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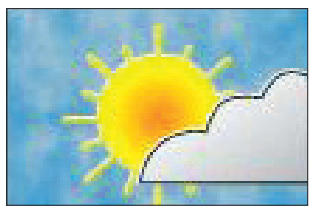
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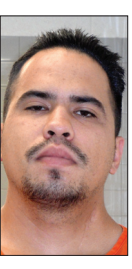
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Home invasion suspects indicted

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Indictments for aggravated robbery were handed down Thursday by a Howard County grand jury for three local residents who allegedly took part in a June 3 home invasion that terrorized a Big Spring family.

Clifford Leon Anglin, 26; Felix Lee Jaramillo, 31; and Phillip G. Martinez, 21 were all indicted on charges of aggravated robbery — a first-degree felony — by the grand jury. All



Anglin

three men are currently being held at the Howard County Detention Center. Martinez was also indicted on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance, a state jail felony, for an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 9, 2009. The aggravated robbery charges against Jara-

millo and Anglin have been elevated to enhanced first-degree felonies, as well. According to police reports, numerous suspects — witnesses stated there were between five and seven suspects involved — stormed the home of a Big Spring family, kicking in the side and front

doors of the house during the late evening hours. The suspects were armed with handguns, according to police reports, while one suspect was armed with a shotgun. All were wearing bandanas or masks to conceal their faces. See **INDICTED**, Page 3A



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Children at Rainbow Christian Preschool on Goliad Street line up to participate in a trike-a-thon to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

At the helm

Crosby takes over as manager of Big Spring Refinery

Herald Staff Report

Jimmy C. Crosby took over as vice president of refining for the Big Spring Refinery for Alon USA on Saturday — a move which had long been anticipated by the Dallas-based company. Crosby joined the company as general manager of business development and planning when it was formed in August 2000 after Alon Israel Oil Co., LTD purchased FINA Inco's downstream assets. He had been expected to assume the position of Big Spring refinery manager



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Jimmy C. Crosby, vice president of refining at Big Spring Refinery, speaks to a crowd of more than 200 people during an event to celebrate Alon USA's 10-year anniversary.

See **CROSBY**, Page 3A

Update on warehouse facility tops commissioners' agenda

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are expected to receive an update on the ongoing efforts to design and construct a warehouse facility for the county's road and bridge administration, as the court prepares to meet Monday morning. Commissioners are expected

to meet with officials from Basic IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity), the Houston-based employee owned construction management company the court agreed to work with back in March. According to County Judge Mark Barr, the first project commissioners have asked Basic IDIQ to work with the county on is the proposed

facility, which would provide much needed warehouse space for the road and bridge department. "It's my opinion that (using this firm) will simplify some building contracting and purchases, and kind of take the burden off (the county)," Barr told the See **COUNTY**, Page 3A

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Forsan ISD to fine-

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

FORSAN — School trustees here will begin fine-tuning the district's new budget when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration wing board room. The new budget, as it stands, is quite similar to the current financial package, said Randy Johnson, superintendent of Forsan Independent School District. The proposed budget has a built-in deficit of approximately \$300,000 because of ongoing renovation of athletic facilities within the district. Money to make up that shortfall will come from FISD re-



Johnson

serve funds, Johnson said. "As far as we can tell, that's about the only thing out of order in the budget," Johnson said. "Everything else is very similar to last year." Pay raises are scheduled for all district employees. Teachers will receive their normal "step" raise, while other employees will receive pay hikes of approximately 3 percent, he said. On paper, tax valuations in the district will fall about \$200 million this fiscal year, but that number is misleading, Johnson said. Because of agreements with three wind farm consortiums that were signed three years ago, part of the value of those farms will be going off the tax rolls this year. Those See **FISD**, Page 3A

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Anderson shines at scrimmage

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

There are still a lot of questions that need to be answered after the Steers' intra-squad scrimmage Saturday at Blankenship Field.

But one thing is for certain: Debonite Anderson can make plays.

Head coach Phillip Ritchey said he was pleased with his team's effort in what was a productive scrimmage and it was a good way to go into next week with the focus of practice shifting.

Anderson, however, stood out Saturday, taking most of the snaps with the first team at quarterback.

Anderson's ability to make plays with his feet and throw outside the pocket gives the Steers something they didn't have with Tyler Tannehill last season.

"Our offense was definitely not set up for the quarterback to run last year like it's going to be this year," Ritchey said. "He has those abilities. He's a running back playing quarterback. Last year we had a pure passing quarterback, had a running back next to him that was all-world. We set up our run game for the running back and the quarterback was just a passer last year."

But with Tannehill and tailback Monte Anderson, Debonite's brother, as two of the six skill positions players Big Spring lost to graduation, the



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Debonite Anderson runs outside the pocket during the Steers' scrimmage Saturday at Blankenship Field.

Steers are looking for a way to generate offense.

Anderson, who played 7-on-7 football this summer, took advantage of anything the defense might have during Saturday's scrimmage and once he found a hole, he used his speed to pick up big gains.

While the Steers seem like they have a quarterback who can make plays outside the pocket, the coaching staff still wants to develop an effective passing game, which Ritchey said is a focal point in practice.

Ritchey said Anderson does have the skills in the passing game to match

what he can do with his speed.

"We started out slow early in the week, but I think as we progressed and he got used to having people coming at him — it's different from 7-on-7 when you're actually getting rushed," he said. "He's going to get better. We've got a long way to go. We're certainly not close to where we want to be, passing the ball, but he knows that and he's working hard every day and we'll get better."

The Steers also are trying to make sure they stay healthy. Terrell Dimmerson, slated to start at left corner, was nicked up in Saturday's scrimmage and had to leave the field. He watched the rest of practice with an ice pack wrapped around his left knee, but the injury doesn't appear serious.

Defensive end DeVonte Lloyd was sick Friday and had to visit the doctor, so Ritchey said coaches didn't push him too much Saturday, although he still got some reps in.

Next week, the Steers turn their attention toward Andrews and another upcoming scrimmage. Ritchey said he wants to use this week to get players used to preparing for another opponent, while exposing them to Andrews' offensive and defensive sets.

Contact Sports Editor Adam Coleman at 263-7331, ext. 237 or at sports@bigspringherald.com.

Cowboys finish up camp in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After 21 practices in 14 days at the Alamodome, the Dallas Cowboys broke camp Friday.

They are still far from done.

The two-week stint inside that climate-controlled environment was only the first segment of the NFL's longest full-squad training camp this summer. Their preseason opener is Sunday night in Canton, Ohio, the first of two games in five days. Then there is another two-week camp, that one outside in California.

"It breaks up the monotony of camp," line

backer Bradie James said. "It's better to break it up, go to a different site than to be here for four weeks. I'm looking forward to that."

The Cowboys left San Antonio after a 75-minute walkthrough. They got one night at home before traveling for their preseason opener against Terrell Owens and the Cincinnati Bengals that will be part of the Pro Football Hall of Fame induction weekend that includes Emmitt Smith.

"I'm going to enjoy going to Canton," quarterback Tony Romo said. "Obviously the game is going to be super enjoy-

able to get out there and play, but just going and looking at the history of the game, checking it out and seeing the Hall of Fame."

Romo, James, tight end Jason Witten and cornerback Terence Newman are among numerous Cowboys who will be visiting the Hall of Fame for the first time.

The Cowboys then get a few days at home with a light workload before going to camp in Oxnard, Calif. — where the Friday afternoon temperature in the mid-60s was about 40 degrees cooler than at the Cowboys' Valley Ranch practice facility.

Rangers division lead to 9½ games

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Cliff Lee has no interest in discussing his accomplishments thus far — all the strikeouts to so few walks, all the outings he's worked deep into games.

Nah, not yet. He wants to pitch the Texas Rangers into the playoffs before anything else.

Lee went at least eight innings for the 10th straight start, Taylor

Teagarden hit a two-run homer and the first-place Rangers built their biggest division lead in 11 years with a 5-1 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Friday night.

"I'm not going to sit here and pat myself on the back for anything," Lee said. "I just want to give my team a chance to win every time I take the mound."

Lee (10-5), who won for

the first time in three starts, struck out eight and didn't walk a batter in eight innings. The Rangers moved a season-best 19 games over .500 (64-45).

Josh Hamilton added a solo homer for the Rangers in the opener of a key series between the AL West's top two teams. Texas won its third straight and increased its division lead.



Photo Courtesy of Tony Claxton

Taylor Seaton prepares to make a block in the Lady Steers' scrimmage against Midland Christian on Friday. Big Spring volleyball opened up two-days last week.

Sports in brief

Big Spring Football Season Tickets

Get season tickets at the Big Spring High School ATC. Previous season ticket holders can purchase tickets from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, ending Aug. 9.

Public ticket sales are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday starting Tuesday 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.

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 Shirme Club.

Cominbed 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.

Coahoma Girls Softball Association

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

Junior High Football Equipment Pick-up

Pick-up takes place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the junior high school.

Make sure if player is entering the seventh grade or is new to the district he has a physical.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact

the ATC at 264-3662.

Soccer Sign-ups

Big Spring Soccer Association will have sign-ups from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, then from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, Aug. 9 through 13. The last day to sign up is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 14. All sign-ups are at the Big Spring Mall. There will be no late registration.

This for 3- to 13-year-olds and cost is \$65.

Call Issac Miramontes at 935-9056 for more information

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend.

For more information call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

Dinners make a Difference



FAMILY FEATURES

Whether you're sitting down to a macaroni and cheese dinner or a three-course meal, the simple act of eating dinner with your kids has a powerful impact on the whole family.

Almost two decades of research by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University has consistently found that the more often kids eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs.

Studies show that kids who have family dinner five times a week are:

- 45 percent less likely to drink and 66 percent less likely to do drugs.
- More likely to get A's and B's in school.
- More likely to think their parents are proud of them.

"The power of the family dinner comes not from the food on the plate but from who's at the table and what's happening there. The emotional and social benefits that come from family dinners are priceless," said Kathleen Ferrigno, CASA's Director of Marketing and head of CASA Family Day — A Day to Eat Dinner with your Children. "Having dinner as a family is one of the easiest ways to create routine opportunities for parental engagement and communication, two keys to raising drug-free children."

Even with busy schedules, it's easier than you think to have a regular family meal. Here are some tips from CASA and Stouffer's:

- Plan meals together.
- Make a date — schedule it on the calendar.
- Cook together.
- Unplug during dinner and talk.

Save time making dinner with family-friendly entrées such as Stouffer's Easy Express Cheesy Garlic Lasagna. This dish of freshly made pasta layered between mozzarella cheese, seasoned beef and a rich garlic tomato sauce is ready in only 18 minutes. While it's cooking, make a Creamy Parmesan Romaine salad and a simple Fruit Salad for a delicious dinner the whole family will enjoy.

Remember, dinner makes a difference, so be sure to take your seat at the dinner table often. For more tips on raising drug-free kids and creative ideas for family dinners, visit these websites: www.letsfixdinner.com and www.casafamilyday.org.

Conversation Starters

Looking for a way to engage in conversations with your kids? Use these conversation starters for a fun way to get everyone talking.

- Where would you go for a dream vacation?
- If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
- What is one thing you could absolutely not live without?
- If you could live in any time period, which one would it be?
- What is your favorite thing you learned today?
- What is one thing you want to accomplish in your lifetime?
- What book are you reading right now? What do you like about it? What do you dislike about it?

A Dinnertime Story

"Let's Fix Dinner," a new book by award-winning author and illustrator Todd Parr, will make you giggle, grin, and think about all the ways dinner can bring families closer together. And since regular dinners and reliable housing are two of the best ways to help families — and especially kids — succeed, 100 percent of the net proceeds from sales of "Let's Fix Dinner" will support Habitat for Humanity. Order your copy of this limited edition book at www.letsfixdinner.com.



Take the Challenge

Take the Let's Fix Dinner Challenge and take it easy with time-saving and money-saving prizes. From now until December 31, 2010, all you need to do is log in at www.letsfixdinner.com and track your family dinners each week, and you'll get another chance to win.

Creamy Parmesan Romaine

Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Cooking Time: 12 minutes
Cooling Time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4

- 2 slices whole-wheat bread (about 2 ounces total), cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 8 cups chopped romaine lettuce
- 1 cup sliced cucumber
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 3 tablespoons Original Nestlé Coffee-Mate Liquid Coffee Creamer
- 2 tablespoons fat free sour cream
- 1 1/2 tablespoons light mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons Buitoni Refrigerated Freshly Shredded Parmesan Cheese
- 1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

PREHEAT oven to 350°F.

PLACE bread cubes in single layer on large baking sheet. Bake for 12 minutes or until lightly golden. Remove from oven; cool completely.

PLACE lettuce, cucumber and onion in large bowl; set aside.

COMBINE Coffee-mate, sour cream, mayonnaise, cheese, vinegar, salt and pepper in small bowl; stir until completely blended. Add to lettuce mixture; toss gently, yet thoroughly, to coat completely. Add bread cubes; toss gently.

Fresh Fruit Salad

Preparation Time: 20 minutes
Cooling Time: 10 minutes
Servings: 6

- 6 cups assorted fresh fruit (berries, grapes, sliced mango, strawberries and/or kiwifruit)
- Juice from 1 lime
- 3 tablespoons Tropical Flavor Nestlé Juicy Juice All Natural 100% Juice
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped mint leaves

COMBINE fruit in large bowl. Add lime juice, Juicy Juice and mint; toss gently to coat. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

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Obituaries

Pete Ortega



Pete Ortega, 58, died Friday, Aug. 6, 2010, at his residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, 2010 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 4, 1952, in Big Spring to Guadalupe and Jesus Ortega. He grew up in Coahoma and graduated from Coahoma High School. He was

a lieutenant at Cornell at Cedar Hill Unit. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Ortega of Big Spring; two daughters, Michelle Ortega and Cynthia Watkins, both of Big Spring; two sons, David Villarreal and his wife Leticia of Midland and Michael Medina and his wife Alma of Big Spring; four sisters, Cruz Moron of Coahoma, Lenora Padron of Sand Springs, and Petra Rodriguez and Connie Rodriguez, both of Big Spring; two brothers, Juan Ortega of Big Spring and Fred Zavala and his wife Janie of Mason; 15 grandchildren; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Javier Velasquez.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- ROBERT RODRIGUEZ VALENCIA JR., 31, 309 N.W. 10th, was arrested on an other-agency warrant.
- ALLAN LEE SMITH, 40, 1502A Sycamore, was arrested on a warrant charging failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- KASSAUNDRY DYHAN MUNOZ, 20, 1425 E. Sixth No. 7, was arrested on a warrant charging failure to control speed and no driver's license.
- NATIVIDAD TREVINO ROBLES, 34, 2202 S. Runnels, was arrested on a warrant charging driving while license invalid.
- JOSE ANGEL URIAS, 49, 206 Simer Rd., Coahoma, was arrested on an other-agency warrant.
- ALBERTO RIVAS, 51, 610 N.W. Eighth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- TREVOR LEE SMITH, 19, 1502A Sycamore, was arrested on a warrant charging possession of drug paraphernalia and no driver's license.
- JEREMY JOE RENTERIA, 24, was arrested on a warrant charging driving while license invalid.
- HIT AND RUN was reported in the 300 block of W. Second.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Lancaster and the 500 block of N. Lamesa Highway.
- BURGLARY was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.
- THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Runnels, the 1500 block of Cherokee, the 1300 block of Wright, the 1600 block of E. Sixth and the 600 block of State.

Take Note

comeCASA.org or 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.

Lottery

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were: 07-13-30-33-54, Mega Ball: 30.

