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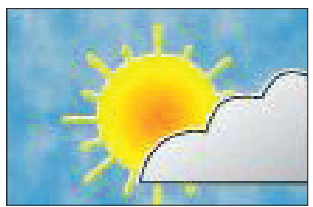
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BSFD to hold bell ceremony Friday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

As many Americans pause Friday in observance of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 Americans, Big Spring's firefighters will pay homage to their fallen brethren with a special bell ceremony.

Part of the Memorial at the Mall — a ceremony slated for the Big Spring Mall that specifically recognizes



Condray

eight individuals from the Crossroads area who died in the war-torn Middle East since the 2001 terrorist attack — the bell ceremony is a time-honored tradition, according to local fire department officials.

"Many years ago, around the time the telegraph was widely used, bells were used to announce fire

calls," said Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray. "Using different tones, fire alarm boxes in the community would be activated and the bells would direct the firefighters where to go. A special bell signal — it would toll five times, in a series of four — was used to announce the death of firefighter in the line of duty. It's a very old, very solemn tradition among firefighters."

According to Big Spring Fire Department Deputy Chief Richard

Grove, the need to be reminded of the good and bad that arose from the terrorist attacks is just as important today as it was in 2001.

"There are some who feel we've looked back on Sept. 11 enough and that continuing to recognize the event somehow diminishes its relevance," he said. "I disagree. Sept. 11 was more than a tragic event, more than the

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Seliger, Landtroop spark rally

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

More than 100 area residents gathered under the Tea Party banner Saturday to express their dissatisfaction with the direction currently taken by the federal government.

Conservative issues and concerns — ranging from the federal deficit to immigration reform — took center stage at the Tea Party rally, held at Big Spring's Heart of the City Park.



Seliger

But the overriding message delivered during the rally was that the federal government has turned a deaf ear to its citizens and those citizens need to take a more active role in making their concerns heard.

"We're at a point in our history where it's time for true conservatives ... to stand up for what they believe is right," said Republican Texas House candidate Jim Landtroop, one of the rally's featured speakers. "The current administration in Washington is not listening to us, so it's time for us to stand up and take our country back."



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Attendees at Saturday's Tea Party rally Saturday display signs expressing their dissatisfaction with the current direction of the federal government. More than 100 people attended the event at Heart of the City Park.

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Certified tax values jump for most

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

An upward trend in mineral values has most Howard County taxing entities enjoying an increase in certified taxable values this year, with the city of Forsan and Forsan Independent School District the only agencies dealing with a drop compared to 2009.

Howard County saw an increase of \$192,559,501 with a certified value of \$2,102,914,462, compared to the \$1,910,354,961 in 2009. Howard College saw a similar increase, up \$184,618,271 with a certified value of \$2,094,972,572, compared to \$1,910,354,301 in 2009.



McKibben

According to Brett McKibben, chief appraiser for the Howard County Appraisal District, both certified values include a withholding of \$34,174,879, the majority of which will come from

mineral royalty owners in the county. "We'll go back and supplement those numbers in December," McKibben said. "There's really no way to certify those values until then because many of the properties involved have a number of different owners."

"Once we go in and break those numbers up and send out bills, we can go back to the tax entities and give them a more solid number on what they can expect. Being withheld doesn't mean the entities won't get the money, it just means we have to get a better idea of what they will be."

The city of Big Spring also saw an increase in its values this year, up \$7,916,252 with a certified value of \$546,161,223 compared to \$538,244,971 in 2009. Big Spring Independent School District also followed the upward trend, but only after adjustments from last year and the withheld amount for 2010 were factored in.

At first glance, it would appear BSISD is down \$28,731,448 with a 2010 certified

value of \$1,010,682,576, compared to \$1,039,414,024 in 2009.

However, according to McKibben, adjustments made to last year's certified values decrease the 2009 values by approximately \$11 million, which is in addition to the \$26.5 million currently being withheld due to a pair of oil rigs and royalty owners that have yet to be tallied.

The city of Coahoma also saw a modest increase in its certified values, up \$1,260,567 with a certified value of \$21,339,609 compared to the \$20,079,042 reported in 2009. Coahoma Independent School District also enjoyed a rise in values, up \$44,160,207 with a 2010 certified value of \$381,869,036, compared to last year's \$337,708,829.

The Permian Basin Underground Water District also saw an upswing in values, posting an increase of \$274,632,064 with a 2010 certified value of \$1,360,136,289, compared to the \$1,085,504,225 in 2009.

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Missed Opportunities

Fumbles plague Steers in loss to Frenship

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — The Big Steers weren't as somber as expected after losing to Frenship 21-13 Friday at Tiger Stadium.

With a smirk on his face in the team huddle after the game, head coach Phillip Ritchey sees the positives outweighing the negatives.

"I told them before the game this was going to be a good measuring stick for what we're going to see later on in our district," he said. "I told them after the game, I believe we passed that with flying colors. I thought we were the best football team on this field."

Maybe Big Spring was the best team on the field Friday, but missed opportunities and turnovers prevented the Steers from proving it on the scoreboard.

The Steers had three lost fumbles in Friday's game, all crucial to Big Spring possibly taking the lead and winning Friday's game.

It wasn't until a 43-yard interception returned for a touchdown by Terrell Demerson in the fourth quarter that Big Spring found its spark.

At that point, Big Spring was down 21-13 and Demerson's pass

breakup on Frenship's next possession halted the Tigers' opportunity to score again.

On the Steers' next and final drive of the game, they had enough time to score and possibly tie the game. But a fumble on a lateral pass ended the game and hopes of a comeback.

The Steers were in a familiar place heading into the third quarter. Last year against Frenship, they were down 14-7 and this year was no different. But in this game, the Steers' mistakes proved costly.

The Tigers took the game into the third quarter. Last year against Frenship, they were down 14-7 and this year was no different. But in this game, the Steers' mistakes proved costly.

Later on in the half, the Steers were given a gift after DaVonte Anderson threw what was thought to be an interception. A roughing the passer call gave Big Spring the first down instead, but another fumble gave momentum back to Frenship.

"We shot ourselves in the foot," BSHS receiver Dayvion Young said. "We had a lot of mishaps and stuff. A football game is a football game, we can't go

back and change it now. Overall, we played a good game."

Frenship quarterback Brandon Hanslik and running back Bobby Huey did enough damage to make sure the Tigers stayed on top. Hanslik was 4-of-11 for 43 yards and two touchdowns. Huey had 18 carries for 102 yards.

Ritchey said he thought the Steers' offense took steps forward Friday. Even with all the fumbles, Chavarria and Falcon ran the ball effectively. Falcon had the offense's only touchdown with a 3-yard run in the second.

Anderson made plays with his feet and arm, too. He said there were a few things he saw in Frenship's defense that kept the offense moving.

"I guess them just over-pursuing a little bit," he said. "Over-pursuing to the motion and to me faking. But our line blocked great. They blocked down and they fought hard. They helped me gain yards."

But it all goes back to the Demerson interception.

The Tigers were primed to put the game out of reach, up 21-7 and driving late in the fourth quarter. Ritchey

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Lukas Falcon scores a touchdown against Frenship in the second quarter of Friday's 21-13 loss.

Gardner gets first win as head coach



Photo Courtesy of Angie Sloan

Dakota Giffith (7) dives in front of his offensive line during Coahoma's 40-14 win against Comanche. The win was Coahoma head coach Trey Gardner's first in his head coaching career.

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The last time Coahoma head coach Trey Gardner was at Bulldog Stadium, he was dressed in pads and a red jersey for a game that ended in a tie.

Now, 23 years later, the Coahoma graduate on the sidelines with a headset and, to his delight, his first game back home didn't end in a tie.

In fact, it ended in a 40-14 win over Comanche.

"I kind of told the kids on Thursday that I'd really at least like to get that off," Gardner said of his first win as Coahoma's head coach and the first in his head coaching career. "My last experience on this field

was a tie, which is never really anything exciting. From that standpoint, it's nice to get a win under your belt."

Gardner got his win and the offense came together as the Bulldogs' second and third quarters sparked the 26-point win.

The Bulldogs were down 7-6 heading into the second, but the defense got stingy and the offense opened up.

Hunter Williams caught a 35-yard touchdown pass from Tanner Ruiz and Ruiz had a 6-yard run of his own to put Coahoma up 21-7.

Ruiz wasn't done there. He had a 40-yard touchdown run in third

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Forsan Buffaloes fall to Morriss, Sonora Broncos 49-26



Photo Courtesy of Bob Fishback

Forsan's Foster Burchett stretches for a first down during the Buffs' game against Sonora.

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

SONORA — Judging by the first quarter, Forsan coach Jason Phillips thought he was in for a high scoring affair with Sonora.

But the Buffs couldn't keep up and Sonora's Ethan Morriss led the Broncos to a 49-26 win against Forsan.

While the score 28-14 at the end of the first quarter, Sonora scored 21 unanswered points in the second to establish a good lead.

"I looked up and it was about a minute left and I said 'We're still in the

first quarter?'" Phillips said. "Both teams just flying up and down the field. It was funny."

Quarterback Morriss was effective running and passing the ball. He had seven carries for 54 yards and two touchdowns and was 11-of-17 for 283 yards and four more touchdowns.

Phillips said his team had some setbacks in the first and Sonora is a dangerous team to fall behind to.

"We had some things happen in the first quarter, not just huge thing, but we some things go wrong," he said. "With

a team like Sonora, who is really, really good, you can't give them extra touches. Especially when they're on like they were last night."

Phillips said Morriss wasn't helping the Buffs' cause for a comeback either.

Forsan didn't score again until the third and fourth quarters, thanks to Ty Johnson's 83-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and his 43-yard run for a touchdown.

Forsan's running backs were solid again

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Photo courtesy of Getty Images

Raising Eager Readers Technology Makes It Fun

FAMILY FEATURES

Parents are looking for ways to get their kids back into the learning mode. Making education a part of the norm is essential for an easy transition back to school. Not only is it important for success, but childhood development as well. Exposure to books in the early childhood stages plays a key role in a child's reading development, and while most parents and caregivers know that children benefit from reading time, many struggle to fit it into their children's hectic schedules.

A survey conducted on behalf of VTech, a leading electronic learning products provider, found that more than 40 percent of moms with children ages 3 to 7 years old said that not having enough time to spend reading with their children is the biggest challenge they face in trying to make reading a daily activity. And nearly half wished there were ways to include reading in their child's on-the-go schedule.

Fortunately, there are plenty of fun and practical ways to make reading a part of everyday family life.

Making Reading Fun

You can help a child develop reading skills even when you're running errands or doing activities together. By going places and doing things with children, you help build their background knowledge and vocabulary, giving them a basis for understanding what they read.

Telling stories and interacting with each other while on the go helps them develop their listening and thinking skills.

And now there are technologies that let you take interesting reading material wherever you go. The new VReader, the first interactive, animated e-book system for children, creates an engaging reading experience for early readers, ages 3 to 7, so they love to learn to read.

"We understand that parents are looking for ways to merge learning and fun and VTech is excited to offer the VReader, which does exactly that," said Tom McClure, director of marketing, VTech Electronics North America, LLC. "Parents can trust this cutting-edge e-book to aid in their children's development while proving how learning can be fun too."

The touch-and-read e-book brings stories to life with narration, characters, animation, graphics, sounds and music. Kids interact as they listen and follow along with a story, or touch the screen and play games to learn each word and sentence. The VReader helps teach reading comprehension, vocabulary, phonics and word building.

Reading is a skill that requires nurturing. Creating a literacy-rich home is the best way to engage children with the joys of books and help them become readers for a lifetime. One convenient way to keep a constant stream of new books available to young readers is by

downloading new e-book titles. Through the VTech website, new titles are available at your fingertips to add to your child's VReader library.

To find out more about the VReader and to download titles, visit www.vtechkids.com

Create a Reading-Friendly Environment

Research¹ shows that lack of access to books and educational materials is the single greatest barrier to literacy development in the US and beyond. Books, magazines, newspapers and other reading tools should be within easy reach of the whole family. Try designating a bookcase or shelf where children can keep a personal library.

According to First Book, a nonprofit organization that provides new books to children in need, a steady stream of new, age-appropriate books has been shown to nearly triple interest in reading within months. By visiting www.firstbook.org, families, teachers and reading programs can help children from low-income communities build their own home libraries and start the journey to becoming lifelong readers.

"It's important for beginner readers to continue practicing their newly acquired reading skills," said Ron Fairchild, founding CEO of the National Summer Learning Association and a national authority on how to expand learning opportunities for youth. "Research shows that access to reading material that matches kids' ability levels and interests, and assistance to ensure comprehension, are important to sustaining and advancing reading skills."

Some other tips for helping young readers develop include:

- Read with your child every day, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Ask open-ended questions, such as "What do you think is going to happen next?" or "Why do you think he did that?"
- Read your child's favorite book over and over.
- Find out what interests your child and get reading materials to feed that interest.
- Let children see you read and invite them to read with you.

The US Department of Education (DOE) also recommends that when reading a book aloud to young children, point to each word as you read. This helps the child make a visual connection — that the word said is the word seen.

