action is that the May 6 gyrations have had more of an impact on individual investors than the financial media have discussed. In addition, the uneven earnings guidance reports and other indications of moderating U.S. economic growth are further proof of a coming abrupt slowing, and possibly a double-dip recession.

On the other hand, the “glass-is-half-full” attitude is that the U.S. economy and stock market are merely slowing or moderating after their prior sharp trajectory from the bottom in early 2009.

Advocates of that attitude cite the 13-month, 80 percent advance in stocks from that point. They would also argue that fears are overblown about our economy and problems around the world, and that these fears are being magnified by a daily focus on bad news.

While it is up to each individual investor to determine which attitude best fits his or her independent observations about the economy, it is empirically true that corrections in stocks follow big advances.

Right now, some investors believe that the 2007-2008 financial crisis will repeat itself. If and when those people change course and no longer believe this will occur, they will likely be more comfortable buying stocks.

Of course, we have to live with what the stock market gives us.

Right now, the market is giving us rapid, virtually daily, swings in momentum and sentiment. This will likely continue through the second half of 2010, in our opinion.

We also believe there is more near-term risk to the downside for the stock market. The positive is we expect the currently volatility and market correction to give way to the next leg of a bull market in early 2011.

It is certainly a frustrating and nerve-wracking time period to go through, but we continue to recommend that “this too shall pass.”

Regardless whether the glass is half-empty or half-full at this particular moment, we believe investors have more reasons to be optimistic about the longer-term outlook for stocks.

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## AG COMMISSIONER CANDIDATE VISITS



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**Hank Gilbert, Democratic candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner, views the longhorn collection at Heritage Museum during a tour of the facility Wednesday. Gilbert was in town to announce plans to revamp the state Department of Agriculture.**

## Western Bank is sponsoring fire hydrant reflector project

### Special to the Herald

Western Bank has teamed up with Eagle Scout candidate Matthew Tompkins to join forces in helping local firefighters.

John Scott, president of Western Bank, was approached last year by Tompkins, who wanted to do something useful for Howard County. Upon much discussion, they decided to join forces in assisting the firefighters of Big Spring and Howard County by installing blue reflectors on the roads that signify that a fire hydrant is nearby.

Scott had witnessed a nearby house burn down quickly. In the process, he learned first-hand that less than a minute can mean the difference between losing the house and potentially an occu-



Scott

pant.

“We must do everything within our power to help firefighters save houses and lives.” Scott said.

Western Bank, which has three locations in Coahoma and Big Spring, purchased 1,100 blue reflectors — it is estimated that Big Spring has approximately 800 fire hydrants and the remaining part of the county including Coahoma and Forsan has approximately 200 hydrants. Scott is now organizing the installation of the reflectors. He hopes to have the last reflector installed before the start of school.

“Several civic and church organizations have already stepped up to the plate to install the reflectors,” says Scott. “The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, a local Boy Scout troop and First Christian Church youth have committed themselves to get a

portion of the reflectors out.

“We just need more volunteers to complete the task. Installing the reflectors is easy — you just peel the back of the adhesive and place the reflector on the road. You need to tap it with a rubber mallet to make it stick.”

Fire Marshall Carl Condray has given Scott written instructions on correct placement of the reflectors. “As you can imagine, with over 800 fire hydrants in Big Spring these markers help us spot the exact location of every hydrant. The blue reflectors assist the fire truck drivers in locating the closest hydrant to a fire,” Condray noted.

Clubs and organizations are encouraged to contact Scott at Western Bank, 607 Scurry, at 466-0000. Coahoma and Forsan are included in the plan, so people from those communities are encouraged to assist.

## PBUWCD notes brush management important for water conservation

### Special to the Herald

Sixty percent of the land surface in Texas is rangeland. These rangelands comprise most of the states watershed. They often lie in the recharge zone of many aquifers in the state and provide the major contribution of surface runoff to rivers and streams. With drought conditions and the population of Texas steadily increasing, supplying water to diverse agricultural, industrial, and municipal uses has become of major concern.

Brush has long been recognized as a “water thief” on Texas rangelands. Landscape-scale brush control programs have become increasingly popular for enhanced water production from rangelands. In 1985, Senate Bill 1083 implemented the State Agriculture Code that provide for “the selective control, removal, or reduction of noxious brush such as mesquite, pricklypear, saltcedar or other phreatophytes that consume water to a degree that is detrimental to water conservation” (Chapter 203, Brush Control). Since this time, major efforts have been made to implement State funded brush control programs, with mixed reviews.

One of the first questions becomes, then, how much water can be released by simply con-

trolling brush on rangelands? The answer to this question is greatly influenced by not only the species of brush but also the habitat in which it grows. Three species that have gained increasing attention in Texas: mesquite, juniper, and saltcedar. Each of these species is not only unique in physical characteristics related to water use, but in the habitats they occupy as well.

Western juniper (*Juniperus occidentalis*) was cited as using 4.09 acre feet of water per year in a study conducted in Oregon (Eddleman and Miller, 1991) as determined from measuring precipitation through fall, stem flow, and interception along with transpirational water use. The study stated that this amount of use occurred during a year with good soil moisture with these numbers greatly reduced during dry years. They concluded that winter soil moisture recharge may be reduced over 50 percent by dense stands of western juniper.

Water use by mesquite has shown similar variability. By measuring soil and plant water potentials, Easter and Sosebee (1975) studied mesquite water use in irrigated and non-irrigated conditions. The trees growing under irrigated conditions pro-

duced two times more foliage and showed greater soil water depletion than the trees growing without irrigation.

Saltcedar is well known for its ability to exploit groundwater from shallow sources. While the studies, on saltcedar, are too numerous to detail individually, general water use by saltcedar reported in the literature ranges from 0.75 to 2.6 meters (2.5 to 8.5 feet) per year. Evidence shows that water use by saltcedar is primarily influenced by stand density and age, depth to the water table, environmental conditions, and salinity of the water.

As stated earlier, there is no doubt that brush control is a viable water conservation practice for Texas rangelands. There is some question as to where and when brush control will produce economically viable increases in streamflow augmentation to reservoirs. Due to the relative high consumptive use of water by saltcedar, and the fact that it generally grows in close proximity to flowing, standing, or shallow underground water, saltcedar control should be considered as a practice for increasing streamflow.

Control of upland species such

# Obama: Rangel case troubling; some Democrats say resign

**Laurie Kellman**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Rep. Charlie Rangel is getting sympathy from some fellow Democrats but scant support from others as he faces trial on several ethics charges.

President Barack Obama says he hopes the 80-year-old lawmaker can end his career with dignity and some House Democrats want him to resign — now.

Obama, speaking on the issue for the first time, praised Rangel for serving his New York constituents over the years, but said he found the ethics charges “very troubling.”

“He’s somebody who’s at the end of his career. I’m sure that what he wants is to be able to end his career with dignity. And my hope is that it happens,” Obama said in an interview that aired Friday on “CBS Evening News with Katie Couric.”

As House members headed home for the August recess, they wrestled with how to handle the ethics brouhaha three months before the midterm elections. Republicans already were eager to use Rangel’s problems as a way to tar other Democrats on the issue of corruption.