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Cash 5" game were: 04-06-07-15-16.

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Night" game were: 9-9-4-1

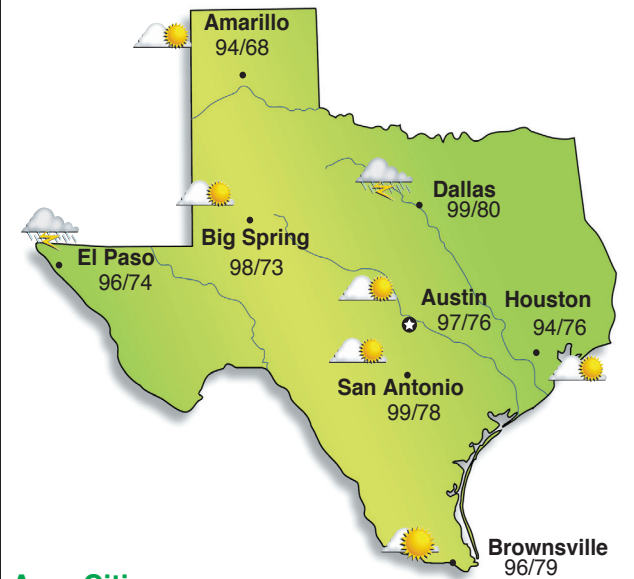
The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Night" game were: 1-2-8.

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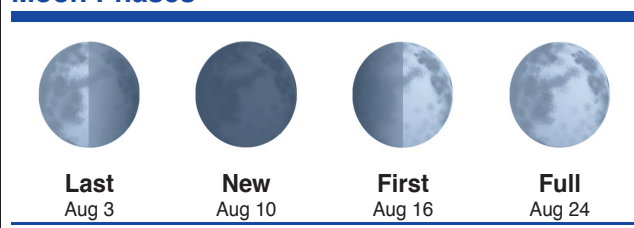
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| Amarillo | 94 | 68 | pt sunny | Livingston | 96 | 73 | t-storm |
| Austin | 97 | 76 | pt sunny | Longview | 94 | 77 | t-storm |
| Beaumont | 94 | 75 | t-storm | Lubbock | 94 | 72 | pt sunny |
| Brownsville | 96 | 79 | mst sunny | Lufkin | 97 | 77 | t-storm |
| Brownwood | 100 | 75 | pt sunny | Midland | 98 | 75 | pt sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 95 | 78 | pt sunny | Raymondville | 98 | 78 | mst sunny |
| Corsicana | 97 | 77 | t-storm | Rosenberg | 95 | 76 | pt sunny |
| Dallas | 99 | 80 | t-storm | San Antonio | 99 | 78 | pt sunny |
| Del Rio | 101 | 77 | pt sunny | San Marcos | 97 | 76 | pt sunny |
| El Paso | 96 | 74 | t-storm | Sulphur Springs | 98 | 77 | t-storm |
| Fort Stockton | 98 | 73 | mst sunny | Sweetwater | 97 | 74 | pt sunny |
| Gainesville | 98 | 77 | t-storm | Tyler | 94 | 75 | t-storm |
| Greenville | 97 | 76 | t-storm | Weatherford | 99 | 77 | t-storm |
| Houston | 94 | 76 | pt sunny | Wichita Falls | 101 | 77 | mst sunny |

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| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
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| Atlanta | 95 | 73 | mst sunny | Minneapolis | 94 | 76 | pt sunny |
| Boston | 86 | 68 | pt sunny | New York | 88 | 74 | pt sunny |
| Chicago | 90 | 73 | pt sunny | Phoenix | 95 | 77 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 99 | 80 | t-storm | San Francisco | 55 | 50 | mst sunny |
| Denver | 89 | 63 | t-storm | Seattle | 67 | 55 | pt sunny |
| Houston | 94 | 76 | pt sunny | St. Louis | 96 | 77 | sunny |
| Los Angeles | 72 | 56 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 89 | 74 | sunny |
| Miami | 88 | 78 | t-storm | | | | |

Moon Phases



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Bufs think turnaround at practice

Burchett making strides, surrounded by speedy backfield

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

Nobody is afraid to think playoffs at Forsan, even after a 2-8 campaign in 2009.

Head coach Jason Phillips has reason to believe the latest version of the Bufs will turn heads this season.

"After seeing the way these players have matured and the shape that they're in and the strength that they've gained, just the way that practice has gone this week," he said. "We think we have a real good shot at making the playoffs."

Forsan will have to go through a new group of opponents after moving up to District 2-2A Division II if the Bufs want that playoff berth. There's Idalou, Coahoma and Stanton, among others, who will be competing for those spots.

But Phillips believes he has the weapons, in the form of speedy Ty Johnson and an experienced Foster Burchett, to compete.

Much of the focus around Forsan this season may be on Burchett under center. Phillips said the junior quarterback had a handful of starts last season and in the process, got much-needed experience.

Burchett has all the tools to be a quarterback. Phillips said his strong arm and a good cast of wide-



HERALD Photo/Adam Coleman

Forsan quarterback Foster Burchett prepares to hand the ball off in practice Friday. The Bufs hope more depth and a new mindset can help them improve on a 2-8 campaign from 2009.

outs around him will help him succeed. But Phillips also said he needed to see more than how far Burchett could throw the ball this year, decision-making is key to Burchett's development, too.

One big hurdle for the junior last season was reading defenses, which Burchett said he's immensely improved in.

"Last year, I didn't really read the defense well at all and I was pretty nervous about doing it," he said. "This

year, I can read the defense better. I'm more calm in the pocket. My offensive line's doing real good, they've been giving me protection, so I think we'll be good this year."

With Burchett, Phillips said his improvement has been obvious in practice. He said he's more of a leader on the field and it looks like the experience is kicking in.

But it's not just Burchett the Bufs are depending on this season.

Phillips said Forsan has a lot of players who have a lot of skill, which allows coaches to go with a more balanced attack on offense.

Particularly there's speed and size in the backfield with running backs like Ty Johnson and Brendan Roman and fullbacks like Patrick Robles and Zane Herrin. Phillips said the Bufs will have an array of offensive styles this season, from pro to the spread.

"We're going to try to

be as balanced as possible," he said. "We've got three good tailbacks, three good fullbacks. All six of those guys are a vital part of our offense. They can all run is the great thing."

Johnson is quick to point out the skill Forsan has in the backfield, too. He said the running backs could switch every series with the talent at that position.

"We're so far ahead compared to where we were last year," he said. "Coming in with a re-

ally fast team and with the new turf, it's going to help us a lot."

That new turf also has a lot of the Buff faithful excited.

School officials installed turf at Forsan's football stadium this off-season, giving the venue a brand new look. Players had an opportunity to scrimmage against each other on that new turf Saturday morning.

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Parents swap for school clothes

MIAMI (AP) — Kelly Trella has found a way to get rid of her 2-year-old son's old clothes: She swaps them.

Trella was looking for a way to clear out her basement when she stumbled upon a magazine article about thredUP, a children's clothes swapping website. She signed up and has been swapping gently used clothes from her Meriden, Conn., home ever since.

"Its cost-effectiveness is terrific. It's really great to have an opportunity to share with folks around the country," she said.

ThredUP launched in mid-April and now has 15,000 members with another 1,000 being added each week. Founder and CEO James Reinhart says the Cambridge, Mass.-based company is trying to attract parents who are buying back-to-

school clothes, which, he says, is one of the largest one-shot expenditures for families during the year.

That thredUP even exists is surely driven by the economy, but there are other ways to swap clothes.

The national retail chain Once Upon A Child sells new and gently used products. These days people who once only dropped off clothes are buying them, too, said Dawn Weston, owner of the franchise in Brandon, Fla.

"More people are being conservative. They are being conscious of what they spend," she said. "They didn't have to worry about it before. They still want their kids to have those really nice things, but they don't have the bucks to do it."

Online back-to-school swap-

ping was a natural extension of clothing rental sites for grown-ups. At renttherunway.com, a \$1,050 Herve Leger dress can be rented for \$150, "to give every woman in American access to this Cinderella experience," said co-founder and CEO Jennifer Hyman. Expectant mothers can rent a pretty dress at RentMaternityWear.com.

ThredUP partnered with a Boston charity Cradle to Crayons to give \$1 from every swap to the charity to help clothe children and buy them school supplies.

The site sends 10 empty post office boxes to each customer. The customer browses the website for boxes of clothing. Once a box is found, the customer pays \$13 for shipping and the box is sent to them by whoever currently has it. The

customer then agrees to list a box of clothing and they're notified when someone picks it so they can send it off.

Swappers can choose what boxes of items interest them based on variables such as gender, size and season. There are no photos of the clothing, so decisions are pretty much based on brands and descriptions.

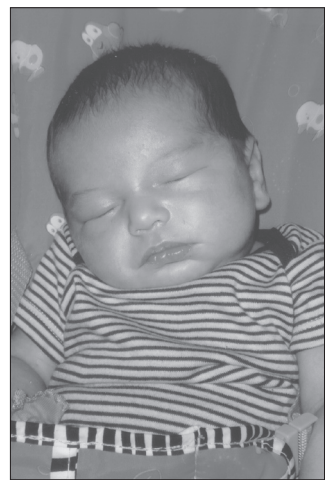
"The first box I got, I paid \$13 total and I got 13 shirts. No stains. No tears. Yeah, they have gone through the wash a couple times," Trella said.

Trella said her son goes to day care full time, so she wants clothes that can get dirty, and the price is right.

"You are only shelling out a small amount of money," she said, "You are giving and you are getting. It's nice to share."

The basic membership to the

Births



Eric Nicholas Wingo Wingo

Eric Nicolas Wingo, a boy, was born at 10:29 a.m. July 11, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long. He is the son of Cody Wingo and Erica Hilario.

Grandparents are Alonzo Hilario and Esther Gonzales, both of Big Spring, Tony and Suzette Wingo of Ball, La., and Laura and Rick Hughes of Big Spring.

He was welcomed home by older brother Aiden.

Albarado

Natalie Layla Albarado, a girl, was born at 4:51 p.m. July 21, 2010, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18-1/2 inches long. Parents are Jacob Albarado and Gloria Gutierrez of Big Spring.

Grandparents are Christina Yanez and Cruz Gutierrez, Victor and Teresa Martinez and Joe and Jovita Albarado.

Hayes


James Curtis Hayes Jr., a boy, was born at 1:42 p.m. July 28, 2010, weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 inches long. He is the son of James Hayes and Schemickia Crosby.

Grandparents are Clifton and Linda Calvert of Odessa and the James Willie Hayes and the late Lola Mae Hayes of Big Spring.

He was welcomed home by siblings Christen, Joshua and Nathaniel.

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Who's Who

Belew named to SEOSU honor roll

DURANT, Okla. — Haylea Marie Belew of Big Spring was named to the Spring 2010 Honor Roll at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Haylea, a 2005 graduate of Forsan High School, received her associates degree in applied sciences at Howard College in Big Spring and will graduate from SEOSU in December 2010 with an elementary teaching certificate.

She is the daughter of Bill and Sherri Wigington and Ron and Melody Belew, all of Big Spring.



Belew

G-City student in leadership program

Kadden Kothmann, a student at Garden City High School, participated in the Texas Brigades summer leadership camps in June and July. He was among 135 high school students who took part in this award-winning leadership development program.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team building, communication and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations.

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INDICTED

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their identities, according to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department.

"The suspects demanded money, and holding the family at gunpoint, ransacked the house," Everett said. "The suspects threatened the adults, and pointed their weapons at the couple's children, who are 2 and 3 years old. One suspect pistol-whipped the male victim in the head while his children were present."

Everett said moments after the suspects fled the victim's home, police officers noticed a vehicle driving without its headlights on. Once the vehicle was pulled over, several suspects exited the car, fleeing

on foot. Jaramillo and a 16-year-old juvenile suspect were taken into custody moments later. According to police officials, items stolen during the invasion were recovered from the vehicle. Both were charged with aggravated robbery. Shortly after, Martinez was arrested on a number of charges, including theft, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone and aggravated robbery.

A fourth suspect — 28-year-old Abel Guzman — was also arrested at a location in the 900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. on a warrant for aggravated robbery. Anglin was taken into custody in the days following Guzman's arrest.

All three men indicted face five to 99 years

to life in prison, along with a fine not to exceed \$10,000, if convicted.

- Also indicted were:
- Rickie Dell Hair, 36, of 1109 S. Goliad, evading arrest (state jail felony).
 - Marcus Lance Hattebach, 38, of 1806 E. 15th St., burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault (first-degree felony, enhanced).
 - Anthony George Hernandez, 41, of 1008 Bluebonnet, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony) and possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
 - Adrian Lee Hilario, 23, currently being held at the county detention center, delivery of a controlled substance (two counts, both state jail felonies) and delivery of a controlled substance (first degree felony).
 - Edward Glen Mey-

ers, 44, of 1800 S. Monticello, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Danielle Rae Mier, 20, of 805 E. 15th St., delivery of a controlled substance (two counts, second-degree felonies).
- Ricky Flores Mier, 23, of 2008 Nolan, delivery of a controlled substance (three counts, all second-degree felonies).
- Shane Allen O'Brien, 43, of Bonham, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Arthur Moreno Ortega, 47, of 603 S. Bell, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger (state jail felony).
- Gilbert Junior Perez, 30, of 602 S. Lancaster, delivery of a controlled substance (two counts, both second-degree felonies).
- Theodore Rios Jr., 19, of 1009 Sgt. Pare-

dez, deadly conduct — discharge of a firearm (third-degree felony), criminal mischief (state jail felony), possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony) and delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

- Donnie Rodriguez, 18, currently being held at the county detention center, delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).
- Adam Mauricio Torres, 36, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 111, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).
- Leon Lee Trevino, 29, currently being held at the county detention center, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Leroy Trevino, 24, currently being held at the county detention center, delivery of

a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

- David Cornelius Westbrook, 36, of 2527 Gunter Circle, delivery of a controlled substance (two counts, both enhanced first-degree felonies) and possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Jarrel Lamonte Williams, 22, currently being held at the county detention center, delivery of a controlled substance (enhanced first-degree felony) and delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Samuel Eugene Woods, 44, of 4201 W. Highway 80 Apt. 6, driving while intoxicated (enhanced second-degree felony).
- Ricky Bob Yanez, 25, of 1407 Lincoln, delivery of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

CROSBY

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in December 2009 but that was placed on hold when he came down with a respiratory illness that left him in intensive care for months, followed by more months of physical rehabilitation.

Crosby brings 30 years of refining experience to the Big Spring Refinery — a facility with which he is very famil-

iar. In 1981, Crosby began his career with Gulf Oil — later Chevron — where he held a number of refining operations and economics and planning positions.

He joined Fina in 1996 where he later became the manager of planning and economics for the Big Spring Refinery. Most recently, he was the general manager of business development and planning for Alon USA.

Crosby is a graduate of Mis-

issippi State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1981.

In a personnel announcement from Joe Conciene, Alon senior vice president for refining, it was announced that interim refinery manager Roddy Caffey will remain at Big Spring to transition the management changeover. Eventually, according to Conciene, Caffey will resume his prior position of general manager - turnaround and re-

liability for the Alon refining system.

Caffey introduced his replacement Thursday evening to a crowd of more than 200 gathered to participate in Alon USA's 10-year anniversary celebration.

With a smile on his face as he spoke to the crowd, Caffey quipped that when he saw Crosby walking down the hall of the refinery, "I was ready to hug him."