Literacy Milestones

Most children develop certain skills as they move through the early stages of learning language. According to the Department of Education, these are some milestones to be working toward:

From ages 3 to 4, most preschoolers:

- Enjoy listening to and talking about storybooks
- Understand that print carries a message
- Identify familiar signs and labels
- Participate in rhyming games
- Identify some letters and make some letter-sound matches

At age 5, most kindergartners:

- Retell simple stories
- Use descriptive language to explain or to ask questions
- Recognize letters and letter-sound matches
- Show familiarity with rhyming and beginning sounds
- Begin to match spoken words with written ones

At age 6, most first-graders:

- Use a variety of ways to help with reading a story such as rereading, predicting what will happen, asking questions, or using visual cues or pictures
- Read some things aloud with ease
- Identify new words by using letter-sound matches, parts of words and their understanding of the rest of a story or printed item
- Sound out and represent major sounds in a word when trying to spell
- Try to use some punctuation marks and capitalization

¹ Susan B. Neuman, Ph. D. University of Michigan, Center for the Improvement of Early Reading Achievement

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Obituaries

Capt. Ellery 'Ray' Wallace

Capt. Ellery "Ray" Wallace, 33, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010, in Afghanistan. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Shirley Nichols

Shirley Nichols, 68, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 3, 2010, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were:
10-13-20-28-36, Mega Ball: 9

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-11-16-21-25.
Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$23,514.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night, in order:
7-1-5-6. Sum It Up: 19.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night, in order:
6-4-5. Sum It Up: 15.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday afternoon, in order:
7-5-7-2. Sum It Up: 21.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday afternoon, in order:
0-7-3. Sum It Up: 10.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- RENE VALDEZ JR., 49, 404 Father Delaney, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- SELESTINO HERNANDEZ, 25, 2911 W. Highway 80 No. 145, was arrested on a warrant from another agency and a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- MARK TIMOTHY STANLEY, 48, Odessa, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- HECTOR FERNANDEZ JR., 50, Lakewood, Colo., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- VIRGINIA HINOJOS MORENO, 46, 100 N.W. Third, was arrested on charges of failure to appear, driving while license invalid and failed to maintain financial responsibility.
- JOSHUA PAUL SILVA, 23, 1313 Lindbergh, was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.
- CODY DEJUAN HAWKINS, 28, 810 Cherry, was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid two counts, expired license plate (two counts), failure to maintain financial responsibility and 15 counts of failure to appear.
- KENDRA LYNN HARRISON, 39, 1303 Colby, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- GARY JAMES MIEARS, 33, Hagerstown, Md., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of Creighton and the 800 block of Lorilla.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 100 block of Whipkey.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 2000 block of 11th Place.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of E. 16th.

Take Note

• The Northside Community Center will start its After School Program from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday. Children from the third to sixth grades are welcome to attend on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. All sessions are free. For more information, call 263-2673.

• English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer sessions at the Northside Community Center are held during the day and evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 263-2673.

• The local division of the Disabled American Veterans will be holding a 9-11 memorial service at the Big Spring Mall at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony is being held in honor of the of the Americans who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and the local men and women who have lost their lives while serving in the armed forces since that tragic day. There memorial will be held just west of the Sears inside the mall, near the memorial wall. For more information on the memorial ceremony, contact Mike Tarpley at (432) 556-2227.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.

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

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

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need

your help. A class is forming in Howard County and we need at least 27 volunteers to fill this need. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.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.

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

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

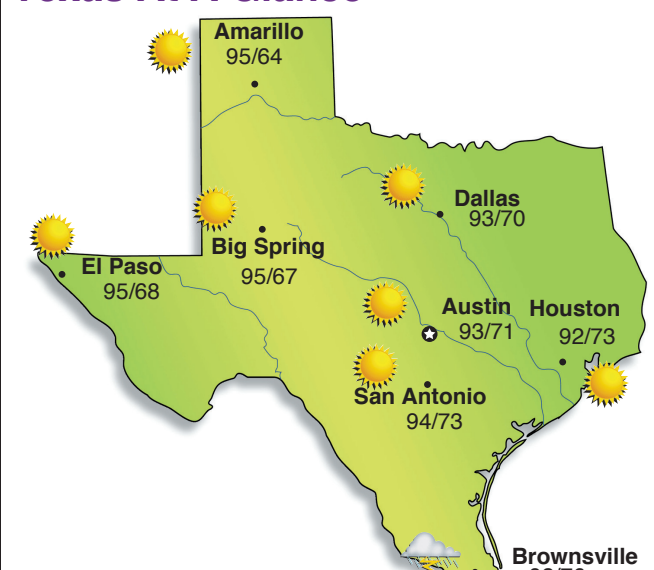
• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Borden, Dawson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

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 9/5	Mon 9/6	Tue 9/7	Wed 9/8	Thu 9/9
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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	95	70	sunny	Kingsville	96	74	t-storm
Amarillo	95	64	sunny	Livingston	93	69	sunny
Austin	93	71	sunny	Longview	90	69	sunny
Beaumont	92	74	sunny	Lubbock	93	63	sunny
Brownsville	92	76	t-storm	Lufkin	94	70	sunny
Brownwood	95	69	sunny	Midland	96	69	sunny
Corpus Christi	94	76	mst sunny	Raymondville	95	74	t-storm
Corsicana	92	69	sunny	Rosenberg	93	73	sunny
Dallas	93	70	sunny	San Antonio	94	73	sunny
Del Rio	94	72	sunny	San Marcos	94	71	sunny
El Paso	95	68	sunny	Sulphur Springs	93	68	sunny
Fort Stockton	93	65	sunny	Sweetwater	94	68	sunny
Gainesville	91	68	sunny	Tyler	90	67	sunny
Greenville	91	67	sunny	Weatherford	92	69	sunny
Houston	92	73	sunny	Wichita Falls	94	69	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	59	pt sunny	Minneapolis	76	60	mst sunny
Boston	76	54	sunny	New York	78	61	sunny
Chicago	77	60	mst sunny	Phoenix	104	79	sunny
Dallas	93	70	sunny	San Francisco	71	58	sunny
Denver	92	56	sunny	Seattle	65	54	pt sunny
Houston	92	73	sunny	St. Louis	82	62	sunny
Los Angeles	80	60	sunny	Washington, DC	81	63	sunny
Miami	89	78	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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► Weddings

Martinez-Peters

Valerie Michelle Martinez of Coahoma and Elijah Sean Peters of Big Spring exchanged wedding vows at 1 p.m. Aug. 7, 2010, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Deacon Johnny Arguello presiding.

The bride is the daughter of Andrew and Sandra Martinez of Coahoma and the granddaughter of Felix and Rosalinda Gonzales of Big Spring and the late Sabina Flores.

The groom is the son of Beth Peters of Big Spring and the grandson of the late Willie Phillips and Iris Phillips of Big Spring.

The bride, given away by her father, wore an A-line side drape strapless gown with beaded lace detail on bodice and skirt, slimming lace up back and beautiful split back skirt with beaded lace detail along with a chapel train. She carried a bouquet of daisies in the colors of teal,



Mr. and Mrs. Eligh Sean Peters

green, pink, orange and yellow, with some purple filler. It was hand-tied with two zebra ribbon bows.

The maid of honor was Jackie Valencia of San Antonio. Bridesmaids were Lacey Phillips of Big Spring, Jami Guerra of San Antonio, Samantha Guerra of San Antonio and Lauren Smith of Big Spring. The maid of honor and bridesmaids wore single strapped

gowns in different colors.

Flower girls Elle Martinez of Coahoma and Audrey Martinez of Midland wore ivory dresses with pearls and a woven top and a zebra and orange sash. They carried a woven basket lined with zebra ribbon that had been designed by the bride.

Jessie Lugo of Coahoma was the best man. Groomsmen were John

Peters of Big Spring, Jeremiah Peters of Lubbock, Heath Garret of Big Spring and A.J. Martinez of Coahoma.

Ring bearer Bryan Martinez wore a black tuxedo with an orange tie to match the flower girls. He carried a orange and zebra pillow designed and made by the bride.

A reception was hosted by the bride's parents at Kokopelli's in Big Spring. The bride's table featured a four-tier cake made by Audrey Bayes. Each tier was different (teal with black zebra print, purple with green polka dots, pink with black zebra stripes and the top tier was yellow with pink, orange, green and teal and purple polka dots. There were also real daisies to add to the cake. The groom's table included cherry cheesecakes and cookies made by Audrey Bayes. The theme of the groom's table was Texas Longhorns. Music was provided by Paul Landin.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Coahoma High School and is pursuing a career in nursing.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by the city of Big Spring.

The couple will live in Big Spring.

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Pittman-Thummel

Jeff Thummel and Kristy Lomax, both of Midland, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kate Ellen Thummel, to Brock Dean Pittman, the son of Randy Pittman of Midland and Cindy Pittman of Big Spring.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Midland. She is currently employed at Joe James Salon and Day Spa.

The prospective groom is a 2004 graduate of Big Spring High School. He is currently employed at O'Ryan Drilling.

The couple plans to marry Sept. 18, 2010, at the Green Tree Country Club in Midland.

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► Who's Who

Debbie S. Cunningham, a 1994 graduate of Big Spring High School, was awarded her Ph.D. in hispanic studies from Texas A&M University on Aug. 13, 2010. Her primary area of research involves the study and translation of colonial Spanish manuscripts that are relevant to the history of the Southwest, with a specific emphasis on Texas history.

Her dissertation is titled "The Exploration and Preliminary Colonization of the Seno Mexicano Under Don Jose



de Escandon (1747-1749): A n Analysis Based on Primary Spanish Manuscripts." She has published numerous translations of Spanish colonial manuscripts in academic journals such as the Southwestern Historical Quarterly and Catholic Southwest. She has also been invited to present her research findings at the

Texas State Historical Association's annual meeting on two occasions. Prior to undertaking her doctoral studies, Ms. Cunningham graduated from Texas A&M University with a MA in Spanish and from Texas State University with a MS in criminal justice.

Dr. Cunningham is currently a visiting assistant professor of Spanish at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. She is the daughter of Ron and Marisue Cunningham of Big Spring and the late Martha Jane Bales Esaterday.



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RALLY

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Also at the podium Saturday was State Sen. Kel Seliger, who said that one of the best things government can do for citizens is not delve into areas it doesn't belong.

"Government needs to provide the things people need, then it needs to get out of people's lives," Seliger said, adding that an out-of-control federal budget is exceedingly harmful to the country's future.

"When you look at a national debt that's approaching \$13 trillion ... we run the risk of our children and our children's children not having the same benefits as we had or our fathers had," Seliger said. "The federal budget is growing by more than \$1 trillion a year and, frankly, we can't afford it."



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Jim Landtroop, center, talks to supporters prior to the start of Saturday's Tea Party rally.

Those concerns are being heard loud and clear by state representatives in Austin, he said.

"We have already cut agency spending in Texas by 5 percent," Seliger said. "The end result of our belt-tightening is that by June 2011, we'll have a balanced budget and no deficit in the state of Texas. That's what we're going to leave the citizens of this state and I think that's very important."

Belt-tightening at the government level is not only necessary during the current economic slowdown, but should be a way of life, the senator added.

"The government should always be a little short of money," he said. "Because if its not, then the people of Texas are ... The government needs to learn to live without more money. Every government should be in a little bit of fiscal difficulty, wondering where the money's going to come from."

Other issues raised by Seliger and his fellow speakers included the need for immigration reform, increased border security and for greater emphasis on the 10th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which stipulates that powers not expressly given to the federal government belong to the individual states.

The Tea Party movement, which has blossomed across the nation in the past year, does a good job of advocating these concerns but needs to

both expand its base and become more active in order to achieve its goals, both Seliger and Landtroop said.

"In an interview a couple of weeks ago, Vice President Joe Biden ... referred to the Tea Party as 'the Republican Tea Party,'" Seliger said. "That's not altogether untrue, but we must see an evolution as we go forward. There are Democrats who are conservatives and independents who are conservatives and we must welcome them into this movement."

The best way conservatives can make their voice heard, Landtroop said, is on election day.

"This battle is not going to be won with muskets, but with votes," he said. "It is not going to be won in the fields, but at the ballot box ... We need a political awakening in this country. If we don't, I believe we'll drift off into a bad dream of a socialist America."

CEREMONY

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falling of a landmark, or even the loss of American life. Sept. 11 was a demonstration of both our county at its worst — so wrapped up in our own prosperity as to be oblivious to danger — and its best, to instantly come together under fire as a people, regardless of our differences. We need these memorials to not only remind us of heroic sacrifice, but of the dangers of complacency and the strength of unity."

A total of 411 emergency workers who responded to the scene of the attack in New York died as they attempted to rescue people and fight fires.

According to reports following the attack, the New York City Fire Department lost 341 firefighters and two paramedics.

The New York City Police Department lost 23 officers, while the Port Authority Police Department lost 37 officers.

Eight additional EMTs and paramedics from private EMS units were also killed.

There were a total of 2,993 deaths, including the 19 hijackers: 246 on the four planes — from which there were no survivors — 2,603 in New York City in the towers and on the ground, and 125 at the Pentagon. An additional 24 people remain listed as missing.

All of the deaths in the attacks were civilians except for 55 military personnel killed at the Pentagon. More than 90 countries lost citizens in the attacks on the World Trade Center.

"Firefighters tend to hold on to things," said Condray. "The things we see, we don't often

externalize them. You have to deal with these things on an immediate basis and they aren't things you can tell your wife or kids, so we tend to hold them inside.

"A lot of progress has been made as a result of what happened, but there's still a lot of hurt and grief surrounding it. There are still a lot of spouses and children left behind, and that's something firefighters feel, even today."

The memorial ceremony is expected to get under way at 6:30 p.m.

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7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspring-herald.com

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Gilbert Garcia, 52, died Tuesday. A rosary was at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel followed by the Funeral Service at 10 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial was at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Enedina Fierro, 90, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass was at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Captain Ellery "Ray" Wallace, 33, formerly of Big Spring died Saturday, August 28, 2010, in Afghanistan. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Shirley Nichols, 68, of Big Spring, died Friday, September, 3, 2010, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Friday, September 17, 2010: Pregame Recognition at the BSHS Homecoming Football Game

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Births



Cason Cade Peterson

Cason Cade Peterson, a boy, was born at 7:54 p.m. July 28, 2010, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20-1/4 inches long. He is the son of Cade and Shiloh Peterson of Vealmoor.

