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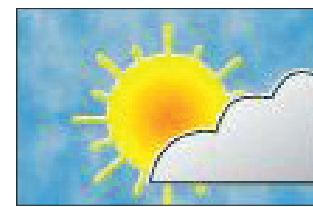
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## Perry seeking to lead GOP governors group

**APRIL CASTRO**  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry expects to be selected next week as chairman of the Republican Governors Association, a Perry aide said Friday.

The group, now led by Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, is expected to vote at their weeklong meeting next week in San Diego.

Perry spokesman Mark Miner said the Texas governor has been lobbying

for the job so he can continue to champion his pet issue of state's rights and limited federal government.

Perry has been an oft-mentioned name in the run-up to the 2012 presidential race, but he has insisted he's not interested in running.

Since being re-elected to a third full term, Perry has been promoting his new book on state's rights, "Fed Up!: Our Fight to Save America from Washington."

Perry pointed to the book and its attacks on Washington as evidence that he doesn't want to run for president.

In the book, Perry calls Social Security a "failure" and compares it to an illegal Ponzi scheme. He also criticizes the modern implementation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, saying that Texas and other states — most of them from the South — should no longer have to get pre-clearance from federal authorities to make signifi-

cant changes affecting voting.

It would be Perry's second stint as leader of the association.

The RGA gives campaign money to and promotes Republican candidates for governor. The association had an usually good year in 2010, picking up governorships in at least 11 states where Democrats had held the seats.

According to the association's

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## BSHS to present 'Birdie'

*Performances scheduled for this weekend*

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Care for a bit of Birdie?

The Big Spring High School drama and choir departments will team up this weekend to present "An Evening of Bye Bye Birdie" in the high school auditorium.

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free but donations will be accepted.

The students will perform excerpts from the popular Broadway musical, in which a famous rock star (think Elvis Presley circa 1958) travels to a small town in Ohio to make his farewell TV performance before being drafted into the Army.

The show will run approximately one hour and is perfect for parents and children of all ages, said Tabatha Wright, head of the



Big Spring High School students perform a song from "An Evening of Bye Bye Birdie," which will feature excerpts from the popular Broadway musical. Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in the high school auditorium. Admission is free.

## Area students honored by Optimists



Winners of the Big Spring Optimist Club's annual Outstanding Student Awards are, from left, Regan Newsom and Zane Herrin from Forsan High School, Rachel Kennedy and Brayden Iden of Coahoma High School, Morgan Yarbrough of Sands High School and Andrew Filligim and DeAnna Clare of Big Spring High School. Not shown is Blake Thomasson of Sands High School.

**By STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Eight area students received a major pat on the back as they were named winners of the Big Spring Optimist Club's annual Outstanding Student Awards.

DeAnna Clare and Andrew Fillingim of Big Spring High School, Rachel Kennedy and Brayden Iden of Coahoma High School, Regan Newsom and Zane Herrin of Forsan High School and Morgan Yarbrough and Blak Thomasson of Sands High School were named winners of the awards, club officials announced.

To be considered for the award, students must excel in the areas of academics, extra-curricular activities and community service.

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# Playoffs 2010

## Out of time

### Spearman's Meddock, defense ends CHS' season



BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

PLAINVIEW — By the middle of Coahoma's bi-district playoffs game against Spearman Friday in Plainview, the Bulldogs knew if they were going to win, it was going to be in comeback fashion.

All the pieces started fitting together for that to happen, too. Jason Martinez punched the ball in for a score to cut the Lynx lead to 13, Coahoma's defense forced a three-and-out on the next drive and suddenly, the Bulldogs were driving down the field for a second score.

Then Spearman's Jose Mendoza made a play, snatched an interception and any hopes of Coahoma extending its memorable season ended. It was one of many plays the Lynx made for the 27-7 win Friday.

"I knew we were going to have to stop them," Coahoma head coach Trey Gardner said. "I knew time was going to be critical. When we throw the pick in the early fourth, we knew that was going to be a big deal because we needed to score there and cut it to one score."

Spearman's defense, time of possession and

HERALD Photo/Angie Sloan

Coahoma's Jason Martinez stretches for the Bulldogs' lone touchdown during their 27-7 loss against Spearman in bi-district playoff action Friday in Plainview.

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# Fulton leads Stanton past Abernathy

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

SEMINOLE — Stanton is known for defense and physical play in the trenches.

The Buffaloes still had that in their 30-6 win over Abernathy Friday in Seminole in bi-district playoff action. They just had the passing to go along with it.

"We didn't know what to expect in a first-round playoff game," Stanton head coach John Peterson said. "Everybody's hungry to stay in the playoffs. Abernathy did a great job

of trying to take away our run, so we adjusted a little bit, started throwing the ball."

Stanton quarterback Tyler Fulton aired it out, completing 10-of-14 passes for 197 yards. The scoring for Stanton, however, still came from the ground attack. Adam Montez's huge 80-yard run set the tone for the Buffs in the first quarter. Oscar Reyna and Blake Evans found the endzone, too.

There shouldn't be any surprise at Stanton's ability to go through the air, according to Peterson. He said Fulton is capable of making things happen with his arm and, if needed,

he'll do it again.

"It's always been there, it's just we haven't had to use it," Peterson said. "It'll probably play a factor somewhere down the road again."

Maybe it will play a factor when Stanton attempts to continue its playoff run against Holiday at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Sweetwater.

As usual, the defense shouldn't be understated on Stanton's success this season. It's the seventh time this season the Buffs have allowed under 10 points.

Peterson said it will take games like Friday's to continue

the playoff run.

"We executed the game plan," he said. "We did a great job all the way around. Tyler Fulton had a great game. Our defense had a great game, our receiver had a great game."

See STANTON, Page 4B



Next game:  
Stanton  
vs.  
Holiday  
- Friday  
7:30 p.m.,  
Sweetwater

## Ira's Morris too much for Grady Wildcats in 56-43 loss

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

The Grady Wildcats knew they had to accomplish two things in order to win their six-man playoff game with Ira — they had to capitalize on their scoring opportunities and they had to contain Ira's Lance Morris.

Unfortunately for the 'Cats, they didn't succeed on either front and ended up dropping a 56-43 decision Friday night in Memorial Stadium.

Morris, Ira's star running back, rushed for 250 yards and four touchdowns — and threw a TD pass for good measure — to pace the Bulldogs, who improved to 11-0 with the win. Ira advances to meet Rankin in the regional round of the playoffs at a time and site to be determined.

The Wildcats, who finished their season 8-3, had an individual answer for Morris in senior tailback Jacob Rodriguez (225 yards on 24 carries, four touchdowns, one

**"They did a good job defending our spread (offense) in the first half, so we came out in a tight formation in the second half and were able to move the ball."**

Brad Cox,  
Grady head coach

scoring pass). And, for a while, Grady was able to match the Bulldogs on the scoreboard as well, leading until late in the third quarter.

But a crucial mistake on an early fourth-quarter drive proved to be a momentum-shifter. Trailing 32-27, the 'Cats apparently re-took the lead on a 7-yard scoring run from Rodriguez early in the fourth quarter. But a holding call negated the score and quarterback Shane Teague was sacked for a 13-yard loss on fourth down to end the threat.

"That definitely changed the momentum," Grady Head Coach Brad Cox said.

The Bulldogs responded in rapid fashion, driving 52 yards in only three plays, the capper coming on a 24-yard scoring toss from Morris for a 40-27 lead with 7:44 remaining.

On the ensuing drive, the Wildcats again turned the ball over on downs, and once again, Morris made them pay, scoring on a 43-yard run around the end for a 48-27 lead that effectively sealed the decision.

The wild second half, which featured four lead changes and 70 combined points, stood in stark contrast to the first two quarters, which ended with Ira clinging to a 16-13 lead. The Wildcats were unable to get their shotgun offense clicking in the first half, while their defense was able to keep Morris and the Bulldogs' effectively bottled up.

"They did a good job defending our

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### Area football playoff results

Thursday  
Garden City 66  
Robert Lee 20

Friday  
Spearman 27  
Coahoma 7

Stanton 30  
Abernathy 6

Ira 56  
Grady 43





Rib Roast

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### Roast Buyer's Guide

Use this rule of thumb to determine how much meat you need to purchase per serving:

- **Boneless Roast:**  
1/2 pound, uncooked
- **Bone-In Roast:**  
1 pound, uncooked
- **Standing Rib Roast, also known as a Prime Rib Roast:**  
allow 2 servings per rib

### Roasted Baby Red Potatoes

Serves 4 to 6

- 2 pounds baby red potatoes
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon garlic, chopped
- 1 teaspoon rosemary, chopped
- 1 teaspoon oregano, chopped
- 1/2 cup Romano cheese, grated
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, ground

Preheat oven to 250°F.

Wash and quarter potatoes. Add potatoes to a bowl and mix with remaining ingredients.

Place potatoes on a foil lined sheet pan.

Bake for 45 minutes. Stir potatoes well, being sure to flip them all over.

Increase oven temperature to 400°F. Bake potatoes an additional 30 minutes or until brown.

### Blue Cheese and Cabernet Sauvignon Demi Glace

Serves 4 to 6

- 1/2 teaspoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons shallots, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon garlic, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup Cabernet Sauvignon
- 1 cup Demi Glace\*
- 2 ounces Maytag Blue Cheese, crumbled

In a sauce pan heat olive oil. Sauté shallots and garlic until transparent.

Add Cabernet Sauvignon to pan and reduce by half.

Add Demi Glace to pan and slowly bring to a boil.

Stir in blue cheese.

Serve with Beef Roast or Steak.

\*Demi Glace can be made from scratch or purchased from a specialty food store such as Omaha Steaks.

### Holiday Green Beans

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 pound green beans, trimmed
- 1 lemon, cut in half
- 1 cup croutons, coarsely ground
- 6 slices bacon, cooked and coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Blanch green beans in boiling water or steamer for 6 to 8 minutes until al dente. Cool in an ice bath and drain well.

Spread cooled green beans in a 9 x 13-inch casserole dish. Squeeze lemon juice evenly over green beans. Sprinkle top of green beans with ground croutons and bacon bits.

Place butter slices evenly throughout the dish. Sprinkle salt over the top.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes.

Prepare the casserole a day ahead of time and place in the refrigerator overnight. Bake as directed.

### Roast Cooking Chart

The cooking times below are for fully thawed roasts.

**Sear and Slow Roast Method** – Preheat the oven to 250°F. Lightly oil and season roast. Sear roasts in an oven proof pan, with small amount of oil, or on the grill for 2-3 minutes on each side or until well browned. Place the roast on an elevated rack in a roasting pan. Refer to approximate cooking times below. Allow 15-20 minutes resting time before slicing and serving.

	Weight	Rare 120°-130°F	Med Rare 130°-140°F	Medium 140°-150°F	Well 160°-170°F
Tenderloin Roast	3 lb	1-1 hr 10 min	1 hr 10 min-1 hr 20 min	1 hr 20 min-1 hr 30 min	1 hr 45 min-1 hr 55 min
Rib Roast	4 lb	1 hr 10 min-1 hr 20 min	2 hrs 25min-2 hrs 35 min	2 hrs 45 min-3 hrs	3 hrs 30 min-4 hrs
Rib Roast, Bone In	6 lb	2 hrs 45 min-3 hrs	3 hrs 30 min-4 hrs	4 hrs-4 hrs 30 min	5 hrs-5 hrs 30 min
Sirloin Tri-Tip Roast	1.5 lb	40-50 min	55-60 min	1 hr 10 min-1 hr 15 min	1 hr 35 min-1 hr 45 min

**Quick Roast Method\*** Preheat oven to 400°F. Lightly oil and season roast. Place on an elevated rack in a roasting pan. Roast uncovered, using times below. Allow 20-40 minutes resting time before slicing.