Several members of the Israeli company's corporate

office spoke to the crowd to commemorate the event and addressed the corporation's commitment to continue operations at the refinery. Speakers included David Wiessman, executive chairman of the board; Jeff Morris, chief executive officer; Paul Eisman, president; Joseph Israel, chief operating officer; and Conciene, senior vice president of supply and former Big Spring plant manager.

COUNTY

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commissioners during a previous meeting. "Will it be any cheaper? I do not know. We can answer that question when we get to look at what they do."

According to Tina Boneta, account executive for Basic IDIQ, the method by which her company contracts for construction can drastically simplify the process for governments and other taxing agencies.

"There are several different ways to contract

for construction. However, the government has allowed a new way, which is through job order contracting," Boneta told the court. "The way this works with us, until our firm gives you a firm, fixed price, there are no charges of fees. This process is growing in popularity and we've done construction for the Texas Tech Health Sciences Division in different parts of Texas, as well as work for Midland ISD."

The proposal will provide a new 35-foot by 40-foot metal building to house the department, according to Ronald Lumsdon, regional

manager for Basic IDIQ Inc.

"This is a fairly simple project," said Lumsdon. "It's a 1,400 square-foot metal building and there's nothing elaborate in it. A lot of times the things that will hold us up are long lead time items, such as ordering a special air conditioning unit. However, this is all pretty typical stuff. It should all be easily accessible. So we should be able to get it done before the 120 days."

"This is a great process. Job order contracting has been around since the early 1980s and it's just a way for different state entities to get

these types of jobs done. It's just another tool in your toolbox, rather than designing, bidding and building."

Commissioners approved the proposal on a 3-1 vote May 24, with Commissioner Jimmie Long the lone dissenter.

"I voted against the proposal because it's not in this year's budget," Long said following the proposal's approval. "I'm not against building the building. We need a building out there for training purposes and safety for the road and bridge department. We're also cramped for space. The administrator and sec-

retary are both in one small, confined office and don't have room to do their work adequately. So we need an expansion in this office. However, I just want it to be a budgeted item."

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact the county judge's office at 264-2202.

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FISD

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agreements stipulated that the businesses would have a certain percentage of their property exempted from taxation over an eight-year period. In return, the businesses would return 40 percent of their tax savings back to the school district.

"The nice thing about these agreements is that the money the wind farms return to the district are not subject to Robin Hood recapture. That money stays with the district," Johnson said, referring to money the district must pay

to the state for being considered a "property rich" district under state education funding guidelines.

"The bottom line," he added, "is that we're better off financially under the agreement than if the wind farms were on the tax rolls at full valuation."

The tax rate for the new fiscal year will be virtually unchanged at \$1.10 per \$100 property valuation. Six cents of that rate will be used for debt service, Johnson said.


Forsan trustees are scheduled to formally approve the new budget and tax rate when they meet Aug. 30.

In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

- Teacher appraisers and the appraisal calendar for 2010-2011 school

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- Approval of an "accelerated instruction waiver."
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Spiller gets birthday gift: Contract

PITTSFORD, N.Y. (AP) — As belated birthday presents go, Buffalo Bills rookie first-round pick C.J. Spiller had no trouble waiting an extra day to get the one gift he really wanted: A signed NFL contract.

A day after turning 23, the running back was excited to arrive at training camp Friday to sign a five-year deal that has the potential to be worth \$37 million.

"It's something that I'll always remember," Spiller said, noting he learned the deal had been agreed to on Thursday, shortly after he had a birthday lunch with his family in Lake Butler, Fla. "Whatever day, I would have always remembered it. But it's always special to do it on your birthday."

A person familiar with the contract told The Associated Press about the terms of the deal, saying it includes just under \$21 million in guaranteed money. The contract is also filled with incentives to take into account Spiller's versatility as a rusher, receiver and returner.

The person spoke on the

condition of anonymity because the Bills don't release contract terms.

Spiller wasted little time once arriving at the team's training camp complex in suburban Rochester. He headed directly to attend team meetings before taking the field for the Bills' evening practice.

Selected ninth overall out of Clemson, Spiller has some catching up to do after missing 11 practices since camp opened July 29. He was also one of the final NFL first-round draft picks to sign this summer.

"Any time you miss any day, that's one day you can't get better," Spiller said. "Of course you miss that, but at the same time, you understand that you've got to get the business done first before you get on the field. And I'm glad I was able to get it done so I can get out there."

As for becoming a rich man, Spiller shrugged that aside.

"That's on the back-burner now," he said. "Now my mind is focused on coming out here tonight and trying to get better."

The ACC's player of the year last season finished his four-year college career with 51 touchdowns, including 32 rushing. Listed at 5-foot-11 and 196 pounds, Spiller has dynamic speed and is unafraid to run up the middle.

Because of his versatility, Spiller has drawn comparisons to Reggie Bush of the New Orleans Saints. Spiller and Bush are the only two players to finish their college careers with 3,000 yards rushing, 1,500 yards in kickoff returns, 1,000 yards receiving and 500 yards in punt returns.

Spiller is being counted upon to play a big role in the new offense first-year coach Chan Gailey is installing. He'll be part of a three-back rotation that includes Fred Jackson and Marshawn Lynch, who split the starting duties last season.

Gailey hasn't ruled out the possibility of splitting Spiller wide as a receiver, or using a formation using two running backs.

Spiller received a loud reception from the crowd as he came out for practice,

and gave a thumbs-up sign to a group of fans at the rail chanting "C.J.! C.J.!" Numerous fans were wearing No. 21 Spiller jerseys, and at least one waved a large Clemson flag.

Spiller then showed his tremendous burst on a running play to the right. As he broke past the line of scrimmage, linebacker Donovan Woods was late getting over, but grabbed a piece of Spiller's red undershirt. A strip of the shirt tore off in Woods' hand as Spiller blew past him.

"It felt great," Spiller said. "I've still got to get my timing down. First day in pads, so you really don't know what to expect. But the first day went pretty smooth."

Gailey said he intends to work Spiller in slowly.

"He's got a lot of catching up to do, not only mentally but physically," Gailey said. "But I mean you could see the explosiveness that he's always had."

Quarterback Trent Edwards was pleased to have Spiller finally at camp.

"I'm excited, honestly, because I feel like he's a big

impact player on our offense and our team," Edwards said. "The potential is all there. He's got all the talent in the world, and it's just a matter of us blocking for him."

Gailey, general manager Buddy Nix and Bills owner Ralph Wilson all praised Spiller in the days after he was drafted.

Wilson referred to Spiller as "one of the best players in the country," and someone who could provide a spark to what he called a "dull team." Buffalo's offense has ranked 25th or worst in yards the past seven seasons.

NOTES: WR Roscoe Parrish was hurt 90 minutes into practice when he pulled up short while running a route.

He angrily walked off the field, throwing his shoulder pads to the ground, on his way to the locker room. Gailey wouldn't divulge the nature of the injury except to say "It's not bad," and Parrish should miss only a few days. ... LB Chris Kelsay practiced on a limited basis for the first time since hurting his right shoulder on the first day of camp.

Goosen has hope at Bridgestone

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Retief Goosen has been playing well. He just hasn't been winning.

Two more days like the first two at the Bridgestone Invitational and that may no longer be a problem.

Goosen shot a 4-under 66 in Friday's second round to take a one-stroke lead over Phil Mickelson and Justin Leonard midway through the rich, no-cut World Golf Championship event at Firestone Country Club.

"I've been playing quite consistent this

year, which is quite nice," said the South African, winner of the U.S. Open in 2001 and again in 2004. "I've just not been winning. Obviously, you want to win. I've had a lot of top 10s this year but that doesn't mean anything. It's that No. 1 that counts."

Goosen, who stands at 7-under 133, was talking about being No. 1 in a tournament. Mickelson can be No. 1 in the world — and end Tiger Woods' reign after more than five years — with a strong showing.

Mickelson has been

chasing Woods all year but can overtake him if he finishes in the top four and Woods continues his woeful play. Woods followed a 74 — his worst score at Firestone or in the tournament — with a 72 in the second round and now finds himself 13 shots behind Goosen but only eight shots out of last place in the field.

Lefty would love to be No. 1.

"Obviously, it would be cool," he said after completing an adventurous 68. "I'm not going to say it wouldn't.

It would be something I would love to do. And I know I've got a great opportunity this week. I know that I'm playing well and this is my best opportunity. But I'm trying not to think about it."

Goosen, playing in the morning wave, birdied the par-5 second after reaching the green in two, then chipped in from 75 feet for another at the fourth.

A 330-yard drive for the deceptively long Goosen set the stage for another birdie at the eighth hole.

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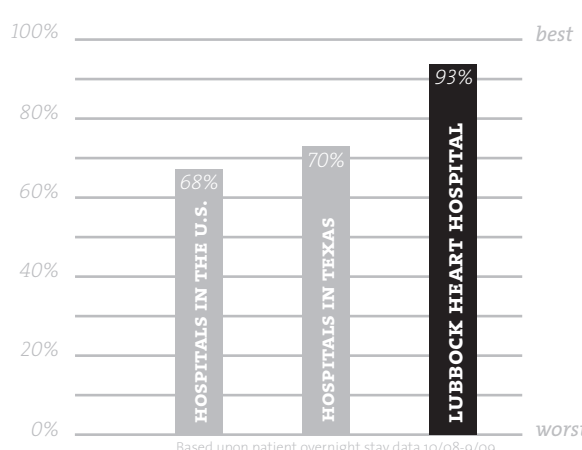
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Caesar Salad

By Greg Patent

a food writer in Missoula, Mont.

The only way to have a true Caesar salad is to make one yourself. Most restaurants nowadays use Caesar "dressings," which bear little relation to the purity of garlicky olive oil, lemon juice, eggs and Parmesan cheese—items in the original Caesar salad.

Classic Caesar Salad

We've streamlined the preparation of this salad considerably—the garlic oil can stand for as little as 10 minutes instead of overnight, and egg yolks are used in place of cod-

dling whole eggs. But it should still be made just before serving and eaten with your hands, as Cardini did.

- 7 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 to 6 garlic cloves, peeled and sliced
- 2 cups croutons, made from firm-textured bread
- 3 Romaine hearts
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- Coarsely ground black pepper
- Juice from 1 lemon
- 2 large pasteurized egg yolks
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1. Combine olive oil and garlic in a small bowl; cover tightly

and let stand 10 minutes to 1 hour.
2. Preheat oven to 325F. Toss croutons with 3 tablespoons garlic oil to coat. Spread in a single layer in a shallow baking pan. Bake about 10 minutes, just until the edges begin to color. Set aside to cool.
3. Carefully separate leaves of the romaine hearts; place in a large salad bowl. Drizzle lettuce with 2 tablespoons garlic oil, salt and pepper; toss well. Add another 2 tablespoons garlic oil, lemon juice, yolks and Worcestershire; toss gently. Sprinkle with cheese and croutons. Serves 6.

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Savvy Senior: My dear grandma doesn't have a computer

Dear Savvy Senior

Are there any simple devices that let seniors who don't have a computer receive e-mail? My 75-year-old grandma doesn't have a home computer or the skills to operate one, but loves hearing from her grandkids whenever possible. Is there any such service that can help us stay better connected with her?

Disconnected

Dear Disconnected,

Keeping in touch with older relatives can be a bit more challenging when they don't use a computer. Fortunately, there are several different products and services available today that can bridge the gap between those who use e-mail and seniors who don't. Here's what you should know.

E-mail to Snail Mail

While seniors make up the fastest growing group of Internet and e-mail users in the U.S., they still lag way behind the younger generations. Currently around 45 percent of people ages 70 to 75 go online compared to nearly 90 percent of those under age 35. To help, there's a relatively new service called Sunnygram (sunnygram.com; 888-517-8669) that will turn your e-mails into stamped letters so you can easily keep in touch with your grandma in formats that you're both accustomed to.

The idea is simple: When you sign up, your grandma will get an e-mail address that you write to. Sunnygram then collects and prints out all the e-mail messages and pictures addressed to her, and snail mails them to her once a week in an appealing newsletter format (large font is an option too). Your grandma then has the option of responding through a Sunnygram prepaid letter which would be scanned and e-mailed to you. Or she can call a toll-free number and leave a voice message, which would get transcribed and sent to you in an e-mail. This service, which costs \$13 per month, provides unlimited e-mail and photo printing and any number of family members and friends can corre-

spond with her.

Another neat new service if you're a Facebook user is PostEgram (postegram.com). It works similar to Sunnygram except it lets you share Facebook news and photos in a printed newsletter format that can be mailed out weekly, biweekly or monthly.

E-mail to Fax

If you're looking for something a little quicker, check out Celery and Presto, two unique services that will turn your e-mails into printed faxes almost immediately.

With a Celery (mycel-

ery.com; 866-692-3537), your grandma can receive e-mails, pictures and documents, along with Twitter and Facebook status updates on printed paper, and she can send handwritten letters electronically too. It uses a color fax printer connected to a standard phone line to do it.

How does it work?

When you sign up, your grandma will get a Celery e-mail address that you write to. When you send her an e-mail, Facebook or Twitter update, Celery calls her announcing she has a message being sent, and

is automatically printed out on paper. Then to reply, she simply handwrites a letter putting your name in block print at the top. She then places the letter into her Celery fax machine, pushes two buttons and the letter is sent to you electronically. The system uses handwriting-recognition software to match your name to an e-mail address or Twitter account stored in her Celery address book. The cost: \$14 a month.

You can also use any fax machine with the Celery service, or you can buy their color fax printer machine for \$89.

The other service you should check out is the Presto (presto.com; 800-591-9827), a neat device that works like Celery, but uses a special HP Printing Mailbox to deliver your grandma's e-mails, Facebook photos, greeting cards and more. Presto also comes with a nice variety of extra features like on-

going access to articles, recipes and puzzles that your grandma can receive free of charge. And some convenient web tools that let you send quick reminders, and even monitor who's e-mailing her. Presto, however, does not offer your grandma a way to respond, unless she does it the old fashioned way – by telephone. The cost: \$100 for the Printing Mailbox (which she must have), plus a \$15 per month service fee.

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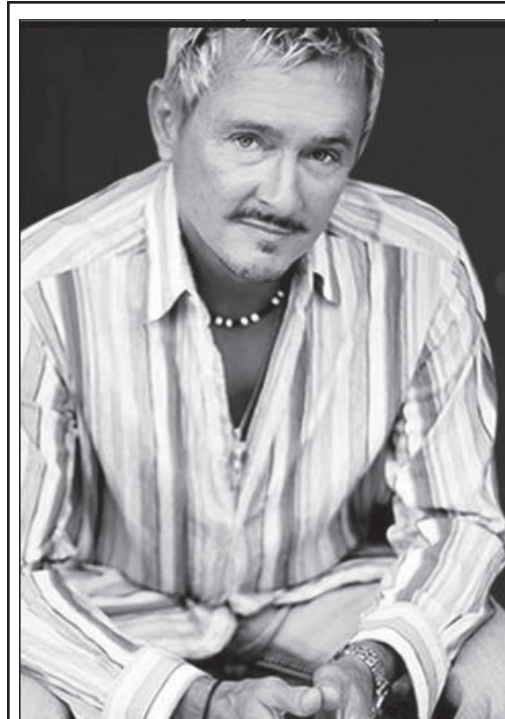


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OUR VIEW

Get TxDOT message; avoid a DWI

If you're doing some traveling in the next few weeks, don't be surprised if you run across some rather unique vehicles that look like a police patrol car in front and resemble a taxi cab in back. That's because Texas Department of Transportation officials, police departments, and sheriff's offices across Texas are working together to reduce impaired driving this summer, especially during the upcoming Labor Day weekend.