Grandparents are Terry and Cindy Sanders of Big Spring and Mike and Penny Peterson of Vealmoor.

ESL courses available

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Clubs

TOPS Tx 0021

TOPS Club Tx 0021 met Monday, Aug. 26, in the fellowship hall at the First Christian Church at the corner of 10th and Goliad Streets. There were eight members present. Leader Frank Sickles called for the members to answer the roll call with the TOPS cheer. Linda Stapel then led the TOPS pledge, followed by the KOPS pledge led by Leola Newton. The TOPS welcome song was sung by all members.

A total club loss of five pounds was recorded. Three people tied for best loser of the week with each losing one pound. They each earned certificates and \$1.

Members were then reminded of the Fun Day scheduled for Oct. 2 in Midland. They voted to have the registration fee and dinner fee for everyone paid by the club.

Recognition and awards for KOPS members that had maintained the goal weight or gone below that target followed. Awards were given to Ethel Cassidy, for nine years as a KOPS member, and Leola Newton, for her 1 year anniversary as a KOPS member.

A program, entitled "Plate Size Does Matter," was presented by Cassidy. An 8-inch plate is best to use for those losing weight.

Theoretically the plate should be divided — half for vegetables, a quarter for starches and a quarter for meat. A measuring cup can be used for more accurate amounts of foods. Low-fat milk or sugar-free juice is a good drink. Remember, snacks are important, too. Fruit, such as apples and oranges, and nuts, especially almonds, make good snacks.

At the meeting's conclusion, members sang the closing song.

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The TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Club met Monday, Sept. 1, with leader Frank Sickles calling for the TOPS cheer. Eight TOPS members and two KOPS members responded. The TOPS pledge was led by Carol Smith and Leola Newton and Ethel Cassidy said the KOPS pledge. Laura Sickles led the group in the TOPS welcome song.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved. Roll call, led by Hughetta Roberts followed and the total club loss of four pounds was recorded. The best loser of the week was Roberts with a two-pound loss. The best loser for August was Dennis Stapel with a 5.75-pound loss. Stapel was also announced as the contest winner and was awarded a \$10 gift card.

The business meeting included information about awards to be given at the Area Fun Day set for Oct. 2 in Midland. Slim Bar and

WOW Par award winners from each TOPS club must be turned in to officials by Sept. 25. Clubs have the opportunity to vote on the club's Chapter Angel and secret ballots were collected and sent to Fun Day officials.

A KOPS graduation ceremony saw Leola Newton, having reached a weight goal set by her doctor, graduated with the KOPS Rose Ceremony officiated by Laura Sickles. Newton received her graduation pin symbolizing her achievement. The tassel on her cap represented her pounds loss.

She was presented with two yellow roses. The petals represent members gathering together for help and encouragement; the stem, the support system TOPS offers; and the leaves are as uneven as life and everyone must deal with challenges. The thorns of the rose represent the weight gains and disappointments. Our willpower and determination gets us through to our desired goal weight. The center core helps us all work together to overcome our bad eating habits.

Newton then gave, as customary, one of the roses to Olnee Menges, a member close to her goal, as encouragement to keep trying.

A new contest, "Under the Sea," began and continues through Nov. 22.

There will be no meeting Sept. 6.

Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Holiday.
Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage roll, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Nacho grande, ranch beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple chunks, salsa, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast - Tortilla, cheese omelets, assorted fruit cup, milk. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, carrots, brownies, pears, roll, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast - Ham and cheese biscuits, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Spaghetti, garden salad, corn, strawberries, roll, milk.
Friday: Breakfast - French toast sticks, syrup, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Turkey/cheese sandwich, baked potato chips, orange and pineapple gelatin, fresh fruit, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Holiday.
Tuesday: Breakfast - Donuts, sausage, apple-sauce cups, milk. Lunch - Pizza, corn, pineapples, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast - French toast, ham, juice, milk. Lunch - Cheeseburger pockets, chips, pickle spears, pineapple.

Burritos.
Thursday: Breakfast - Biscuits and gravy, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - Breaded steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk. Hot Pockets.
Friday: Breakfast - Oatmeal, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken fajitas, onion, peppers, refried beans, salad, grapes,

milk. Corn dogs.
Forsan ISD
Monday: Holiday.
Tuesday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Grilled chicken sandwich, veggies, tater tots, ranch style beans, Orange Smiles, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast - Pancakes, sausage,

juice, milk. Lunch - Beef tips and rice, green beans, fruit choice, sugar cookie, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast Pocket, juice, milk. Lunch - Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn on the cob, garlic toast, peaches and cream, milk.
Friday: Breakfast - Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Popcorn chicken,

mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit choice, milk.
Senior Center
Monday: Holiday.
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, buttered noodles, green beans, breadsticks, pears, milk.
Wednesday: Baked chicken breast, buttered

potatoes, harvard beets, green salad, rolls, cherry pink cloud, milk.
Thursday: Stew, tossed green salad, cornbread, chocolate pudding, milk.
Friday: Fried catfish, au gratin potatoes, lentils, beans, cornbread, lemon pudding, milk, V8 juice.



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OUR VIEW

It's important: Be ready for an emergency

What would you do in a real emergency? Do you have a plan and is the entire family ready to implement it at a moment's notice? Those are some of the things state and national officials are concerned about this month.

That's pretty fitting, since September is National Preparedness Month.

State and federal officials are urging people to become prepared by developing a family emergency plan, putting together an emergency supply kit and learning more about what to do during natural disasters and other emergency situations.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Citizen Corps and other federal, state, local, private sector and voluntary agencies work toward increasing public awareness of the need to prepare for emergencies.

In keeping with that message, they say now is a good opportunity to update or create your own emergency "grab and go" kit. In fact, it might not be a bad idea to keep at least a couple of them handy.

Emergency supply kits at home and at work should contain:

- A three-day supply of water (one gallon per person, per day) and non-perishable food, plus coolers for food and ice storage, paper plates, plastic utensils and a manual can opener.
- Eyeglasses, hearing aids, a first-aid kit, extra prescription medications, copies of prescriptions, other special medical items and special supplies needed for babies or the elderly.
- Important documents and records, extra keys, proof of residence and telephone numbers of family and friends.
- Cash (power outages mean banks and ATMs may be unavailable).
- Battery-operated radio and flashlight with extra batteries.
- Road maps, a travel plan, hotel reservations, a list of places between your home and your destination where you can stop if highways are clogged.
- Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags and extra clothing.
- Toilet paper, cleanup supplies and personal hygiene products.
- Pet supplies.

In other words, a true "grab and go" kit isn't necessarily going to be something that can be held in a small bag. What's more, it needs to be updated when things like medications are changed or batteries need to be replaced.

Anyone thinking being prepared for an emergency is necessary, ought to remember the dilemma a member of our editorial board faced last Christmas eve when Interstate 20 was closed for more than a day when ice and snow made it impossible to travel to the Dallas-Fort Worth area to enjoy the holiday with family.

He got lucky, broke a few traffic rules and was able to reverse his course and spend that night in an Abilene motel before returning to Big Spring. Countless others, maybe thousands, weren't as lucky and spent the cold, icy night in their vehicles.

We're certain our co-worker wasn't the only one not prepared to spend the night on the highway that night.

Would you be?

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we live our life on a beaten path to You, Lord.

Amen

Everybody knows talk is cheap

Don't talk about it, be about it. I've had that little gem of wisdom sort of stuck in my head ever since a good friend of mine, Scott Klarer, uttered it to me a few years ago.

And while I honestly can't remember what in the world we were talking about at that time, those words have stayed with me, and, when I needed a little extra kick in the pants, inspired me to get things done.

Unfortunately, this proverb-of-sorts reveals a growing problem right here in Big Spring, and throughout West Texas.

As a reporter, I get to listen to people rail on endlessly about what they do or do not like, whether it's in city and county government, the school districts, crime or why there's such a shortage of things to do in Big Spring. And when I say endlessly, I'm not exaggerating. At times, it seems like people are really just in love with the sound of their own voices.

However, when I ask them what they are doing to try to correct the problem, most of them just stare at me blankly, as if to say, "What, you expect me to fix this? Seriously?"

I suppose that is why I see the Big Spring Film Society as such a breath of fresh air for the Crossroads area.

In the past several years, I can't tell you how many times I've sat around with the society's chairman, Brandon Johnson, shooting ideas back and forth for different projects and screen-

ings. And while the inception and eventual growth of the film society was anything but overnight, it was something we never gave up on.

Don't talk about it, be about it. That's right. A few local movie nuts, sitting around in someone's living room discussing ideas for film shorts, scripts and locales, doing a whole bunch of talking. But, unlike so many great ideas I've heard from our readers and local residents, talking soon became doing.

Don't get me wrong, the society had its fair share of failures before it blossomed into the program we enjoy today. The idea of doing movie screenings seemed out of reach at several different points. However, through hard work and perseverance — not to mention Brandon's silver tongue — the group has not only presented several screenings, they have been able to make it an annual series of events.

The fact of the matter is, we all have ideas about how things could be improved in Big Spring. But, it's a lot of work to turn an idea into a plan of action and that's exactly what we need in this city. A while back, someone proposed the idea of having a skate park in the city, and because of that, the local YMCA has a small, yet fun, course available to our street surfing friends.

Someone thought it might be a good idea to hold a hang gliding championship in Big Spring. Now, Big Spring has become the unofficial home of the U.S. National Hang Gliding Championships.

Someone thought the Settles Hotel could be worth saving, and now the downtown landmark is finally being renovated into something other than a remind-

er of the boom-to-bust history of Big Spring since Webb Air Force Base closed up shop.

All of these projects started out with nothing more than an idea, rolling off the lips of someone who didn't just want to talk about things, but was prepared to do something about them.

Anyone that attended last week's screening of "Jurassic Park" atop Scenic Mountain can tell you the film society is leaving its mark on the people of the Crossroads area. Some of the children that stared at the screen in slack-jawed awe could go on to be the next Steven Spielberg or Harrison Ford. As much as cliches get on my nerves, I have to say the possibilities really are endless.

So, instead of sitting around and just jacking your jaw with your friends about how Big Spring needs some place safe for teens and youngsters to hang out, or how crime is getting worse in your neighborhood, get off your can and do something about it.

If neighborhood crime is a problem, maybe starting a crime watch in your area could make a difference. If Big Spring needs a teen center, let your council know, or start looking at ways to open one. You can be just as devoted or involved as you like. However, until someone steps up and says, "Hey, I'm not afraid of a little work, so let's see what we can accomplish," it's just talk.

And, as we all know, talk is cheap. So stop talking about it, Big Spring, and start being about it. Let's see what we can accomplish.

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A bird? A plane? No, it's a teacher!

A few red leaves have begun to wave their fancy hello from the highest treetops in our backyard.

Whup, there it goes. The latch springs open, and a treasure-trove of fall memories breaks free: New shoes and knee socks, fresh haircuts and pristine binders. And teachers. Always, the teachers.

A journalist must disclose conflicts of interests, so I confess to this bias: I love teachers.

As far as I'm concerned, most teachers should be issued tights, capes and their own soundtracks at the beginning of each school year. They are underpaid and overworked, reviled and blamed, and taken for granted on a regular basis. They come in early and go home late and increasingly spend money out of their own pockets for our kids because we don't spend enough on our schools.

Think about what we ask of teachers.

What other profession requires a single person to change the lives of dozens of humans a year by herding them into a combustible mix of skills and attention spans — and then pays less than the average autoworker or server at a high-end restaurant is paid?

That's not a slam against autoworkers and servers — they're hardworking and deserve to earn more than they get — but what does it say about us as a

country that the average starting salary for a kindergarten teacher charged with molding the minds of our babies is only \$34,000 a year?

No one has more potential to influence a child outside the perimeter of family than teachers. I remember my initial feeling of parental displacement when my 3-year-old daughter started coming home from preschool full of stories about her beloved Miss Emily.

"Miss Emily said... Miss Emily does... Miss Emily likes..."

For the first time, my daughter was developing a relationship with someone I barely knew. It was impossible to ignore the impact that gifted woman was having on my normally shy little girl.

Not all teachers are saints, of course. Every group has its outliers.

Three years ago, at Sinclair Community College's commencement in Dayton, Ohio, President Steven Lee Johnson asked graduates to stand if someone ever had told them they weren't college material. Nearly a fourth of the 1,000 or so students rose to their feet. You just know that some of the naysayers were teachers who failed to keep their low expectations to themselves.

A lot of us, though, can name at least one teacher who saw the flame in us before we felt the spark. So often, these are the tales of heroes. One of my favorite ways to engage strangers in conversation is to ask them to tell me a story about one of their favorite teachers. Almost always, their faces soften and their eyes shift to focus on someone only they can see as they

describe the one person who refused to give up on them.

"God, I was unlovable at that age," a 50-year-old lawyer told me recently as he talked about his seventh-grade English teacher. "Acting out every chance I got. But she saw something in me that my own mother couldn't see at the time. She used to call me 'professor' because she thought I was so smart. Imagine saying that to a pimply-faced kid whose dad worked at the rubber plant."

By the end of that school year, he knew he'd go to law school someday. He laughed when he described his teacher's response to that little announcement. "She just smiled and said, 'Of course you are.'"