A half-dozen Democrats either conditionally or outright called for Rangel’s resignation Friday.

Rep. John Yarmuth, D-Ky., said the allegations against Rangel brought by the House ethics com-

mittee show a consistent disregard for House rules and that he should step down.

“It is our job as members of Congress to hold each other accountable to a higher standard regardless of party,” said Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick, D-Ariz. “If the serious charges against (Rangel) are accurate, he needs to resign.”

There was talk of Rangel’s resignation as well from Democratic Reps. Walter Minnick of Idaho, Betty Sutton of Ohio, Zack Space of Ohio, and Mary Jo Kilroy of Ohio.

Rangel denies the charges announced Thursday by the ethics panel and says they contain factual errors.

He met Friday with perhaps his staunchest supporters, members of the New York state delegation.

“He indicated there was some sloppiness” in his official papers, Rep. Edolphus Towns, D-N.Y., told reporters, “but, you know, there’s no criminality here.”

The New York delegation and the Congressional Black Caucus, which was co-founded by Rangel, urged their colleagues not to rush to judgment. House leaders were mum on what Rangel should do.

Rangel faces 13 charges of misusing his office as well as tax and disclosure violations. If Rangel and the ethics committee do not settle the case, it goes to a public trial this fall, at the height of an election season.

Further complicating matters for Democrats, a House investigative panel decided Friday to charge Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters of California with ethics violations, raising the possibility of a second trial. The alleged violations by Rangel and Waters are not related.

People familiar with the Waters investigation, who were not authorized to be quoted about charges that had not been announced, told the AP the allegations could be made public next week.

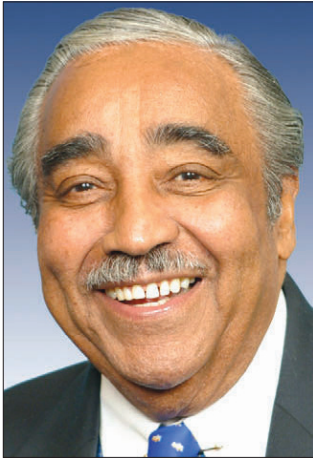
Republicans already were on the attack.

The GOP’s campaign arm, the National Republican Campaign Committee, released a list of Democrats who have not returned campaign contributions they received from Rangel during their careers and said those lawmakers would face questions about the matter from constituents during the August break.

Rep. Gene Green, the Texas Democrat who led the four-member bipartisan panel of investigators, said his committee recommended a relatively mild punishment for Rangel: reprimand, a statement of wrongdoing voted by the whole House that carries no other penalty.

But that’s not what some lawmakers, including Democrats, view as adequate.

“If at the trial’s conclusion Mr. Rangel is found guilty by his peers, then he should incur the full punishment allowed by the House, including removal from office,” said Rep. Bobby Bright, D-Ala.



Rep. Rangel

# Gore won’t be charged over sex allegations

**William McCall**

Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — The case of the Nobel Peace Prize winner and the massage therapist has been closed.

Former Vice President Al Gore was cleared Friday of allegations he groped and assaulted a masseuse in a luxury Portland hotel room in 2006.

A story in a tabloid newspaper led to a month-long investigation that found no basis for prosecution on claims by Molly Hagerty, who had waited more than two years before giving detectives a statement they initially concluded “did not merit further inquiry.”

Gore aides welcomed the news.

“Mr. Gore unequivocally and emphatically denied this accusation when he first learned of its existence three years ago,” spokeswoman Kalee Kreider said in a statement. “He respects and appreciates the thorough and professional work of the Portland authorities and is pleased that this matter has now been resolved.”

Multnomah County District Attorney Michael Schrunk announced the case was closed Friday with the release of a memo that cited “contradictory evidence, conflicting witness statements, credibility issues, lack of forensic evidence and denials by Mr. Gore.”

Senior Deputy District Attorney Don Rees said in his memo that Hagerty and her attorneys were uncooperative, witnesses could not remember anything unusual, Hagerty failed a polygraph examination and she would not say whether she was paid by a tabloid newspaper for her story.

Hagerty had claimed unwanted sexual contact by Gore on Oct. 24, 2006, at the Hotel Lucia in downtown Portland, including an “open-mouthed kiss, an inescapable embrace” and the fear she was “on the brink of being forcibly raped.”

Gore and his attorneys met with Portland detectives in San Francisco on July 22, telling them he remembered almost nothing about Hagerty and was “completely baffled” by her statements.

There were questions about Hagerty’s claims. She first contacted police in 2006 through an attorney, claiming “unwanted sexual contact” by Gore, but the attorney declined to discuss any details. Hagerty then failed to attend meetings scheduled three times with detectives, and the attorney finally said it would be handled as a civil complaint.



Gore

# California Rep. Waters may face fall ethics trial

**Larry Margasak**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A second House Democrat, Rep. Maxine Waters of California, could face an ethics trial this fall, further complicating the election outlook for the party as it battles to retain its majority.

People familiar with the investigation, who were not authorized to be quoted about charges before they are made public, say the allegations could be announced next week. The House ethics committee declined Friday to make any public statement on the matter.

Waters, 71, has been under investigation for a possible conflict of interest involving a bank that was seeking federal aid. Her husband owned stock in the bank and had served on its board.

New York Democrat Rep. Charles Rangel also faces an ethics trial this fall on charges that include failure to disclose assets and income, non-payment of taxes and doing legislative favors for donors to a college center named after him.

Both Waters and Rangel are prominent members of the Congressional Black Caucus and the trials would be an embarrassment for the group.

Dual ethics trials would also be a major political liability for Democrats, forcing

them to defend their party’s ethical conduct while trying to hold on to their House majority.

While Rangel is a former chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, Waters is a prominent

member of the House Financial Services Committee.

Waters came under scrutiny after former Treasury Department officials said she helped arrange a meeting between regulators and executives at Boston-based OneUnited Bank without mentioning her husband’s financial ties to the institution.

Her husband, Sidney Williams, held at least \$250,000 in the bank’s stock and previously had served on its board.

Waters’ spokesman has said Williams was no longer on the board when the meeting was arranged.

Waters has said the National Bankers Association, a trade group, requested the meeting. She defended her role in assisting minority-owned banks in the midst of the nation’s financial meltdown and dismissed suggestions she used her influence to steer government aid to the bank.

“I am confident that as the investigation moves forward the panel will discover that there are no facts to support allegations that I have acted

improperly,” Waters said in a prior statement.

The committee unanimously voted to establish an investigative subcommittee to gather evidence and determine

whether Waters violated standards of conduct.

Waters, like Rangel, could settle her case by arranging a plea bargain with the ethics committee. So far she has decided instead to fight.

## LETTERS

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abused the VA system cannot receive government benefits.

I do not understand how this is appropriate treatment of our veterans. They are the ones who answered the call, who were on the front line and gave so much of themselves. Why can’t our government do the right thing for them? How can our country’s leadership stand unresolved on these issues?

This is total disre-

spect of our veterans. It should not matter whether a veteran has money or insurance. If they are asking for help, it is the least we can do to answer their call. Our veterans answered the call to service.