"The only way to be sure you'll avoid a DWI is by never getting behind the wheel after drinking alcohol," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT's traffic operations division director. "We're reminding Texans that there are many options they can choose for getting home that don't include drinking and driving."

The "Choose Your Ride" effort incorporates modified patrol cars from police departments and sheriff's offices in communities with a high incidence of alcohol-related fatalities.

TxDOT is also running new television spots, radio ads, billboards, wall postings, web and mobile phone ads along with targeted messages in major market bar and restaurant districts.

Officials say these different efforts will raise awareness of the consequences of a DWI conviction and the alternatives available: calling a cab, designating a sober driver ahead of time, using public transportation, staying put, calling a friend or family member for a ride, taking a pedicab...

The bottom line — if you've been drinking, don't get behind the wheel.

So, be warned. Law enforcement statewide will be working overtime to find and arrest impaired drivers from Aug. 20 to Sept. 6.

Convicted first-time DWI offenders can pay a fine of up to \$2,000, lose their driver's license for up to a year and serve 180 days in jail.

But there are other costs to consider, as well. Officials say some of those other costs associated with an impaired driving arrest and conviction can add up to more than \$17,000 for bail, legal fees, court appearances, court-ordered classes, vehicle insurance increases, etc.

Of course, the consequences of driving under the influence can be much worse. In 2009, there were 27,108 alcohol-related crashes in Texas that resulted in 955 deaths and 17,542 injuries.

That's a sobering thought. At least it should be.

Please, please, please ... don't drink and drive.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we have You in our life, Lord, there are more forces at work for us than meet the eye.

Amen

In America, blame the babies

They call them "anchor babies." Not "God's children," you understand. There'll be no celebrating these infants as the joyful proof that each was "a baby, not a choice." These precious little faces will not be smiling from a right-to-life billboard any time soon.

No, these are bad babies, the ones born in America to undocumented immigrants. You may remember how Lou Dobbs, before he left CNN last year, used to call them "anchor babies" as a way to promote his dastardly version of America.

In Dobbs' world, hundreds of thousands of immigrant mothers, heavy with child, were navigating rivers and deserts, outwitting U.S. agents and dodging gun-wielding vigilantes so they could heave themselves upon America's shores and head for the nearest emergency room. Just in the nick of time, they'd deliver babies who would take their first breaths as Americans — and later make their parents citizens, too.

Arizona state Sen. Russell Pearce — chief sponsor of his state's controversial new immigration law, which recently was gutted by a federal judge — loves the "anchor child" theory. Makes misogyny so much more palatable.

"They use it as a wedge," Pearce told Time magazine. "This is an orchestrated effort by them to come here and have children to gain access to the

great welfare state we've created."

Or, as California anti-immigration activist Barbara Coe told the Los Angeles Times, "it's invasion by birth canal."

A Google search for "anchor babies" produces about 331,000 links. Scroll through them and you'll notice the epithet is increasingly free of quotation marks, which suggests the effort to dehumanize the smallest of humans is catching on.

Last week, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said he was thinking of introducing a constitutional amendment that would change the law that grants citizenship to immigrants' children born in America. He had such an interesting way of putting it, too:

"People come here to have babies," he said.

"They come here to drop a child. It's called 'drop and leave.' To have a child in America, they cross the border, they go to the emergency room, have a child, and that child's automatically an American citizen. That shouldn't be the case. That attracts people here for all the wrong reasons."

I have lived for more than a half-century, and I have yet to meet a mother anywhere in the world who would describe the excruciating miracle of birth as "dropping" a baby. But let's face it: You can't go after a baby unless you take down the mother, too. Feels so American, in that far-righty kind of way.

There are numerous factual responses to this latest round of Hate the Immigrant.

Many studies show that the number of immigrants' children conceived to game the system is mighty small and that most parents cross the border for jobs

and to reunite with families.

The Pew Hispanic Center reports that Mexican emigration to America has declined steadily — from 605,000 in 2000 to 175,000 in 2008. To further shake the baby's rattle, Pew used 2008 Census Bureau data to estimate that undocumented immigrants are only 4 percent of our country's population and just 5.4 percent of our work force. Immigrants' children who were born in America make up a whopping 6.8 percent of elementary and secondary schools.

We also should review the pesky rules for immigrant parents' citizenship. Every immigrant's American child must turn 21 before sponsoring Mom or Dad. That's two decades plus one year before parents can even apply. If the parents haven't lived legally in the U.S. for at least the previous year, they have to go back to their home country and wait 10 years to try again.

Conservative, self-declared patriots insist that carrying a pregnancy to term is a woman's God-given obligation but then attempt to defile an entire population of innocent newborns as tools of trickery.

Deport these newborns! they say. Banish these babies!

What God are these people praying to? What version of Jesus have they conjured up to demonize innocent children?

No one chooses to be born in America.

But everyone who is has the constitutional right to call this country home.

Connie Schultz is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for *The Plain Dealer in Cleveland* and an essayist for *Parade* magazine.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The Forsan state champion softball team would like to thank the Big Spring Herald for its contribution of the ad for their garage sale, as well as Chris Evans, who donated the tables.

The team would also like to thank those who donated items and assisted with the garage sale. It was a huge success and will assist in the purchase of state championship rings.

CHARLOTTE HALL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to write a note of heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Big Spring Fire Department, each and every member.

We noticed smoke, almost a fog, in the north part of our home. Checking everywhere, we could not find the source of the smoke. There was no fire.

The smoke, or fog, continued to build up in the house and we decided to call Fire Marshall Carl Condray. He told us to call 911. We did, gave them the information and location and they were here immediately.

They came into our home so professional and so courteous, looking for the problem. Still, there was no fire, only smoke. They used large fans to clear the smoke out of the house, and it stayed clear the remainder of the

day.

The next morning the same thing happened. We again called Carl Condray and he came with a crew immediately, along with Fire Chief Brian Jensen. They continued to search and found the problem — freon escaping from our air conditioning unit and entering the ceiling vents was causing the house to fill with "smoke-fog."

Later, Brumley Electric and Hester's Heating and Air Conditioning came and helped find and correct the problem.

Residents and citizens of Big Spring can rest assured that Big Spring has a superior fire department and firefighters taking care of their needs.

May God bless each and everyone that came and helped us during this frightening experience.

May God bless our community and may He bless our country.

J.C. AND PAT YARBROUGH
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I have been an avid morning listener of KBST for many years. The first thing I do every work day morning as I get out of bed, is turn my radio on. The dial is always set to KBST. It has always been a good start for my day and to catch up on our home town news.

And I will miss Mike Henry.

He's a true and loyal citizen of Big Spring and Howard County. If there was news happening in Big Spring and local areas, Mike Henry was always there reporting it with professionalism.

I do not know Mike personally, but I do know that he displayed a kind attitude and a compassionate heart on the radio and in person. It is evident that he cares for Big Spring and its citizens. He is a true home town person.

He has dedicated many years of early morning hours and many hours in the community, just to bring Big Spring and the surrounding areas the news and to keep us updated on events.

KBST has always been a home town radio station with home town people managing the news and events. The home town touch is missing now.

Mike Henry, I miss your bold voice of radio each morning. God bless you, whatever you are doing these days.

Oh for the good old days of Mike Henry, Tim Knox and Mark Sheedy.

CATHY WARD
COAHOMA

TO THE EDITOR:

I have noticed that in the last two days there have been four arrests by the Big Spring Police

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Lochte upsets Phelps in 200 IM

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Ryan Lochte finally fended off Michael Phelps in the individual medley.

Lochte beat his rival for the first time in a long-course medley at a major meet, winning the 200-meter IM at the U.S. national championships on Friday night.

Lochte touched in 1 minute, 54.84 seconds, with Phelps second in 1:55.94. Their times were the two fastest in the world this year, while Lochte's time was fifth-quickest ever.

"Every time I go on the blocks I think I can win," Lochte said.

That mindset hasn't helped him in the individual medleys against Phelps, who has dominated at 200 and 400 meters in the Olympics, worlds and Pan Pacific championships.

Phelps is the two-time defending Olympic champion and owned the world record from June 2003 until last year, when Lochte took it away at the world championships in Rome.

They are the two fastest swimmers ever in the 200 IM. Lochte has shared the podium with Phelps, but he had never made the top spot.

That changed when Phelps took a break from the events after winning a record eight gold medals at the Beijing Games. Lochte finally broke through, winning both distances in Rome.

It was Phelps' first loss this week after winning the 100 and 200 butterfly and the 200 freestyle. Lochte earlier won the 400 IM, which Phelps skipped. They will resume their rivalry, along with Aaron Peirsol, in the 200 back-

stroke on Saturday.

Tyler Clary, silver medalist at worlds, was third.

Lochte came into this week with a left groin injury that had prevented him from practicing breaststroke for nearly a month. This meet was a major test of his left knee, which was surgically repaired last fall after he tore the meniscus while break dancing.

"I've been babying it," he said of his groin. "I think it's just rested."

Reminded of Lochte's injuries, Phelps said laughingly, "He always says that."

Phelps led through the first 100 meters of butterfly and backstroke, but Lochte pulled even on the breaststroke leg and took the lead at the final turn. He put distance between himself and Phelps over the last 25 meters of freestyle.

"I hurt, holy crap," a breath-

less Phelps said. "I said to Ryan, 'Dude, with about 20 meters left you passed me like I was standing still.' It all goes back to not being in shape. I'm not there yet. I feel like my body shut down."

Lochte, who had finished second in the 100 free about 40 minutes earlier, knew the race would be decided at the final turn.

"If he's right with you and he pushes off that wall, he'll pop up a body length ahead and it's over," he said. "That's where he is so dominant."

Instead, Phelps was behind with 50 meters to go.

"There's a lot of work to be done," he said. "Losses always motivate me."

Nathan Adrian won the 100 free with the world's second-fastest time.

Adrian touched in 48.41 seconds against a strong field of

fellow Olympians.

He completed a sweep of the sprints, having won the 50 free a night earlier. Adrian's time trails only Alain Bernard of France, who has swum 48.32.

"There are definitely some things I can clean up to go faster in that race, but I'm pretty happy with that time," Adrian said. "The most important thing is to swim your own race, and I was able to do that."

Lochte took second in 48.83. His final lap of 25.37 was two one-hundredths faster than Adrian, who was quickest off the blocks and into the first turn.

They had already earned spots on the U.S. team for both the upcoming Pan Pacific championships and next year's world championships in Shanghai.

No U.S. men ranked in ATP top 10 next week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thanks to players such as Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe, then Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi, and, lately, Andy Roddick, there always has been at least one man from the United States in tennis' top 10 since the computer rankings began in 1973.

That streak will end next week.

With Roddick sliding from No. 9 to no better than No. 12 when the new rankings are issued Monday, the ATP

said, it will be the first time zero U.S. men are among the top 10.

"It's a big thing to say, 'Look, there's no American in the top 10.' That's certainly not something I take lightly," said Patrick McEnroe, the U.S. Davis Cup captain and general manager of player development for the U.S. Tennis Association.

"But it's not that surprising when you look at the way the game has changed and the global nature of the game,"

McEnroe added. "Players are coming from all over the world."

He spoke in an interview Friday at the Legg Mason Tennis Classic, where the quarterfinals were contested without a U.S. man for the first time at the tournament that dates to 1969.

Roddick lost in the third round Thursday, when the other three remaining Americans in the tournament also were beaten: John Isner, Mardy Fish and Ryan Sweeting.

Super Bowl ref admits errors

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Saying "I'll go to my grave" with regret, NFL referee Bill Leavy reopened a Seahawks' wound that won't heal by acknowledging he made mistakes in Seattle's disputed, 2006 Super Bowl loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The veteran official began an annual training-camp rules interpretation session with the Seattle media after practice on Friday by bringing up the sore subject without being asked.

"It was a tough thing for me. I kicked two calls in the fourth quarter and I impacted the game, and as an official you never want to do that," said the veteran of 15 NFL seasons and two Super Bowls.

"It left me with a lot

of sleepless nights, and I think about it constantly," Leavy said of the game in February 2006. "I'll go to my grave wishing that I'd been better."

Though Seattle played one of its poorest games of an otherwise wondrous season that day, several key calls went against the Seahawks in their 21-10 loss to the Steelers. It remains Seattle's only Super Bowl appearance.

This week is the first time since that game Leavy has been in Seattle with the Seahawks. He and a mini-crew arrived Thursday to help with the team's practices and give it a rules presentation.

Leavy didn't specify which plays he "kicked" that big day in Detroit.

But there are two late ones that people still talk about in Seattle — with disdain they usually reserve for cold, weak coffee.

Early in the fourth quarter, tackle Sean Locklear was called for holding on a pass completion that would have put the Seahawks at the Pittsburgh 1, poised for the go-ahead touchdown. After the penalty, Matt Hasselbeck threw an interception, and then was called for a mysterious low block on a play that ended with him tackling Pittsburgh's Ike Taylor on the defensive back's return.

The penalty moved the Steelers from their 29 to the 44. Pittsburgh used its better field position to score the clinching touchdown.

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Input sought at community NRC meetings

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Field Office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) invites the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues in Howard County to participate in a Local Work Group meeting to be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16., in the USDA Building, located at 302 W. Interstate 20,

Suite 101.

A second meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the Martin County 4-H Building, located at 105 W. Broadway in Stanton. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

The purpose of these meetings is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs in Howard County

and Martin County.

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

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue

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

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



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Airpark Manager Col. Jim Little, center, visits with fellow dinners during the celebration of ALON USA's 10-year mark of ownership of the Big Spring Refinery. More than 200 people attended the event held at the Big Spring Country Club Thursday night. During the evening, several members of the Israeli company's corporate officers addressed the crowd relaying the same message of commitment to the Big Spring Refinery.

Alon USA report declares 4-cent quarterly dividend

Special to the Herald

DALLAS — Alon USA Energy Inc. announced results for the quarter and six months ended June 30 Thursday afternoon.

Alon also announced that its board of directors has approved a regular quarterly cash dividend of 4 cents per share. The dividend is payable Sept. 15 to stockholders of record at the close of business Aug. 3.

Net loss for the second quarter of 2010 was \$29.3 million, or 54 cents per share, compared to net loss of \$15.3 million, or 33 cents per share, for the same period last year. Excluding special items, Alon recorded a net loss of \$29.5 million, or 55 cents per share, for the second quarter of 2010, compared to net loss of \$12.4 million, or 26 cents per share, for the same

period last year.

Net loss for the six months ended June 30, was \$82.2 million, or \$1.52 per share, compared to net income of \$2 million, or 4 cents per share, for the six months ended June 30, 2009. Excluding special items, Alon recorded net loss of \$78.6 million or \$1.45 per share, for the six months ended June 30, compared to net income of \$7 million, or 15 cents per share, for the same period last year.

"Although our plan was to start earlier, we are pleased that in June the Krotz Springs refinery returned to operation with throughput of 65,000 barrels per day," said Jeff Morris, Alon's CEO.

"Also, during the second quarter we consummated the acquisition of the Bakersfield refinery. We were able to complete the acquisition without modifying the capital structure of the company. We are planning to integrate the

Bakersfield refinery with our other California refineries and expect to complete the integration during the first half of 2011. With the completion of the integration we will have a full conversion West Coast refinery without the need to build a hydrocracker. We are planning to increase the throughput of the integrated California refineries and are expecting substantial improvement to the operating margin."

Morris added that once the Bakersfield refinery has been fully integrated, Alon will have completed its long term plan to have three complex refineries in Texas, California and Louisiana, plus its asphalt business and retail operations.