I almost made it to the end of this column without naming the teachers from my own past whose faces and influence are as clear to me today as they were decades ago. In their eyes I saw a better version of myself. How do you even begin to thank someone who lifted your chin, pointed up and said, "Why not set your sights there instead?"

"Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone," the late novelist G.B. Stern once said.

So I say their names out loud as I type: Mrs. Berendt, Miss Nelson, Mr. Kurnava, Mr. Carr, Mr. Allshouse and Mr. Petros.

Here's to them and to teachers like them, who mine for miracles and spackle our children's skies with stars.

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Tuberville makes Tech debut vs. SMC

LUBBOCK (AP) — June Jones knows the order is a tall one for his improving SMU squad. The Mustangs will open the season Sunday in Lubbock as the first opponent for new Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville, who vowed when he took over in January not to dismantle the Red Raiders' dizzyingly successful aerial attack.

Facing a coach — and a program — eager for a win in the post-Mike Leach era, SMU also faces some daunting history. Texas Tech has won the past 13 meetings between the two former Southwest Conference rivals dating to 1989.

Jones, who in his second season last year led SMU to the most wins (8-5) since 1984, said the Mustangs will need to be sharp. After going

1-11 in Jones' first year, SMU's seven-win improvement was the largest for any team in Division I last season.

"We feel like we have to go in there and play our best football game to win," Jones said. "We have our hands full, obviously. I think they are a very talented team."

Tuberville is hopping so — particularly on defense, long maligned and a stepchild to Leach's passing offense that had most of his quarterbacks leading the nation in passing. Linebacker Bront Bird said the Tech defense is more complicated than in previous years.

"In the past, a lot of guys were satisfied knowing what they were supposed to do, but you are a better player when you understand the whole scheme of what

everyone is doing, as far as coverages," Bird said.

Jones thinks Texas Tech's offense, behind starting quarterback Taylor Potts, will run more.

"But that doesn't mean they're not going to throw it 60 times a game," Jones said. "It's not going to be just like Mike Leach's offense."

It's Texas Tech's first game in Lubbock since 1999 without Leach on the sideline. University officials fired Leach Dec. 30, two days after suspending him amid allegations he mistreated a receiver with a concussion. Leach has denied he mistreated the player and has a lawsuit pending against the school.

Tuberville, who is beginning his 15th year as head coach after stints at Auburn and Missis-

sippi, said he thinks the game will answer many questions.

"I wanted everyone to see what this program is about," he said. "We are still here and we are going to be able to throw the football, run it and play defense and play special teams."

Is he nervous about the game?

"I'm more nervous for the players and what they're doing and if they can get it done," Tuberville said. We'll go into this game knowing we've pretty much done everything we can. We'll be a little nervous about execution and how we handle certain situations."

SMU will rely on quarterback Kyle Padron, who took over at mid-season as a freshman last year and went 5-1 as a starter, throwing for a

school-record 460 yards and two touchdowns in the 45-10 win over Nevada in the Hawaii Bowl. That game ended a 25-year bowl drought for the program that took years to rebound from the NCAA's so-called death penalty.

"I think his best football is ahead of him, certainly," Jones said of Padron. "We just have to keep getting good around him. I think we have a guy that can take us to the promised land."

A seasoned offensive line will be protecting him, and Tuberville said a strong pass rush will be "huge" for the Red Raiders defense.

"First we have to stop the run," he said. "The quarterback is a young guy, who has had some success. He's a pretty seasoned veteran but

hopefully we can give him some problems."

He doesn't expect much different from Jones, who last week got a contract extension expected to keep him at the school through the 2014 season.

"He's coached in pro and college and he's does the same things," Tuberville said. "He hasn't done anything different. We'll be able to prepare on what he has done."

In two weeks, Texas Tech hosts No. 5 Texas — a huge Big 12 test for Tuberville, who said he won't hold back anything this week for that game.

"You'll see it all (Sunday). You need to run things to see if you can execute," he said. "We'll always add one or two things. I think we have a good game plan."

Holland takes loss as Texas falls to Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Twins chose Matt Fox to start Friday's game not because of his dazzling stuff or eye-popping statistics. He was their only option.

Turns out, he was the perfect choice.

Denard Span delivered the go-ahead single in the seventh inning, emergency starter Fox pitched 5 2-3 innings in his major league debut, and the depleted Minnesota Twins beat the Texas Rangers 4-3 on Friday night.

Fox allowed two runs and four hits, giving the Twins' staff a major boost after scheduled starter Nick

Blackburn was forced to pitch in Thursday's 13-inning loss to Detroit.

Fox said he got the call about his promotion around 2:30 a.m. and estimates he only got about 45 minutes of sleep.

"From the time I got the call last night until I got here, everything went really fast," Fox said. "I was just speechless and didn't know what to say to people. I was so excited."

Alex Burnett (2-2), who arrived with Fox from Triple-A earlier Friday, allowed a run in 1 1-3 innings. Matt Capps recorded five outs

for his eighth save with the Twins and 34th overall.

With one out and runners on first and third in the eighth, Capps struck out Nelson Cruz and got Ian Kinsler to ground out.

Capps got a boost when right fielder Jason Repko threw out Alex Cora trying to advance from first to third on a single with one out in the ninth.

Cora said he decided to try and reach third as soon as he saw the ball roll through the infield.

"I like the aggressiveness, but sometimes you just have to be certain," Rangers man-

ager Ron Washington said. "The situation will always dictate how aggressive you can be."

Josh Hamilton singled with one out in the eighth, and then left the game with lower back stiffness. Hamilton had missed the Rangers last two games with a sore knee. He is day-to-day.

The Rangers went ahead in the seventh when Kinsler scored on Julio Borbon's squeeze bunt. Rangers starter Derek Holland (2-3) was unable to hold the lead.

J.J. Hardy tied it with an RBI single off reliever Alexi Ogando. Span put the Twins

ahead when his single off Matt Harrison scored Repko.

"We got 'em over and got 'em in. That's the way you play the game," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We never gave into them and heck of a ballgame for us."

The Twins were scrambling to find enough arms just to get through the game against a solid Texas lineup. Besides Blackburn, starter Brian Duensing was also used on Thursday. Relievers Jeff Manship, Jesse Crain and Matt Guerrier have been used extensively the past few days and were not available.

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As the back-to-school season begins, the start of the new school year can bring plenty of “turmoil” and uncertainties. The uncertainties expressed during the past couple of weeks abound: Will I get lost finding my way around the school? Will I make it to class on time and what happens if I am late? Will I be able to master the combination on my locker? Who will eat lunch with me? Will I like my teachers and classes?

All of us currently involved in the stock market can relate with kids going to new schools. The current uncertainties in the stock market abound, and at times, they seem endless.

The market continues to bounce around in a narrow trading range since the April high and the S&P 500 is only 12 percent shy of its high. It is important to not lose sight that this is a good showing for stocks after the 80 percent, 13-month rise that preceded the now four-month correction/consolidation.

It is even more impressive when considering the Federal Reserve has acknowledged that the economy is growing slower than it anticipated and investors are scrutinizing every little piece of data to discern the direction for the economy.

Investors have become extremely short term in their thinking. There is fear of a double-dip recession, a second half 2010 plunge in corporate earnings, the inflation/deflation debate and the fear of a brewing bubble in the bond market.

The Aug. 21 Barron's article titled “Bonds v. Stocks: Who's Right About Recession?” cited one more divergence among stock-market participants: Macro investors watching the big picture are focusing on the economic deceleration while “micro” investors are focusing on companies seeing continual robust earnings.

These uncertainties cited will likely not be reconciled soon; hence this is why we continue to expect limited progress in the market into year end. The struggle to sort out the uncertainties while volume remains low will add to volatility.

There are growing signs that investor sentiment is becoming quite pessimistic about stocks.

Some of these signs of negativity have been present for some time and others have just emerged in the past week.

The good news, in our opinion, is that this extreme pessimism does not typically accompany major, sustainable market declines (15-20 percent or more). The Investment Company Institute recently reported more than \$400 billion of inflows to bond funds during the past 12 months, a 25-year high. One is hard pressed to find many investors that believe the economic news will get better before it gets worse.

Last week, Stanley Drunkenmiller, a well-known hedge fund manager with a stellar long-term record, decided to close his firm. Among other reasons he cited for the closure was frustration by his failure in the past three years to match returns of his long-term record.

It was also reported last week that another well-known hedge fund manager, Paolo Pelligrini, is returning investors' money because of disappointing returns this year.

On Aug. 21 The Wall Street Journal featured an article titled “Preparing For the Next ‘Black Swan,’” suggesting that investors are flocking to new strategies designed to profit from a market calamity. In addition, other financial media seemed to report last week that it's doom and gloom all over again and that it's going to get worse.

Once again, this type of talk and actions are not what one looks for before a major market decline.

Taking all of the above into account the market will eventually do what it has always done and focus on the future and not the day-to-day news. Markets can be controlled by short-term events for a time, but investors eventually look past the here and now.

At some unknowable time in the future, the market will shake its sensitivity to the uncertainties of everyday economic data. Instead, investors will collectively begin to anticipate better times ahead long before the economic news get better. This is when the stock market can rally beyond the April highs, but patience will be needed.

While we believe patience in the stock market is needed, we are confident that after a week of school, most of the back-to-school uncertainties will subside.

In addition, those two words spoken of a few weeks ago in this piece that many parents dread hearing near the end of summer, “I'm bored,” will also quickly subside.

Moods pass with kids as they do with markets.

Scott Marcouiller, Wells Fargo Advisors' chief market strategist, contributed to this article.



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Raul Benavides (with scissors), a financial advisor for Edward Jones Investments, is joined by Chamber of Commerce officials as they participate in ribbon-cutting ceremonies to mark the opening of the firm's office at 2108 Scurry St.

Big Spring Farm Supply acquisition by CPS final

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

After more than 32 years of service to the farmers and agriculture producers in Howard County, officials with Big Spring Farm Supply announced this week their local company is joining with Crop Production Services.

According to CPS officials, the acquisition of Big Spring Farm Supply was closed on Aug. 27.

However, customers expecting to see new faces or a new business strategy at the longtime Big Spring business may be surprised.

“It's business as usual for us,” said Ronnie Wood, former owner of Big Spring Farm Supply and current location manager for the new CPS operation. “It will be the same people our customers have been dealing with for years,

and Diane (Wood) and myself will still be there.”

“The only real difference is I'll be an employee instead of the owner,” he added.

Wood, who has been a major proponent for the agriculture industry in Howard and surrounding counties for many years, said he and his wife decided to sell the business because the economic timing was right.

“We're a lot like the farmers we work with every day. We don't have a 401K or any other kind of retirement we're working toward,” Wood said. “Three different companies approached us with a deal similar to this one in a 30-day period at the first of the year. I think that made us sit up and really look at our options. There really aren't many independent companies left these days.”

“We've worked with the folks at CPS for many years now, and we felt like this was a good opportunity for us in the long run.

We're not ready to retire yet, but we know we will be someday.”

In the meantime, Wood said he and Diane will both continue operating Big Spring Farm Supply, and while the changes in the business currently planned are limited to computer systems and other peripherals, he hopes to see the business expand in the not-so-distant future.

“We're hoping in the next six to eight months to be able to expand the sales team,” Wood said. “I think this will be a positive thing for everyone involved. We're very excited about the whole thing, and our customers don't have to worry, because we'll be right here, ready to serve them.”

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WOOD

Promise Fund enrollment now open

State officials say prepaid plan helps families save for college

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Families can lock in the cost of required tuition and fees at Texas' public colleges and universities when they enroll in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid tuition plan, which officially began its enrollment period Wednesday.

“The Texas Tuition Promise Fund gives families an affordable, flexible and easy plan to save for their children's college education,” said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. “With purchase options ranging from tuition and required fees at the state's most expensive public four-year colleges to those at Texas' two-year community colleges, saving for the future fits any budget.”

With the Tuition Promise Fund, families can prepay for a four-year degree, or prepay for just a few classes or semesters at Texas public colleges and universities. Parents of a newborn can pay as little as \$16.09 per month in monthly installments until high school graduation for a year of tuition and required fees at a community college. For parents of a second grader who want to prepay the average cost of one year at a Texas public university, the monthly installments are \$90.96 per month over 10 years.

Prices are based on 2010-11 academic year costs for the state's public colleges:

- Type I units, priced for tuition and required fees for up to the

most expensive public four-year school in Texas, cost \$107.44 per unit.

- Type II units, priced at the weighted average of tuition and required fees across all Texas public four-year schools, cost \$75.47 per unit.

- Type III units, priced at the weighted average cost of tuition and required fees across all Texas public two-year schools, cost \$18.51 per unit.

Under the plan, 100 units equal one academic year of tuition and required fees. Families can buy up to six years (600 units) worth of undergraduate education.

The plan offers several pay-

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Workers' Comp educational session set Sept. 22

Special to the Herald

SAN ANGELO — The San Angelo Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC), is hosting a free brown bag educational session entitled Benefit Review Conferences: New Rules and Changes to the Dispute Resolution Process on Wednesday, Sept. 22.

The educational session is for employees and employee organizations, employers, insurance carriers, claim adjusters, case managers and attorneys.

The session will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the State of Texas Service Center, 622 South Oakes, Room 104, in San Angelo.

Information will be provided on the new benefit review confer-

ence (BRC) rules, effective Oct. 1, that establish new requirements for requesting a BRC and include changes to the dispute resolution process. Attendees are welcome to bring a lunch to the session.

For more information, contact the TDI public information office or San Angelo Field Office Manager Irma Cardenas at 325-657-0404 ext. 500.

Texas youths to face capital murder in shootings

LINDA STEWART BALL

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — A 13-year-old boy and his 12-year-old girlfriend will soon face capital murder charges in a Dallas-area double-shooting after the second victim died, authorities said Friday.