	Weight	Rare 120°-130°F	Med Rare 130°-140°F	Medium 140°-150°F	Well 160°-170°F
Tenderloin Roast	3 lb	45-50 min	55-60 min	1 hr 5 min-1 hr 10 min	1 hr 15 min-1 hr 30 min
Rib Roast	4 lb	1 hr 20 min-1 hr 30 min	1 hr 30 min-1 hr 40 min	1 hr 45 min-2 hrs	2 hrs 15 min-2 hrs 30 min
Rib Roast, Bone In	6 lb	2 hrs-2 hrs 15 min	2 hrs 15 min-2 hrs 30 min	2 hrs 30 min-2 hrs 45 min	3 hrs-3 hrs 15 min
Sirloin Tri-Tip Roast	1.5 lb	30-35 min	35-40 min	45-50 min	1 hr-1 hr 15 min

\*Verify degrees of doneness by using a kitchen thermometer. Above times are approximate.

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# Obituaries

## Velda Loubel Robins Dickens

Velda Loubel Robins Dickens, 80, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Walter McCall of Compass Hospice officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Loubel was born Dec. 13, 1929, near Forgan, Okla., on the family farm. Her parents were Lowell Washburn and Virdie Grady Robins. She was the granddaughter of pioneer families who filed on the land that had been opened in the Oklahoma Panhandle.

She graduated at Forgan High School in 1947 as valedictorian, all around girl and captain of the basketball team. Loubel attended the Woodard Photography School in Memphis, Tenn., in 1947-1948. She then worked in a photo shop in Guymon, Okla., for 2-1/2 years.

While in Guyman, Loubel met a young man by the name of Elmer Dickens who worked for Cabot Corporation. The plant was closed and moved to Big Spring. After Elmer was established with Cabot in Big Spring, he returned to Guymon and married Miss Loubel.

Loubel had many interests in her lifetime. She loved basketball, reading, gardening, painting and children. She babysat 11 small children until they were school age. She and Elmer had a ministry at the Federal Prison Chapel teaching the Bible for 30 years. Also, she was a Sunday School teacher for 54 years. A passion for the heavenly Father, Son, the Holy Spirit, the Bible and her family were the center of her life.

Loubel is survived by her husband of 59 years, Elmer; her sister, Roberta Oldfield of Sayre, Okla.; two sons, Randall Craig and his wife, Jann Dickens, of Big Spring and Chris Dalton of Granbury; two daughters, Stephanie Nelson and Charlesta Dickens, both of Big Spring; five granddaughters; one grandson; six great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; a sister-in-law, Faye Robins of Forgan, Okla.; and three special friends, Marty and Todd Badgett and Pattie Wright.

Loubel was preceded in death by her mother, Virdie Mayo; her father, Lowell Robins; and her brother, Lyndal Robins.

Mrs. Dickens was a lover, a reader and a student of the Word of God. She is now no longer just reading the Word of God — she's living it!

Pallbearers will be Don Brodie, Ronnie Oldfield, Ray Robins, Gary Sleight, Tommy McMurtrey and Jesse Morgan.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to their favorite charity.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Enrique 'Ricky' Garza Sr.

Enrique "Ricky" Garza Sr., 46, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 22, 1964, in Stanton to Aurora and Victor Garza. He married Linda Lemon on July 8, 1989, in Big Spring. He was a resident of Big Spring most of his life. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He was a self employed contractor. He had worked at HEB for 17 years in the produce department.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Garza of Big Spring; three sons, Enrique "Ricky" Garza Jr., Jesse Daniel Garza and Eric Anthony Garza, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Emily Brianna Garza of Big Spring; his father, Victor Garza of Big Spring; 10

brothers: Robert Garza of Belton; Armando Garza and his wife, Adela, of Cleburn, Fernando Garza and his wife, Lupe, of Cleburne, Raul Garza and his wife, Tina, of Fort Worth, Oscar Garza and his wife, Martha, of Big Spring, Marcos Garza and his wife, JoElda, of Big Spring, Joe Garza and his wife, Lupe, of Fort Worth, David Garza and his wife, Lucy, of Big Spring, Lupe Garza and his wife, Rachel, of Big Spring and Albert Garza and his wife, Patsy, of Big Spring; five sisters, Erma Lozano and her husband, Joe, of Big Spring, Olga Galan and her husband, Able, of Kerrville, Ellie Hilario and her husband, Robert, of Big Spring and Gloria Garza and Esperanza Garza, both of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his mother and one brother, Victor Garza Jr.

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## Charles Luther Ussery Jr.

Charles Luther Ussery Jr., 90, of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Bobby Jones

Bobby Jones, 62, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Vernon Dean Roberson

Vernon Dean Roberson, 55, of Big Spring died Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

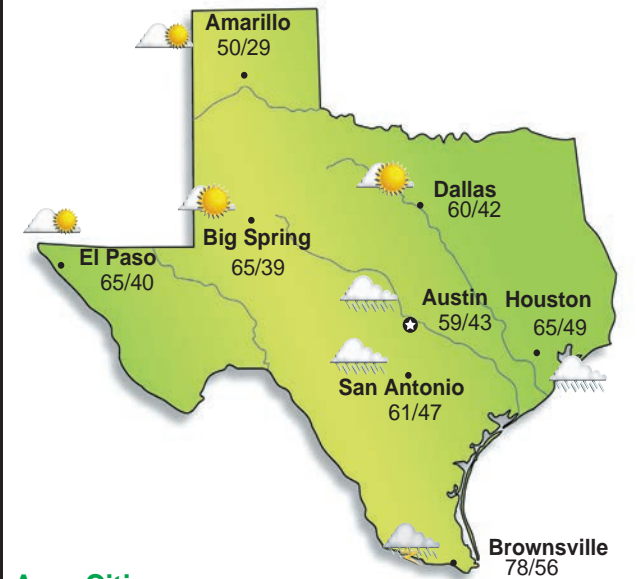
- **SUSAN OVERTON**, 24, 1408 E. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ROSENDO JIMENEZ JR.**, 19, 2410 Runnels, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and evading arrest/detention.
- **RODOLFO HERNANDEZ JR.**, 40, 1306 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid/previous conviction.
- **CHRISTOPHER DAVID GONZALES**, 35, Midland, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **SHIMEON RASHAD MAGERS**, 27, 1206 E. 15<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on warrants charging no seat belt, failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and failure to appear (three counts).
- **STEPHEN KYLE GAY**, 26, 1509 Wood, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid/previous conviction.
- **HENRY DEWANE MILLER**, 18, 1809 Young, was arrested on a warrant charging criminal mischief.
- **VERONICA ANN FISHER**, 25, Rosenberg, was arrested on a charge of theft/shoplifting.
- **PATRICK RIOS JR.**, 17, 712 Lorilla, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- **JOAQUIN AGUIRRE DUENEZ**, 38, 700 N. Moss Lake Rd., was arrested on warrants charging criminal mischief (two counts) and assault/family violence.
- **ARMANDO JOSE CERVANTES**, 18, 1217 W. Third, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- **EDDIE GLENN OVERTON**, 18, 3803 Rice Rd., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **NATHAN PRESCOTT RICHARDSON**, 21, 3906 Connally, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1800 block of Laurie, the 1900 block of Wasson and the 3200 block of Parkway.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Harding.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the area of Fourth and Austin streets.
- **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 1000 block of Bluebonnet.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 11/14	Mon 11/15	Tue 11/16	Wed 11/17	Thu 11/18
<b>65/39</b> Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High near 65F.	<b>69/35</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>69/44</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	<b>68/36</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>66/43</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:14 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:46 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:15 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:46 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:16 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:45 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:17 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:45 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:18 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:44 PM

## Texas At A Glance



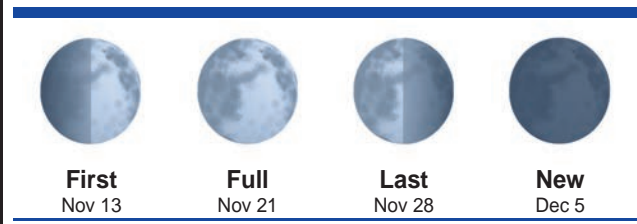
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	65	41	mst sunny	Kingsville	69	49	rain
Amarillo	50	29	pt sunny	Livingston	64	43	rain
Austin	59	43	rain	Longview	59	41	mst sunny
Beaumont	65	49	rain	Lubbock	59	32	pt sunny
Brownsville	78	56	t-storm	Lufkin	62	44	rain
Brownwood	65	40	mst sunny	Midland	63	39	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	65	50	rain	Raymondville	77	54	t-storm
Corsicana	60	41	mst sunny	Rosenberg	65	48	rain
Dallas	60	42	mst sunny	San Antonio	61	47	rain
Del Rio	72	48	mst sunny	San Marcos	62	43	rain
El Paso	65	40	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	61	42	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	69	40	mst sunny	Sweetwater	65	39	mst sunny
Gainesville	61	38	mst sunny	Tyler	58	41	mst sunny
Greenville	60	38	mst sunny	Weatherford	61	38	mst sunny
Houston	65	49	rain	Wichita Falls	64	38	mst sunny

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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	70	48	mst sunny	Minneapolis	36	28	sn shower
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Chicago	48	33	pt sunny	Phoenix	71	49	sunny
Dallas	60	42	mst sunny	San Francisco	77	56	pt sunny
Denver	43	28	mst sunny	Seattle	53	50	rain
Houston	65	49	rain	St. Louis	58	39	mst sunny
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## Simer-Mansfield

Amber Simer and Orrin Mansfield were united in Marriage at 7 p.m. Sept. 17, 2010, at the Hillcrest Baptist Church with the Rev. Joel Miller officiating the double-ring ceremony.

The church altar was adorned with an archway, two candle arrangements and two columns on either side of the archway, topped with fall colored flower arrangements.

Given in marriage by her father, Gary Simer,

the bride wore a gown from David's Bridal. It was a white satin halter A-line gown with beaded lace applique. The gown had a cut-out-lace hem with a chapel length train. She also wore a double veil.

The bride carried a fresh cut, round bouquet of white roses, accented with fall colored roses. The bouquet was wrapped in satin ribbon. All of the flowers were made by the bride's sister, Michelle.

The attendants carried round bouquets of fall colored roses tied with emerald green ribbon. The corsages and boutonniers were also fall colored roses.

The maid-of-honor was the bride's sister, Britteny Simer, who wore an emerald green halter dress. Lauren Simer, a niece of the bride, was her junior bridesmaid. The bridesmaids wore black shoulder strapped dresses with an emerald green sash around the waist. Bridesmaids were Hali Torres of San Angelo; Cassie Petterson of Big Spring; Kassi Beacham of Odessa, a cousin of the groom; and Shayla Drake of Big Spring.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a white vest and tie. The best man was the groom's brother, Seth Mansfield. He wore a black tuxedo with an emerald green vest and tie. The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with black ties. Groomsmen were Daniel Meacham of Killeen, a cousin of the groom; Rodney Grant, a cousin of the groom, Garrett Cline and Rick Stewart, all of Big Spring.

The flower girls wore white dresses with emerald green sashes and baby's breath halos, carrying white baskets and tossed white petals

down the aisle. Mace Grant of Big Spring, a cousin of the groom, and Ashleigh Clifton of Garden City, a cousin of the bride, served as flower girls. Huntley Mims of Big Spring, a cousin of the groom, and Rylan Simer of Big Spring, a nephew of the bride, were ring bearers and wore black suits and carried white pillows.

Keith Clifton of Garden City, a cousin of the bride, and Maurice Africh of Big Spring served as ushers and candle lighters. Guests were greeted at the registration table by Savannah Meacham of Killeen, a cousin of the groom.

Love song medleys were played as guests arrived, candles were lit and the mothers of the couple were seated. A memorial candle was lit to the song "He Walked On Water," in memory of the bride's grandfather. The groom and his attendants entered to "My Last Name." The bride's attendants entered to the "Titanic Theme." The bride entered the ceremony to the traditional "Bride's March."

During the sand ceremony, the bride and groom's song, "Then," was played. During the ceremony, Rachel Overby, a cousin of the bride, sang "Come What May." Following the vows, the bride and groom exited the ceremony to the song, "Tonight's Gonna Be A Good Night."



Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Mansfield

A reception followed in the church fellowship hall. There was a buffet of assorted appetizers and hors d'oeuvres.