"We are pleased our consolidated results have improved on an Adjusted EBITDA basis from a negative \$38.6 million in the first

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Morris



Courtesy photo

Victoria Patterson (right) receives a \$200 gift certificate from Oncor Area Manager Jim Clements after she won the drawing for the top prize in the "Ask Oncor" program. Other winners were Mary Whitsitt, who won a \$50 certificate, and Lori Metcalf, who received a \$25 certificate.

Energy Watch



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

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



Investing has a lot in common with running. Just like the market, runners have good and bad days. Another similarity is that at times it's hard to tell what led to a particular outcome at the end of the day.

Some days the conditions are ripe for a bad run: if one doesn't get enough sleep, for example. Other days, you feel tired but have a surprisingly good run anyway.

The reverse is also true. You can be well rested and feel great, yet have a run in which you can't find your breath and rhythm or feel like you're tripping over your own feet.

The unpredictable nature of the human body can be frustrating. And while we could expend considerable energy attempting to determine the reasons for each of these experiences, it's often better to just knock the dirt off our shoes and move on.

Doesn't that sound like the stock market?

How many times have we seen a trading come and go, with no rational explanation for why the market was up or down?

A particular company will announce a better-than-expected earnings report, yet the market goes down substantially anyway. Or, a particular piece of economic news comes out that's disappointing but the market rebounds.

As any dedicated investor knows, you can end up pulling all your hair out trying to deduce why the market behaved a certain way on any given day.

Investors are frustrated right now because market action remains unpredictable and they've had to endure three months of extreme volatility. Over the last few weeks, many notable firms and individuals have reversed positions on everything from the stock market to the euro to U.S. Treasury securities.

These investors have approached the market from the fundamental and technical side and neither one has held the key. Like running on a treadmill, the only thing investors have to show for their work is a whole lot of movement but not a lot of forward progress.

We still find ourselves within the range of the "flash splash" and close to levels we first hit in October of last year. The S&P 500 index has been as high as 1,220 and as low as 1,011, but we seem to find ourselves right back in the middle.

Second quarter earnings were encouraging, as we had plenty of good reports and enough revenue growth to help allay some fears. We have also had a mildly positive slate of economic data, including the Consumer Price Index (CPI), University of Michigan Confidence Index, Initial and Continuing claims and Housing Starts and Existing Home Sales numbers. These statistical releases dovetail with our outlook that growth is likely to be tepid but that inflation is benign and that rates and policy will stay supportive.

On the policy front, we also heard from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, who spooked the markets by saying the economic outlook remains "unusually uncertain." However, he also reaffirmed the Fed's commitment should the economy need it, which we took as a positive.

Sometimes an extended cooling off period is necessary to prepare for the next run. After long runs or an especially hard workout, your legs get tired and sore. It often takes hours or even days to recover.

In similar fashion, the 80 percent move from the stock market's bottom in March of 2009 may require an extended cooling off period before it's ready for its next run.

We continue to believe that another leg higher for equities is coming.

In the near-term, we believe the gyrations will remain as the market digests the enormous amount of earnings reports and economic news

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LETTERS

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Department for possession of marijuana, two ounces or less.

I assumed it took one or more of officers to arrest, transport and book these four persons. They were then transported to the county jail, booked in and locked up by more officers.

I have estimated that this has cost me my share of a little less than \$900.

It has embarrassed and given four Big Spring citizens a police record of sorts. They have harmed no one, as far as I can tell.

State law does not require that these people be arrested. They can be given a ticket or some such reprimand. They do not need to be arrested and I do not want to pay for these arrests and bookings.

I am asking that this policy be junked. Let's let our officers look for criminals and let's save our jail cells for criminals.

BOOSIE WEAVER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The West Texas VA Health Care System is committed to becoming a veteran-centered care facility. It is with disappointment that I am responding to the recently published letter to the editor.

As Director of the WTVAHCS, I personally apologize to the veteran that presented for care and was turned away on a Saturday evening. The veteran did indeed receive the requested care at a private facility and our VA Medical Center will be reimbursing the facility for his care.

The staff of the Department of Veterans Affairs is empowered to make decisions regarding a veteran's eligibility and is required to interpret laws regarding same.

Staff continually receives training as updated regulations are received, but this letter is indicative of the need for additional training.

I personally shared my regrets to the veteran and his friend for the incident they experienced with our West Texas VA Health Care System.

DANIEL L. MARSH
DIRECTOR, WTVAHCS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to Ms. Loya's letter concerning the abduction of the baby: Yes, the facts do need to be told. The woman who took the baby did so while committing a crime. She stole the vehicle the baby was in!

The baby's mother and the babysitter were outside of the vehicle talking to friends. The woman was passed out in the back seat. The baby was secured in a car seat.

The woman woke up, jumped into the front seat and took off in the vehicle with the baby. She never had permission to take the vehicle and wrecked it, causing major, not to mention expensive, damage to it.

Now, you are wondering how she got the keys, right? The vehicle was left running so the air conditioner could keep the baby and the woman comfortable, as well as keep out mosquitos. Remember now, the mother and the babysitter were outside the vehicle — they were right there.

Yes, there was drinking during the course of the night, as several ladies were celebrating the birthday of a mutual friend. That is why the babysitter was also the designated driver.

As for the mother "taking off, leaving the baby and getting intoxicated herself," that never happened. Not once during the night did the mother leave her baby. Plus, the babysitter would never have left the baby alone for any reason.

Those are the facts. How do I know? The mother and babysitter are personal friends of mine and have been for more than 30 years.

Now, as far as punishment goes, who deserves it? The mother or babysitter, who are innocent of doing anything wrong, or the drunken car thief-kidnapper, who not only put her life and the life of a precious little child in danger, but the lives of other drivers on the street? What about the person she hit when she wrecked the car?

I pray justice will prevail and the punishment falls on the one that caused such heartache.

Thank God the baby is too young to remember the ride that could have ended its sweet little life.

MARY CHURCHWELL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This year along, hundreds of anti-choice bills have been introduced in

state legislatures around the country to chip away at Roe v. Wade and undermine a woman's right to choose.

More than 600 anti-choice laws have been enacted since 1995!

In Texas, legislators diverted family planning dollars to "crisis pregnancy centers," which perform no family planning services and don't give out contraceptives. This has been a costly mistake for Texas.

The fact is: Family planning saves money. Planned Parenthood does more to prevent abortion and pregnancy than any organization I know of. They provide low income women with contraceptives. These are women who do have a right to determine their own destiny. In addition, Planned Parenthood provides screens for cancer, STDs and provide abstinence counseling.

In 2005, Texas lawmakers created the Women's Health Program, but conservatives are asking the Texas Attorney General's help in keeping funding away from Planned Parenthood. The program will need to be renewed next year.

According to a HHSC report, the program saved Texas more than \$40 million in state funds in 2008 by reducing the number of Medicaid-paid births in the state. That about \$20 saved for every \$1 invested.

About half of all births in Texas are paid by Medicaid, and 10 percent of those are deliveries to teen mothers, ages 13 to 17, which along cost the state \$41 million. Seventy percent of

pregnancies among unmarried women are unplanned — a statistic that has an economic impact far beyond the cost to the state's health care system.

The state put roughly \$2 million into the program in 2008, which the federal government matches. According to HHSC, the investment in the Women's Health Program reduced Medicaid-paid births by more than 10,000 in 2008, for a total savings (both federal and state) of more than \$92 million.

We have a group of politicians and religious people in the country who want to force women to bear children that nobody wants or can afford to take care of. These people are the first to scream about raising taxes and supporting welfare programs. The state is struggling with a budget deficit. Giving low income women the opportunity to enroll in the Women's Health Program is a no-brainer.

CAROL SMITH
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

August 2 we were in Lubbock. Unleaded gas prices ranged from \$2.379 to \$2.499 per gallon. Most places it was \$2.389 or \$2.399. Diesel was seen at \$2.789 per gallon.

Back in Big Spring, prices ranged from \$2.659 to mostly \$2.749 a gallon for unleaded. Diesel here is \$2.889 to

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August EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Jeanette Seaton

Parkview Nursing and Rehab would like to congratulate Jeanette Seaton for earning Employee of the Month. Jeanette has been with us since May 2009 and does a wonderful job as a Charge Nurse. The residents, families, and employees of Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation appreciate all that you do! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!



Jeanette Seaton




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Richard Roland Campbell vs. Elizabeth Ann Easterling, divorce.
Lou Sherman vs. Daniel Flores, protective order.
Patricia Hernandez vs. John Ray Hernandez, protective order.
Donna Carroll vs. Mitchel Carroll, divorce.
Bullett J. Burchett vs. La Donna F. Burchett, divorce.
Gloria Luna vs. Jose Luna, divorce.

Marriage Licenses:
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Property: Lot 2, Block 1, Suburban Heights
Date: July 26, 2010
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Date: July 30, 2010
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Date: Aug. 4, 2010

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Grantor: Anthony Cimino and Samantha Cimino
Grantee: Dustin Layman and Amanda Layman
Property: A 10-acre tract out of

Section 13, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 26, 2010
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Grantee: Mark E. Rogers and Melissa Rogers
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Date: July 28, 2010
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Property: Lot 21, Block 25, College Park Estates
Date: July 28, 2010
Grantor: Carol Stephens
Grantee: Maria Villareal and Isabel Vera
Property: A tract out of Section 5, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 28, 2010
Grantor: Billie Frazier
Grantee: Waldon Steve Bingham and Debi Bingham
Property: A 1.5-acre tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 29, 2010
Grantor: Weldon Martin
Grantee: Larry Nicholson Jr. and Crystal Nicholson
Property: Lot 15, Block 5, Worth Peeler No. 3
Date: July 30, 2010
Grantor: Phyllis Turney
Grantee: Donnie Baker
Property: Lot 10, Block 23, Monticello Addition No. 7
Date: July 30, 2010
Grantor: Jill A. Shannon
Grantee: Heather James
Property: Lot 15, Block 30, College Park Estates
Date: July 30, 2010
Grantor: Richard N. Sanders and Deborah Sanders
Grantee: Michael G. Baggett and Mary Baggett
Property: A 1-acre tract out of Section 1, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 30, 2010
Grantor: Doyle Parks and Mary Parks
Grantee: Joshua Estes and Jill Estes
Property: A 22.02-acre tract out of Section 14, Block 31, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Aug. 2, 2010
Grantor: Larry Pew and Sharon Pew
Grantee: Jimmy Leal
Property: Lot 4, Block 7, North Belvue Addition
Date: Aug. 3, 2010
Grantor: Cary W. Karns and Jeanette Karns
Grantee: Charles Noble
Property: Lot 7, Block 2, Amended Piner Heights
Date: Aug. 3, 2010

WATCH

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due over the next few weeks. We believe that sluggish growth, continued uncertainties over the macro outlook and low investor participation will keep volatility elevated throughout the summer and into the fall.

Once we get more clarity on the market's concerns, as well as mid-term elections and possible tax policy changes, we believe the fundamentals will reassert themselves.

Stocks continue to trade at levels we find attractive, but we believe patience is important as the volatility could create even better buying opportunities.

Hills are always a challenge for distance runners. The best advice for how to deal with them is, when things get hilly, relax, watch your form and just keep moving.

Investing is much the same — we know there will be peaks and valleys, but in order to be successful at it we have to just keep moving. Maybe that's because successful investing is a marathon, not a sprint.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this

article were produced July 27 by Greg Teets, Wells Fargo Advisors' senior equity analyst. The opinions expressed in the report are those of the author and are not

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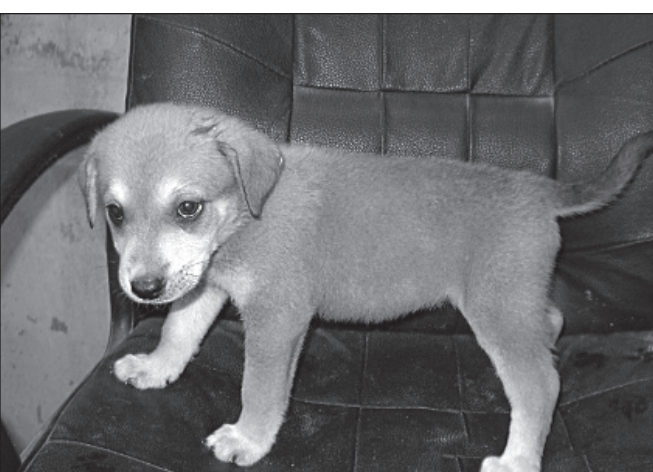
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LETTERS

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Anyone understand this? If so, please share your explanation with those of us who just don't get it.

PAULA HENRY
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Because this nation offers immunity in sanctuary cities located in several states, why not implement sanctuary hospitals for illegal immigrants?

They are bankrupting our emergency rooms and hospitals. The illegals do not pay for anything, but we do.

If the U.S. government condones illegal entry into the country along our southern borders, then it should build hospitals and import Mexican

doctors to care for them. It would be far less expensive than what we are paying for their health care now.

CHARLES ARCHER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Along with the Roman Catholic Bishops of the state of Arizona, I advocate for comprehensive reform of our nation's immigration laws. I commend Judge Susan Bolton for enjoining some of the problematic provisions of SB 1070.

It is our hope that the reaction to her ruling will be expressed only in peaceful and legal ways. We will continue our advocacy against provisions of SB 1070 and monitor the implementation of the provisions allowed by the ruling.

I join my voice to the bishops of Arizona who plea for the safety and peace of the thousands of families who are

living with fear and anxiety generated by SB 1070 that they might be torn apart. The situation of these families might be that one parent is a citizen and that the other is not in our country legally. Or, the situation might be that some children in the family are citizens and that a brother or sister is not here legally.

Our hearts go out to these families, because, as the bishops point out, the vast, vast majority are good people who work hard and who contribute to the economy and the quality of life in their communities.

The advocacy of the Catholic Bishops is predicated on our belief that:

- Illegal immigration is bad for our nation. It is not good for us to not know who is entering our country.
- Our international borders need to be secured and we need to be protected from drug smuggling, weapons smuggling, human trafficking and violence.

• There must be a process — but not amnesty — for persons who have entered our country illegally to pursue legal status. This process must have proportionate consequences for acts of illegal entry.

• Our nation needs a program that would allow needed workers to enter the country legally, protecting the rights for workers.

The tragic consequences of the failure of our nation's political leadership to enact reform of our immigration system have included the deaths of thousands of people.

We pray for those who have died, for their grieving families and we pray that our officials will put aside their partisan divisions and work immediately to fix the broken immigration system.

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Conaway to speak to SWCD directors Aug. 17

Special to the Herald

STANTON — U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, will be the featured speaker at the West Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (WTASWCDS) meeting Aug. 17. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting to begin at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Martin County Community Center located in Stanton.



Conaway

of the House Committee on Agriculture, is expected to inform soil and water conservation district directors attending the meeting on congressional activities currently affecting agriculture.

In addition to serving on the agricultural committee, Conaway serves on the House Rural Development, Biotech-

nology, Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee; General Farm Commodities and Risk Management Subcommittee; and Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Subcommittee.

The meeting program also includes a tour of the Martin County Convent which is a Martin County historical site and the Martin County Historical Museum.

Following lunch, the WTASWCDS will hold a business

meeting.

Speakers during the business session, who will bring SWCD directors up to date on state and national soil and water conservation programs and issues, include Ben Wilde, program specialist for the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and Zone II assistant state conservationist, and Elisha Kuehn of the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Seventeen soil and water

conservation districts in the western region of the state where the High Plains, Edwards plateau and Trans-Pecos geological regions merge are members of the WTASWCDS.