Alan Nevil, 48, died Thursday night from wounds he suffered in an Aug. 17 attack that also killed his wife, Darlene Nevil, 46, Garland police spokesman Joe Harn said.

Alan Nevil was found bleeding on a

neighbor's front yard. He told police who shot him and authorities arrested the 13-year-old boy and 12-year-old girl within a quarter of a mile from the house, Harn said.

The children initially were charged with murder and aggravated assault in the shooting. Garland police said Friday in a statement they were working with the Dallas County District Attorney's office to upgrade those charges to capital murder.

For adults, the maximum sentence range is life in prison or death, in a

capital murder case. But for juveniles, the maximum penalty is 40 years confinement in a Texas Youth Commission facility with a possible transfer to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said Durrand Hill, the head prosecutor in Dallas County's juvenile division.

At age 19, a juvenile could also be released from TYC on adult parole if they've been rehabilitated, he said.

"Homicide cases make up a very small percentage, less than 1 percent of the cases we prosecute in juvenile

court," Hill said. "We're not seeking certification (as an adult) on this case, the law would not allow it."

A child must be at least 14 years old to stand trial as an adult, said Hill.

Hill said he anticipated that the upgraded capital murder charges against the youths would "happen very quickly," though he declined to speak in specifics about their case.

Police have declined to identify the children or reveal their relationship to the Nevils because they are minors.

Gals with guns: These 'divas' are armed

JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — When Judy Rhodes founded a group more than a decade ago to encourage women to shoot and hunt, her own outsized personality guaranteed that members would be a force to be reckoned with in the outdoors.

The group — DIVA ... Women Outdoors Worldwide, or DIVA WOW — now counts more than 1,500 members around the world. Rhodes, the daughter of a Texas rancher who learned how to handle a BB gun at age 4, said

that about half of the women who join also have strong outdoors backgrounds, while the other half haven't picked up a gun before.

"That was just second nature to me to see a shotgun or a rifle in the gun rack," said Rhodes, a feisty blonde with a Southern accent. "Whenever something slithers, crawls or hops, you've got to pop it."

The group offers clinics and seminars in fishing, archery, dog training and how to handle handguns, shotguns and even an AR-15. They also organize hunts all over the world.

Rhodes said the group gives women the chance to find their niche in the outdoors. For instance, she said, those who don't want to shoot something "with eyelashes," might enjoy shooting clay targets. But the 60-year-old Dallas designer said it doesn't take newcomers long to become converts.

Statistics from the National Sporting Goods Association show that the number of women hunting and shooting has been on the rise. According to the latest statistics, women hunting with firearms has increased from about 2.7 million in 2000 to about 3

million last year, and the number target shooting reached about 4.7 million.

When the "divas" gather, there's lots of encouragement shouted, and usually a fair amount of accessorizing as well, said Rhodes, who has decorated promotional materials and their website with leopard print.

"When they first come to see us they may be in flip-flops and blue jeans and a nice tailored shirt and the next thing we know, it's Annie Oakley," she said. "They have everything but the buckskin."

VALUES

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Sands ISD saw a massive increase in its values this year, up \$61,902,939 with \$97,661,286 in certified values, compared to \$35,758,347 in 2009. Borden ISD increased its certified values by \$4,617,537 with a 2010 value of \$13,870,592, compared to \$9,253,055 in 2009. Stanton ISD also saw its values rise, with an increase of \$5,619,790 with this year's value of \$20,634,002, compared to the \$15,014,212 reported in 2009.

Unfortunately, not every agency saw an increase in its certified values this year, as both the city of Forsan and Forsan ISD both saw decreases.

The city of Forsan saw its certified value decrease by \$3,428,450 for a 2010 value of \$5,298,757, compared to \$8,727,207 in 2009. Forsan ISD saw a \$165,870,254 decrease in certified values for its maintenance and operational budget, which totaled \$572,955,205 for this year, compared to \$738,825,459 in 2009. The district's certified values for its debt service budget, which posted no numbers in 2009, has been set at \$762,094,292.

McKibben said the decreases in

Forsan values is due in part to the relocation of a pair of oil rigs by Basic Energy, along with complications due to the recent agreements between the district and wind energy companies that have located in their part of the county.

Overall, McKibben said mineral values were the biggest driving force behind the increases in certified values this year.

"If it costs you \$12 to bring up a barrel of oil and you're only make \$35 or \$40 a barrel, that's something most companies are just going to walk away from," McKibben said. "However, when it costs \$12 to bring up a bar-

rel, and that barrel is selling for nearly \$100, you're going to try to bring up as much as you possibly can.

"The certified values in Howard County rely heavily upon the oil industry, and when that industry is strong we expect to see increases in certified values. We've also seen some new construction in the county, along with the completion of two new hotels. Everywhere else in the nation the housing market is tanking, but Howard County doesn't seem to be following that national trend."

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- 2008 Mazda 6-4 Cyl. Stk# K101, Silver \$15,495
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- 2009 Chevrolet HHR-4 Cyl. Stk# L011, Red \$16,495
- 2004 Ford Mustang Stk# L108, Orange \$16,495
- 2008 Ford Fusion-V6 Stk# K073, Sport Red \$17,995
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★★ CARS ★★

- 2006 Buick Lucerne-V8 Stk# L111, Gold \$17,995
- 2008 Ford Mustang-V6 Stk# L098, Red \$18,495
- 2008 Chevrolet Impala-V6 Stk# K063, Gray \$18,995
- 2008 Honda Accord-4 Cyl. Stk# L106, Sport Red \$21,495
- 2007 Lincoln MKZ-V6 Stk# K131, Sport Red \$22,995
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- 2008 Mazda CX 9-V6 Stk# L113, Diamond White \$29,995

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- 2003 Mitsubishi Montero Sport-V6 Stk#K159A, Silver **SOLD**
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- 2002 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 HD V8 Stk#K105A, Red \$11,495
- 2007 Chevrolet Colorado Stk# L079, Blue Granite \$17,495
- 2006 Dodge Ram 1500-V8 Stk# L066, White \$17,995
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- 2005 Chevrolet Avalanche-V8 Stk# K119, Gold Mist \$18,995
- 2008 GMC Sierra 1500-V8 Stk# K108, White \$19,995
- 2006 Ford F150 Supercab-V8 Stk#L070, Red \$21,495
- 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 V-8 Stk# L130, White With Only 45,144 Miles. \$21,995
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- 2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1500-V8 Stk#L120, Black 4X4 Z-71 Only 29K Miles. \$22,995
- 2007 Chevrolet Silverado Classic 1500 V-8 Stk# L089, Blue Granite \$23,495
- 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500-V8 Stk# L051, Blue Granite \$26,495
- 2007 Chevrolet Avalanche-V8 Stk# K158, White Leather. \$28,995
- 2006 Dodge Ram 3500 V-8 Stk# L045, Black \$29,995
- 2006 Ford F250 Super Duty Stk#L042, Sandstone \$33,995

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- 2006 Ford Freestar-V6 Stk# K127, Gray \$12,995
- 2006 Pontiac Montana SV6-V6 Stk#L022, Silver Only 30K. \$14,995
- 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan-V6 Stk#L020, Silver \$20,995
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Stephen Loveless vs. Martha Loveless, divorce.
State of Texas vs. Jessie James Collins, expunction.
Gene Villarreal Jr. vs. Marisela Lopez Villarreal, divorce.
In Re Aden Richard Moya, family.
In Re Alexis Lee Villarreal,

family.
Mickey Emerson vs. Mary Emerson, divorce.
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Alan C. Malta, 40, and Jacinta Leyva, 67, both of Midland.
Cameron Richard Wells, 18, and Mirella Amelia Torres, 19, both of Big Spring.
Jesus Guillermo Naidas, 27, and Irene April Martinez, 20, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: J.B. Pallick Enterprises
Grantee: James Jenkins
Property: Lots 2, Block 20, Jones Valley Addition
Date: Aug. 25, 2010
Grantor: J.B. Pallick Enterprises
Grantee: James Jenkins
Property: Lots 12, Block 21, Jones Valley Addition
Date: Aug. 25, 2010
Grantor: J.B. Pallick Enterprises
Grantee: James Jenkins
Property: The N/70 feet of Lot 1, Block 20, Jones Valley Addition
Date: Aug. 25, 2010
Grantor: J.B. Pallick Enterprises
Grantee: James Jenkins
Property: Lots 16-17, Block 3, Wrights First Addition
Date: Aug. 25, 2010
Grantor: J.B. Pallick Enterprises
Grantee: James Jenkins
Property: Lot 3, Block 6, Settles Heights Addition
Date: Aug. 25, 2010
Grantor: J.B. Pallick Enterprises
Grantee: James Jenkins
Property: Lot 9, Block 6, Settles Heights Addition
Date: Aug. 25, 2010
Grantor: J.B. Pallick Enterprises
Grantee: James Jenkins
Property: Lot 5-6, Block 11, Settles Heights Addition
Date: Aug. 25, 2010
Grantor: J.B. Pallick Enterprises
Grantee: James Jenkins
Property: Lot 12, Block 10, Wrights Airport Addition
Date: Aug. 25, 2010

Grantor: Stevens and Tull Opportunity Fund LP
Grantee: Erbey J. Lopez
Property: Lot 10, Block 2, Stardust Addition
Date: Aug. 31, 2010
Grantor: Marcellous Weaver
Grantee: Donald Koerber III
Property: A tract out of Section 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Aug. 31, 2010
Grantor: Ruben R. Hernandez and Priscilla Hernandez
Grantee: Brandon Hughes and Cassie Hughes
Property: The S/43 feet of Lot 2 and the N/57 feet of Lot 3, Block 11, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date: Aug. 31, 2010
Grantor: Pamela K. Rolfe
Grantee: Donald Koerber Jr.
Property: Lots 7-12, Block 14, Brennand Addition
Date: Sept. 1, 2010

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: Kris B. Moore
Grantee: Johnny Christopher Wigington and Kelli Wigington
Property: Lot 6 and the S/7 feet of Lot 7, Block 4, Coronado Hills
Date: Aug. 23, 2010
Grantor: Michael S. Ramirez and Irene Ramirez
Grantee: Jesse R. Martin
Property: Lot 28, Block 2, Colonial Hills
Date: Aug. 24, 2010
Grantor: Marcellous Weaver, attorney for Susan Burton Lewis and Casey Weaver
Grantee: Angela Samaniego
Property: A tract out of Section 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Aug. 24, 2010
Grantor: Frank Ortega and Delia Ortega
Grantee: Ronald Whipkey and Penny Whipkey
Property: Lot 1-2, Block 11, Edwards Heights Addition
Date: Aug. 30, 2010
Grantor: Ferrol Voight
Grantee: Tony Castillo
Property: Lot 13, Block 10, Hall Addition
Date: Aug. 31, 2010
Grantor: Elizabeth Ann Rehn
Grantee: Stephen M. Campbell and Betty Campbell
Property: Lot 7, Block 24, Replat of College Heights Addition
Date: Sept. 1, 2010

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ment options, including lump sum payments, pay-as-you go or the installment payment option, which includes an 8 percent annual interest rate.
While benefits are geared toward Texas public colleges and universities, the transfer value of tuition units can also be used toward the cost of career, private or out-of-state schools.
In addition, state officials noted that unused units can be transferred to another qualified beneficiary.
Regular enrollment ends Feb. 28, 2011. Children younger than one year of age can be en-

rolled through July 31, 2011.
For more information about the prepaid tuition program, including a

college cost calculator, go to www.TexasTuitionPromiseFund.com or call (800) 445-4723 and choose option 5.



Crop Production Services Announces Acquisition of Big Spring Farm Supply

Crop Production Services, is pleased to announce a new addition to its South Plains Division. As of Friday morning, August 27, 2010, CPS closed on the acquisition of Big Spring Farm Supply, Inc. in Big Spring, Texas. Big Spring Farm Supply has been owned and operated by Ronnie and Diane Wood for the past 32 years. They have partnered with the CPS Roscoe location over the years as their customer and as a consignment location.

Due to changes in the agricultural industry over the years, Ronnie and Diane decided that they could better service their customers by joining the CPS family. David Goodman, Keaton Hughes and Katelyn Villaneuva will also be joining the CPS family at the Big Spring location. Quentin Merket, who is currently a salesperson for CPS, will split his time between the Big Spring and Lamesa locations. Crop Production Services is delighted to have this group of outstanding individuals to join them and is confident that they will be an asset to the organization. Please stop by or give them a call and help us in welcoming them to our group.

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS:

Man blames shooting range for wound

ROWLETT (AP) — A Dallas-area man with a bullet in his back is suing a mile-away shooting range.

Michael Domin of Rowlett lives 1.2 miles from the Garland Public Shooting Range. Domin on Thursday sued for damages, alleging a stray .22 caliber bullet struck him June 12 while he was in his yard.

The Dallas Morning News reported Friday that the 49-year-old Domin's 10 days in a hospital led to \$200,000 in medical bills. He told The Associated Press he was in intensive care for six days. He says doctors have yet to remove the bullet because of where it's lodged.

Rowlett police spokesman John Ellison says there's no evidence to support that the bullet was fired from the range.

A Garland Public Shooting Range official declined comment Friday.

Authorities: Bank robber left in a taxi

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials with the FBI said they are looking for a man who held up a bank branch in the Montrose area of Houston then hailed a taxi to make his getaway.

The FBI said Friday that the robber struck about 11:30 a.m. a day earlier at a Chase bank branch, passing a threatening note to a teller demanding cash. When the bank employee handed over the money,

the robber walked out of the bank and caught a Yellow Cab minivan taxi. No injuries were reported.