NELL CASTRO  
STERLING CITY

TO THE EDITOR:  
I’m a single mom of two that doesn’t get any help from my ex-husband’s family, and of course, not from my ex because he is in prison. How does a woman like myself look for a job if you

have to have all these qualifications?

What if other mothers have their own qualifications by living and doing what you have to?

All I want is a job that will keep me busy during the day and at home with my boys when they are.

I had to resort to depending on the government for help. I’m not ashamed because I’d do anything for my boys, but all I want is a stable job that I can be proud of. I do intend on going back to school to finish what I didn’t. I just

want a job.

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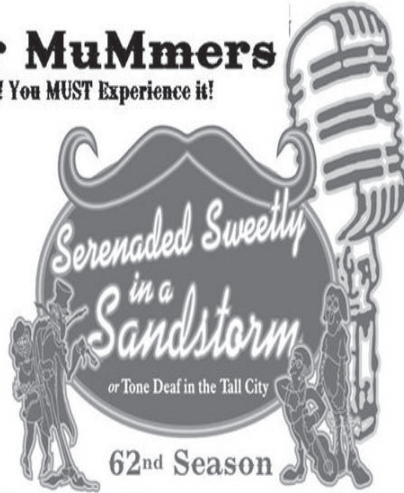


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# A pardon for Billy the Kid?

Gov. Bill Richardson to meet with Garrett family and discuss the issue

**BARRY MASSEY**

Associated Press Writer

SANTA FE, N.M. — The showdown between Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid has fascinated the American public for nearly 130 years with its classic, Old West storyline of the frontier lawman hunting down the notorious gunslinger.

As it turns out, the feud isn't completely over.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson is considering granting a posthumous pardon to Billy the Kid, angering descendants of Garrett who call it an insult to recognize such a violent outlaw.

Three of the late lawman's grandchildren sent a letter to Richardson this week that asked him not to pardon the outlaw, saying such an act would represent an "inexcusable defamation" of Garrett.

"If Billy the Kid was living amongst us now, would you issue a pardon for someone who made his living as a thief and, more egregiously, who killed four law enforcement officers and numerous others?" the Garrett family wrote.

The issue has resurfaced



because Richardson asked a New Mexico columnist earlier this year to check with historians to measure their support for issuing a pardon. The

governor plans to meet with Garrett family members next week to discuss the issue.

Garrett shot Billy the Kid down on July 14, 1881. Garrett tracked him after the outlaw escaped from the Lincoln County jail in a famous gun-battle that left two deputies dead.

The Kid's status as an Old West folk hero grew as countless books, films and songs were written about the gunslinger and his exploits. According to legend, he killed 21 people, one for each year of his life, but the New Mexico Tourism Department puts the total closer to nine.

The pardon dispute is the latest in a long-running fight over whether Garrett shot the real Kid or someone else and then lied about it. Some history buffs claim Billy the Kid didn't die in the shootout with Garrett and landed in Texas, where he went by "Brushy Bill" Roberts and died of a heart attack at age 90 in 1950.

Richardson joined the tussle in 2003 by supporting a plan by then-Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan to reinvestigate the century-old case.

The governor said he was willing to consider a pardon for the Kid — something the outlaw hoped for but never received from New Mexico territorial Gov. Lew Wallace.

"Governor Richardson has always said that he would consider making good on Governor Wallace's promise to Billy the Kid for a pardon," Richardson spokeswoman Alarie Ray-Garcia said Thursday.

"He is aware of the Garrett family's concerns and will be meeting with them next week."

Susan Floyd Garrett of Santa Fe is one of the grandchildren who signed the letter to Richardson. She said the family decided to speak out because a pardon represents a "defamation of character" to their grandfather. She described the Kid as a "gangster."

"Everybody wants to mythologize Billy the Kid," she said.

Garrett and her brother, Jarvis Patrick Garrett, met Thursday with descendants of another key figure in the Kid's story — John Henry Tunstall, a rancher whose

murder in 1878 triggered a bloody feud known as the Lincoln County War. Billy the Kid, also known as William Bonney, worked as a ranch hand for Tunstall.

Hilary Tunstall-Behrens of London, a great-nephew of Tunstall, said he's not backing a modern-day pardon for the Kid.

"I wouldn't join the cause," said Tunstall-Behrens, 83. "There is so much strong feelings."

Gale Cooper, an amateur historian who lives near Albuquerque, said a pardon by Richardson would be the "culmination of the hoax that contended Pat Garrett was a nefarious killer and Billy was not buried in his grave."

Cooper has written a book, "MegaHoax," to debunk claims that Garrett killed someone other than the Kid.

After serving as Lincoln County sheriff, Garrett's career soured. He ran unsuccessfully for higher political office, served as a customs collector, but ran into financial problems as a rancher.

He was shot and killed in 1908 in a dispute over his land.

## Feds arrest Polish immigrant in N.M. smuggling case

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — An Illinois man faces human smuggling charges after investigators say he placed an ad in a Chicago-area Polish language newspaper, offering to drive illegal immigrants to New Mexico to take advantage of the state's lax driver's license rules.

"Social security not necessary. 100 percent guarantee," read the notice allegedly posted by 32-year-old Jaroslaw Kowalczyk of Des Plaines, Ill.

Kowalczyk is accused of driving two Polish immigrants from Chicago to Albuquerque this month, charging them \$1,000 each and trying to help them get driver's licenses, according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Albuquerque.

New Mexico is one of four states — along with Hawaii, Utah and Washington — where no proof of immigration status

is required to obtain a driver's license.

Kowalczyk waived a preliminary hearing Thursday and was jailed pending trial. His court-appointed attorney, David Streubel, said he couldn't comment because he'd just met Kowalczyk, who doesn't speak English, and was gathering information.

Kowalczyk was arrested July 21 at a northeast Albuquerque Motor Vehicle Division office along with two other Polish nationals — all illegal immigrants, according to Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The two went to get their driver's licenses, hit a snag and asked for help, drawing the attention of employees. Investigators came and interviewed them, then talked to Kowalczyk and arrested him. The two other men weren't arrested, according to court records.

Kowalczyk told inves-

tigators he was paid \$150 for each person brought to New Mexico and the remaining \$850 went to a person identified in the complaint only as Alexander and Alex. Kowalczyk said Alex paid for his cell phone, gasoline and the newspaper advertisement.

The complaint says Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents recently have reported "a significant number" of fraud arrests in Albuquerque involving undocumented citizens of Mexico, Poland, Brazil, Ecuador, El Salvador and Guatemala seeking New Mexico licenses.

Most of those people, it says, have come from Georgia, Florida, New York and Illinois.

Applicants for a New Mexico driver's license need some documents, such as a birth certificate, a passport and a utility bill with a New Mexico address. Foreign-issued passports

are acceptable.

Michael Sandoval, director of New Mexico's Motor Vehicle Division, said he wasn't aware of any recent spike in fraud cases.

Sandoval said New

Mexico uses a thorough system to evaluate the authenticity of documents submitted by foreign nationals.

"What usually happens is we'll look at the documents, and if we

see something we don't feel comfortable about, we turn them away," he said. "This case went a little further than that, but I don't think it is happening too frequently."