Counties which the SWCDS serve include Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Nolan, Taylor, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Reagan, Irion, Upton, Tom Green, Concho and Schleicher.



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Local Boy Scout Matt Tompkins hammers down a blue reflector near the corner of 18th Street and Main Wednesday afternoon, part of a community wide project to use the reflectors to mark fire hydrants for firefighters. The markers have been purchased by Western Bank, and local civic groups — including the Boy Scouts of America — have been helping to install them throughout the city of Big Spring.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Howard County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2011 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 8, 2010 at Howard County Appraisal District Boardroom, 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget. **\$1,315,509.00**

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. **\$25,770.00**

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. **10**

The number of employees compensated under the current budget. **10**

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District Office.

Howard County Appraisal District
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ALON

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quarter of 2010 to near break-even in the second quarter, which included only one month of operations of the Krotz Springs refinery," Morris added.

"This improvement is the result of significantly improved margins at our Big Spring and California refineries, good results from Alon Brands, in addition to the start up of the Krotz Springs refinery."

Morris said Alon's board of directors has instructed corporate officers to pursue a rights offering of convertible preferred shares from which Alon expects net proceeds of \$40 million or more.

"We have received an indication of interest from our shareholder, Alon Israel, to exercise its rights and to invest in the rights offering up to \$30 million," he explained.

Refinery operating margin at the Big Spring refinery was \$9.58 per barrel for the second quarter of 2010 compared to \$5.37 per barrel for the same period in 2009.

The increase was due to higher Gulf Coast 3/2/1 crack spreads, greater sweet/sour spreads and increased light product yields.

Light product yields were approximately 90 percent for the second quar-

ter of 2010 and 80 percent for the second quarter of 2009.

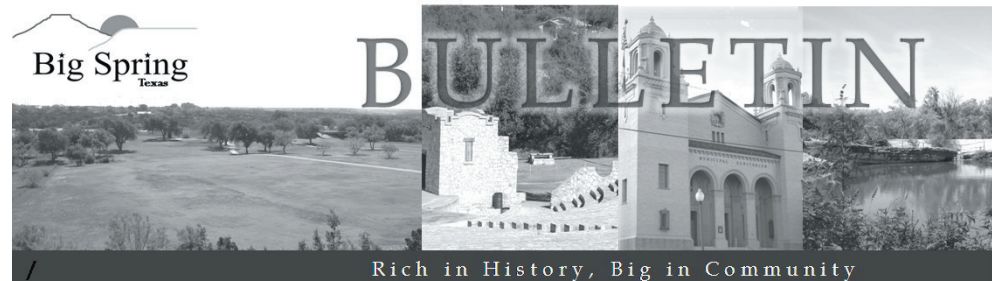
The Big Spring and California refineries' combined throughput for the second quarter of 2010 averaged 62,218 barrels per day (bpd), consisting of an average of 42,775 bpd at the Big Spring refinery and an average of 19,443 bpd at the California refineries, compared to a combined average of 101,398 bpd in the second quarter of 2009, consisting of an average of 61,573 bpd at the Big Spring refinery and an average of 39,825 bpd at the California refineries.

Asphalt margins in the second quarter of 2010 increased to \$67.12 per ton compared to \$50.97 per ton in the second quarter of 2009.

On a cash basis, asphalt margins in the second quarter of 2010 were \$55.16 per ton compared to \$65.42 per ton in the second quarter of 2009. This decrease was primarily due to higher crude oil costs.

The average blended asphalt sales price increased 22.1 percent from \$397.35 per ton in the second quarter of 2009 to \$485.15 per ton in the second quarter of 2010 and the average non-blended asphalt sales price increased 160.8 percent from \$145.04 per ton in the second quarter of 2009 to \$378.25 per ton in the second quarter of 2010.

The price for WTI crude increased 30.6 percent, from \$59.54 per barrel in the second quarter of 2009, to \$77.74 per barrel in the second quarter of 2010.



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BACK TO SCHOOL...Know Your Laws: Texas School Safety Laws

We value our children's education and want them to be safe at school; we also want them to be safe while getting there! The State of Texas has laws in place so that the school zones, the high-traffic areas where our children walk, bike, and get on their buses, are as safe as possible. Here are some of the laws:

- Regardless of the direction you are headed, cars must stop for flashing red lights on a school bus - violations can lead to a \$1,000 fine! Continue your trip once the bus has moved, the flashing lights stop, or the bus driver signals to you that you may pass. When cars illegally pass a school bus, they are putting the neighborhood children at risk.
- A pedestrian at a crosswalk (marked or unmarked) has the right-of-way by law. If you do not stop for them and they are injured, **YOU WILL BE LIABLE.**
- In Texas, fines (including speeding tickets and failure to yield) double in school zones. Follow the posted speed limit.
- It is now illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.
- Most of the time, Texas school zone speed limits are only in effect directly before and directly after the school day. However, if you see the yellow lights flashing at other hours of the day, you should still slow down. School zone speed limits can apply to extracurricular activities too, if the lights are flashing.
- All occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, must be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in the vehicle. Any child younger than 8 years of age must be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height.

Keep an eye on children who are gathered at bus stops or pick-up spots and watch for children who might dart across the street to catch the bus. Do not pass other vehicles in

Cell Phone and Text Messaging (Driver's Under 18)

The Texas Department of Public Safety has clarified the laws regarding cell phones and other wireless communication devices for drivers that are under the age of 18.

Texas House Bills 2730 and 339, enacted recently by the 81st Texas Legislature, restrict all drivers under the age of 18 from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

This new restriction applies to licenses issued after September 1, 2009, to applicants who are under 18. All drivers under age 18 who were issued an original driver license before September 1, 2009 are still restricted from using a wireless communication device during the six-month period following the issuance of that original license.



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Pay your City of Big Spring water bill and Municipal Court citations online at www.mybigspring.com.

In the bulletin that ran on July 24th we inadvertently forgot to thank KBYG Radio for their support of the Under West Texas Skies Community Festival. We sincerely apologize and say thank you, KBYG, for your support and all the help given that made this event such a success!

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Angel Food menu

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will be taking orders for the August Angel Food program from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the church, located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane.

Delivery time is 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28. Remember to bring a large box or basket to place your order in when you pick it up.

Angel Food is a non-qualifying program and open to all persons. Cash, money orders or Lone Star Cards are accepted. For more information, call 267-2203 or 267-3241.

Signature Box (\$28.95)

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steaks; 1.5 lbs. breaded chicken breast chunks; 1 lb. lean ground meat; bake or fry 8 ct. crunch fish wedges; 4 6-oz. pork chops; 1 lb. lean ground meat (bonus item); 1 lb. frozen broccoli florets; 1 lb. frozen carrots; 1 lb. frozen corn; 1 lb. frozen cauliflower florets; 1 lb. pasta; 26 oz. pasta sauce; 32 oz. 2 percent shelf stable milk; dozen eggs.

Convenience Meals (\$28)

Fish fillet, rice blend, carrots, broccoli/red pepper blend; sweet and sour pork, rice, green pea/carrot blend, cauliflower; Red beans and rice, smoked port sausage, carrots, brussels sprouts; Chicken cacciatore, rice, carrots, yellow squash with on-

ions; Chicken parmesan, spaghetti, corn/red pepper blend, zucchini; Chicken and noodles, corn, broccoli; Salisbury steak, gravy, red wedge potatoes, green pea/carrot blend, brussels sprouts; Meatball stroganoff, noodles, carrots, broccoli; Country herbed chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, lima beans/red pepper blend; Macaroni and cheese, black beans, corn/red pepper blend, califlower.

After School Box (\$24)

2 lb. chicken fingers, 1.5 lbs. mini corn dogs, 2 chicken sandwiches (two packages with twin sandwiches), 4 4-oz. Hot Pockets, 12 ct. pizza bites, 6 cereal bars, 2 White Castle hamburg-

ers (2 twin packages), 3 PBJ on Graham wafer, 2 peanut butter and jelly jamwich.

Special No. 1 (\$24)

2 8-oz. sirloin strip steaks, 4 8-oz. lean hamburger steaks, 1.5 lb. mild Italian sausage, 4 6-oz. bacon wrapped chicken breast filets.

Special No. 2 (\$23)

4 8-oz. ribeye steaks, 4 8-oz. jumbo chicken breasts.

Special No. 3 (\$22)

4 6-oz. Italian chicken breasts, 4 6-oz. teriyaki chicken breasts, 4 6-oz. lemon herb chicken breasts.

Special No. 4 (\$24)

2 lb. seafood lasagna, 2 lb. lasagna with meat sauce, 2 lb. country

fried steaks with gravy, 2 lb. chicken noodle casserole. Fully cooked meals, just heat and serve.

Special No. 5

1 canteloupe, 4 peaches, 4 navel oranges, 1 mango, 1 cello head lettuce, 1 lb. cello carrots, 2 lb. yellow onions, 3 lb. Idaho potatoes, 20 oz. bag fresh green beans, 1 head cabbage, fruit and vegetable recipe sheet.

Special No. 6 (\$21)

4 4-oz. stuffed sandwiches (assorted flavors), 2 6-oz. steaks or 1.5 lb. roast or 2 lb. mac and beef entree, 1.5 lb. country fried steak patties, 1 lb. ground beef, 1 lb. crunchy fish bites, 1 lb. frozen fruit or green beans, 1 lb. rice.

Reunions

The Class of 1965 is looking for classmates prior to the Sept. 17-18 reunion. Call Mariann Williams at 267-8537.

Gary Anderson, Billie Bailey McMahon, David Burns, Grace Chavez Martinez, Jena Kay Cole, Dennis Collins, Selena Ann Coyle Gould, Jan Currey Billings, Lynda Davidson Evans, Roy Doporto, Handley Driver, Jean Fannin McGuire, Robert Settles, Bryans Fitzhugh, Linda Harkrider Hattenback, Judy Hinds Frye, Janice Huse Merrield, Ferr Knowlton, David Landrum, Sharon Marino Kaiser, Tommy McMahon, Annie Nuttall, Hubert Perkins, Jerry Peurifoy, Sandra Phillips Beard, Judy Seals Zarantonella, Bob Sneed, Judy Sullivan Wilemon, Nita Flores Massey, Joy Foster, Waylan Gillihan and Brenda Greene Fitzhugh.

Club news

Keep Big Spring Beautiful

Members of Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Aug. 2 at Howard College. Jo Ann Staulcup presided and gave the invocation. Minutes were approved and Jan Foresyth presented the financials for approval. Janice Bishop gave a report on the most recent clean-up of FM 700.

The date for the Litter Index has been changed to Aug. 26. Walter Ward will chair this group which includes Londa Henry, Janell Davis,

Staulcup and Bishop.

Kym Walsh reported good traffic at the organization's booth during the Vocal Trash concert and the delayed Pops in the Park fireworks show.

The booth had KBSB caps, shirts and grabbers for sale. Bishop, Davis and Kathryn Wiseman helped her man the booth.

Staulcup discussed pencils that could be given to students to make them more aware of the KBSB mission.

Ward is making progress on picture taking

for the annual KBSB calendar and Todd Darden is checking on a golf tournament as a possible fundraiser.

Ann Farley, chair of "Doing Your Bit" is seeking nominations of well-kept yards to be featured. Call her at 264-6441 with suggestions.

Love Our Lake will be Saturday, Aug. 28, beginning at 8 a.m. Gather near the tennis courts at Comanche Trail Park.

The next KBSB meeting will be Sept. 13 in the Cactus Room at Howard College. The public is invited.

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News in brief

6 Americans among 10 killed by militants in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Six Americans and two other foreigners on a medical mission were shot and killed by the Taliban who ambushed their vehicles in a remote part of northern Afghanistan, a charity said Saturday.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid told The Associated Press in Paktistan that they killed the foreigners because they were “spying for the Americans” and “preaching Christianity.”

Dirk Frans, director of the International Assistance Mission, said the eight-member medical team, which also included one German, one Briton and two Afghan interpreters, was driving to Kabul from an eye clinic in northeastern Nuristan province when they were killed in Badakhshan province to the north.

The group had decided to head through Badakhshan to return to the capital because they thought that would be the safest route, Frans said.

Among the dead was team leader Tom Little, an optometrist from Delmar, N.Y., who has been working in Afghanistan for more than 30 years, Frans said.

Little was expelled by the Taliban government in August 2001 after the arrest of eight Christian aid workers — two Americans and six Germans — for allegedly trying to convert Afghans to Christianity. He returned to Afghanistan after the Taliban government was toppled in November 2001 by U.S.-backed forces.

Hewlett-Packard CEO Mark Hurd ousted over fudged expenses, walking away with \$28 million

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Lauded for making Hewlett-Packard Co. the world's biggest technology company, CEO Mark Hurd was in negotiations for a new contract worth about \$100 million, according to a person familiar with the negotiations.

Instead, he's getting about a third of that to just go away.

In a stunning announcement Friday, HP said it ousted Hurd after an investigation of a sexual harassment complaint found that he had falsified expense reports and other documents to conceal a relationship with a contractor. Hurd also allegedly helped the woman get paid for work she didn't do.

In recent weeks, Hurd was in negotiations for a new three-year contract worth about \$100 million when a woman who worked for HP as a host at high-profile events accused him of sexual harassment, a person with intimate knowledge of the case told The Associated Press. The person requested anonymity because this person wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the details of the case.

News of Hurd's abrupt departure sent HP's stock tumbling nearly 10 percent. Shares of the world's biggest maker of personal computers and printers have doubled in value during his five-year stewardship, and HP became the world's No. 1 technology company by revenue in that time.

Engineers wrap up a defining week in battle vs. ruptured Gulf oil well

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — BP PLC closed the books on a defining week in an epic battle to defeat its ruptured oil well, with exhausted engineers forcing the surging crude underground with a torrent of mud and cement, preparing to make a final push to plug it from the bottom.

More than three months after the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded and triggered one of the world's

worst oil spills, authorities weighed how to gather evidence from the mile-deep waters to help investigators determine what happened — and who could be at fault.

Even retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, who was brought in by the government to oversee the spill response amid poorly received efforts by the British petroleum giant, began looking ahead to a day when he could hang up his hat.

He told The Associated Press in an interview Friday that although he's still signed up “for the foreseeable future,” he's had preliminary discussions with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano about what's next for him.

There was heartening news from other quarters, too, as scientists released a report saying that only about one-quarter of the nearly 207 million gallons of oil that leaked into the Gulf of Mexico is still oozing around the sea. Even the amount left, though, would still rank among the nation's worst spills.

Saudi official says agreement with BlackBerry on services reached

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — A Saudi telecom official says an agreement between the authorities and the Canadian maker of the BlackBerry smart phone has been reached averting a ban on the service.

He said the deal would involve Canadian firm Research in Motion installing a server inside the kingdom allowing the Saudi government to monitor BlackBerry data.

The official of the regulatory authority spoke Saturday on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the details of the deal with the media.

The Saudi telecommunications regulatory agency announced earlier this week that BlackBerry's messenger service would be halted on Friday over concerns that its data could not be monitored.

U.S. government looks to plug WikiLeaks release of documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — An online whistle-blower's threat to release more classified Pentagon and State Department documents is raising difficult questions of what the government can or would do, legally, technically or even militarily to stop it.

Constrained by the global reach of the Internet, sophisticated encryption software and the domestic legal system, the answer seems to be: Not much.

But if the U.S. government believes that the release of classified documents WikiLeaks is preparing to disclose will threaten national security or put lives at risk, cyber and legal experts say the options could expand to include cyber strikes to take down the WikiLeaks website and destroy its files or covert operations to steal or disable the files.