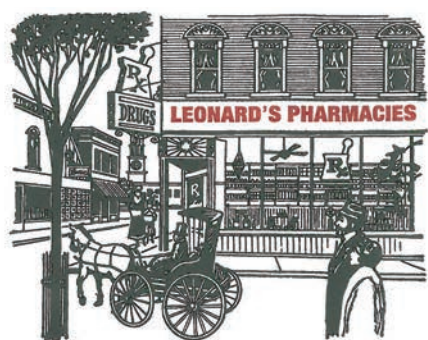
The bride's cake was a three-tiered white cake with white icing roses and green leaves bordering each layer. It was topped with a glass bride and groom in front of a cross. The groom's cake was chocolate with a congregation of strawberries in tuxedos. Both tables had a different

kind of punch. The two flower arrangements from the ceremony were the centerpiece of each table.

A ceramic basket was full of bottles of bubbles to shower the couple as they departed.

The groom carried the bride out of the church as they left for their honeymoon in New Mexico.

The couple will be making their home in Big Spring following their return.



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**SUNDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

**MONDAY**

- Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

**THURSDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- The Big Spring YMCA will be offering six-week self-defense classes for men, women and children from the ages of 5 to 99 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Master Samuel Saldana, who has 41 years of martial arts experience, will be teaching the course. For more information, contact the YMCA by calling 432-634-9191 or 267-8234.

- Nancy Michaelis of Big Spring retired from teaching and was asked to help establish an English speaking school in Seoul, South Korea. She lived and worked in Seoul for 18 months and has a fascinating insight into this interesting country and culture. She will share her experience with a photographic presentation at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry, on Thursday. The parish hall will be open at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Teresa Sheppard by calling 267-7163.

- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Howard College SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf invite businesses and their employees to a "Lunch and Learn" luncheon. The topic is "Don't hang up, don't be scammed. Get to know your deaf customers." The luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the SWCID Student Union Building. Tickets are \$10

and available at the chamber office or by calling 263-7641. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday at 5 p.m.

- Big John's Feed Lot, 802 W. Third, is the United Way Dine Out Restaurant of the Week. A portion of the proceeds received by the restaurant this week will be donated to the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County.

- Free HIV/STD clinic Nov. 9 and 16 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the county health clinic. This is for anyone who is interested in knowing their status, may have been exposed to an STD, or needs pregnancy testing. Testing is free and the treatment is free. All results are kept confidential. Take charge of your sexual healthcare and get tested!

- An account has been set up to help Bob and Jeanine Fishback with Bob's medical and travel expenses: Bob Fishback Medical Account 915967, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 263-8393.

- A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarria family, who lost all of their possessions in a recent house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

# Lottery

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were: 09-26-28-35-38, Mega Ball: 10. Estimated jackpot: \$12 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 10-13-18-26-29.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night, in order: 2-4-7-3. Sum It Up: 16.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night, in order: 1-5-4. Sum It Up: 10.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday afternoon, in order: 5-5-3-7. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday afternoon, in order: 5-5-8. Sum It Up: 18.

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Loubel Dickens, 80, died Wednesday. Funeral Services were at 4 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Enrique "Ricky" Garza, Sr., 46, died Wednesday. A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Joint memorial services for Shirley McCrary Lawrence (died 10/23/2010) and her son Kevin Lawrence (died 2/7/2005) were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

Vernon Dean Roberson, 55, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bobby Jones, 62, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Charles Luther Ussery, Jr., 90, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# AWARDS

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Clare, the daughter of Gary and Kimberly Clare, is currently ranked second in her class at BSHS. She is a National Honor Society member, performs in the band and is active in literary criticism team, French Club, Key Club and was a member of the junior varsity tennis team.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University and hopes to become a speech therapist.

Fillingim, the son of Glenn and Casie Fillingim, is a NHS member and is active in golf, band, UIL number

sense, French Club and student council.

A recipient of Texas Tech University's President's Gold Scholarship, he plans to attend the university in the fall of 2011 and major in engineering.

Kennedy, the daughter of Russell and Tammy Kennedy, currently ranks third in her class at Coahoma with a grade point average of 4.0. Her high school activities include band, student council, Spanish Club, basketball, tennis, track, debate and NHS.

Iden is the son of Brandon and Nesa Iden. He is ranked fourth in his class at CHS and is in the top 10 percent of his graduating class. He is active in Future

Farmers of America, student council, NHS, baseball, football and basketball and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Newsom, the daughter of Jimmy and Regina Newsom, is currently ranked first in her class at Forsan and is active in student council, golf, band, one-act play and University Interscholastic League academic competitions. She hopes to attend Texas Tech, but is undecided on her career at this time.

Herrin is the son of Scot and Nancy Herrin. He is senior class president and is active in NHS, high school rodeo, baseball and football. Yarbrough is the

daughter of Tommy and Monica Staggs and Mark and Tiffany Yarbrough. She is vice president of her class and student council president, is active in NHS, basketball, cross country, track and field and FFA.

Thomasson, the son of Joe and Cara Thomasson, recently moved to Ackerly from Leakey.

During his high school career, he has been active in football, basketball and FFA, and is currently a member of the student council and president of the senior class.

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Wright said the production is a wonderful collaboration between the choir and drama departments, with assistance from Eddie Vandewalker, music department coordinator at Howard College.

"It has been a true educational experience for directors and students alike," she said. "We learned a great deal from Eddie Vanderwalker. He has been a valuable asset these past few months and we are grateful for all his help and advice along the way."

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# PERRY

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website, the group spent \$50 million on races in 10 key swing states that Republicans believe are critical

to their chances of taking back the White House in 2012. The governors will also play key roles in redrawing Congressional district boundary lines, which will help determine which party controls Congress.

The RGA did not immediately return a phone call late Friday.

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**Roach-Wilson**

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The bride is the daughter of Edward Roach of Big Spring and the groom is the son of David and Susan Wilson of Big Spring. Grandparents attending the wedding were Jerry and Susie Roach of Big Spring and Jack and Patricia Wilson Beverly of Granbury.

The maid of honor was Karlie White, sister of the bride. The bridesmaid was Alexis Roach, a sister of the bride.

Flower girls were Erica Roach, a sister of the bride, and Madison Roach, a cousin of the bride.

Dereck Wilson served as his brother's best man. The groomsmen



was Tyler Roach, a brother of the bride.

Ushers were Justin Wilson, a cousin of the groom, and Justin Junkin.

Following a trip to Las Vegas, the couple will reside in Big Spring.

**► Menus**

**Big Spring ISD**

Monday: Breakfast - Cereal variety, sausage patty, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Pizza, baby carrots, rosy applesauce, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Biscuits, chicken nuggets, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, green peas, apricots, roll, margarine, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Baked cheese sticks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Turkey and dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, cranberry sauce, holiday ice cream cup, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Hot dog on a bun, mac and cheese, fruit cocktail, Rice Krispies treat, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cherry frudel, fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Barbecue beef, lettuce, to-

mato, pickles, french fries, strawberries, fresh fruit, milk.

**Forsan ISD**

Monday: Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, juice, milk. Lunch - Beef fajitas, pinto beans, seasoned corn, rosie applesauce, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Grilled chicken sandwich, veggies, tater tots, baby carrots, peaches and cream, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Biscuit, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - Beef tips with noodles, green beans, apple and orange smiles, spice cake, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Sausage on a stick, juice, milk. Lunch - Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli with cheese, garlic toast, frozen fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cereal

variety, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit variety, milk.

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Tuesday: Hamburger steak with brown gravy and onions, potatoes with pimento, steamed broccoli, rolls, lime and pineapple gelatin, milk.

Wednesday: Roast beef with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, rolls, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Thursday: Beef and macaroni casserole, seasoned zucchini, banana pudding, milk, V-8 juice.

Friday: Turkey and dressing with gravy, candied yams, green bean casserole, Waldorf salad, rolls, pumpkin pie, milk.

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Too few doctors

Texas, already short of doctors, will fall even further behind unless it starts to provide more residency positions for its medical school graduates, claim the state's medical educators and administrators.

Currently, many graduates who would prefer to do their residencies in Texas are forced to leave because no slots are available. The shortage is nationwide — this year, about 30,500 medical students competed for about 25,500 residency positions — but about 45 percent of Texas students leave the state every year for residencies elsewhere, reported the Chronicle's Todd Ackerman.

And few of them return: Statistics show that those who go out of state for a residency program often set up practice within 100 miles of their residency. This represents a loss of more than \$200,000 per student, the amount invested by the state in that student's education, according to the Texas Medical Association.

While few would dispute the wisdom of providing more residency positions, the burning question is, of course, how to fund them.

The TMA, the Texas Hospital Association and the state's eight medical schools, all of which consider the issue a top priority, are asking state lawmakers to address their concerns in the upcoming legislative session. But with a projected budget shortfall of up to \$21 billion over the next two years, that could be an uphill battle.

And in fact, the state's coffers are a relatively small part of funding — \$79 million was allotted last session. The lion's share comes from Medicare, which is, if anything, in potentially worse shape than Texas. And Texas faces daunting trials: We already lag behind most states in our ratio of physicians to population. (At 158 per 100,000, we rank 42nd in the nation.) This in turn means people who cannot find a private doctor put an added strain on emergency services, already faced with reductions in Medicare reimbursements. And we haven't even begun to factor in the 2 million more Texans who will join the ranks of the insured when health care reforms take effect. ...

Maybe it's time to rally that famous Texas do-it-yourself initiative yet again. California and New York are doing it. Both states have won non-governmental funding for resident training.

Texas has roughly one residency position per graduate; California has 1.7 to one, and New York has more than three to one.

A recent TMA/medical schools survey showed that 38 percent of Texas graduates who completed residencies outside the state would have preferred to do that training in Texas if there had been slots in their specialty. It just shouldn't be that difficult in Texas — home to so many medical firsts and bests and so many private-sector successes — to hang onto the doctors we spend so much to train.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we trust in You, Lord, things go the right way in our life.

Amen

# Cheese subsidies full of holes

How interesting that one arm of the Agriculture Department is promoting sales of cheese as another urges the public to eat less of it for health reasons. Your tax dollars at work fighting other tax dollars.

Dairy Management is a marketing company partly funded by the department. It has done things like advise Domino's Pizza that it could sell more pies if it piled more cheese on them, according to The New York Times. Over at Agriculture's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, meanwhile, dieticians fret that cheese has become Americans' largest source of saturated fat, contributing to heart disease and obesity.

Odd bureaucratic conflicts like these tend to ignite irrelevant debates on whether the federal government is "too big." Determining a proper size for government is no more meaningful than setting a proper size for a vitamin pill or an air conditioner. You buy the tablets or cooling unit to achieve certain goals. You may want them as small and cheap as possible, but they must be big enough to do what you want done.

We need an active government to oversee the country's defense and assure access to medical coverage. We don't need such

intervention because bigger government is better. We need it because these are necessities that private markets can't effectively provide.

This doesn't mean that every cubicle in Washington needs filling. We all have our little list of programs to chop. For me, the war on drugs is a colossal black hole that sucks in billions annually while making a problem worse. Subsidizing corporations to grow wheat or soybeans also fails the logic test. (Why not subsidize store owners to sell shoes or tennis instructors to teach the backhand?)

Yet many alleged foes of government promote and profit from farm welfare programs.

The strange Michele Bachmann — the Republican House member who accused President Obama of making "the final leap to socialism" — has collected a quarter million in taxpayer handouts for her family farm in Minnesota.

Dairy Management is a related example of an unjustified government subsidy. Former Domino's Pizza CEO David A. Brandon received over \$4 million in compensation last year, according to the company's most recent proxy statement. At least four other Domino's executives made over \$1 million. They've been well paid to manage their line of pizzas. And shouldn't the money to market them come out of their company's own budget?

You have to feel for dairy farmers. Their day is long, and with many Americans switching to

lower-fat dairy products, they're stuck with a lot of leftover milk fat. And they have every right to support Dairy Management's mission to move it off the shelves. That's between them and consumers.