## Los Alamos kicks off smart grid project

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — Los Alamos is launching a \$27 million smart grid project aimed at setting new standards for alternative energy use.

Representatives from the northern New Mexico community, the state of New Mexico, Los Alamos National Laboratory and Japan's New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization met Wednesday to kick off the project.

The project will build a 2-megawatt photovoltaic facility and a 7-megawatt-hour battery storage system.

It also plans a smart house, which would be a demonstration home using the latest construction techniques, smart meters and smart appliances for the best use of

power and for conservation.

The program manager for the lab's applied energy program office, Karl Jonietz, says the

project will help resolve how to make power efficient over the long-term and do that cheaply and reliably.

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# 12-year-old girl injured on Wisconsin 'free fall' ride

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Writer

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A 12-year-old girl at an amusement park plunged more than 40 feet to the ground on Friday, seriously injuring herself when a safety net under a "free fall" attraction failed to catch her.

Police declined to identify the girl or to elaborate on her injuries, but said she was from out of state and was visiting the Wisconsin Dells with her family. The area is a popular Midwest tourist destination known for its amusement parks.

On its website, Extreme World amusement park describes its Terminal Velocity ride as a one-of-a-kind experience that offers an "unattached, controlled free fall." Participants are outfitted in a special harness, taken up in an elevator, and then dropped straight down into a "huge air-tube supported net."

After the girl was released for her fall, "the net mechanism that was supposed to catch her and break her fall was not high enough above the ground to completely break the fall and she did hit the ground," Lake Delton Police Chief Thomas Dorner said.

Dorner said the girl was treated by amusement park employees and family before emergency responders arrived, around noon. She was eventually transported to the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison by helicopter.

Dorner said details of her injuries were not available, and hospital spokeswoman Lisa

Brunette said she could not share them.

Extreme World owner Bill Anderson said it was the first accident in the 8-year history of the ride, which will be closed while police and state regulators investigate the accident. He said Extreme World, which also operates bungee jumping and other attractions, was closed Friday but would reopen on Saturday.

Department of Commerce spokesman Tony Hozeny said the ride was inspected on June 28, and there were no violations found. He said the ride has been inspected every year since 2004, and there was only been one minor violation found in 2008, which was immediately fixed.

"We want to express our sympathy to this person who was injured," Hozeny said. "As soon as we learned of this accident, we sent an inspector on site who is still investigating the situation to find out the facts."

Ken Martin, an amusement ride safety consultant based in Richmond, Va., said nets have failed at least twice on similar rides elsewhere — once in July 2003 in California, and once in Florida in November 2002. Dorner said the investigation by his department and the Sauk County Sheriff's Department also continues.

Extreme World promises riders on its website that air tubes and break suspensions around the net "stop your fall so softly that you feel virtually no impact at all."

The company compares the sensation to a parachute jump.

# Deadly gas explosion destroys Calif. building

**THOMAS WATKINS**

Associated Press Writer  
LOS ANGELES — A deadly gas explosion obliterated an industrial building with such violent force Friday that a worker was hurled into the street, car windows were shattered and a survivor had his hair singed in the inferno.

One man died and another was critically injured in the blast that was blamed on a gas line that had been tampered with and rerouted.

Jonathan Apol, 20, a welder at a neighboring business, was putting on his work overalls when the explosion rocked the South Los Angeles street. He ran outside in his boxer shorts and saw the building engulfed in flames.

"It sounded like a plane had crashed in there," Apol said. "It was like a bang, then two seconds later, two more bangs."

Fragments of melting asphalt rooftop were sprayed across

**"It was raining glass. It was so scary."**

the street, and smashed floor tiles were hurled at least 50 feet from the metalworking business.

Apol said he saw two dazed men standing in front of the burning building. One was shouting the name of business owner Jaime Lara into the flames.

"He was just shouting his name ... but I don't think (he) responded," Apol said.

Daniel Ibarra, one of the dazed workers, said he had just taken some trash outside when the blast hit. The 27-year-old appeared in shock as he leaned against a wall with a bruised leg surveying the damage.

"I was very lucky," said Ibarra, whose thick black hair was singed.

The explosion blew one man across the street with severe burns. Firefighters could find

no heartbeat and initially said he had been killed, but he was later revived at a hospital.

Another man died as he tried to move his stake-bed truck away from the building and was jolted by a downed 34,500-volt power line that had fallen on the vehicle, fire Capt. Stephen Ruda said.

Authorities did not immediately release the names of the two men.

The natural gas supply had been disconnected Thursday because the business was behind on its payments, Southern California Gas Co. spokesman Dennis Lord said.

To keep the gas flowing, someone had rerouted a pipe around the meter and a regulator designed to reduce gas pressure to safe levels.

"They were trying

to start their business back up," Lord said.

Elizabeth Alvarado, a secretary at the metalworking business known as J.L. Spray, said it was owned by Jaime Lara.

The firm had four employees and made metal security fences, doors, windows and gates. It was nestled among a string of warehouses with corrugated-metal fronts.

After the flames were extinguished, shocked workers poured into the street and watched as fire crews sifted through debris.

Josephina Perez, who works next door at a company that processes used clothing, said business owners looked out for each other in the blue-collar area.

The force of the blast blew in several ceiling windows in the 23,000-square-foot warehouse where she works.

"It was raining glass," she said. "It was so scary."

## Jailer takes violent N.M. jail inmate to lunch

CLOVIS, N.M. (AP) — Officials say a detention officer in eastern New Mexico is under investigation after he took an inmate who had tried a violent escape outside the jail for lunch.

Jail administrator Keith Norwood says he stumbled onto the officer and two inmates eating their jail-prepared lunches outside the Curry County detention center in Clovis earlier this week.

One of the inmates was Rico Sena, one of four prisoners who went on an armed rampage in February during an unsuccessful escape attempt.

Norwood says he "blown away" by what he found and dealt with it immediately.

The jailer wasn't identified and remains on the job while an administrative investigation proceeds.

Norwood fired another jailer this week for mistakenly releasing an inmate.

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### Debris linked to tropical storm found in relief well, setting back work on stopping gusher

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tropical Storm Bonnie left crews working to plug the Gulf oil gusher a little memento that is expected to push their work back about a day.

Crews found debris in the bottom of the relief well that ultimately will be used to plug the leak for good, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said Friday. The government's point man on the spill said the sediment settled in the relief well last week when crews popped in a plug to keep it safe ahead of Bonnie.

"It's not a huge problem," Allen said, but removing the debris will take 24 to 36 hours and likely push a procedure known as a static kill back to Tuesday. Earlier that work had been expected to begin late Sunday or early Monday.

The static kill involves pumping mud, and possibly cement, into the blown-out well through the temporary cap that has kept it from leaking for more than two weeks.

Then comes the so-called bottom kill, in which cement pumped in from below the leak using the relief well will plug the gusher for good. The better the static kill works, the less time it will take to complete the bottom kill.

The blown-out well could be killed for good by late August, though a tropical storm could set the timetable back.

After an April 20 rig explosion that killed 11 workers, BP's blown-out well gushed an estimated 94 million to 184 million gallons of oil before the temporary cap stopped it July 15.