It all sounds, at times, like a spy movie, where the possibilities extend as far as the imagination can reach. But most outsiders agree that reality is probably far less dramatic.

At the center of the drama was the posting last week of a massive 1.4 gigabyte mystery file named “Insurance” on the WikiLeaks website.

U.S.-Vietnam nuke deal unlikely to include no-enrichment pledge

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration has told U.S. lawmakers that a nuclear cooperation deal with Vietnam is unlikely to include a coveted promise by the Hanoi government not to enrich uranium, congressional aides say.

The United States had sought a no-enrichment

pledge, which the State Department promotes as the “gold standard” for civilian nuclear cooperation accords.

It would have been modeled on a deal last year in which the United Arab Emirates pledged, in return for U.S. nuclear equipment and reactors, not to enrich uranium or extract plutonium from used reactor fuel — procedures that would provide material that could be used in a nuclear weapon.

The Obama administration has been eager to send a strong nonproliferation message, especially to Iran, which the United States and others accuse of covertly seeking nuclear weapons. Iran says its nuclear program is only for peaceful purposes, but it has resisted international pressure to stop enriching uranium.

Schwarzenegger asks judge to let same-sex weddings resume immediately in California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who twice vetoed legislation that would have legalized same-sex marriage, has surprised gay rights supporters by urging a federal judge to allow gay couples to resume marrying in the state without further delay.

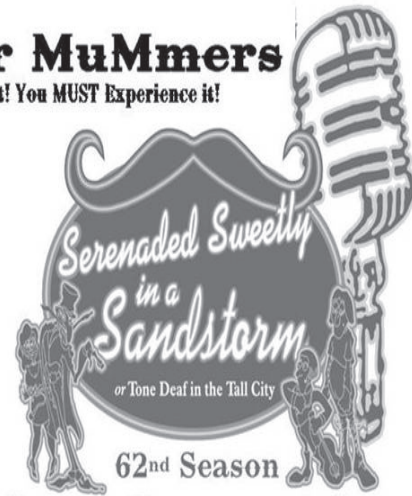
Lawyers for Schwarzenegger, Attorney General Jerry Brown, two gay couples and the city of San Francisco all filed legal motions Friday asking Chief U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker to implement his ruling striking California's voter-approved same-sex marriage ban as unconstitutional.

“The Administration believes the public interest is best served by permitting the court's judgment to go into effect, thereby restoring the right of same-sex couples to marry in California,” the Republican governor's lawyers said on his behalf. “Doing so is consistent with California's long history of treating all people and their relationships with equal dignity and respect.”

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Exhibit shows story of pioneering black doctors

By JAN JARVIS

Fort Worth Star-Telegram
FORT WORTH — Patients would show up at all hours. Sometimes with a broken arm, or a burst appendix, or a baby on the way.

They filled the wards of the 20-bed hospital that Dr. Riley Ransom Sr. opened in 1914, and they spilled into the large convalescent porch.

From early in the morning until late at night, Ransom treated patients in the first African-American hospital in Fort Worth, at 1200 E. First St. A highly trained surgeon, he spent much of his time in the hospital's operating room equipped with the most modern instruments of the day.

After his patients recovered — and many of them did, despite the medical limitations of the times — they paid him for his dedication with gratitude and sometimes cash, eggs or vegetables from their gardens.

Essie Ransom, 96, remembers how her father-in-law worked tirelessly, seeing patients at the hospital and sometimes at his home.

"He never turned anybody away," she said. "He was so anxious to heal them all."

Nearly six decades after his death, Ransom is being recognized for his hard work in the Texas Medical Association exhibit "Courage and Determination — A

Portrait of Pioneering African American Physicians." He is one of two Fort Worth physicians featured. The exhibit, which chronicles the challenges faced by black doctors from 1837 to 2009, is on display through June at the Texas Medical Association in Austin.

Dr. George Munchus, who is also in the exhibit, dealt with many of the same struggles that Ransom did in Fort Worth as the men tried to meet a huge and ever-growing need for medical care.

The physicians started their practices when the disparity between healthcare for blacks and whites was wide. In the early 1900s, when tuberculosis, diphtheria and other diseases were sweeping the state, there were only 16 black doctors in Texas. Blacks were dying from tuberculosis at a rate three times higher than whites.

White hospitals in Texas often refused to treat blacks, and if they did it was in the basement. At the same time, African-American physicians were not permitted to practice in white hospitals.

By the time Munchus came to Fort Worth in 1922, he had already seen his first hospital in Clarksville burnt to the ground by the Ku Klux Klan. He later established the Negro Community Hospital in Fort Worth.

Ruth Munchus Baker remembers her grandfather making house calls whenever someone needed medical care, even if it meant driving all the way to Dallas.

Through vintage images, maps and words, the exhibit unravels the story of more than 60 pioneer doctors who endured numerous setbacks as they tried to care for their patients.

What struck Dr. Carolyn Evans most about the exhibit was the courage that the physicians showed.

"I was not struck so much by the challenges they faced as what they were able to accomplish," said Evans, a Plano pediatrician and the first African-American to lead the Texas Medical Association board.

"The fact that they endured and overcame despite a lot of obstacles in their way was amazing," Evans added.

With no medical schools in Texas, African-Americans often had to travel far to get training, Evans said.

Ransom grew up in Kentucky and attended Pharmaceutical College in Indiana before graduating from Louisville National Medical College. Munchus earned a medical degree in 1909 from Meharry Medical College in Nashville.

Limited access to postgraduate education also hampered the doctors' efforts to hone their skills. Ransom

trained at hospitals in New York, Chicago and the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota before going into practice. Munchus went to Hubbard Hospital in Nashville before opening his medical practice in 1911 in Clarksville.

Texas laws made it difficult for black doctors to practice by forbidding access to their patients in segregated hospitals.

Parkland Hospital in Dallas experimented with allowing black doctors to practice there in the 1920s, said Peggy Hardman, who wrote her dissertation about tuberculosis among African-Americans in Texas.

But the white doctors complained so much that the privileges were quickly withdrawn, Hardman said.

By 1954, Texas had at least 138 African-American physicians, but widespread segregation continued in hospitals. The Texas Medical As-

sociation denied membership to blacks until 1955.

It was not until 1964 that the National Hospital Association decided that "medical and hospital care must be made available to all without qualification of any kind."

In Fort Worth, African-American physicians faced the same challenges as other black doctors across the South.

Before the black hospitals were built, African-Americans had to go to the basement of St. Joseph Hospital for care, said Reby Cary, a civil rights pioneer and author.

"By denying them the right to go to the hospital, they denied them the newest technology," he said.

And that resulted in higher mortality among African-Americans, Cary said.

When Ransom established the Ethel Ran-

som Memorial Hospital on East First Street, he did his best to provide the most modern equipment, including a Shock Proof Diagnostic X-Ray, described as the best money could buy. The hospital, named for his wife, also boasted a state-of-the-art lab, where routine tests such as those for blood counts and syphilis were performed.

Although the hospital served mostly black patients, some whites did seek medical care there, Essie Ransom said.

In the Deep South, some white patients came to black doctors for treatment of venereal diseases because they did not want their own physician to know about it.

Ransom said that was probably the case in Fort Worth too. Her father-in-law served on the State Committee for the Eradication of Syphilis.



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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.

PATRICIA A. YOUNGSTROM
c/o: Ladyman Law Offices
1150 Estates Drive, Ste F
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DATED the 19th day of July, 2010. Tim Ladyman Attorney for PATRICIA A. YOUNGSTROM State Bar No.: 11787900 1150 Estates Dr, Ste F Abilene, Texas 79602 Telephone: (325)676-1775 Facsimile: (325)676-5746 #6619 August 8, 2010

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 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 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 11:00 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. Tenant: Amanda E. Wallace
Tenant: Tara C. Jones
Tenant: April A. King
Tenant: Jessica D. Fauver
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Tenant: La Donna Porter
Tenant: Gilbert L. Harrell
Tenant: Betty Elaine Hoffman
Tenant: Jackie L. Steen
#6630 August 1 & 8, 2010

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: Kenneth R. Garvin aka Kenneth R. Garvin, Jr.

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

A 5.02 acre tract of land out of Sc. 104, Bk 29, W&NW, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit; to include mobile home #TEX0363626 & #TEX0363627

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,775.92, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against KENNETH R. GARVIN aka KENNETH R. GARVIN, JR. and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on September 29, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. KENNETH R. GARVIN aka KENNETH R. GARVIN, JR., for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5735 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property

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Forsan ISD will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and CTE programs. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Randy Johnson, 411 West 6th, Forsan, TX 79733, phone (432)457-2223 and/or Keith Bagnall, Section 504 Coordinator, 411 West 6th, Forsan, TX 79733, (432)457-2223. #6640 August 8, 2010

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 13th day of September, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6639 August 8 & 15, 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 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: Lisa Chavarria Esquiel Flores Ruth Johnson Henriette Reeves Cates #6631 August 1 & 8, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

West Texas Centers for MHMR is seeking proposals from firms that are qualified to provide professional investment advisory services to its 401(a), 457 and 403(b) plans. Services required will include monitoring of investments offered and recommendation of changes, interaction with participants and other related services. Requests for Proposal (RFPs) will be sent via e-mail to interested parties starting August 16. Request for an RFP should be sent to: Mr. Dan Magaro Retirement Horizons Inc. 16414 San Pedro, Suite 365 San Antonio, TX 78232 Phone: 210-491-9530 Fax: 210-494-9371 E-mail: dmagaro@retirement-horizons.com The deadline for the submission of proposals is 5:00 p.m. September 15, 2010. The proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the Administration Office at West Texas Centers for MHMR. The address and contact information for the Center will be contained in the RFP. There will be a period for questions that is stated in the RFP as well. 211788

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News in brief

South Texas inmate kills himself with toilet paper

EDINBURG (AP) — Authorities in south Texas are investigating the suicide of an inmate in the city jail who apparently killed himself by swallowing wet toilet paper.

Police found 18-year-old Joel de la Rosa dead early Thursday morning in the city jail in Edinburg, near the Texas-Mexico border. He had been taken into custody about three hours earlier on charges of drug possession and evading arrest.

Officials say de la Rosa was jailed earlier this month and tried to hang himself in his cell. Officers were able to stop the man in time.

Police Chief Quirino Munoz said the teenager received no special attention this time, despite the earlier suicide attempt.

The Hidalgo County sheriff's department is investigating the death.

Winds clocked around 70 mph damage homes

CORINTH (AP) — Winds clocked at more than 70 mph knocked down fences and tree branches and damaged more than 30 homes in North Texas.

Residents in Corinth, about 30 miles northwest of Dallas, say the afternoon storms in Denton County destroyed backyards sheds and damaged chimneys.

There were no injuries reported.

The National Weather Service said winds reached as high as 75 mph.

Perry to greet President Obama at Austin airport

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry plans to greet President Barack Obama when Obama arrives for events in Austin on Monday, a governor's aide said Monday.

Perry spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger said Friday the brief meeting will take place at the airport in Austin. She said Perry, a Republican, will try to express his concern to the president about the pressing need for more federal help along the Texas-Mexico border.

Cesinger says Perry's plan is to meet with the president when he gets off Air Force One. Obama is holding a fundraiser and giving a speech in Austin Monday, and later is scheduled to travel to Dallas for a fundraiser benefiting U.S. Senate Democrats.

"They said what they could arrange is a greeting at the airport," Cesinger said. "While it may be

brief the governor is hoping to share his concerns about border security with the president." It is customary for presidents to invite governors to meet them when they arrive in their states.

Cesinger said she had no details about the meeting.

Perry's Democratic opponent, Bill White, says he has no plans to meet Obama while he's in Texas.

13 Dallas-area businesses receive powder in mail

DALLAS (AP) — At least 13 Dallas-area businesses and churches have received envelopes containing harmless white powder in the last two days.

Six envelopes were reported to postal authorities Friday, a day after seven were reported. The businesses and churches are in Dallas, Arlington, Carrollton, Garland, Grand Prairie and Richardson.

U.S. Postal Inspector Amanda McMurrey said the volume of letters is unusual but that her office deals with threatening letters daily.

She says it's unclear whether the mailings are related.

Ex-Dallas detention officer sentenced in sex case

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 31-year-old Texas man who worked as a detention officer has received a 10-year prison sentence for soliciting a minor online.

Roy Mathew of Rowlett was sentenced Friday in federal court in Fort Worth. He pleaded guilty in March to enticing a minor girl to engage in sexual acts.

Mathew was arrested in September 2009 at a convenience store with a camera and condoms in his vehicle. He thought he was meeting a 13-year-old girl he met on an Internet chat room. In reality, it was a Fort Worth Police Department detective posing as a teenage girl.

According to court documents, Mathew had described sexual acts to the undercover detective and showed her sexually explicit photos of himself.

Mathew worked as a detention officer for Dallas County.

2 children, 1 man killed in apartment fire

VIDOR (AP) — Two children and their grandfather were killed in a fire Friday morning in south Texas despite efforts by their mother to rescue

them from the burning apartment, officials said.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office said Amanda "Nikki" Dorn escaped the fire in Vidor with minor injuries and had tried to go back into the garage apartment, which was engulfed in flames, with no success.

"We don't see this, this is very rare," said Sgt. Chad Hogan, of the Orange County Sheriff's Office, said of the deadly fire and rescue attempt.

Dorn's father Shorty Strother, 59, and her two children, 6-year-old Cyrus Kain Dorn and 19-month-old Brook Alin Dorn, died.

Arson investigators were on the scene Friday, though Hogan said the fire is thought to be accidental.

Georgette Norris, the children's aunt and Strother's oldest daughter, told Beaumont television station KFDM that her sister, Amanda Dorn, woke up to smoke a cigarette and saw smoke pouring out of the kitchen.

Court orders new sentencing trial for killer

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has upheld a lower court's ruling ordering a new sentencing trial for a Houston man on death row for raping and killing an 11-year-old boy in 1987.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled late Thursday that jurors weren't given sufficient instructions on how or whether to consider mitigating circumstances — such as mental impairment or a difficult childhood — before they deliberated the sentence of 43-year-old Warren Darrell Rivers. It did not overturn Rivers' capital murder conviction, as Rivers' attorneys had hoped it would.

Rivers' trial was held during a time when trial rules for Texas capital cases were evolving, particularly in the area of mitigation evidence and how it should be applied to punishment.

The U.S. Supreme Court has visited the issue several times, refining trial procedures through their rulings, and several cases of that era have been returned to trial courts for new punishment hearings.

State lawyers argued unsuccessfully that the jury instructions in Rivers' case amounted to harmless error because of ample evidence of Rivers' propensity for violence.

Rivers' attorneys had asked the appeals court to overturn his conviction. They argued that Rivers, who is black, was convicted in 1988 by an all-white jury, and that prosecutors improperly used peremptory strikes during jury selection to remove three potential jurors because they were black.