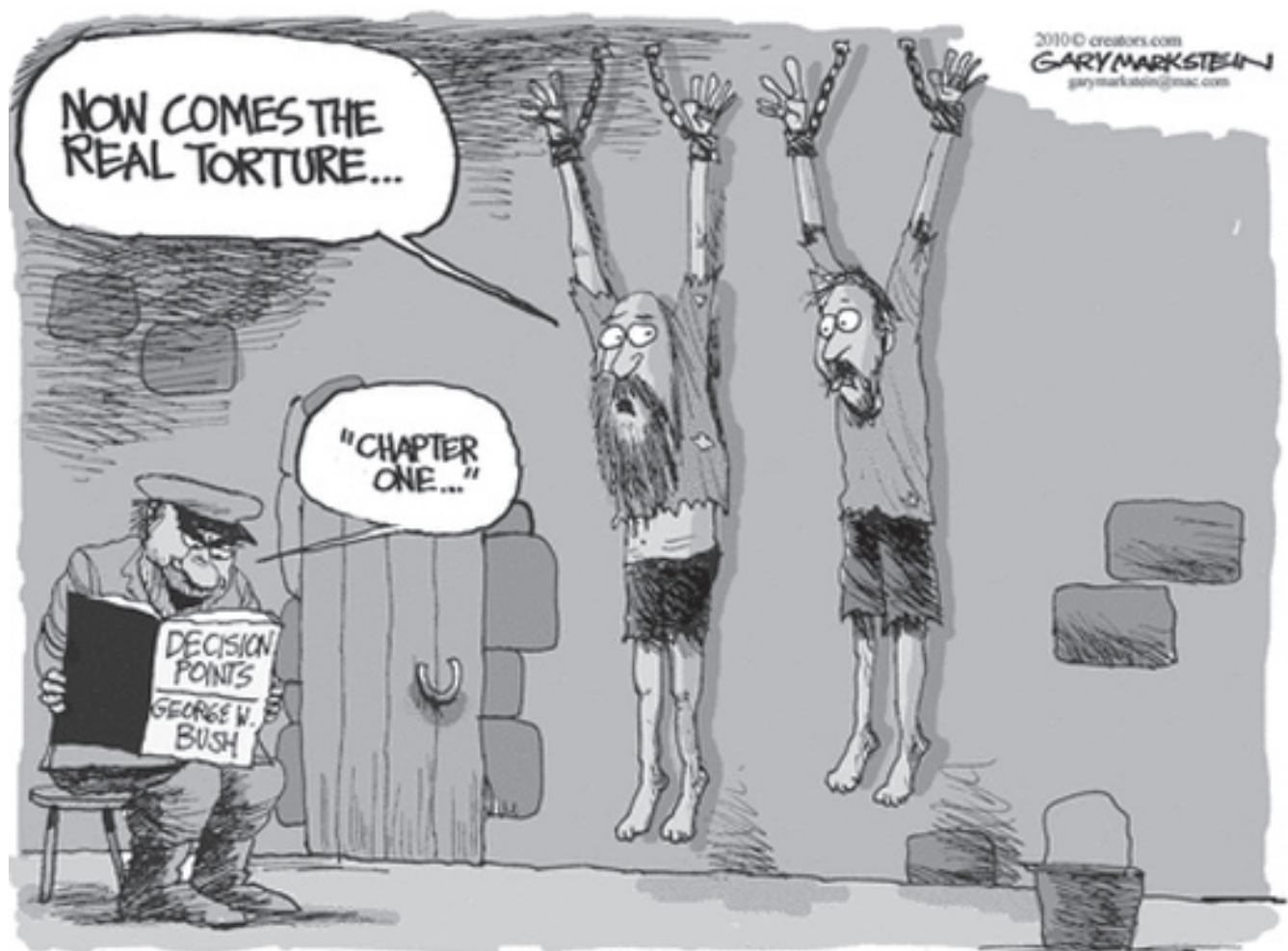
But while the industry does pay for most of Dairy Management through government fees, the taxpayers still shovel many millions into the enterprise. Here's a more appropriate arrangement: Dairy businesses run their own trade association and they pay for it.

I even question the nutrition police on the other side. The Agriculture Department should have a modest role educating the public on what a healthy diet looks like. But the cause of America's growing obesity problem goes way beyond the fat content of one or several products. It's also about lack of exercise and screwed up eating habits having to do with portion size and the collapse of the family dinner hour.

Sure, let's argue over which government programs are wasteful or wrong-headed and which are essential.

But we should agree that such matters are outside the empty debate over an optimal size for government. The needs of the moment, not a philosophical ideal, should determine government's size.

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## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On Friday, Nov. 5, I saw a water main leak in the 200 block of W. 18th Street. It happened at approximately 5 p.m. and looked to be a serious break. By 6 p.m., there was no water to some buildings in the immediate vicinity and I saw no repair crew working to solve the problem.

I called the Big Spring Water Department and the gentleman advised that the department's goal was to trace the gas lines and begin the water line repair and they hoped to have it done by 6 a.m. on Saturday.

When I checked at about 5 a.m. on Saturday, I had the water back on and at a normal pressure. I called to thank the folks on standby for the resumption of service.

I would like to publicly thank everyone who was a part of the team who restored the water in a timely fashion. You are awesome and provided great customer service. Thank you.

VICKI VAUGHN WUNNEBURGER  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

To the Forsan community, thank you for your amazing generosity and support for the Fishbacks!

The Bob Fishback T-shirts fund-raiser was organized by Desiree Thompson. She sold 305

T-shirts and made \$1,700 for the Fishbacks. She also received an anonymous donation of \$2,500 for the Fishbacks!

Forsan faculty from both Elbow Elementary and the Junior High/High School campus donated gift cards to be raffled off. Elbow sold \$700 worth of tickets. Another 1,500 raffle tickets were sold at the junior high/high school in a class competition for a pizza party. The winner of the class competition was the freshman class which bought 413 tickets. The sophomore class was right behind them — they bought 376 tickets.

We would like to thank Papa Giorgio's for donating the pizza for the pizza party! A total of \$3,137 was raised by the gift card raffle.

The pancake supper was organized by the Forsan faculty as well. The fundraiser brought in \$1,420.27 for the Fishbacks.

A special thank you to Leon Hobbs, owner of Cowboy's; Just Peachy; and the Forsan Baptist Church for donating everything needed for the pancake supper. Thanks to their donations, the supper was 100 percent profit.

Donation jars were circulated by Madi Roman, Hannah Williams and Kayley Williams at the game Friday night and brought in \$316.52.

The total amount of money

from all of these fund raising efforts combined was \$9,073.79.

Thanks again for your help and support of Bob and Jeanine — they are very blessed by your friendship and generosity!

DEBBIE BURTON  
CAMPUS SECRETARY  
FORSAN

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently, my wife was a patient at Scenic Mountain Medical Center under the most excellent care of Dr. Rudy Haddad and Dr. David Long. The medical care she received was of the highest and best medical quality.

Since she has a resistance to many of the antibiotics of today, medical treatments were difficult for her, however, the doctors never surrendered to medical difficulty. Instead, their tenacious commitment found the right solution for her medical problem.

The nurses' constant and persistent vigilance in their care for all patients provided her with first-class care. Scenic Mountain Medical Center nurses are true professionals and artists of their profession.

The administration is clearly focused on providing the highest quality of excellence for all the patients of SMMC.

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# COAHOMA

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Cameron Meddock were key in this one.

The Bulldogs elected to stick with their philosophy and run the ball with multiple tailbacks. The problem was that it never got going until late in the third quarter, resulting in Martinez's score.

Gardner said before Friday's game Spearman's 3-3 stack would make it tough to find holes to run through.

That wasn't the case with Meddock. Spearman's standout running back had 24 carries for 171 yards and one touchdown.

Gardner said it was the Lynx offensive line that made things easier for Meddock and harder for Coahoma's defense to get off the field.

Coahoma defensive back Pete Acosta said the ground attack was truly the one thing the Bulldogs had a hard time handling.

"We came out, I guess, kind of underestimating them, but we played hard and played to the end of the whistle," he said. "It came out the wrong way."

Spearman was methodical in its approach. The Lynx consistently ran the ball and made sure Coahoma didn't have time to score on offense. Mendoza had his interception at the 10:57 mark in the fourth and Spearman essentially held the ball for the rest of the quarter, scoring on a touchdown pass from Blayne Schroeder to Everardo Flores to end the drive with a little more two minutes left.

"I give them credit," CHS defensive coordinator Raul Sanchez said. "They came out, they played well. They were physical, they ran the ball well. We made a few mistakes, we couldn't get off the field defensively. But I'm not taking anything away from them. That's a good football team, they were just better than us."

On that final Spearman drive, the frustration was clear for Coahoma. The Bulldogs had four offsides penalties in addition to a personal foul penalty. Gardner said his players were aggressively fighting to turn things around late in the game, resulting in the penalties.

That "never say die" attitude has kind of been the story for Coahoma this season.

In his first season at the helm, Gardner got the Bulldogs back in the playoffs after a three-year absence. Coahoma did it with a brand new offense and in a new district, too.

Gardner credits the seniors, however, for getting the program back on track.

"Seniors did a tremendous job, that's what I told them," he said. "They can be proud that they got us back in. This one obviously didn't come out the way we would have liked it to come out. We've just got to try to build on that."

## SPEARMAN 27, COAHOMA 7

Spearman 14 3 3 7 --27  
Coahoma 0 0 7 0 --7  
First Quarter

Second Quarter  
SHS – Oscar Reyna 27 run (Chavez kick good), 7:07  
AHS – Jacob Luera 70 pass from Logan Turner (kick blocked), 6:45  
SHS – Chavez 12 run, 3:12  
SHS – Blake Evans 1 run (Chavez kick good), 44 sec.

Fourth Quarter  
SHS – Chavez 32 FG, 8:53

	AHS	SHS
First Downs	13	17

Grady	13	0	14	16	—	43
Ira	16	0	16	24	—	56

First Quarter  
I — Morris 23 run (kick good), 8:26  
G — Cook 1 run (Wiebe pass from Rodriguez), 5:49  
G — Wiebe 20 pass from Rodriguez (kick failed), 2:34  
I — Morris 6 run (kick good), :28

Third Quarter  
G — Rodriguez 24 run (Robinson pass from Rodriguez), 8:24  
I — Rivera 28 pass from Morris (kick good), 5:52  
G — Rodriguez 4 run (Russell pass from Rodriguez),

SHS – Jose Mendoza 7 pass from Blayne Schroeder (Francisco Camacho kick), 2:35

SHS – Cameron Meddock 5 run (Camacho kick), 35 sec.

Second Quarter  
SHS - Camacho 34 FG, 8:45

Third Quarter  
SHS - Camacho 38 FG, 7:10  
CHS – Jason Martinez 3 run (Dakota Griffith kick), 1:59

Fourth Quarter  
SHS – Everardo Flores 4 pass from Schroeder (Camacho kick), 2:12

	SHS	CHS
First Downs	16	15
Rushes-Yds.	42-234	48-237
Passing Yds.	17	0
Comp.-Att.-Int.	3-6-0	0-5-1
Punts-Avg.	1-27	2-22
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yds.	3-35	9-75

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING – Spearman: Cameron Meddock 24-171. Coahoma: Dakota Griffith 14-68  
PASSING – Spearman: Blayne Schroeder 3-6-0-17. Coahoma: Tanner Ruiz 0-5-1-0  
RECEIVING – Spearman: Everardo Flores 2-10

Rushes-Yds.	24-66	29-227
Passing Yds.	163	197
Comp.-Att.-Int.	13-29-1	10-14-1
Punts-Avg.	4-43	2-33
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yds.	7-42	7-45

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING – Stanton: Adam Montez 1-80, Blake Evans 16-53, Oscar Reyna 2-38, Tyler Fulton 5-35  
PASSING – Stanton: Fulton 10-14-1-197  
RECEIVING – Stanton: Thomas Ramos 3-90, Ryan Brantley 2-63, Ethan Mauldin 2-21

3:10  
I — Rivera 1 run (kick good), 1:23

Fourth Quarter  
I — Deluna 23 pass from Morris (kick good), 7:44  
I — Morris 43 run (kick good), 5:19  
G — Rodriguez 19 pass from Teague (Medina kick), 3:49  
I — Morris 10 run (kick good), 1:29  
G — Rodriguez 48 run (Medina kick), 1:09

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# STANTON

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## STANTON 30, ABERNATHY 6

Abernathy 0 6 0 0-6  
Stanton 7 20 0 3-30

First Quarter  
SHS – Adam Montez 80 run (Andres Chavez kick good), 4:20

# GRADY

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spread (offense) in the first half, so we came out in a tight formation in the second half and were able to move the ball," Cox said.