### Workers find 'black box' data recorder from Pakistan plane crash that killed 152

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Recovery workers on Saturday found the "black box" flight data recorder from the wreckage of Pakistan's worst-ever plane crash, and it appeared to be in good condition, officials said.

The discovery could provide clues to why the Air-blue flight crashed Wednesday into the hills overlooking the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, killing all 152 people onboard including two Americans. The answers may take weeks to get, however, because Pakistan will likely send the apparatus to another country for proper decoding.

The black box was found during a difficult recovery effort hampered by rain, mud and a lack of proper roads in the heavily forested Margalla Hills. It has been handed to aviation officials, said Ramzan Sajid, a spokesman for the Capital Development Authority, a government agency. He said the box was found in wreckage of the plane's tail section.

Pakistan does not have the proper expertise to de-

code information stored on the recorder, so it plans to send it elsewhere, according to the Civil Aviation Authority.

The authority's spokesman, Pervez George, said Friday that the decoding process could take a month.

The plane — an Airbus A321 model — had been ordered to take an alternative approach to the runway at Islamabad airport but had apparently veered off course, the Civil Aviation Authority said earlier this week.

### Germany holds memorial service for victims of Love Parade

DUISBURG, Germany (AP) — Germany held a memorial service Saturday for the victims of the Love Parade techno music festival, where 21 people were crushed to death and 500 injured in a tunnel that was the only entrance to the event.

The memorial at Salvator Church, which opened with somber organ music, was shown on screens in a football stadium and a dozen other churches in the western city of Duisburg. Several TV stations carried the service live, and flags across the country flew at half-mast.

Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Christian Wulff were at the event. Family members of the victims also attended.

The 21 people who died were aged 18 to 38 and included foreigners from Spain, Australia, Italy, Bosnia, China and Holland.

The ceremony was led by Roman Catholic and Lutheran Protestant clerics — representing Germany's two main denominations.

After the sermons, rescue helpers lit 21 candles for the victims of the tragedy.

### Here comes the bride: Chelsea Clinton to wed longtime boyfriend in upstate New York village

RHINEBECK, N.Y. (AP) — Chelsea Clinton was poised to marry her longtime boyfriend at an exclusive estate along New York's Hudson River after weeks of intrigue, secrecy and buzz that caused hundreds to crowd into this small village hoping to catch a glimpse of a former president, a secretary of state or their publicity-shy daughter.

The 30-year-old daughter of Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton was expected to wed her boyfriend, investment banker Marc Mezvinsky, at a ceremony Saturday evening with 400 to 500 guests. Details of the wedding were kept fanatically close to the vest, with shopkeepers, innkeepers, vendors and restaurateurs sworn to secrecy. Roads were closed, the skies were closed over the estate and inconvenienced neighbors were soothed with a complimentary bottle of wine.

As police, private security and Secret Service prowled the town of 8,000, curious residents and tourists alike craned their necks to try to spot an

A-list guest, a notable politician or, best of all, a Clinton.

Hundreds of people gathered outside the hotel where many of the guests are staying were rewarded Friday night when the Clintons exited a van arm-in-arm outside the Beekman Arms Hotel.

Shortly before 11 p.m., the former first lady, wearing a long, green dress, waved to the cheering crowd waiting behind metal barricades and quickly went into the hotel. The couple left about a half-hour later.

### Obama decries Republicans for blocking \$30 billion small business lending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Saturday that the GOP stance on a small business lending bill is proof the country "can't afford the do-nothing policies and partisan maneuvering that will only take us backward."

Obama's election-year desire for additional jobs measures suffered a new setback earlier this week when Senate Republicans blocked a proposal to create a \$30 billion government fund to help open up lending for credit-starved small businesses.

Obama accused the GOP of "holding America's small businesses hostage to politics," saying the bill has the support of business groups and contains "provision after provision" favored by both parties.

The proposed fund would be available to community banks with less than \$10 billion in assets, to help them increase lending to small businesses. The bill would combine the fund with about \$12 billion in tax breaks aimed at small businesses.

Democrats say banks should be able to use the lending fund to leverage up to \$300 billion in loans, helping to loosen tight credit markets. Some Republicans, however, likened it to the unpopular bailout of the financial industry.

### Arizona governor considers changing immigration law

PHOENIX (AP) — A federal appeals court has decided not to step into the controversy over Arizona's tough immigration law until November, leaving state officials to consider other steps they might take in the meantime.

Republican Gov. Jan Brewer, who signed the law and appealed a ruling blocking its most controversial sections, said Friday she would consider changes to "tweak" the law to respond to the parts U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton faulted.

"Basically we believe (the law) is constitutional but she obviously pointed out faults that can possibly be fixed, and that's what we would do," Brewer told The Associated Press. She said she's talking to legislative leaders about the possibility of a special session, but said no specific changes had been identified.



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## Legals

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Edward Everett Corson, Deceased, were issued on June 22, 2010, in Cause No. P-13861, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Elizabeth Leigh Corson.

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

**c/o: Elizabeth Leigh Corson  
521 Colt  
Forney, Texas 75126**

**DATED** the 28th day of July, 2010.

GLYNNA MOUTON  
Attorney for  
Elizabeth Leigh Corson  
State Bar No.: 14606500  
200 West Third Street  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Telephone: (432)263-7676  
Facsimile: (432)263-8686  
#6632 August 1, 2010

## Legals

Advertisement for Sealed Bids The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting sealed bids for the sale of the following:  
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Bid instructions may be obtained from Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167. Sealed bids will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2010, in the Administration A-Wing, Room 131, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record. Potential buyers are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified buyers concerning the bids submitted. Payment shall be made in full upon receipt of the cattle. Cattle will be sold as one lot and are sold "as is" with no guarantees. No refunds will be given. There will be no reserves or minimums on bids. Howard College reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

All questions should be directed to Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, e-mail [jmims@howardcollege.edu](mailto:jmims@howardcollege.edu) (432)264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. #6633 August 1 & 3, 2010

## Legals

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 10:00 a.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** Shirley Juliana, 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 6th day of September, 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 day of 23rd day of June, A.D. 2010, in this case, numbered 47275 on the docket of said court, and styled, **Bruce Hanson Vs.**

**Bobby Clark and Shirley Juliana.**  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: **CIVIL** 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 day of 19th day of July A.D. 2010.

**Colleen Barton,** District Clerk  
118th District Court,  
Howard County, Texas  
By **Brandie Martinez,** Deputy  
#6626 August 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2010

## Legals

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Robert Wington, Sr., Deceased, were issued on July 13, 2010, in Cause No. P-13868, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Lou Burnell Wington.

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

**c/o: Lou Burnell Wington  
521 Colt  
Forney, Texas 75126**

**DATED** the 13th day of July, 2010.

GLYNNA MOUTON  
Attorney for  
Lou Burnell Wington  
State Bar No.: 14606500  
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# News in brief

## 2 killed in small plane crash

MIDLOTHIAN (AP) — Two people died after their small plane crashed in a wooded area after taking off from Mid-Way Regional Airport. The Federal Aviation Administration was investigating the crash, which occurred Friday night near a rural road. The plane was described as a single-engine two-seat tandem aircraft. No information was immediately released about the identity of the two who were killed. Midlothian is about 25 miles southwest of Dallas.