The Houston Chronicle reported that investigators were looking for a 35- to 40-year-old man with short brown hair and a fair complexion. He is about 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs 170-180 pounds. He wore a button-down yellow and blue plaid short-sleeve shirt and sunglasses with reflective lenses.

Rodeo time at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch

AMARILLO (AP) — Labor Day weekend means rodeo time at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in the Panhandle.

The Amarillo Globe-News reports that more than 50 youths from Boys Ranch and Girlstown, U.S.A. will participate Saturday and Sunday in barrel racing, bull riding, bronc busting and other events. The weekend serves as the annual homecoming for alumni of the two organizations.

The event, which also features a barbecue lunch at noon, marks the 71st anniversary of Boys Ranch and the 61st anniversary of Girlstown.

More than 260 youths currently call Boys Ranch home, and more than 9,000 at-risk boys and girls have come through the agency in 71 years.

Woman given four years in deadly crash

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas woman convicted in the death of a teenager after driving drunk on the North Dallas Tollway has received a four-year prison sentence.

The Dallas Morning News reported Friday that 26-year-old Mariza Rodriguez Martinez was led from the courtroom in shackles. Martinez was convicted of intoxication assault and intoxication manslaughter in the death of 16-year-old Kara Taylor of Little Elm.

Martinez was driving home after drinks at a wedding reception. She went the wrong way for six miles before colliding head-on with an SUV early May 10, 2009.

Kara, who was driving the SUV, died from multiple blunt force injuries. Her friend Jessica Higginbotham was injured. Martinez, who was severely injured, had a blood alcohol content of .13, above the .08 legal limit.

8 residences destroyed in apartment fire

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Eight residences were destroyed and eight others heavily damaged during a stubborn apartment fire that occupied 100 firefighters and 33 engine units.

Authorities said an arson investigation is under way at the Churchill Park Apartment Homes on the city's northwest side. No one was injured. The blaze was reported at 4:30 p.m. Friday and contained to a single 16-unit building.

Fire Chief Charles Hood told the San Antonio Express-News the fire was so intense that the first crews to arrive were forced out of the complex by the intensity of the flames.

American Red Cross volunteers were on the scene Friday night to provide assistance to those affected by the fire.

Man charged with slaying held in Texas

ELKTON, Md. (AP) — The Cecil County Sheriff's Office says a man charged with the slaying of a man near Elkton has been arrested in Texas.

Twenty-one-year-old Hubert Allen Wood is charged with first-degree murder in the Feb. 17 stabbing of 66-year-old Daniel Curran.

Lt. Bernard Chiominto, sheriff's department spokesman, says Wood was arrested Thursday afternoon at a home in Santa Fe, Texas. He is being held without bond in the Galveston County Jail, awaiting extradition to Maryland.

Chiominto says Wood and Curran were acquaintances, and that robbery was the apparent motive for the slaying.

Bone found near Lake Ray Hubbard

DALLAS (AP) — Investigators searched Lake Ray Hubbard a day after finding a small section of human bone nearby.

Police said Friday that the investigation continues, and they are unsure whether what they have found so far amounts to a crime scene.

The bone was discovered late Thursday afternoon, and the medical examiner confirmed that it was human. A piece from a semiautomatic weapon was also found nearby, just off the shoreline, in the lake.

Homicide detectives continued investigating late Friday but said they were unsure if the weapon was related to the section of bone.

Texas applies for education jobs funding

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas has applied for \$830 million in federal education dollars intended to help schools through the recession.

The Texas Education Agency submitted the application a day after Gov. Rick Perry sent a letter to school administrators saying restrictions placed on Texas in the federal law "make it unlikely for your school to receive these federal funds this year."

But Perry said he would continue to explore avenues to procure the funds for Texas schools.

A state-specific provision requires Perry to promise Washington that Texas will maintain certain state education spending levels through 2013. Perry has said the requirement is unconstitutional because the Texas Constitution prohibits him from committing future state spending.

State moves ahead with bus seat belt plan

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials say they're moving forward with a plan to equip new school buses with seat belts.

The Texas Education Agency said Friday it's implementing the program now that the legislative budget board has spelled out how to distribute the money.

A high priority will be given to vehicles that gain the biggest safety benefit from seat belts, such as small buses and motor coaches. There's also a priority for buses in counties with a high number of serious crashes, along with other factors.

The law applies to buses purchased as of Sept. 1. Lawmakers allotted \$10 million. Because of budget cuts TEA says only \$3.6 million is available. TEA spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe says if demand exceeds that, the agency will find money elsewhere in its budget.

Continental recalling furloughed pilots

HOUSTON (AP) — Continental Airlines Inc. is recalling 132 pilots who were furloughed in 2008, saying it needs them to offset retirements and handle an increase in international flying.

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Stargazer by Paul Derrick

Galileo and the Goddess of Love

In January 1610, Galileo began using his newly invented telescope to observe the planets. After discovering Jupiter has moons, he must have been anxious to see what Venus might reveal.

After all, the goddess of love and beauty was the most brilliant of all the planets and its pattern of appearances was mystifying. Like Mercury — but unlike Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn — Venus was never seen far from the rising or setting Sun.

But alas, in January, Venus was in the morning sky and old Galileo must have not been a morning person. Finally, by fall Venus was in the evening sky — just as it is currently in our evening sky. He was likely anticipating big things, but, boy, was he ever disappointed — at least

at first.

All he saw in his primitive scope was a small fuzzy sphere — bright, yes, but no moons, no discernible features, and nothing else befitting a goddess of beauty. What a let down.

But being the good scientist he was, he continued observing Venus as it climbed further from the setting Sun over the next several months. And it's good that he did.

His discoveries of Jupiter's moons and our Moon's mountainous features had already cast serious doubts about the then-accepted Earth-centered theory of the cosmos — the idea that everything moved around a stationary Earth.

What he began to note about Venus would put yet another nail in the coffin of the old theory and provide strong evidence in support of Copernicus' revolutionary and heretical Sun-centered theory that everything revolved around the Sun, including Earth.

After a few weeks he observed that Venus was growing larger and less circular. By December it



Approximations of Galileo's views of Venus in Sept-ember 1610, December 1610, January 1611, and February 1611 (left to right).

was twice the size as when he first saw it and its roundish shape had become semi-circular, and it continued to change almost nightly. It became even larger and by early February 1611 had become a thin crescent.

Being the bright guy he was, he realized the pattern of Venus' phases, along with its pattern of appearances (never being seen far from the Sun) could only result if Venus orbited the Sun, not the Earth.

With this discovery Galileo became an open advocate for Copernicus' Sun-centered theory, leading ultimately to his heresy trial and condemnation to the isolation of house arrest for the last decade of his life — a fine thank-you for one of history's greatest scientists.

Sky Calendar

- Sept. 5, Sunday evening: Mars passes above slightly brighter Spica low in the west southwest with Venus to their left.
- 8, Wednesday: The Moon is new.
- 10, Friday evening: The crescent Moon is below Venus (left), Mars (higher above), and Spica (just above) low in the west southwest at dusk; the next evening the Moon is to their upper left.
- Sep. 11-24, all night: Uranus, looking like a faint star in binoculars, is within two moonwidths of Jupiter; in the evening Uranus is to Jupiter's upper left and by morning to its upper right.
- 15 Wednesday: The Moon is at 1st quarter.
- 22 Wednesday: Autumn equinox, the beginning of fall in the northern hemisphere when night and

day are of equal length.

- 22 Wednesday: Jupiter and the Moon travel across the sky together all night.
- 23 Thursday: The full Moon is called the Harvest Moon, Fruit Moon, and Corn Moon.

Naked-eye Planets

In the early evening brilliant Venus and fainter Mars (to its right) are low in the west southwest. Jupiter rises in the east soon after dark and by morning dominates the western sky. For a week or so around mid-month, Mercury is very low in the east as dawn breaks.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.



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Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Debt Service Funds	\$226,123
General Fund	\$4,983,095
Task Force Fund	\$28,224

Schedule B - 2010 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment To Be Paid From Property Taxes	Interest To Be Paid From Property Taxes	Other Amounts To Be Paid	Total Payments
2007 G.O. Bonds	\$540,000	\$568,856	\$500	\$1,109,356
2007 Certificate of Obligation	\$20,000	\$17,312	\$250	\$37,562
2010 Certificate of Obligation	\$90,000	\$215,450	\$500	\$305,950
Total required for 2010 debt service			\$1,452,868	
- Excess collections last year			\$ (60,429)	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2010			\$1,513,297	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95% of its taxes in 2010			\$76,467	
= Total Debt Levy			\$1,589,764	

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$1,411,663 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

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Cyber Bullying

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Beware of the Cyber Bully

The iSAFE America research team has discovered a disturbing trend—cyber bullying has affected more than half the students surveyed, on both sides of the issue. Their latest assessments surveyed more than 1500 students ranging from fourth to eighth grade across the country.

They found out:

- 58% of kids admit someone has said mean or hurtful things to them online
- 53% of kids admit having said something mean or hurtful things to another online
- 42% of kids have been bullied while online

The tradition of home as a

refuge from bullies on the school playground is over. The Internet is the new playground, and there are no off hours. The popularity of instant messaging, e-mail, webpages, and blogging means kids are a target 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Even worse, iSAFE found out 58 percent of kids have not told their parents or any adult about something mean or hurtful that had happened to them online.

Teachers and school officials need to be aware of the rising trend of cyber bullying as incidents online are brought onto school grounds.

iSAFE offers these tips to share with students who are being cyber bullied:

- Tell a trusted adult and

keep telling them until they take action.

- Never open, read or respond to messages from cyber bullies.
- If it is school related, tell your school. All schools have bullying solutions.
- Do not erase the messages. They may be needed to take action.
- If bullied through chat or IM, the bully can often be blocked.
- If you are threatened with harm, call the police.

Above all, students are the cure to the cyber bullying epidemic. By speaking out and telling adults they can stop bullying online and make the Internet experience a more positive one.

Cyber Bullying: Breaking It Down

Cyber Bullying is verbal harassment that occurs during online activities.

Cyber Bullying can take many forms. These are a few:

- A threatening e-mail
- Nasty instant messaging session
- Repeated notes sent to the cell phone
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Mexican judge orders alleged kingpin 'La Barbie' held

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A judge has ordered a U.S.-born suspected drug lord known as "La Barbie" held for 40 days pending an investigation into organized crime and other possible charges, authorities announced Saturday.

Edgar Valdez Villarreal, who got his nickname for his fair skin and green eyes, will be jailed at federal police headquarters in Mexico City during that period, the Attorney General's Office said in a

statement.

The judge's decision also gives Mexican authorities time to decide whether to deport Valdez to the United States, where he faces cocaine charges in three different states.

Valdez, who was born in Laredo, Texas, and has been living illegally in Mexico, was captured outside Mexico City on Monday by federal police, following a yearlong pursuit with the help of U.S.

intelligence. Seven of his allies arrested that day were also ordered held for 40 days.

The Attorney General's Office said Valdez faces probable organized-crime and weapons-possession charges. The office said other charges could emerge from its investigation.

Mexican police have blamed Valdez for several dozen homicides in his fight for control of the Beltran Leyva cartel, a conflict that made a

gruesome battleground out of relatively peaceful parts of central Mexico.

He was the third alleged drug lord brought down by the government of President Felipe Calderon since December: Valdez's boss, Arturo Beltran Leyva, and Ignacio "Nacho" Coronel, the No. 3 in the powerful Sinaloa cartel, were both killed in shootouts with the Mexican military.

Authorities have expressed hope that more cartel lead-

ers will be captured with Valdez's help. Federal police released a video of La Barbie discussing a meeting several years ago in which Mexico's top cartels reached a non-aggression pact. Valdez told police that Sinaloa cartel leader Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was the first to break that pact two years ago when he tried to wrest control of smuggling routes through the northern state of Chihuahua from the Juarez cartel.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS:

Rangel spends \$111,000

on legal fees in 2 months

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal campaign finance report shows embattled New York Rep. Charles Rangel has spent more than \$111,000 on legal bills since July.

A House ethics panel has charged the Harlem Democrat with 13 violations, including using a rent controlled Manhattan apartment as a campaign office and failing to pay taxes on a rental property in the Dominican Republic.

Rangel has vowed to fight the charges. He's expected to face a House trial in the fall.

The New York Daily News reported that the congressman's latest campaign filing Friday shows he's spent more than \$1.8 million on legal fees related to the case. He's paying much of the money out of his campaign account.

Rangel is running for a 20th term in the House and faces several challenges in the Sept. 14 Democratic primary.

California wildfire sparked by migrants' signal blaze

CAMPO, Calif. (AP) — Authorities say a wildfire burning in rural San Diego County was sparked by two illegal immigrants who set a signal fire after they got lost.

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Battalion Chief Nick Schuler says the migrants made a cell phone call to Mexico's emergency dispatch system Thursday afternoon saying they'd been lost for two days, were dehydrated and were going to set a signal fire so rescuers could spot them.

Schuler says remnants of a campfire were found, but there was no sign of the migrants.

The fire, between Campo and Potrero, has grown to 822 acres and is 42 percent contained. Full containment is expected Sunday.

No structures are threatened, no roads are closed and there have been no injuries.

Louisiana officials suspend abortion clinic's license

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Louisiana health officials suspended an

abortion clinic's license Friday, the first time the state has used its new authority to shut down such a facility over health and safety concerns.

The Louisiana health department ordered the Hope Medical Group for Women in Shreveport to immediately cease performing the procedures, saying an investigation found the clinic failed to ensure that a physician performed and documented a physical exam on each woman before a procedure. The clinic also failed to follow several procedures involving anesthesia, including not properly monitoring vital signs, the agency said.

Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal signed a law in June giving the health department the authority to shut down clinics. Before the law took effect, the clinics could continue to operate while appealing a license suspension.

"When we see this level of egregious conduct at a facility, it is incumbent on us to take steps necessary to protect our residents," said the agency's Interim Secretary Anthony Keck. "The Legislature gave us this authority because they recognized we must have the ability to stop unsafe practices that place these already vulnerable women in danger."

The clinic's patient service manager, Kathleen Pittman, said she knew nothing about the license suspension.

"This is the first I'm hearing of it," she said. "We closed at 5 p.m. and had

not received any such notice."

The health department said it faxed the notice to the clinic Friday afternoon.

Pittman said the facility normally operates Monday through Saturday. Besides abortion procedures, the clinic offers pregnancy testing and counseling, emergency contraception and adoption referrals.

Sacramento eatery takes 'dancing shrimp' off menu

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A Sacramento restaurant agreed to stop serving live shrimp after an animal-rights group said the practice was cruel to the shellfish.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said the restaurant, Nishiki Sushi, suggested squeezing lemon juice on the shrimps' exposed flesh so they would writhe as they were eaten. The dish is commonly referred to as "dancing shrimp" and is considered a delicacy in Japan.

PETA contacted the restaurant after receiving dozens of complaints about the practice.

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News in brief

Weakened Earl packs less force than feared, hits Mass. with rain, wind before aiming at Canada

CHATHAM, Mass. (AP) — The remnants of Hurricane Earl took aim at Nova Scotia early Saturday after a brush with the Northeast that was far less intense than feared, dumping heavy, wind-driven rain on Cape Cod cottages and fishing villages accustomed to nor'easters.

Officials planned to survey the damage from the storm at daybreak, but early reports showed only a few hundred power outages, a handful of downed power lines and isolated flooding in Massachusetts.

Earl swooped into New England waters Friday night as a tropical storm with winds of 70 mph after sideswiping North Carolina's Outer Banks, where it caused flooding but no injuries and little damage. The rain it brought to Cape Cod, Nantucket Island and Martha's Vineyard was more typical of the nor'easters that residents have been dealing with for generations — except this one disrupted the unofficial last weekend of summer.

Winds on Nantucket blew at around 30 mph, with gusts above 40 mph. The island got about 1.5 inches of rain, while adjacent Martha's Vineyard got more than 3 inches.

Nantucket, the well-to-do resort island and old-time whaling port, briefly saw some localized flooding, but it cleared within hours, Nantucket Assistant Town Manager Gregg Tivnan said. There were no evacuations, power outages or even reports of trees down, he said.

BP carefully raises blowout preventer, key evidence in the Gulf of Mexico oil spill

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — BP PLC was on Saturday slowly raising the 300-ton blowout preventer that failed to stop oil from spewing into the Gulf of Mexico, careful not to damage or drop a key piece of evidence in the spill investigation.

When the blowout preventer reaches the surface after its mile-long journey, government investigators will take possession of it and eventually examine it, hoping to gain insight into why the device failed.

A BP spokesman said in an e-mail to The Associated Press that the 50-foot device was detached from the wellhead Friday afternoon. Another blowout preventer had successfully been placed on the blown-out well, the government said later.

The April 20 explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon killed 11 workers and led to 206 million gallons of oil spewing from BP's undersea well.

Investigators know the explosion was triggered by a bubble of methane gas that escaped from the well and shot up the drill column, expanding quickly as it burst through several seals and barriers before igniting.

But they don't know exactly how or why the gas escaped. And they don't know why the blowout preventer didn't seal the well pipe at the sea bottom after the eruption, as it was supposed to. While the device didn't close — or may have closed partially — hearings have produced no clear picture of why it didn't plug the well.

Obama outlines efforts to help middle class, GOP touts bill to limit federal regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) — A healthy economy needs bustling Main Streets and a thriving middle class even more than a healthy stock market, President Barack Obama said as he reaffirmed his commitment to work hard for America's hardworking men and women.

In his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama on Saturday outlined what he's done to help the middle class, a group he says has been squeezed the most during the recession.

He touted efforts to create jobs, make college more affordable, help the middle class build retirement nest eggs, cut taxes on these families and stop health insurance companies from refusing to cover people with pre-existing medical conditions.

Labor Day is about more than grilling food and spending time with family and friends, Obama said.

"It's also a day to honor the American worker — to reaffirm our commitment to the great American middle class that has, for generations, made our economy the envy of the world," he said.

But Obama said that, for a decade, middle-class families have experienced stagnant incomes and declining economic security while tax breaks were given to companies that shifted jobs overseas and Wall Street firms reaped huge profits.

In the weekly Republican message, Rep. Geoff Davis, R-Ky., criticized nearly 200 pending rules and regulations as a threat to job creation. Davis said many of the mandates would cost small-business owners who don't have the money or time to comply with them.

Report: Blackwater created 30 shell companies to get gov't work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The security company

Blackwater Worldwide formed a network of 30 shell companies and subsidiaries to try to get millions of dollars in government business after the company faced strong criticism for reckless conduct in Iraq. The New York Times reported Friday.

The newspaper said that it was unclear how many of the created companies got American contracts but that at least three of them obtained work with the U.S. military and the CIA.

Sen. Carl Levin has asked the Justice Department to see if Blackwater misled the government.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The heart is a marvelous organ, created from a muscle that doesn't get tired. It pumps life-giving, oxygenating, purifying blood through your entire body, pumping more than

100,000 times a day, and never needs a rest. The Leo moon rules the heart, which is what makes this the ideal time to do whatever makes your heart happy.

ARIES (March 21-April

19). You see a person in a way that no one has ever seen him or her before. You can't help but do that since you are a completely unique individual. Your attention is an amazing gift.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will not immediately recognize the value of things — this you will

see over time. Still, you will have a strong sense of where to best put your attention.

Take pictures and notes. You'll be glad you did.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Those who love you may not be very verbal about their feelings, but the fact that they are in your life says a lot. You have carefully chosen your people, and they have chosen you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The weather outside becomes irrelevant as your conversations and friendly gestures create the kind of pleasant emotional climate that can only be experienced in the heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may not feel like doing what you know

you should. Even making phone calls might be too much pressure right now. Perhaps you are being too hard on yourself. Everyone needs downtime. Let yourself be lazy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll remember that goal you sought for such a long time. While things didn't quite work out the way you wanted them to, you'll see the benefit to the way they did go down and be glad.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are so attractive these days that you might even find that you are attracted to yourself. Why shouldn't you be? You have this charming way of getting people to smile, and you keep it up all day long.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've seen it a hundred times — the hero in the movie walking coolly down the street in slow motion. That's because directors know that moving too fast is unattractive. Slow down and you'll raise your attraction quotient.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It may look like a plain-old notebook to the untrained eye, but it carries a miraculous power: Much of what you write in it will come true. Go on and try it. Fill it up with your fondest wishes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are too hard on yourself. That is why it takes a good friend to point out the truth: You are doing what you said you would do long ago. The evidence is all around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will be respected and adored, but you have to get the ball rolling by respecting and adoring yourself first. Change your schedule to better accommodate your own needs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Being nice all the time is for liars. Even perfect saints don't feel emotionally generous at every moment of every day. Being a bit short or grumpy once in a while is truthful.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Sept. 5). Many will be won over by your charm. They think it comes without effort, but in fact, you will work quite diligently at educating yourself in many facets of life, including etiquette, culture and social graces. Your friendships will lead to romance, adventure and financial gain. There's a windfall this month. Aquarius and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 22, 28 and 17.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: By midweek, the sun, the moon and Mercury will all bask in Virgo's nurturing earth-sign energy. Virgo makes blossom. Wednesday brings the new moon in Virgo, the ideal moment for setting a major goal in motion. Whether you want to grow a business or strengthen a relationship, get your intention clear so you can state it on Wednesday. A ritual — preferably one of your own design — will set the stage for the next cycle. This does not have to be an elaborate event. Setting time aside to write down your goals or make an inspiration board will be sufficient in establishing your purpose. Also happening on Wednesday: Love planet Venus enters passionate Scorpio. Feelings will start to intensify right away. The trick is to focus on the positive emotions that will improve your health,

vitality and well-being. Caution: The melodrama of unrequited love or any variety of impossible romance will have a certain strong seduction. Steer clear of this silliness, or at least keep it contained to the realm of entertainment. As exciting as such affairs may seem, it is much better to read a book about tortured romance than to live it in real time.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Virgo superstar Beyonce Knowles was already getting favorable press for her singing and dancing at the age of 7, and she was in her first girl group at age 8. Artistic Libra influences dominate her chart, indicating that her artistic talents deserve as much credit for her success as her thoughtful approach to relationships. And Mars, the warrior planet, in show-stopping Leo doesn't hurt, either!

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Legals PUBLIC NOTICE

The Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors will meet in the district office at 132 N. Main, Garden City, Texas on September 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a public hearing and consider adopting a proposed budget for FY 2011 and to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for 2010 of .013012 per \$100 property valuation to fund the budget. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District by 7.89%. #6660 September 5, 2010

Legals NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of J. MAXINE BONER a/k/a JULIA MAXINE BONER, Deceased, were issued on August 23, 2010, in Cause No. P-13884, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: JULIE THOMPSON.

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

c/o: JULIE THOMPSON
11619 E CR 34
Coahoma, Texas 79511
DATED the 23rd day of August, 2010.
JULIE THOMPSON
#6673 September 5, 2010

Legals CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/time for the purchase of the below listed items/equipment:

1. Date/Time: Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., for the following

1. Sodium Hydroxide

Bid# 11-011
Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. #6666 August 29 & September 5, 2010

Legals NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

ConocoPhillips Company, P.O. Box 358, Borger, Texas 79008-0358 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation, Settles, W.R. -A- No. 55. The proposed injection well is 3 miles Southwest of Forsan located in the Howard Glasscock Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the subsurface depth interval from 2446 to 2536 feet.

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

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Division, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711. (Telephone) #512/463-6792. #6679 September 5, 2010

Legals ESTRAY NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On the 22nd day of August, 2010, I impounded the following estray:
Kind of Animal: Paint Horse
Breed: Paint
Color: Sorrell and White
Age: Around 7 or 8
Size 14.3 Hands

Brand, Earmark, Identifying Characteristics, under skin chip information, None
And on the 24th day of August, 2010, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Howard County, Texas.
I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Howard County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, and contacted local owner of the estray but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray, is not determined by the 8th day of September, 2010, said estray will be sold at public auction/ Sheriff's Sale at 300 S. Main at 10:00 am. Witness my hand this 24th day of August 2010.
Dean Restelli
Deputy Sheriff of Howard County Texas
#6662 August 29, and September 5, 2010

Legals AMERICAN SELF STORAGE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, American Self Storage which is located at 3314 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, September 18th, 2010, at American Self Storage 3314 East F.M. 700 Big Spring, Texas. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property may be sold item by item or in batches, or by the space. All sales are subject to Texas State Sales Tax. Sale is on the contents of:

Tenant: Johnny Merrick
Unit #01
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Tenant: Stormy Ward
Unit #16
Consisting of: chair, computer, TV, boxes, couch, chair and misc.
#6676 September 5 & 12, 2010



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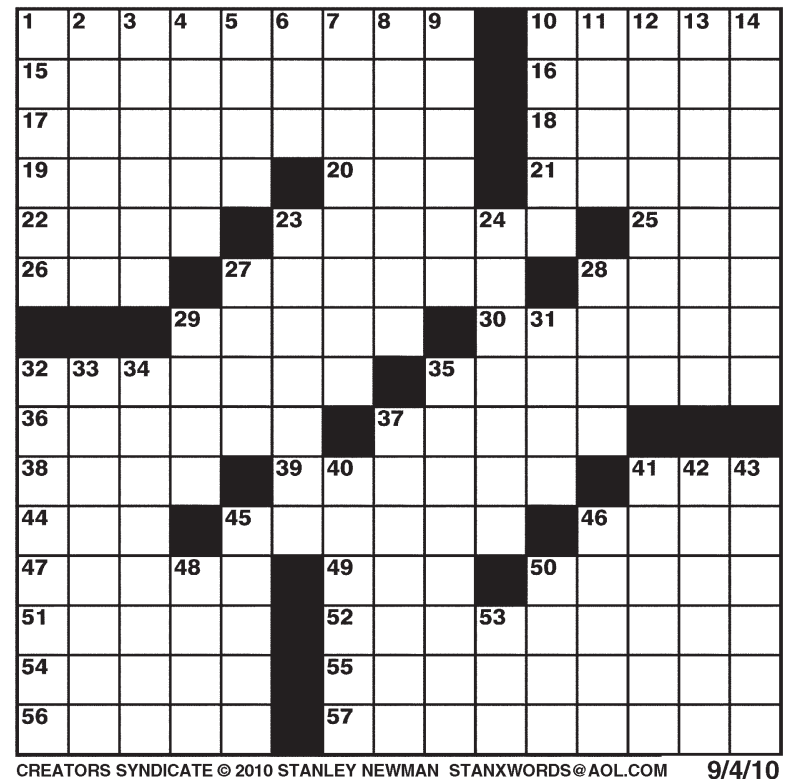
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- 10 Annoyed
- 15 Unsuccessful invader of India
- 16 Canis Major's master
- 17 Introductory page
- 18 Did
- 19 Certain company's concern
- 20 Amp attachment
- 21 Bring up
- 22 Lunch order
- 23 Restrain
- 25 Store partner, perhaps
- 26 They're paid for promotions
- 27 Precious
- 28 Aramaic word for "bread"
- 29 Runs well
- 30 He said, "To have a great idea, have a lot of them"
- 32 Gets
- 35 Beset
- 36 Only male singles Career Golden Slam winner
- 37 Spa services
- 38 Battery part
- 39 Thin
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- 45 Formal no-no
- 46 Dam partner
- 47 Gas source
- 49 Lead role in *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg*

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- 51 Mythical lyrist
- 52 Cleared, as a drive
- 54 Chamber piece
- 55 All right
- 56 Fancies
- 57 Lunch order
- DOWN**
- 1 Bing Crosby's birthplace
- 2 Ran off
- 3 Carpentry devices
- 4 Exercise
- 5 Jorja Fox, on *CSI*
- 6 TV debut of 1980
- 7 Change-in-position science
- 8 Some shifts
- 9 Brings up
- 10 Page
- 11 __ history
- 12 Cheesecake alternative
- 13 Very close
- 14 Whenever
- 23 Fix (up)
- 24 Some brass rings
- 27 Ornery one
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News in brief

Buildings collapse, 2 seriously injured as quake rocks New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Chimneys and walls crumbled to the ground, roads cracked in half and residents were knocked off their feet as a powerful magnitude-7.1 earthquake rocked New Zealand's South Island early Saturday. The prime minister said it was a miracle no one was killed.