Despite the loss, Cox was quick to label the Wildcats' season a success.

"We weren't expected to do much this season. Most folks expected us to get (mercy-ruled) almost every game," he said. "But our guys stepped up this season and played extremely well. I'm proud of them."

# Pacquiao fights Margarito for eighth title

ARLINGTON (AP) — Freddie Roach has a game plan to make life in the ring easier for Manny Pacquiao. If Roach had his way, it would be in place Saturday night when Pacquiao moves up in weight once again to take on Antonio Margarito.

The problem is Roach will never get Pacquiao to follow it.

"He could box more and be a little smarter," said Roach, who trains boxing's biggest star. "But he likes to exchange punches and that's what sells tickets. That's what makes him exciting, and that's what makes him who he is."

Pacquiao doesn't figure to change his style against Margarito, even though other things have

changed since he last stepped into the ring at Cowboys Stadium in March. An explosive puncher at any weight, Pacquiao will fight in his usual frenzied fury as he tries to win an eighth title against a bigger but slower opponent.

Once again, he will carry the weight of an entire country on his shoulders in the scheduled 12-round bout. But this time he will do so both as the biggest sports hero the Philippines has ever seen and as the congressman representing Sarangani Province in his native land.

The unique fighter-politician combination got him a crossover spot on "60 Minutes," an appearance on National Public Radio, and a lot of expo-

sure in places fighters never get mentioned. It also has caused a lot of consternation among his fans, who worry that the duties of a congressman may have gotten in the way of Pacquiao's training for the fight.

Not to worry, Pacquiao says. When it comes time to fight, he will fight.

"The focus is always there," Pacquiao said. "I'm always hungry for a fight. There is no distraction."

Pacquiao, who began fighting at 107 pounds, plans to enter the ring at his heaviest ever to take on the rugged Margarito, who is attempting to rebound from a hand-wrapping scandal that almost cost him his career.

# No. 4 Boise State takes care of state rival Idaho 52-14

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Kellen Moore holds a soft spot for Idaho because the Vandals were the only other Football Bowl Subdivision team to offer the Boise State star a scholarship.

That doesn't mean he, or his fourth-ranked Broncos, gave the Vandals any breaks on Friday night.

Moore threw two touchdown passes in the first half, Chris Potter broke three tackles on his way to

a 76-yard punt return for a score the first time Boise State touched the ball, and the Broncos routed rival Idaho 52-14.

Boise State coach Chris Petersen always preaches fast starts. But this was a blitz that impressed even him and kept the nation's longest win streak going at 23 games.

"Certainly when you're on the road, especially, to

get a fast start and settle our guys down and keep the crowd a little bit quiet is very important," Petersen said.

While Potter was the kick start for the rout, Moore was also at the center of the Vandals' misery.

The junior threw a 58-yard touchdown strike to Titus Young late in the first quarter to give Boise State (9-0, 5-0 WAC) a 28-0 lead.

# Love has 30-30 game in Wolves' win over Knicks

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — At one point in the third quarter, Kevin Love leaned over to Michael Beasley on the bench and whispered in his ear.

"I'm going for 30 tonight," Love said. With Love having only seven points at the time, Beasley looked at him and said, "Thirty what?"

Incredibly, Love was talking about rebounds. But he didn't stop there. Love grabbed a franchise-record 31 rebounds and scored 31 points, the NBA's first 30-30 game in 28 years, and the Minnesota Timberwolves rallied from

a 21-point third-quarter deficit to stun the New York Knicks 112-103 on Friday night.

"I just got a good mindset that every single one was mine," said Love, who had 23 points and 24 rebounds in a loss to the Lakers on Tuesday.

Love grabbed 15 boards in the third quarter alone to will the Timberwolves to victory.

Moses Malone was the last player to do it with 38 points and 32 rebounds for Houston against Seattle in 1982.

"It seemed like no matter what anybody did I was going to go and get those rebounds," Love said.



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# FSA officials remind that election of county committee under way

### Special to the Herald

Rick Liles, executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Howard County today announced that the county committee elections are in progress. Ballots were mailed to eligible voters and completed ballots must be returned by mail or to local FSA offices by Dec. 6.

"I strongly recommend that producers vote because the county committee members play a huge role in the Agency, especially at the county level," said Liles. "County committee members make decisions on how federal farm programs will be administered locally."

County committee members are elected to office by their peers and

serve as the representative voice for agriculture producers in the county and they are responsible for communicating with USDA to ensure that national programs are adapted to fit local needs.

County committees are responsible for making decisions on issues including commodity loans and payments, conservation programs, disaster assistance programs and emergency programs.

Liles encourages minority and female producers to serve as county committee members in the future. It is important that the county committee is comprised of members who reflect the demographics of the local agriculture community.

Farmers and ranchers in Lo-

cal Administrative Area I, who participate in FSA programs, are eligible to vote. This area encompasses the northwestern quadrant of the county and includes the Fairview, Knott and Vealmoor communities.

If eligible voters do not receive a ballot by mail, one will be provided by the local USDA Service Center. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Dec. 6. New county committee members will assume their role and related responsibilities on Jan. 1, 2011.

For more information on county committees, view the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections) or visit the local USDA Service Center.

# Energy Watch



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

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



Last week was one of the most eventful weeks in memory and it came at a critical time for the U.S. economy. The midterm elections took place Tuesday, the Federal Reserve's (Fed) two-day meeting was held and the October employment report was released on Friday. And the San Francisco Giants were crowned the World Series champions for the first time since 1954, back when they played in New York with Willie Mays anchoring centerfield.

Let's first consider the setup for this important week.

The Commerce Department reported on Friday, Oct. 29, that the first reading of gross domestic product showed 2 percent sluggish growth, yes, but not as dire as the doomsayers would have us believe.

Businesses increased investments, and consumer spending grew. Stocks finished off the week nearly flat and wrapped up the strongest October for the S&P 500 on a percentage basis (up 3.69 percent) since 2003.

As far as institutional investors current expectations, the Barron's "Big Money Poll" released over the weekend revealed that 60 percent were upbeat about the stock market's prospects through June 2011 versus 46 percent who called themselves bulls six months ago.

These investors are looking for a gain in the range of 6 percent to 7 percent by mid-2011 for the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average based on closing prices of Oct. 29.

The poll also revealed that the majority believe that stocks are inexpensive and more than 80 percent expect to be net buyers of equities during the next six to 12 months.

Despite this seeming bullishness, only 62 percent think stocks will be the best-performing asset class, followed by precious metals and other commodities. In addition, 27 percent believe that the United States will have the world's best performing stock market in the next six to 12 months, down from 44 percent six months ago.

We believe these latter results are a contrary positive for stocks because the skepticism helps to contain excesses and this is important given the stock market's short-term extended condition after the run-up from the August lows.

Another positive we see for stocks looking over the longer term is the massive flow we have seen out of stocks and into bonds. Strategic Insights Inc. has reported that bond funds are on track for \$300 billion in net inflows for 2010, following up 2009's record \$350 billion.

On the other hand, stock funds have seen nearly six months of net outflows in 2010 including September, when domestic funds experienced a \$14.7 billion net outflow, according to the Investment Company Institute.

Finally, seasonals around midterm elections are quite positive.

A recent Strategic Insights report by the Wells Fargo Advisor's Investment Strategy Committee titled "Upcoming elections" dated Oct. 11, noted that since 1950, using the S&P 500 as a proxy, from the low during the midterm election year (2010) to the high in the third year (2011), the average gain has been 48 percent.

If we move the starting point up to the end of October to the high in the third year, the average gain has been 28 percent. The eight-day period (five days before and three days after) have also delivered a respectable 2.7 percent advance since 1934, with only one losing year.

With all the events, it appears like the perfect setup for a "sell on the news" pullback to have begun Wednesday following the results of the midterm elections and the Fed's announcement of its intentions for quantitative easing.

Regardless of whether investors are satisfied or disappointed, it seems like a logical time for the market to take a pause and digest some of the S&P 500's 13 percent rally from the late August low.

However, we believe this has become too popular a viewpoint. Since the market delights in confusing the majority of participants, we expect that with the election results being about as expected and assuming the Fed will reasonably satisfy the market with its quantitative easing plans that the market will continue to rally in the very short term.

While it is hazardous to try to be this precise with the very short term view, we are giving it our best shot. Thus, we would expect a sell-off to come in a week or so.

Take heart in all the data here that the most important aspect of this week will be removing some of the many uncertainties from the marketplace.

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**Local tattoo artist Scott Klarer works on a tattoo for world renown stunt motorcyclist Charlie Ransom at Mom & Pop's Tattoo. Ransom, who performs with American Motor Drome's traveling Wall of Death, stopped in Big Spring recently to visit with friends on his way back to his home in California following a recent show in Snyder.**

# Goodbye white pages

## Companies yank cord on residential phone books

### MICHAEL FELBERBAUM

AP Business Writer

RICHMOND, Va. — What's black and white and read all over? Not the white pages, which is why regulators have begun granting telecommunications companies the go-ahead to stop mass-printing residential phone books, a musty fixture of Americans' kitchen counters, refrigerator tops and junk drawers.

In the past month alone, New York, Florida and Pennsylvania approved Verizon Communications Inc.'s request to quit distributing residential white pages. Residents in Virginia have until Nov. 19 to provide comments on a similar request pending with state regulators.

Telephone companies argue that most consumers now check the Internet rather than flip through pages when they want to reach out and touch someone.

"Anybody who doesn't have access to some kind of online way to look things up now is probably too old to be able to read the print in the white pages anyway," joked Robert Thompson, a pop culture professor at Syracuse University.

Phone companies note that eliminating residential white pages would reduce environmental impact by using less paper and ink. It also can't hurt their bottom lines to cut out the cost of a service that rarely gets used and generates little beyond nostalgia.

The first telephone directory was issued in February 1878 — a

single page that covered 50 customers in New Haven, Conn. That sheet grew into a book that became virtually a household appliance, listing numbers for neighbors, friends and colleagues, not to mention countless potential victims of prank calls.

Fewer people rely on paper directories for a variety of reasons: more people rely solely on cell phones, whose numbers typically aren't included in the listings; more listings are available online; and mobile phones and caller ID systems on land lines can store a large number of frequently called numbers.

The number of traditional land lines has been declining for the better part of the decade, and now are being disconnected at a rate of nearly 10 percent each year, according to company financial reports.

And a survey conducted for SuperMedia Inc. by Gallup shows that between 2005 and 2008, the percentage of households relying on stand-alone residential white pages fell from 25 percent to 11 percent. Dallas-based SuperMedia, which publishes Verizon's telephone directories, has instead focused on its yellow pages and paid advertising listings, and their online equivalents.

Unlike the residential white pages, the business directories printed on yellow pages are doing fine, at least according to the Yellow Pages Association. The industry trade group claims more half the people in the U.S. still let their fingers do the walking every month, and that 550

million residential and business directories are still printed every year.

As for the white pages, Steve Keschl can attest to the declining interest. As a doorman at an Upper East Side condo building since 1960, the 84-year-old has watched tenants' fading reaction to the annual delivery of New York City's white pages book — which incidentally weighs in around 3 pounds, 9 ounces, or a little more than a dozen iPhones.

These days, the books "sit here pretty long," said Keschl, who added that even he rarely uses the directory anymore. "Sometimes they take them, sometimes they don't."

While New York and other cities still have stand-alone white pages, many of the thousands of phone directories across the country include residential white pages, yellow business listings and blue government pages. Where they no longer have to print the white pages, publishers will simply slim down their combined books.

Verizon and AT&T Inc. — the two largest land line players — and others have requested exemptions from state requirements to distribute residential phone books in paper form. The directories would be available on the Internet, printed upon request or provided on CD.

"You probably have a better chance of finding a name quicker if you can just search for it in a database than try to look it up in

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# Eldorado Star Party one of many across state

This column comes to you from the Eldorado Star Party where I'm enjoying the wonderfully dark skies of west Texas with nearly 200 other stargazers. Organized by volunteer amateur astronomers, the week-long event takes place every fall on the X-Bar Ranch Nature Retreat between the small towns of Eldorado and Sonora.