## Newly elected clerk, deputies indicted

McKINNEY (AP) — The newly elected district clerk in Collin County and five co-workers have been indicted by a grand jury on charges of theft and falsifying time and attendance records. Chief Deputy District Clerk Patricia Wysong Crigger, a Republican, won the post in an April runoff, and is scheduled to take office Jan. 1. She and five other deputy clerks are accused of faking time cards that recorded their hours at times they weren't working, Dallas-Fort Worth television station WFAA-TV reported Friday. Crigger did not immediately return a message left at her home by The Associated Press on Friday night. All six women were arrested and released from the Collin County Jail. If convicted on second-degree felony charges, they could face between two to 20 years in prison. In June, Texas Rangers executed a search warrant at the Collin County Courthouse, seizing Criggers' campaign literature, computer hard drives, calendars and other materials.

## FAA: Plane flies too close to Continental jet

HOUSTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration says a small plane got too close to a Continental jet as it was approaching Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport. No one was injured. But FAA spokesman Lynn Lunsford says the Continental Express Flight 2979 jet had to climb 300 feet to avoid the single-engine experimental aircraft on Friday afternoon. Lunsford says the Continental jet passed over the small plane and landed normally. He says the Continental pilot estimated he came within 100 feet of the small aircraft. Lunsford says the pilot of the small plane says the navigation equipment wasn't working properly. Continental's website says Flight 2979 was flying to Houston from Kansas City. The FAA is investigating.

## Mexican man detained on warrant

DEL RIO (AP) — U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Del Rio port of entry have detained a Mexican man wanted on a warrant for aggravated sexual assault of a child. Officers took Victor Eduardo Villareal Garcia, 19, of Monclova, Coahuila, Mexico, into custody early Friday at the international bridge after a secondary check on a 2009 Chevy Traverse in which he was a passenger. The warrant was verified, and Villareal Garcia was placed into custody of the Del Rio police, according to a statement from CBP.

## Bill White to President Barack Obama: Call me

AUSTIN (AP) — Bill White, the Democrat running for Texas governor, has a message for President Barack Obama: Call me. Obama is scheduled to come to Texas for fundraisers on Aug. 9, but White has said he's too busy to meet with the president. He said he'd happily take a call from Obama. "I'd be available to talk to the president, whoever the president of the United States is, at any time," White said Friday. "I'm available to talk to anybody by telephone." Republican Gov. Rick Perry, eager to associate White with Obama in staunchly conservative Texas, has said he would like to meet with Obama about border violence while the president is in town — a statement widely seen as a political gimmick. Obama is holding private fundraisers in Dallas and Austin and has announced no public events during a trip that is part of a series of fundraisers around the country. White, the former Houston mayor, has repeatedly

criticized the Obama administration on spending, health care, border security and other initiatives. He said Perry wants to tie him to Obama because "he knows that he can't beat me." At a news conference in Austin, White was asked if he would reconsider his decision not to appear with Obama in Texas. "No, I'm continuing my schedule," White said. "I'm campaigning for governor of Texas and that means meeting the people of this state and listening to what they have to say."

## County judge found dead, apparently from suicide

BOWIE (AP) — The Montague County judge was found dead early Friday, apparently from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Authorities found Ted Winn dead in his garage outside Bowie. It appeared that he shot himself, 97th District Attorney Jack McGaughey told The Associated Press. The sheriff's office responded after just after 6 a.m. after receiving a call from Winn's wife, who said an ambulance was needed, Sheriff Paul Cunningham said. Cunningham declined to provide additional details, saying the case was being investigated by the Texas Rangers. Winn, a Republican, was serving his first term as the county's top administrator. Bowie is about 70 miles north of Fort Worth.

## Texas woman charged in death of baby sitter

TYLER (AP) — An east Texas mother accused of killing her baby sitter to keep the woman from testifying in a child welfare hearing has been charged with capital murder. Forty-three-year-old Kimberly Cargill of Whitehouse was already jailed on a charge of injury to a child when the murder charge was added Friday. Prosecutors allege in court records that Cargill killed Cherry Walker to keep her from testifying in a Child Protective Services hearing regarding Cargill's 4-year-old son. Walker's body was found on the side of a road in June.

## Ticket led to warrant for House candidate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican candidate for a West Texas congressional seat had an arrest warrant issued for him in 2004 after he failed to pay a speeding ticket. Francisco Canseco is running against incumbent Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, D-Texas, in the 23 district which includes San Antonio and parts of West Texas. According to documents obtained by The Associated Press, Canseco was pulled over in April 2004. An arrest warrant was issued after he failed to pay the ticket.

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**Open-House Style  
Public Meeting**

**Statewide Long-Range  
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will host the second series of open-house style public meetings for the development of the Statewide 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 second series of meetings is to present project updates 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 status and results of the study to-date. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting writ-

ten comments.  
The open-house style public meeting in the Abilene District will be held on Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at 1350 N. Arnold Blvd., Abilene, Texas. Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the state can be found at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), key word: transportation plan 2035 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 can be submitted on the project website at: [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov), key word: transportation plan 2035; by email at [TPP\\_tlxtranplan@dot.state.tx.us](mailto:TPP_tlxtranplan@dot.state.tx.us); or by mail to: Peggy Thuring, P.E., Project Manager, Statewide Transportation Plan 2035, 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224, Houston, Texas, 77027. Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Mary Beth Kilgore at 325/676-6806 for assistance. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs. #6604 July 11 & August 1, 2010

While the sun king transits through the realm of Leo, he's not only gliding through his home base, but he's also on stage. You might say he's at home on the stage -- a performer at heart. So the sun loves the applause that comes today in the form of an ancient celebration called Lammas, which marks the midpoint of summer.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're in a funny mood and will have the inclination to joke around. As long as you are aware that others are more sensitive and may not share your ideas about what is funny, you'll be fine.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There is always something to smile about. Your positive outlook is attractive. You find more friends when you steer clear of those inclined to dwell on the negative.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Share your ideas. They may be silly, or they may be interesting, but they will open up the conversation. Others begin to share, as well, and soon the social mix is swirling.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). People want to be your friend because they trust you. They know you will do what you say you will do. It speaks well of you that you have known certain friends for most of your life.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll respect people whose opinions