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Advertisement for Sealed Proposal The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting proposals for the following:
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Documents may be obtained from Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167. Sealed proposals will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 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. Consultants are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified consultants concerning their submitted qualifications. The final determination of consultant award will be made at a future board meeting. All questions should be directed to Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, e-mail jmims@howardcollege.edu (432)264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. #6643 August 8 & 10, 2010

Some say that love is a feeling. Others say it's an action. Still others believe that love combines feeling and action — it's a quality of attention. Whatever your beliefs about love, it will be both felt and demonstrated well today as Venus and Saturn align on the cusp of Virgo and Libra. Perhaps it's true that relationships are all that really matter.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can't be expected to change what you don't know needs fixing. Kick a few metaphorical tires



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Tomorrow's Horoscope

today to make sure everything is in good working order, especially relationships.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's one of those days when so little of what you think seems to be generated by your own mind. Take issue with some of the passing ideas, especially the ones that have to do with you deserving less than stellar treatment.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You love to share what you know, but you are careful to first determine what information is useful to others. You may find it bothersome when others chatter away with no point. Your hints and cues will be well received.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Stress and drama cause all kinds of unhealthy complications — who needs them? For now, it's better to stay away from that person who seems to revel in the theatrical extremes of human emotion.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sometimes, you want things that you will only use for a limited time, if you use them at all. Consider this carefully

before you buy anything today. Could this be a passing fancy, or is it a desire that will take hold?
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Stay sharp. Get plenty of oxygen to your blood with deep breathing and exercise. Ideally, your mind and body will be in a perpetual state of readiness. There are important opportunities at stake.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When was the last time you made a music mix for someone you love? And if this person happens to be you, all the better. You could use an upbeat soundtrack to your life!
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a definite goal for the day. Stay on track. Find a symbol for the mission — an object that has no meaning other than the one you imbue it with — to remind you at all times what you are doing.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A loved one longs for the connection you experienced long ago. Do you want it back, too? If so, no worries — what you had is not gone; it's just sleeping and needs a good shake.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This person may not like the music, foods and colors you like. But he or she will think that your humor is hilarious, and the shared laughter can make up for all of your differences.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some metals become magnetic just by hanging out long enough with other metals. Similarly, the inanimate will take on your energy. In this, you have the power to turn something ordinary into a magical article.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). To say that you are not who you were is an understatement. At this point, it wouldn't be a surprise if your DNA reflected the change as well. So it's about time you forgave yourself for what you did way back then.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 8). You believe in magic and luck, but most of yours comes about because you work so diligently. Stay the course and you'll be amazed at what you accomplish by the end of the year. Over the next six weeks, new contacts lead to work and personal opportunity. There's a happy union at the end of October. Aquarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 22, 14 and 6.
FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Maybe it's true what Shakespeare wrote: "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely player." Under the Leo sun, the world seems to be a song and dance number. Whole crowds seem to step in time. One can hear harmonic overtones in the cacophony of the streets.

Pedestrians, traffic, trees swaying, clouds passing — it's a choreographed ballet. Monday brings the new moon in Leo. The apparent absence of the moon is like a velvet theater curtain closing at the end of the first act. We sit for a moment in darkness, anticipating a set change. What will come next? Unsure, we savor the anticipation of the drama that will alight when the curtains open. The opposition of Venus and Jupiter puts yet another twist in the plot. It really does feel like luck is a contagion. When you're around fortunate, happy people, it will rub off on you. As for bad luck, well, that's catching, too. But don't worry. You can avoid being a fair-weather friend by offering assistance (from a respectable distance) to those who need it. Stay emotionally detached and you'll be in a better position to help.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: The singer/dancer/actor Drew Lachey has traveled the world in boy band 98 Degrees, ruled Broadway and won the second season of "Dancing with the Stars." Lachey's natal sun and Saturn are in charismatic Leo, but his Mercury, Venus and Mars in Virgo indicate that he's extremely down to earth, has a stellar work ethic and thrives with life grounded in the normalcy of family and fatherhood. If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail.
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

An Exception to the Rule

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 7 6
♥ K Q 4
♦ J 8
♣ J 9 8 5 3
WEST
♠ K 9 8 5 3
♥ 10 7 5
♦ 9 6 2
♣ A 4
EAST
♠ J 10 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ Q 10 5 4 3
♣ K 6
SOUTH
♠ Q 4
♥ A J 8 2
♦ A K 7
♣ Q 10 7 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — five of spades.
One of the first things a newcomer to the game learns is that there are a great many rules to guide one's play, particularly on defense. Only later on does he discover that nearly all of the rules have exceptions, and that recognizing these exceptions makes the difference between being a good defender and a mediocre one.
Consider this deal from a team event where West led a spade against South's three-notrump contract. Declarer played low from dummy and won East's ten with the queen. South then crossed to dummy with a heart and led a low club to the queen,

losing to West's ace.
Declarer ducked West's spade return before winning the next spade with dummy's ace. South then conceded a club to East's king and claimed the remainder when East had no spade to return.
When the deal was replayed, the bidding and play to the first two tricks were identical. Here, however, when the low club was led from dummy at trick three, East did not mechanically follow the general rule of "second-hand low." Instead, he put up the king and returned a spade. South ducked the spade and took the next one, but when he later played a club in an attempt to establish his ninth trick, West won and cashed two more spades for down one.
East's play of the king at trick three was well-reasoned. He knew, by applying the Rule of Eleven to his partner's opening lead, that South had only one spade higher than West's five — the queen that was taken at trick one. One more spade lead would therefore establish West's suit, but this had to be done before South's clubs became good and while West still had an entry.
If declarer had the A-Q of clubs, there was little hope for the defense. So East decided to play his partner for the ace and was amply rewarded for his effort.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- 15 Pizzeria purchase
- 16 Fully attended
- 17 Grow
- 18 One with lots to list
- 19 Start of a Genesis query
- 20 Wellington, circa 1782
- 22 Haitian assent
- 23 Set one back
- 25 D neighbor
- 26 Sweater?
- 27 Liqueur flavoring
- 29 Licensing org.
- 30 People
- 31 Frank's *Guys and Dolls* role
- 33 Very hungry
- 35 Plutarch called her "a lover of wisdom"
- 37 Fertile Crescent land
- 38 Codes
- 42 Sort of housedress
- 46 Nevsky Cathedral locale
- 47 DC donor
- 49 Physician's recommendations
- 50 30-miles-per-hour runners
- 51 Guy
- 53 Things to catch
- 54 Ad add-on
- 55 Grid pattern

DOWN

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- 4 Mature
- 5 Yarn
- 6 Government redesign of 2010
- 7 Disembark, in a way
- 8 Musician on the move
- 9 Traction aid
- 10 Relish
- 11 Senators' group
- 12 Modernizes, perhaps
- 13 *Atlantic Monthly* correspondent
- 14 Least explainable
- 21 Sports semifinal
- 24 Hard Rock Café souvenirs
- 26 Student's dread
- 28 Student's delight
- 30 Charlatan
- 32 Small sample

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- 34 Throwing ability
- 36 Pilgrim's destination
- 38 Holes in your shoe
- 39 African Union member
- 40 Got together
- 41 Mine product
- 43 Gets together
- 44 Instrument
- 45 Washington, e.g.
- 48 Increases
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- 52 Coast through a 26 Down
- 55 As it happens
- 56 Different
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Overhauled SBA website to go live during fall

Revamped SBA.gov will deliver essential information, services to small business owners

Special to the Herald

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Small Business Administration has announced a complete redesign of its website, SBA.gov, will launch this fall.

The new SBA.gov will make it easier for small businesses, lending institutions, small business counselors and other members of the small business community to more quickly find the information they need through a simplified navigation structure.

In addition, new features will allow users to tailor their experience to provide information that is specific to

their needs and location.

The new website also will offer a dedicated lender area that helps banks and other financial institutions that partner with the SBA.

“Our goal as an agency is to get information, tools and services into the hands of small business owners more quickly so they can spend more time doing what they do best — creating the jobs that will drive our economic recovery,” said SBA Administrator Karen Mills. “Through a new, personalized and dynamic SBA.gov we will be better able to support job growth across the country.”

The website redesign is part of the SBA’s goal to create a dynamic online presence that delivers information to customers wherever they are online, officials said.

To achieve that goal, the agency recently began using social media to reach constituents through a variety of online channels such as Facebook and Twitter. The agency also recently launched an improved search function on the current SBA.gov website which vastly improves the speed at which users can find the information they are looking for in advance of the launch of the new site this fall.

The website redesign, officials added, is also the flagship initiative of the SBA’s Open Government Plan and addresses all three of the agency’s Open Government goals — transparency, participation and collaboration — by providing direct access to agency programs and operations, allowing users to customize their online experience and, beginning next year, incorporating community features such as discussion forums and public feedback tools.

For more information on the SBA’s online expansion, go to www.sba.gov/ next.

TEXAS BUSINESS BRIEFS: 30th Texas International Cotton School Aug. 9-20 in Lubbock

LUBBOCK — The 30th session of the Texas International Cotton School (TICS) will be held Aug. 9-20 at the Fiber & Biopolymer Research Institute in Lubbock. The educational course on cotton and textiles integrates experience, knowledge and future developments affecting global markets.

The TICS session unites professionals from around the world to interact with top cotton experts. Graduates of the intensive two-week program understand U.S. cotton production, processing and marketing systems, see the latest machinery and equipment and make valuable business contacts.

The hands-on session also covers all phases of production, harvesting, ginning, classing and testing. Approximately 30 guest experts from the United States and international organizations provide instruction and engage in discussion with students.

The Texas International Cotton School is sponsored and managed by the Lubbock Cotton Exchange in partnership with the Fiber & Biopolymer Research Institute of Texas Tech University. It is uniquely structured to provide — in a short period of time — an integrated understanding of the U.S. cotton industry and how it interacts with the global cotton/textile complex.

For more information about the Texas International Cotton School, call 806-763-4646, e-mail lccotton@lubbockcottonexchange.org or visit www.texasintl cottonschool.com.

Texas Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus in Lubbock

LUBBOCK — The Texas Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus (TACVB) will hold its annual conference Aug. 9-12 in Lubbock. Convention and Visitors Bureaus from across the state of Texas will meet in the Hub City for educational sessions, nightly events and a trade show.

In 2008, Visit Lubbock created a bid presentation and competed with cities around Texas to host the 2010 annual conference.

The membership of TACVB voted for Lubbock to be the host city.

The theme for this year’s conference is Tourism Tech, which will explore the relationship between social media and the tourism industry. Kelly McDonald, president of McDonald Marketing, is a keynote speaker and will demonstrate how to creatively tap into the Hispanic market when a company’s resources are limited.

TACVB was organized in 1972 for the purpose of providing cooperative action to enhance and encourage the growth of the convention and visitor industry in Texas.

To learn more about TACVB, visit www.tacvb.org or contact Bridgette Snyder, executive director, at 361-749-0467.

RRC releases production stats, allowables for month of August

AUSTIN — The Texas average rig count as of July 16 was 659, representing about 43 percent of

all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 347 million barrels of oil and 7.4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Texas natural gas production represents approximately 29 percent of total U.S. natural gas demand.

The commission’s estimated final production for May 2010 was 30,685,258 barrels of crude oil and 579,704,949 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary May 2010 production totals of 28,809,744 barrels of crude oil and 530,622,379 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.0651 for crude oil and 1.0925 for gas well gas.

Those production totals do not include casing-head gas or condensate.

Texas natural gas storage reported to the commission for June 2010 was 390,128,897 Mcf compared to 402,657,936 Mcf in June 2009. The July 2010 gas storage estimate is 395,595,546 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission’s Oil and Gas Division set initial August 2010 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 15,911,370 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

In setting the initial August 2010 allowables, officials used historical production figures from previous months, producers’ demand forecasts for the coming month and adjusted the figures based on well capability.

The initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for August 2010 is reported.

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Companies continue to hire at slow pace

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Companies showed a lack of confidence about hiring for a third straight month in July, making it likely the economy will grow more slowly the rest of the year. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 9.5 percent.

Private employers added a net total of only 71,000 jobs in July, far below the 200,000 or more jobs needed each month to reduce the unemployment rate.

The modest gains were even weaker when considering a loss of government jobs at the local, state and federal levels in July that weren't temporary census positions. Factoring those in, the net gains were only 12,000 jobs, according to the Labor Department's July report Friday.

Investors reacted by selling stocks and shifting into more conservative Treasury bonds. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which helps set rates on mortgages and other consumer loans, fell to 2.85 percent from 2.91 percent late Thursday. Major stock indexes all fell and the Dow Jones industrial average dropped more than 130 points in morning trading.

The department also sharply revised down its jobs figures for June, saying businesses hired fewer workers than previously estimated. June's private-sector job gains were lowered to 31,000 from 83,000. May's were raised slightly to show 51,000 net new

jobs, from 33,000.

"There is still a labor market recovery, but it's a very, very weak one," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight.

The slow pace of hiring will weigh on the recovery, he said, with economic growth in the current quarter likely to come in even lower than the April-to-June quarter's already weak 2.4 percent.

President Barack Obama on Friday noted that the economy has now added private-sector jobs for seven straight months. He hailed that as a good sign. But he said the progress "needs to come faster."

Overall, the economy lost a net total of 131,000 jobs last month, mostly because 143,000 temporary census jobs ended.

The "underemployment" rate was the same as in June, at 16.5 percent. That includes those working part time who would prefer full-time work and unemployed workers who've given up on their job hunts.

All told, there were 14.6 million people looking for work in July. That's roughly double the figure in December 2007, when the recession began.

Even if hiring picks up, it will take years to regain all the jobs lost during the recession. The economy lost 8.4 million jobs in 2008 and 2009. This year, private employers have added only 559,000 new hires.

Friday's report is being closely watched by the Federal Reserve as it considers ways to energize the recovery. The report could persuade the Fed to

take new steps to boost the economy and keep interest rates at record lows when it meets next week.

Without more jobs, consumers won't see the gains in income needed to encourage them to spend more and support economic activity. Even those with jobs may not feel confident enough to ramp up their spending.

That's important because many of the trends driving economic growth earlier in the recovery are fading. Companies boosted production in the winter and spring to rebuild inventories that were depleted in the recession. But those efforts won't last much longer. And the impact of the federal government's stimulus package is also declining.

The economy grew at 5 percent in the fourth quarter last year and 3.7 percent in the first three months of 2010. But that slowed to 2.4 percent in the April-June period. That's not fast enough to generate many jobs and reduce the unemployment rate.

Many companies appear to be getting more out of their current employees rather than adding new staff. The average work week increased by one-tenth of an hour to 34.2 hours, the department said. That's up from about 33 hours in the depths of the recession.

Average hourly pay also rose 4 cents to \$22.59, up 1.8 percent from a year earlier. That, along with the increase in hours worked, could provide some boost to spending.

The number of temporary jobs fell by 5,600, the first drop after nine months of gains.

Employers usually hire temp workers if they need more output but don't want to hire permanent employees. But "firms aren't even adding temporary workers right now," Gault said.

Manufacturers added 36,000 jobs in July, slightly above its monthly average this year. Those gains were aided by General Motor's decision to keep its plants running last month. Usually it closes them and temporarily lays off employees to retool for the new model year.

Construction firms cut jobs for the third straight month, losing 11,000, while financial firms shed 17,000 workers.

But retailers added 6,700 jobs. And the leisure and hospitality industry hired 6,000 additional staffers.

Corporate net income rose sharply in the second quarter, but businesses aren't yet using the proceeds to ramp up hiring. Companies in the S&P 500 index reported a 46 percent increase in net income for the April-to-June period, compared to a year earlier.

But many employers are uncertain about the direction of the economy. Some are concerned sales will slow once government stimulus and other temporary factors fade. Others fear what will happen if federal income taxes are allowed to rise next year as tax cuts enacted by President George W. Bush expire.

"People have a long worry list they're looking at," said Ethan Harris, chief economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Some companies are adding permanent workers. The hospital chain HCA Inc. has 8,300 open positions, company spokesman Ed Fishbough said. That includes nurses, physicians and information technology professionals needed to build HCA's ability to handle electronic medical records. HCA employs about 190,000 people.

But layoffs are also continuing. FBR Capital Markets, an investment bank based in Arlington, Va., cut its work force by about 15 percent in early July to about 500 employees, saying it needed to reduce costs.

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