ESP ([www.texasstarparty.org/eldorado.html](http://www.texasstarparty.org/eldorado.html)) is one of several annual, week-long star parties held in this part of the country. Another



**PAUL DERRICK**

The Texas Star Party, held every spring since the 1970s, is the granddaddy of the region's

Okie-Tex Star Party held each fall at Camp Billy Joe in the far western part of the Oklahoma panhandle. Okie-Tex ([www.okie-tex.com](http://www.okie-tex.com)) is a really long drive from just about everywhere, but it's remarkably dark skies attract some 400 stargazers.

star parties, attracting some 500-600 stargazers from across the U.S. and beyond. TSP ([www.texasstarparty.org](http://www.texasstarparty.org)) takes place at the Prude Ranch in the Davis Mountains of far West Texas and offers superb dark skies at an elevation of 5,000 feet.

An additional attraction of TSP is its proximity to the nearby McDonald Observatory, a world class research facility operated by the University of Texas at Austin. In addition to its three huge research telescopes, a terrific visitors center features daily indoor exhibits, pro-

grams and solar telescope viewing, as well as evening star parties every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday night of the year.

Many public parks — state and national — are taking note of the value of dark skies. Some national parks, like Texas' Big Bend in far West Texas (my favorite), are redesigning park lighting to preserve their natural dark skies. Pedernales Falls State Park in Central Texas is constructing an outdoor Star Theater

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The support staff always had everything in order to support the doctors, nurses and medical staff, and those who cared for her comfortable room made it sparkle.

The Pink Ladies — lovely uniforms — always provided unique and high quality encouragement for both patients and visitors alike.

We are most fortunate to have Scenic Mountain Medical Center as a vital part of Big Spring, "The Crossroads of West Texas." SMMC makes a great difference, as it provides great and excellent medical care for all who need it.

RAYMOND (SONNY) HOLLIS  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

As director of missions for the Crossroads Baptist Association, I would like to thank the wonderful people of Big Spring and the surrounding areas for making the Tabernacle Experience a huge success.

Approximately 4,500 people

went through the interactive experience over the nine days it was here.

Many testified to the benefit to their spiritual lives. Several indicated that they had made life changing decisions. It is our prayer that the impact will be felt for years to come.

I would like to thank the 29 churches and missions that make up the Crossroads Baptist Association and the more than 150 volunteers that made this possible. Our churches also contributed more than \$11,000 to bring this to Big Spring.

I also want to thank Tim Blackshear for preparing his property to host this event.

The Association of Southern Baptist Churches want our citizens to know that we are here to serve the needs of the citizens of Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties.

We hope you will visit one of our 29 churches and missions and give us the opportunity to minister to you and your family.

If you would like additional information on any of our churches and missions, please feel free to write us at 1204 W. Fourth St., Big Spring 79720, or come by and have a

cup of coffee.

I stand ready to serve you as director of missions and may be reached at 432-935-9171 or at the office number at 263-1673.

JOHN B. McCULLOUGH JR.  
DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS  
CROSSROADS BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION

TO THE EDITOR:

I recently had the privilege of attending the Texas Municipal League Conference in Corpus Christi with my husband. The conference provided a great venue to learn and to gain ideas from other cities and professionals, to see what works and does not work in other cities and, hopefully, to learn from the mistakes of others. The conference provided an excellent series of lectures and seminars and the opportunity to meet with vendors and learn what's new and pertinent to your city.

Time after time during the presentations, it was stressed that community development precedes economic development. This is a point I hope our city can appreciate and exploit to help us maximize the opportunity for development which we so sorely

need.

I think we are doing this in a lot of areas. We are looking to the future by making our downtown area more appealing. Businesses are investing in our downtown with upgrades to properties such as the Settles Hotel and the Ritz Theater. Local citizens are helping revitalize other downtown buildings and facilities.

We have a beautiful new Main Street which will make a positive impression on any visitor or potential client. We have shown our interest in our children's welfare through our support of a new sports complex, our commitment to a new family water park and most important, passage of the recent school bond issue.

Assets such as our airport, our city park, golf courses, museums and college cannot be overlooked. All these things make an impression on potential employers and their personnel and they provide a catalyst for future growth.

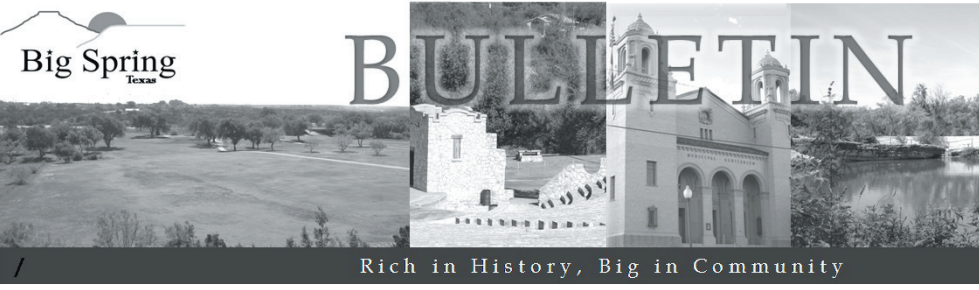
The thing I see most lacking in our city is a sense of pride. The successful cities are full of enthusiasm and pride; this was readily apparent at the TML conference. We in Big

Spring have a really great city, a great heritage, great people and so very much to be proud of. We can easily be one of those very successful cities if we strive to work together, stop fighting against each other over petty issues and accept and abide by the necessary rules and regulations that distinguish the human race.

Your city council members and city staff who attended the TML conference should be applauded. They were provided an excellent cross section of information and ideas to improve and enhance your city and its operations. During the conference, the attendees rarely overlapped in lectures and seminars with schedules running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and some meetings were scheduled as early as 7:30 a.m.

And, just for the record, my conference meals, fees and expenses were paid for by myself. I attended the conference to learn what other cities are doing to succeed and to see what this city I love so dearly could possibly be if we all work together.

JUDY LITTLE  
BIG SPRING



### THE "BIG SPRING" GETS A NEW FACE

Visitors to the historic spring at Comanche Trail Park are now being welcomed by a new limestone marker that was unveiled last month. The sign was the idea of Big Spring



Councilwoman Gloria McDonald. Mrs. McDonald hopes the marker will become a welcoming beacon to travelers finding their way to the spring. The stone for the marker was donated by Texas Stone Company while the engraving and labor were funded by the Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau. As of late, the spring area has seen a number of improvements. In addition to the marker, the two metal "steer" sculptures created by SWCID students have been reinstalled after being seal coated and the pump for the spring has been repaired.

**City of Big Spring offices and the Big Spring Senior Center will be closed on November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no trash pick up on these days. Services will resume on Monday, November 29th.**

The Comanche Trail Park Festival of Lights will run from December 15th through December 31st. We need volunteers to help with setting up the lights and volunteers to work the Greeter's Booth during the festival. If you would be interested in volunteering, contact Debbie Wegman at (432) 264-2516.

### E-Waste Collection Day

The City of Big Spring, in conjunction with Keep Big Spring Beautiful, will be hosting an E-Waste Collection at the Municipal Landfill located at 4100 East FM 700 on Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Items accepted will include:

- All electronic devices including televisions, monitors, computers
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Nicholas Lopez vs. Texas Department of Public Safety, civil.  
Lee Bennett vs. Richard Copeland, civil.

**Marriage Licenses:**

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Mark Anthony Grubb, 38, and Lorrie Lynn Lutz, 19, both of Big Spring.  
Carl Edward Williams Jr., 52, and Ann Marie Thompson, 41, both of Big Spring.

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the white pages," said Link Hoewing, Verizon's vice president of Internet and technology policy.

Since 2007, states that have granted permission to quit printing residential listings or that have requests

pending include: Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

New York-based Verizon's plan is to seek regulatory approval in all 12 states where it operates land line telephone service. In total, the savings could top 17,000 tons of paper annually throughout Verizon's service areas, the company said.

The company and its printer, which uses the Verizon brand name in lieu of payment for publishing the white pages, would not provide any estimates on the cost of printing the directories or how much money would be saved by discontinuing them.

Regulators in New York approved Verizon's request Oct. 14. There, the company estimates it will save about 3,575 tons of paper per year and conserve the energy associated with printing, binding and distributing the directories. The company's August request with Virginia regulators is estimated to save about 1,640 tons of paper annually.

Verizon plans to continue to deliver directories that contain business and governmental listings along with the consumer guide information provided in white pages directories, but the residential listings would only be available by request.

Dallas-based AT&T did not respond to repeated messages from The Associated Press seeking comment for this story.

According to filings with state regulators, AT&T said in places where

it has been permitted to provide the white pages on demand, only about 2 percent of customers have requested a copy.

The residential phone book "no longer provides the same utility it once did," AT&T told Missouri regulators, who approved the company's petition for the state's larger metropolitan areas. "The vast majority of customers neither need nor use these often quite large, bound paper directories."

If the white pages are nearing their end, then Emily Goodmann hopes the directories would be archived for historical, genealogical or sociological purposes.

"The telephone directory stands as the original sort of information network that not only worked as kind of a social network in a sense, but it served as one of the first information resources," said Goodmann, a doctoral student at Northwestern University who is writing her dissertation on the history of phone books as information technology. "It's sort of heartbreaking ... even though these books are essentially made to be destroyed."

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We still think that a near-term pullback will be a buying opportunity and that the bull market is setting itself up for a better 2011 than 2010.

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# Depression: Don't just dismiss the blues

We've all had days when we've felt down and nothing seems to go right. However, if those bad days outnumber the good ones and you can't seem to shake the "blahs," don't minimize these feelings as just a "blue" period. Feelings of intense sadness, helplessness or hopelessness that endure for more than a few days and as long as several weeks — and begin to interfere with your ability to function on a daily basis — may be clinical depression.

Clinical depression is a common condition, affecting more than 19 million Americans each year — and it can happen to anyone, regardless of age, race, gender, or health status. Despite this, only half of Americans diagnosed with clinical depression receive treatment for it, according to the National Institute for Mental Health (NIMH).

Many people tend to explain away their symptoms, dismiss them as a personal weakness rather than a legitimate medical condition, or try to treat symptoms on their own. This can actually make the condition worse, because most people who experience depression need treatment to get better — and early treatment is more effective and decreases the like-

lihood of a recurrence down the road.

Depression has many causes: biological (internal factors in our biological make-up), cognitive (mental issues), genetic (relating to one's family background or development) and situational (based on one or more external life events).

Often, depression is the result of a combination of these factors. While there is no single cause, here are a few common factors:

- Women are more likely to develop depression than men — possibly due to hormonal changes associated with the menstrual cycle, pregnancy and childbirth and aging.

- Some medications may cause depression or depression-like symptoms.
- Depression is more likely to occur with certain illnesses: heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes, hormonal disorders, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease.

- Chronic painful conditions (severe arthritis, fibromyalgia, chronic headaches) frequently trigger and/or worsen depression.

- Anxiety is a "cousin" to depression; most people experiencing depression will often have overlapping anxiety symptoms to some degree too.

Depression is directly related to fluctuations and/or low levels of neurotransmitters in the brain. Neurotransmitters (serotonin, dopamine and norepinephrine) are the brain's "messengers" that allow brain cells to communicate with each other and function.

Depression and anxiety are both linked to changes in neurotransmitter levels in the brain. Both depression and anxiety medications work to stabilize neurotransmitter levels in the brain, thereby limiting symptoms.

Neurotransmitter levels are affected by your genetics (family history) and by your "environment." Excessive stress, limited social support and poor coping mechanisms create situation that are ripe for creating altered neurotransmitter levels and function.

Studies have also linked depression with early stages of multiple sclerosis, or brain changes that result

after a significant health event such as heart attack or traumatic brain injury.

Recent research links depression with a broad variety of health conditions, with depression serving either as a trigger or an outcome of the condition. Studies have also shown that depression can develop from causes as far-ranging as allergies to inadequate B-vitamin intake in the diet; and that depression itself can contribute to conditions weight gain or greater pain sensitivity.

Depression can increase your risk for certain chronic conditions, or make the symptoms of existing conditions worse. Individuals with Type 2 diabetes and major depression are more likely to experience life-threatening diabetes-related complications, according to an NIMH study released earlier this year.