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

make no sense whatsoever to you. In your book of rules, people are allowed to think thoughts that don't coincide with your sense of reason. Viva la difference!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The environment gets stuffy, and this is not about the air quality. Stodgy attitudes require a shake up, and you're just the one to do it. Loosen up your body language. That might be enough to change the mood. If not, start dancing.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are sincerely complimentary. You notice things and want to express what you see. Do this with a light touch. You don't want to come across as though you are trying too hard to be nice.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You go into this week on a high note. You'll have terrific energy. Your warmth and intelligence will endear you to new people and secure your place in the hearts of those who already know you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may see someone behaving in a less than congenial manner. A situation may be unpleasant, and the reactions you see are not ideal. But that doesn't mean that the people involved are all bad.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Unconditional love is the deepest kind. Offer this powerful energy to yourself. Forgive yourself for your mistakes. If you can't offer it to anyone else.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be

playing it cool today. You're through with trying to fit in. You will place yourself on an even keel with everyone else and be accepted without question. Others open up and share with you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be doing what you do best, and your actions will radiate style. If you could only experience yourself objectively, you would be most impressed. You're a class act.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY:** (August 1). Your horizons expand with the valuable connections you make this month. Do take care of your existing relationships, too -- you'll raise your social status as you become a consummate practitioner of good etiquette and excellent manners. A deal closes in October -- you win! December is a financial high. Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 19, 4, 22 and 15.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The sun journeys through its favorite place in the sky -- Leo. While the sun is in the station of the cat, it gets the most attention and fame and even a party or two in its honor. One such event, called Lammas, is a holiday that was celebrated by the ancient Druids and is making a comeback in some circles. Dancing, singing and bonfires are part of the fun -- as is, for some, marriage! And let's not forget the eating, as the sun's bounty is represented in the foods harvested at this time of year. As the week goes on, Venus steals some of the sun's spotlight,

sashaying into Libra, the sign of relationships. Venus in Libra is a natural fit, though love doesn't always feel easy when the romance goddess skips through the sign of the scales. For one thing, the balance of power is more obvious -- not so great in relationships where the power is significantly heavier on one side. Where this is the case, the next few weeks will represent a shift of weight. Libra's motto is "fair is fair," and despite our different interests and opinions, we pretty much agree on what's right.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** J.K. Rowling is the creator of a publishing phenomenon, an award-winning film franchise and now a theme park experience. Like most Leos, she has an instinct for entertainment. And with her moon, Mercury and Venus all nestled into the detail-oriented sign of Virgo, Rowling insisted on staying true to the wizard world of her creation, saying, "Either we do it right, or we don't do it at all."

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**Legals**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CASE NO. 10-0871SP  
**TO: MARCOS ALINAS and  
JEANNIE SALINAS**  
IT IS ORDERED:  
You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to recover possession, after land contract forfeiture of 12672- 9 Mile Road, Shelbyville, MI 49344. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at Courts & Law Bldg. Ste. 202, 206 W. Court St., Hastings, MI 49058 on or before August 28, 2010. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.  
Dated: July 9, 2010  
Judge Gary R. Holman  
Bar No. P15079  
#6616 July 19th, 25th, and August 1st, 2010

**Legals**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Mini Storage which is located at 3301 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 10:00 o'clock A.M. on August 21, 2010, at AAA Mini Storage, 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants, with brief description of contents in each space:  
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Tenant: April A. King  
Tenant: Jessica D. Fauver  
Tenant: Aurora A. Liorente  
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Tenant: La Donna Porter  
Tenant: Denisa D. Powell  
Tenant: Gilbert L. Harrell  
Tenant: Betty Elaine Hoffman  
Tenant: Jackie L. Steen  
#6630 August 1 & 8, 2010

**Legals**

**GREAT DANE STORAGE**  
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Great Dane Storage which is located at 1510 West 4th Street, Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale will be at held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 20, 2010, at Great Dane Storage. Property will be sold to the 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 consists of household items from contents of the following tenants:  
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Ruth Johnson  
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**Newsday Crossword**

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- 28 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient of 1984
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- 30 Competes
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- 34 KitchenAid product
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- 38 Protrude
- 41 Handouts
- 42 Abundant source
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**SATURDAY STUMPER** by S.N.  
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- 8 They put the "high" in hideaways
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- 10 National nickname
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- 14 Electrical component
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- 26 Port
- 27 Restraining order
- 28 Bin's big brothers
- 29 Dish buyer, quite possibly
- 30 Really spread out
- 31 Woody Allen's ex-wife in *Hollywood Ending*
- 32 Protein sources
- 33 Logical
- 35 Fail
- 37 Exploit anxiety, perhaps
- 38 Linguistic study
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- 43 Incite
- 45 "\_\_\_ Christmas told the merriest tale": Scott 1986 Nobel Prize name
- 48 *America's First Freedom* publisher

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# Mother who starved children gets life

DALLAS (AP) — A mother whose three children were found starving after being shut away in a hotel bathroom for as long as nine months was sentenced to life in prison Friday after changing her plea to guilty in the middle of her trial.

Abneris Santiago, 31, had faced between five years and life in prison on a felony charge of injury to a child.

Police rescued Santiago's 11-year-old daughter and 10- and 5-year-old sons from a bathroom at an extended-stay hotel along one of Dallas' busiest freeways in July 2009. The children, whose skeletons were visible beneath their flaky, stretched skin, were near death from chronic starvation. Authorities say

the girl was repeatedly sexually assaulted by her mother's boyfriend. Alfred Santiago was convicted Tuesday of injury to a child and continuous sexual abuse. He was sentenced to two 99-year sentences, to be served concurrently. The former couple share a last name but never married.

Abneris Santiago's plea on the third day of testimony came a day after she apologized to her daughter in a tearful courtroom reunion, saying she wasn't strong enough to stop the abuse.

The girl said she loved her mother and did not want her to go to prison.

Prosecutor Eren Price addressed the girl's concern in her closing argument, asking the jury to

sentence Santiago to life in prison.

"One day (the girl) will understand," Price said, adding that she wanted the jury to let Santiago know that she was the "worst of the worst."

The defendant apparently thought her guilty plea Friday would end the proceedings and was confused after testimony continued before the jury for purposes of sentencing.

"I think this is unnecessary since I already pleaded myself guilty," Santiago told the judge. "I want it over with. This is pointless."

Instead, prosecutors called to the stand the doctors who treated Santiago's children last summer.

Dr. Susan Scott, an emergency room physician, said the girl

"looked like a skeleton with skin." A photograph pinned to the courtroom wall showed the girl's bare back, her ribs and spine clearly

defined. The 10-year-old boy was angry and withdrawn. He and his 5-year-old brother were so skinny that every

bone stuck out, the doctor said.

"Anyone with a brain, much less a heart, would know these kids needed help," Scott said.



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# Expo shows illegal pet trade rampant in Indonesia

**NINIEK KARMINI**  
Associated Press Writer  
JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The most threatened tortoise in the world is being sold openly at a plant and animal exposition in the heart of Indonesia's capital, highlighting concerns about the rampant — and growing — illegal pet trade.

The country has become a major trading hub for endangered tortoises and freshwater turtles, including species from Africa, South America and Asia, said Chris Shepherd of TRAFFIC, a British-based international wildlife monitoring network.

While the government has passed legislation banning such illegal trade, dealers continue to blatantly sell endangered species without fear of arrest or prosecution, Shepherd said.

Those found Friday at Jakarta's annual flora and fauna expo — held from July 2 until Aug. 2 — included the world's most threatened ploughshare tortoise and the critically endangered radiated tortoises, both from Madagascar. They were priced up to \$1,700.

Cages also were filled with rare Indian star tortoises, which are protected under the Convention on International Trade on Endangered Species, known as CITES, and the endangered pig-nose tortoise, from Indonesia's easternmost province of Papua, both selling for up to \$500.

Vendors told The Associated Press other

threatened tortoises and turtles not found on display could easily be obtained for a price.