Only two serious injuries were reported from the quake, which shook thousands of people awake when it struck at 4:35 a.m. near the southern city of Christchurch. There were reports of some people trapped inside damaged buildings — though none appeared to be crushed by rubble — and a few looters broke into some damaged shops in the city of 400,000, officials said.

Power was cut across the region, roads were blocked by debris, and gas and water supplies were disrupted, Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker said. Chimneys and walls of older buildings were reduced to rubble, and Parker warned that continuing aftershocks could cause masonry to fall from damaged buildings.

"We're all feeling scared — we've just had some significant aftershocks," he told TV One News. "Tonight we're just people in the face of a massive natural disaster, trying to help each other ... and we're grateful we haven't lost a life."

Body of son of boxing promoter Arum found in North Cascades

SEATTLE (AP) — A five-day search for the missing son of top boxing promoter Bob Arum ended when a heli-

copter located John Arum's body on a rugged Washington state mountain in North Cascades National Park, authorities said.

The body of the younger Arum, an experienced mountain climber, was spotted Friday afternoon from a National Park Service helicopter at about the 7,700-foot level on the north face of 8,500-foot Storm King Mountain, park spokeswoman Kerry Olson said.

Previous flights had been made in this area, but recent snow melt made it possible to locate the 49-year-old Seattle environmental attorney's body, she said.

It wasn't possible to retrieve the body, but Olson said it was clear to searchers that Arum was dead.

"There was no doubt of that," she said, adding it appeared that Arum had fallen.

National Park Service workers were trying to develop a plan to recover the body, which is in an area so difficult "that people can't rappel down or climb up to it," Olson said.

Death toll rises to 65 in attack on Shiite procession in Pakistan

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP) — The death toll from a Pakistani Taliban suicide attack on a Shiite Muslim procession rose from 43 to 65 overnight as critically wounded people died in hospitals, police said Saturday.

About 150 people were wounded and some remained in critical condition after the bombing Friday in the southwestern city of Quetta, police official Mohammed Sultan said.

The attack was the second in a week against Shiites for which the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility. A triple suicide bombing Wednesday night killed 35 people at a Shiite ceremony in the eastern city of Lahore.

"Our war is against American and Pakistani security forces, but Shiites are also our target because they, too, are our enemies," Pakistani Taliban commander Qari Hussain Mehsud told The Associated Press.

Shiite leaders blamed the government for failing to protect them and called a general strike in Quetta, where all schools were closed for a

day of mourning. Shiites make up an estimated 20 percent of the population in the mostly Sunni Muslim country, although figures are imprecise and disputed.

Long-standing sectarian violence in Pakistan, particularly against Shiites, has been exacerbated by the rise of the Sunni extremist Taliban and al-Qaida movements.

At Minnesota State Fair, Muslims hand out information in effort to repair tattered image

FALCON HEIGHTS, Minn. (AP) — Despite the smells of fried dough and roasted meat wafting from the Minnesota State Fair, Salim and Zuleyha Ozonder were focused on the people who were leaving, not the food or festivities beckoning from across the street.

Each time a new wave of people exited, the young Minneapolis residents — who hadn't eaten all day — tried to press into their hands a small, glossy card that read "Islam Explained" on one side. On the other, it had about 180 words of background on a religion whose adherents fear is being misunderstood.

"You just want people to take the card, spend a minute reading it and say, 'Oh. They're not terrorists,'" said 27-year-old Zuleyha. She and her husband, like other Muslims, were fasting during daylight hours for the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

For most fairgoers, the last thing on their mind is religion — particularly the renewed controversy over Islam in America amid tension over plans for an Islamic center and mosque a few blocks from New York City's ground zero. But volunteers with the Minnesota chapter of Islamic Circle of North America saw the mostly white, Christian fair crowd as just the type of audience that might benefit from greater understanding.

The "Great Minnesota Get-Together" is one of the largest and best-attended state fairs in the country. Every day for 12 days through Labor Day, hundreds of thousands of people stream onto the fairgrounds north of St. Paul to scarf highly caloric food, stare at farm animals, clamber onto carnival rides and enjoy concerts.

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On August 19, 2010, sixteen Cub Scouts of the Boy Scouts of America visited the Cinemark theater of the Big Spring Mall, many bringing their families along, to receive a tour behind-the-scenes! Thanks to James, the head manager who led the tour, they learned what happens to make the movies on the screen actually come alive, including shifting 35mm reels from platters to machines and the manual activity required. We also learned that the benefits of having digital over 35mm include reduced manpower and several minutes' increased convenience in movie presentation. Each youth watched with eager eyes and many asked significant questions. At the end of the tour, two youth voiced the desire to receive another tour once the digital equipment arrives and is settled...the contrast would be amazing! We will have to wait and see!

Deanna Kulbeth

Buffalo Trail Council

Lone Star District Executive

432-212-3577

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Legals

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

TO: Sharon Kay Caudill
Leah Gay Brown
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lts 14-15, Bk 9, Original Town of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value- \$5,195.00 Amt. Owed- \$1,120.81

Lt 13, Bk 9, Original Town of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value- \$125.00 Amt. Owed- \$28.12

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,148.93, 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 RAY BROWN, SHARON KAY CAUDILL, LEAH GAY BROWN, AND DANNY RAY BROWN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DELMAR RAY BROWN, DECEASED and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on FIRST AMENDED ORIGINAL, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. RAY BROWN, SHARON KAY CAUDILL, LEAH GAY BROWN, AND DANNY RAY BROWN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF DELMAR RAY BROWN, DECEASED, 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 5809 that the names of all taxing units which

assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 25th day of October, 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 26th day of August, A.D. 2010.
Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6683 September 5 & 12, 2010

Legals

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

TO: Lorene Webb, Richard A. Webb, Mary A. Knapp and Donald E. Webb

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

All of Lts 4-6, Bk 2, Wright's Airport Addn.; City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,729.49, 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 A.K. WEBB, LORENE WEBB, RICHARD A. WEBB, MARY A. KNAPP AND DONALD E. WEBB and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on March 30, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. A.K. WEBB, LORENE WEBB, RICHARD A. WEBB, MARY A. KNAPP AND DONALD E. WEBB, 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 T-5811 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

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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: Heriberto Gutierrez
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 13, Blk 2, Wright's Airport Annex Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,056.11, 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 HERIBURTO GUTIERREZ AND WIFE, LORENSA LOPEZ GUTIERREZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on November 21, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. HERIBURTO GUTIERREZ AND WIFE, LORENSA LOPEZ GUTIERREZ, 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 T-5030 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent

ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 25th day of October, 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 August, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6685 September 5 & 12, 2010

Legals

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

TO: RIC Investment Corporation and any and all persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A 0.408 acre tract of land, designated as Lot No. 33, of Balch Subdivision No. 7, out of the S/2 of Sc. 32, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as Tract 1 on the attached exhibit; Assessed Value- \$13,760.00 Amt owed- \$15,987.46

A 0.408 acre tract of land, designated as Lot No. 34, of Balch Subdivision No. 7, out of the S/2 of Sc. 32, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as Tract 2 on the attached exhibit; Assessed Value- \$14,073.00 Amt owed- \$16,655.92

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$32,643.40, 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 RIC INVESTMENT CORPORATION and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on August 26, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. RIC INVESTMENT CORPORATION, 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 5878 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are

NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 11th day of October, 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 26th day of August, A.D. 2010.
Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6682 September 5 & 12, 2010

Legals

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR NONHAZARDOUS WASTE UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT RENEWALS PERMIT NOS.

WDW280 & WDW281 APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.

Power Resources, Ltd. P.O. Box 2700, Big Spring, Texas 79721, an electric power cogeneration plant, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for two non-commercial Class I underground injection well permit renewals to authorize the continued disposal of non-hazardous wastes generated by the facility. The generation facility and the disposal wells are located off the East Interstate 20 Refinery Road exit, approximately 0.75 miles and 2.5 miles northeast of Big Spring in Howard County, Texas. The TCEQ received this application on October 30, 2009.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared draft permits. The draft permits, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that these permits, if issued, meet all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permits are available for viewing and copying at the Howard County Library, 500 Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 79720.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.**

A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/ activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the

request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposal facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.

The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/ or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/ or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All written public comments and requests must be submitted within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html.

If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us

Further information may also be obtained from Power Resources, Ltd. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Sammy Hunnicutt, Power Resources, Ltd., Environmental, Health and Safety Coordinator, at (432)263-8468 Extension 14.
Issuance Date: August 23, 2010
#6678 September 5, 2010

Legals

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

TO: Salvador Aguilar and Angela Aguilar

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 1, Blk 5, Hathcock Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,013.65, 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 SALVADOR AGUILAR AND ANGELA AGUILAR and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on March 29, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. SALVADOR AGUILAR AND ANGELA AGUILAR, 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 5136 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent

ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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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 25th day of October, 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 August, A.D. 2010.
Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
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grandfather. I don't need to win this argument, but I would feel a lot better if you tell me I am worrying about nothing. — *Arizona*

Dear Arizona: Simply because something is true doesn't mean it is wise to say it out loud. But it's not so much what Grandpa says as what he does. Some grandparents actually tell each child privately that he or she is "the favorite" in order to make all of them feel special. In your case, the other grandchildren would likely surmise that Sara is the favored child based on Grandpa's behavior. And if she lords it over them (and she might), it would be terribly hurtful because it would confirm their worst fears. Ask Grandpa to cool it.

Dear Annie: My daughter is getting married soon. She and her fiance wanted a small wedding. They divided the guest list, giving 50 people to the groom's family, 25 to me, 10 to her father and the remaining guests to their friends.

The groom has many friends and comes from a large family. His family wants to invite 100 people and has offered to pay for the extras. My daughter isn't happy about this, but feels she can't say no. The larger number also means she has to choose a reception hall not to her liking. But when I asked if I could have more people, since I am paying for part of the wedding, she apparently feels comfortable saying "no" to me.

I don't think his parents are respecting her wishes. She wants to make her fiance

happy, but it seems as if the groom's mom is taking over the show. Please help me be less resentful. — *Bride's Mom*

Dear Mom: The bridal couple did not split the guest list very evenly, but when one family is substantially larger than the other, that is sometimes a considerate accommodation. Your daughter wants to placate her new mother-in-law and knows you will love her regardless. Weddings are stressful with demands on all sides. Your support will be a wonderful gift to her.

Dear Annie: Here's my take on the open-or-closed-casket discussion. When I die, I'll be dead. What happens in the earthly world will have no impact on me. The funeral is for the living, the family and those paying for it. Whether their choice is an open or closed casket is of no concern to me. It's for them to decide how they care to remember and honor me. Even cremation is an option, which would eliminate the casket argument altogether. — *Don't Care*

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

Dear Margo

by Margo Howard

Out of the Blue and Seeing Red

Dear Margo: I am devastated. My girlfriend of five years, basically my wife, told me a few days ago that she wants a break. (I am also female.) She has been talking to a girl, "Laura," who found her on a social networking site -- someone she'd met briefly when they were 14. She apparently always wondered what happened to Laura, and I had no problem with them catching up.

They've been texting (nothing more) for the past couple of months, and I had no reason to be jealous until she said she didn't want to be dishonest and admitted she was thinking of cheating. She is intrigued by Laura and says she "has to scratch the itch." Laura would not agree to meet my girlfriend while she is still committed to me, hence the "break." But now Laura won't see her at all because we are still living together. (We have no means of living separately.)

Laura says she is "in love with her and wants to be together forever." My girlfriend sees the game Laura is playing, but still can't give it up.

She says she wants to be with me forever, that there's nothing wrong with our relationship, but she would "really like to mess around with Laura." What should I think of all this? — *Little Miss Left Waiting in N.Y.*

Dear Lit: Your girlfriend is a little light in the commitment department, and Laura sounds manipulative. She would like your partner to give up everything just for a tryout. Too bad your girlfriend isn't smarter than that, but there you are. Since Laura has been presented to you as a diversion, and because she demands that your girlfriend live separately, I think your partner should ask Laura to buy her a little house, or at least ask her to move in with her. In a perfect world, your lover would wake up and smell the coffee, as a smart woman once said.

For her sake and yours, I hope she ignores the itch and overcomes her desire for a meaningful overnight relationship. — *Margo, hopefully*

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to dearmargo@creators.com. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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