Women who are pregnant and suffer from untreated depression are more likely to deliver prematurely. Depression has been linked to thinning bones in pre-menopausal women. And one in four cases of obesity has been linked with depression or anxiety disorders, according to research.

Depression is not a sign of

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specifically for star parties.

Even private organizations are responding, such as the non-profit Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences (www.3rf.org) with its facility near Crowell in North Central Texas. Open year-round, 3RF hosts public star parties, educational events for school children, teacher training workshops and other programs.

The major attraction of these rather remote star party sites derives from the sad fact of increasing light pollution. As our urban areas sprawl and spread light into formerly rural areas,

dark skies are increasingly difficult to find.

Even so, stargazing is not impossible nearer urban areas; we're just limited in how much we can see. So if it's not feasible for you to visit any of these far-away sites, inquire around — there might be something in your area as many astronomy clubs offer public star parties, some even within cities.

### SKY CALENDAR

- Nov. 15 Monday evening: The Moon is near bright Jupiter.

- 17 Wed. morning: The Leonid meteor shower peaks with best viewing in the 2-3 hours between moonset and dawn.

- 21 Sunday: The full Moon is called Frosty Moon, Beaver Moon, and Snow Moon.

- Dec. 1 Wednesday morning:

The crescent Moon is to the right of Saturn with the star Spica and brilliant Venus below in the east; the Moon is nearer Venus the next morning.

**NAKED-EYE PLANETS:** Brilliant Jupiter, high in the southeast in the evening, sets by 3 a.m. Saturn rises three hours before the Sun and is well up in the east at dawn.

**ASTRO MILESTONES:** Nov. 20 is the birthday of Edwin Hubble (1889-1953), American astronomer for whom the Hubble Space Telescope is named.

*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.*



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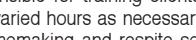
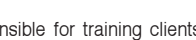
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# Innocence Project: Overhaul death penalty laws

**MICHAEL GRACZYK**

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The execution of a Texas man whose plea for DNA testing was ignored shows procedures and laws covering capital punishment need to be changed, a leading anti-death penalty lawyer said Friday.

Innocence Project co-founder Barry Scheck said the execution of convicted murderer Claude Jones 10 years ago took place only because then-Gov. George W. Bush wasn't told by his legal team that Jones' lawyer was seeking DNA testing on a piece of hair used to convict him.

"I have great hopes that when President Bush reviews this case he will acknowledge what I think is obvious here, and that is that he was blindsided, he was misled, and he would have granted that DNA test to Claude Jones and everything would have been different for Claude Jones."

Bush's office has declined to comment on the case.

Bush's former spokesman, Scott Mc-

Clellan, said Friday that Bush would typically ask two questions in execution cases.

"Did the defendant have full access to the courts and was there any doubt about his or her innocence," said McClellan, who said he had no involvement in the Jones case.

Jones' execution was the 40th and last of the year 2000 in Texas — a record that still stands in the nation's busiest death penalty state. Earlier that year, Bush, who was running for president at the time, used his authority as governor to give another condemned inmate a 30-day reprieve for DNA testing. Those tests confirmed the evidence and the prisoner was executed.

Scheck said that earlier decision from Bush convinced him the governor also would have stopped Jones' punishment if his staff had accurately told him about the DNA request. Documents obtained by attorneys working for the Innocence Project showed Bush was told Jones' guilt "is not in doubt" and that the prisoner had "full and fair access to judicial review of

his case."

"We know that's not true," Scheck said.

The piece of hair was the only physical evidence prosecutors used to tie Jones to a fatal shooting during the robbery of an East Texas liquor store in November 1989. Because the DNA test showed the hair did not come from Jones, the evidence used to convict him was insufficient under Texas law, Scheck said.

"If that DNA test had been performed, there would have been plenty of doubt about guilt, and this conviction would have been reversed and this execution wouldn't have taken place," he said.

Scheck said while some may say this case "isn't the holy grail" to show Jones definitely was innocent, "I think that in and of itself is pretty significant, and only a cynical view would say this is not important, this doesn't matter."

He said courts should allow for examination of forensic evidence now blocked by deadlines. Courts now can say "we're not even going to look at

this" and reject filings as abuse of the writ process, he said.

"You need to change writ procedures so courts will consider new changes in scientific evidence in reviewing cases," Scheck said.

He also said he thinks Texas crime labs need to improve and that the state's relatively new Forensic Science Commission, which reviews misconduct and negligence by forensic investigators, needs to ignore "death penalty politics."

Scheck was joined at a Houston news conference Friday by former Texas Gov. Mark White, who oversaw the execution of 19 inmates during his four-year tenure ending in January 1987. He also was Texas attorney general when the state did its first lethal injection in December 1982.

White also said it is critical for the courts and executive branch of government to change procedures when reviewing death penalty matters.

"This is exactly the horror story that every governor, I think, has in

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## DEPRESSION

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weakness or a personal deficit. It is a reaction to a chemical change in the brain, and is not a "choice." The brain is an organ of the body under its own control, just like the heart, kidney and lungs all function independently without your control. You cannot "choose" to make your brain function or not function correctly, nor can you control your brain's neurotransmitter levels.

Multiple studies using imaging of the brain have shown actual brain changes in people who suffer from depression, in the portions of the brain that regulate mood, thinking, sleep, appetite and behavior, as well as imbalances in neurotransmitter levels in the brain.

Also, trauma or stressful situations can trigger depression: financial trouble, work pressure, a difficult relationship or a divorce, or the death of a family member.

Symptoms of depression are not the same for everyone. The specific symptoms of depression, their severity and duration, differ from one individual to another. Many people experience a combination of symptoms.

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develop as a consequence of — depression must also be treated.

If you're struggling with symptoms of depression, talk first with your family physician. Your doctor can conduct a physical exam, psychological evaluation and tests to rule out other possible causes, such as a medication, virus, or other health issue that can mimic symptoms of depression, such as a thyroid disorder.

Your doctor may also use a simple questionnaire to determine the severity of your symptoms. You may be referred to a mental health professional for a complete diagnosis evaluation and treatment. An initial evaluation typically will encompass any family history of depression; a complete list of symptoms, including duration and severity; any prior treatment; thoughts about death or

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Depression can usually be effectively treated with medication. Studies actually show that counseling is usually is equal to, if not better than, medication. The combination of counseling and short term medication provides the best short and long term results.

If you feel that you're experiencing some symptoms of depression, talk to your doctor and schedule an appointment for an evaluation. Your symptoms may be caused by an unrelated health condition that can be simply resolved, or, if depression is the diagnosis, early detection and

prompt treatment are most effective. Visit [www.smmccares.com](http://www.smmccares.com) and click on 'Health Resources' and 'Interactive Tools' to take a quiz on Depression Risk Assessment or Late Life Depression.

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As featured speakers, we will discuss strategies that may help you handle the many pressures of the holiday season. This program will also be offered at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday as the Senior Circle "Lunch-n-Learn." Both events are open to men and women of all ages and refreshments will be provided. While there is no charge to attend, seating is limited so reservations are suggested.

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"There's something about Merry"  
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# TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS:

## Perry appoints Debbie Montford to Texas Tech board post

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Debbie Montford of San Antonio to the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents. The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported Friday that Montford will fulfill the remainder of Mark Griffin's term expiring Jan. 31. The newspaper said her reappointment to a full six-year term is all but assured.

Montford is past board chair of the Texas Cultural Trust Council, a founding member of the Bexar County Performing Arts Center Foundation, and former chair of the San Antonio Symphony Board of Directors.

Montford is the wife of John T. Montford, who served as Tech's chancellor from 1996 to 2001

## Arizona city manager named finalist for Round Rock job

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) — Prescott's city manager is a finalist for a similar job in Texas.

Steve Norwood says he's one of five finalists for city manager in Round Rock.

In November 2009, Norwood interviewed for a similar job in Pflugerville, before ultimately withdrawing his name from contention.

The Daily Courier says Norwood didn't actively seek the Round Rock job, but a search firm contacted him about it and he decided it was a good professional opportunity.

He says living in Texas would allow him and his family to be closer to his mother who lives in Lubbock.

Norwood informed Prescott City Council members about the job Tuesday. He will travel to Round Rock for interviews this week.

## Man from Azle pleads guilty to child porn; faces 10 years

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 47-year-old Azle man has pleaded guilty to a federal indictment charging him with one count of possession of child pornography.

U.S. Attorney James T. Jacks said Kelly M. Stapleton of Azle has been in custody since being arrested in September. He faces a maximum statutory sentence of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and a lifetime of supervised release. Sentencing is set for Feb. 25.

Court records show that in September 2005, FBI agents visited Stapleton's home based on a lead concerning images of child pornography on the Internet. Child pornography was discovered on his computer. hen, Stapleton did not admit that he knowingly possessed child pornography.

When agents interviewed him again this year he acknowledged acquiring it from the Internet.

## Former UT staffer arrested for women's shower videotaping

AUSTIN (AP) — A former University of Texas women's track equipment manager has been accused of videotaping athletes in the locker room shower.

UT officials on Friday said that Rene Zamora was arrested and charged with improper photography or visual recording, a state jail felony.

Uvalde County jail officials say the 30-year-old was released Thursday on his own recognizance. Zamora could not be reached for comment, and it was not known whether he had an attorney.

A track team member filed a complaint in September.

UT police investigators said they seized a laptop computer and memory cards from Zamora's home that had images of two former and seven current female student-athletes.

Zamora resigned Sept. 10 and has been barred from future employment at the university.

## Trial set in death of girl hit by rock in Colorado; Texan charged

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — A trial has been set for a 16-year-old boy accused of kicking a rock off a cliff that killed a Michigan girl vacationing in Colorado.

Freddie Henderson Bailey III of Katy, Texas, pleaded not guilty Friday to manslaughter in the death of 17-year-old Audra Brownell of Sparta, Mich., in June. His trial is scheduled to start Feb. 1.

Authorities say a rock Bailey kicked fell 30 feet from a cliff in an open space in the northern Colorado town of Estes Park and struck Brownell.

The Coloradoan reports that Bailey was with his father and lawyer, Larry Mertes, in court in Fort Collins Friday.

If Bailey is convicted, the maximum sentence would be two years in a juvenile facility.

## Storm moves through, causes some damage in Greenville

GREENVILLE (AP) — High winds ripped the roof off a Braum's ice cream store and several other buildings received damage when a storm passed through Greenville.

City spokesman Doyle Dick told The Associated Press that straight-line winds were to blame for damage that also was reported at a car rental business and a gas station.

Fire and police officials responded Friday afternoon.

Dick said one person may have received minor injuries when a sign toppled onto a car.

KTVT television station in Dallas showed a large piece of the Braum's roof in the parking lot of the eatery following the storm.

# DEATH

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this country: that something will be left out in the information he's receiving to help make him make a decision concerning this most important matter a governor determines," White said.

In the nearly 35 years since capital punishment was reinstated in the

U.S., there has never been a case in which someone definitively was proven innocent after being executed.

Jones was condemned for the slaying of the liquor store's owner, Allen Hilzendager, who was shot three times outside the small town of Point Blank, about 70 miles north of Houston.

During his trial, a forensic expert testified the hair in evidence could have come from Jones but not from an accomplice or the store owner. No DNA test was performed for the trial.

Bill Burnett, the San Jacinto County district attorney who prosecuted Jones, died earlier this year, but always insisted he had the right man on death row.

"I think he's guilty," Burnett told The Associated Press in 2007 when questions about DNA testing in the case resurfaced.

The Innocence Project had "an agenda," he said. "They want a lot of press. From our standpoint, we're simply doing our job trying to follow the law."

Jones' criminal record dated back to 1959. While serving a 21-year prison sentence in Kansas, he poured a flammable liquid on his cellmate and set him on fire, killing him. Three days after the Texas shooting, he was

identified as the robber of a suburban Houston bank. He was arrested nearly three weeks later in Fort Myers, Fla., where he was charged with robbery and bank robbery there.

From the death chamber gurney, he did not acknowledge guilt but told relatives of the liquor store owner he was sorry for their loss.

Jones' son, Duane, said Friday that prosecutors had ignored their responsibilities, appellate courts had "dropped the ball in the search for truth," and Bush's staff showed gross incompetence.

"Everybody needs to keep in mind the whole objective of our legal system is that it be administered with justice and logic in mind and not vengeance and emotion or politics," he said.