"Recent surveys, and this expo, have shown

that the trade continues and, in fact, now involves more illegally imported species than ever," said Shepherd. "Dealers know full well

that it is illegal and are taking advantage of the enforcement agencies' lack of action."

Indonesia, one of the most biologically di-

verse nations in the world, has for years sold everything from eagles and leopard cats to gibbons as pets in the capital.

Shady transactions continue to take place at the popular Pramuka and Jati Negara markets.

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# Chicken producers debate 'natural' label

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A disagreement among poultry producers about whether chicken injected with salt, water and other ingredients can be promoted as "natural" has prompted federal officials to consider changing labeling guidelines. The U.S. Department of Agriculture had maintained that if chicken wasn't flavored artificially or preserved with chemicals, it could carry the word "natural" on the package.

But the agency agreed to take another look at its policy after some producers, politicians and health advocates noted that about one-third of chicken sold in the U.S. was injected with additives that could represent up to 15 percent of the meat's weight, doubling or tripling its sodium content. Some argue that could mislead or potentially harm consumers who must limit their salt intake.

The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service plans to issue new proposed rules this fall.

Perdue, the nation's third largest poultry producer, is among those pushing for a change. The company has joined a group called the Truthful Labeling Coalition, which has hired a lobbyist and launched an advertising campaign.

"Our labels say natural or all natural only if there is nothing added," Perdue spokesman Luis Luna said. "Under no circumstances is it acceptable to label poultry that has been enhanced with water or broth or solutions as natural, or all natural."

Such mixtures are injected into poultry to make the meat tastier and more tender.

The two largest chicken processors, Pilgrim's Pride and Tyson Foods, are among those that affix "natural" labels to chicken injected with extra salt and water. Industry experts said the practice has become more common in the past decade.

Tyson spokesman Gary Mickelson said the company sponsored a national study that found most consumers didn't mind those labels if the ingredients added were deemed natural.

Gary Rhodes, a spokesman for Pilgrim's Pride, said the company simply wanted to offer its customers a choice.

"We offer both 100 percent natural enhanced and non-enhanced fresh chicken," Rhodes said. "It really depends on what the customer wants. It's all about choice."

But Bill Mattos, president of the California Poultry Federation, argued that current labeling rules leave consumers confused. He said the industry needs to work harder at being clear about its products.

"With all the talk about food now, all the interest in salt, the chicken industry needs to be very upfront about these issues, and be very truthful," said Mattos.

A buyer perusing the chicken counter at a San Francisco supermarket agreed.

Muambo Muanza, 30, said he read the label and considered the

price but never thought to check the salt content when buying fresh chicken.

Most people buying fresh, unprocessed food will assume, like he did, that nothing is added, said Muanza, whose family has a history of high blood pressure, a condition that can be

worsened by high salt intake.

"If it says natural, I expect it to be all natural — nothing but chicken," he said.

California Sen. Barbara Boxer weighed in on the issue earlier this year, calling in a press conference for the USDA to "immediately

prevent sodium injected chicken from using the 'natural' label and require all poultry producers to identify added ingredients in print large enough to ensure that consumers can make informed choices."

The issue is worrisome because Americans generally eat far too much

salt, with serious health consequences, said Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, a researcher at the University of California, San Francisco.

Her research, published this year in the New England Journal of Medicine, found that regulations aimed at cutting back Ameri-

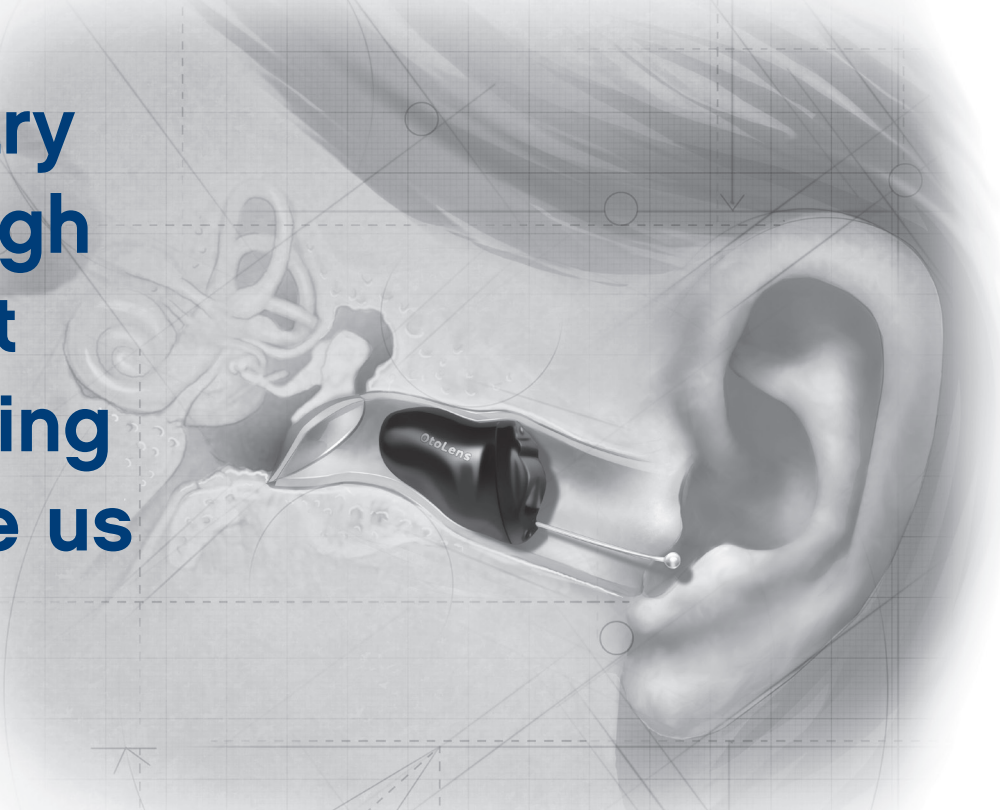
cans' sodium intake could save \$10 billion to \$24 billion in health care costs, and thousands of lives, every year.

Government intervention is needed, Bibbins-Domingo said, because much of the salt people eat comes in prepared food, not out of a salt shaker.

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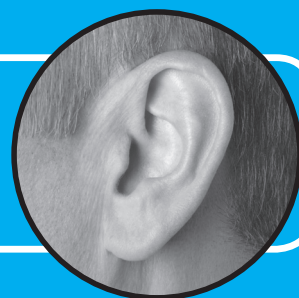
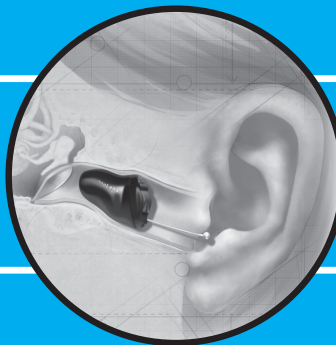
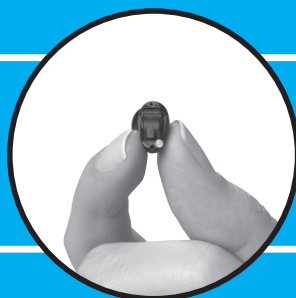
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