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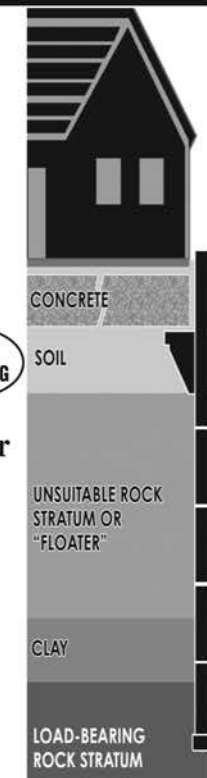
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# Scalia, Breyer bandy about how to decide cases

BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — One of the most conservative justices on the U.S. Supreme Court and one of the most liberal ones sparred Friday over capital punishment, the direct election of senators and various other constitutional questions during a rare public debate that highlighted their philosophical differences.

Antonin Scalia, 74, the longest-serving current justice, appointed by Republican President Ronald Reagan, and Stephen Breyer, 72, appointed by Democrat Bill Clinton, shared the stage in front of a crowd of thousands during a West Texas event organized by Texas Tech University Law

School.

They particularly clashed on the question of capital punishment.

Scalia argued that while there's room for debate about whether the death penalty is a "good idea or a bad idea," it is not cruel and unusual punishment.

"There's not an ounce worth of room for debate as to whether it constitutes cruel and unusual punishment because, at the time the Eighth Amendment was adopted — the cruel and unusual punishments clause — it was the only punishment for a felony. It was the definition of a felony. It's why we have Western movies because horse thieving was a felony."

Breyer said 200 years ago, people

thought flogging at a whipping post was not cruel and unusual.

"And indeed there were whipping posts where people were flogged virtually to death up until the middle of the 19th century," he said. "If we had a case like that today I'd like to see how you'd vote."

The two bandied about other issues, including *Brown vs. The Board of Education*, the landmark high court decision in the 1950s that outlawed school segregation case, cable television rulings, and how they view cases that come before them.

Later, Scalia returned to the issue of flogging, saying it's "stupid" but "not unconstitutional, which is stupid. There's a lot of stuff that stupid that's

not constitutional."

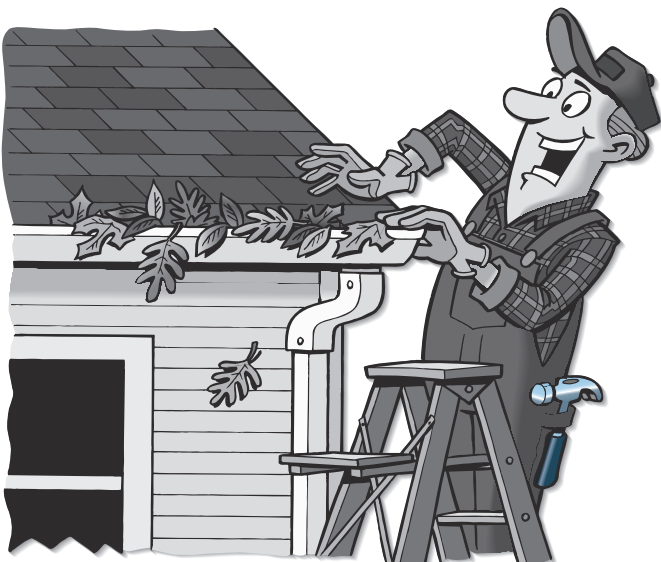
Scalia said he has no interest in what legislators intended when making a particular law. Breyer countered, saying judges need to go back and find out the purpose legislators had when crafting a bill.

"I don't at all look to what I think the legislature thought," Scalia said. "I frankly don't care what the legislature thought."

Breyer responded quickly, saying, "That's the problem," which brought thunderous laughter from the crowd.

"You've got to go back to the purpose of the legislation, find out what's there," Breyer said. "That's the democratic way, cause you can then hold that legislature responsible."

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Howard County, et al vs. Regaltex Properties, Inc.  
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T-4619  
Howard County, et al vs. W. H. Adams  
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T-5142  
Howard County, et al vs. Lee Cortez and Louisa Cortez  
The N. 50' of the NW/4 of Blk 23, (also known as Lot 12, Blk 23,) in College Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
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Howard County, et al vs. Juan Arias Gonzalez  
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Howard County, et al vs. Jim Travis Coker, Annette Coker and Jim Jason Coker  
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Howard County, et al vs. Rosa Gloria Carrasco  
Lts 7-8, Bk 60, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
T-5772  
Howard County, et al vs. Socorro Arellano Parra  
S/2 of Lt 12, Bk 17, Boydston Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
T-5776  
Howard County, et al vs. Sandy Luera and Martha Rando  
Lt 1, and East Ten feet (E/10') of Lt 2, Bk 2, Parker Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas  
T-5829  
Howard County, et al vs. Elwin D. Payne and Cheryl I. Payne  
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<b>1</b> Is satisfied	<b>1</b> City on the Volga	<b>20</b> Adjust, as a job	<b>40</b> Online quote source
<b>8</b> Big name in spirits	<b>2</b> Needing help	<b>24</b> Three Sisters sister	<b>44</b> Least speculative
<b>15</b> With spirit, on scores	<b>3</b> The Day of the Locust setting	<b>26</b> Source of the word "galore"	<b>45</b> Triatomic molecule
<b>16</b> Bacchus and _____ (Titian painting)	<b>4</b> Crop problem	<b>27</b> Like the orbit of Halley's Comet	<b>47</b> Head of state?
<b>17</b> Reference material	<b>5</b> Jack Benny's '47 summer replacement	<b>29</b> Especially	<b>48</b> Cooper's inspiration for Natty Bumppo
<b>18</b> Shy	<b>6</b> Project Mercury launcher	<b>30</b> It may sport an umbrella	<b>50</b> Co. leaders
<b>19</b> Condensed versions	<b>7</b> Callas role	<b>31</b> Figure often depicted holding keys	<b>51</b> Croquet wicket
<b>21</b> Shreds	<b>8</b> Goes on and on	<b>32</b> Fast Company rival	<b>52</b> Cyclops' workplace in the Aeneid
<b>22</b> Singer at McCartney's Gershwin Prize concert	<b>9</b> Acronym on Form 1040	<b>34</b> Benny Goodman trumpeter	<b>53</b> Overindulge, in a way
<b>23</b> Where Cagliari is cap.	<b>10</b> They provide limited coverage	<b>35</b> Warp-resistant material	<b>54</b> Legendary elephant abductors
<b>24</b> Internet portal	<b>11</b> Stick in a pit	<b>36</b> Small shelter	<b>55</b> Not run
<b>25</b> Surname that means "eagle"	<b>12</b> Throw out a line, perhaps		<b>57</b> Stuff in sticks
<b>28</b> Babette's Feast name	<b>13</b> Rodgers and Hammerstein heroine		
<b>30</b> Pressure measure			
<b>33</b> Organ grinder, e.g.			
<b>37</b> 31 Down, for one			
<b>38</b> Recurring			
<b>39</b> New Amsterdam, today			
<b>41</b> Short stop?			
<b>42</b> Like some reds			
<b>43</b> Branches			
<b>45</b> _____ America (cable channel)			
<b>46</b> Certain relation			
<b>49</b> WWII rent-regulating agcy.			
<b>50</b> Flier's hazard			
<b>53</b> Staff opening			
<b>56</b> Splitting words			
<b>58</b> "That ship has sailed"			
<b>59</b> Worked out			
<b>60</b> Hides, in a way			
<b>61</b> Impatient remark			
<b>62</b> Computer command			

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# Texas county employees say ghost haunts the office

GREG BOWEN

New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung

NEW BRAUNFELS — They say she refused to leave her desk after she was voted out of office.

They say it took the sheriff and his deputies to forcibly evict her so the newly elected county clerk could start her term.

And now, they say, she's back.

"That woman drives us nuts sometimes," said Cynthia Jaqua, commissioners' court recorder in the county clerk's office. "There's all kind of strange things that happen."

Jaqua tells the story of how she had gone up to the attic to put away some papers and found the attic light on.

"I said, 'Somebody didn't turn out the light.' Then, bloop, the lights went out. I was nowhere near the light switch. Irene did it," Jaqua said.

Irene, who the folks in the county

clerk's office refer to as "our ghost," would be the late Irene Nuhn, who was the Comal County clerk as late as the early 1980s.

Current County Clerk Joy Streater isn't sure it's Irene that is haunting the office.

"But I definitely think we have a spirit," Streater said.

Streater has seen strange things happening ever since she's been in office.

"People will come in and computers are on that we know we turned off, stuff like that," she said. "After dark, you hear creaks and groans and footsteps and everything else."

Research analyst Kat Brown said workers sometimes notice the heights of their chairs have been readjusted overnight.

"It's like someone's been sitting there. Things on our desks are

moved," Brown said.

Jaqua, who no longer goes by herself up to the attic, believes Irene doesn't like modernization. That's why she messes with the computers. She also seems to resent the office's records being tampered with.

Mike Johnson, land records coordinator, learned that first hand recently. He was making up hours, working late by himself.

Stacked on his desk was a pile of old, no-longer-used papers he was getting ready to toss.

"I was working on a project on the computer and the papers go flying off my desk. I said, 'What the heck was that?' I wasn't anywhere near them," Johnson said.

As Johnson was leaving the office that night, he felt the hair on the back of his neck stand up.

"As I walked out, I hear somebody

walking in the office. It was obviously a woman. It sounded almost like high heels clicking on the floor. I was the only one here, but I still checked behind me. I didn't see anybody. But I still heard her walking."

Johnson walked all the way to his car with his car keys sticking out between his fisted fingers, just in case he needed to protect himself.

Other workers say Irene, who wore heels when she was younger, had a walker in her latter days after she fell and broke her hip. That's what Johnson heard clicking on the floor, they believe.

Kat Brown said that when Johnson came in the next day, "he was really terrified."

Streater said Mike had heard the stories and had always kind of poo-pooed them. "But that next morning he said, 'I'm a believer.'"

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Pisces moon and the Scorpio sun are in perfect harmony, setting a serene emotional landscape — two water-sign influences that highlight spiritual connection and the oneness of all things.

Consider that maybe there is nothing you have to do to live well except relax and float along on the currents that surround you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It takes a tough person to compete in the arena you've chosen. There are a lot of contenders out there, eyeing your position. Play your game defensively today. Protect what's yours.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll

evolve. The best part is that it will not take months or years. Results are immediate. At the end of the day, you'll be different from who you were when you woke up this morning.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Sometimes doing research in your area of interest seems like a guilty pleasure. Should you really feel that way? If you like something and want to know more about it, it's as worthy a use of your time as anything else.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It's not that people don't want to help you — they do. It's just that they don't understand exactly what to do. This can have a paralyzing effect. Encourage open dialogue. Answer questions and clear up misunderstandings.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Today things will be pretty much as you

expect them to be. So start having more faith that it will all work out, that you're able and in control, and that you have all you need to make things happen.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have some unfinished business to clear up. It's mysterious to some of the other people in your realm. Then again, you're entitled to your own private life, mysteries and all.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though you stopped complaining ages ago, you may still be silently blaming that person who left your expectations unmet or unrecognized. Let it go. Get help from a Cancer.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't need to go too deep in order to establish a strong bond with someone. Relationships that are built with a breezy day-to-day connection are most enriching.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll work with your equals — the people who understand your talents and bring complementary offerings to the table. Finally, you'll be listened to and respected.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be careful not to assume that others wouldn't understand your journey. The people around you know more than you think about what you're experiencing. All you have to do is open up and you'll find out.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you say to yourself is the most important factor in turning this afternoon's events into a successful outcome. There is a treasure of an opportunity here, but you have to be positive in order to see it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You shake loose of an old pattern. To stay there would mean allowing yourself to be ruled by nostalgia or inertia. You're just not like that. You move forward!

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 14). This year, your comfort zone undergoes a complete re-zoning. You'll meet

new people, learn skills and suddenly feel bold and ready to break out of old limitations. Different influences will favorably affect your finances in November and December. Professions of love come your way in January. Aquarius and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 14, 39, 20 and 11.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** This is the last full week of the sun's journey through soulful Scorpio. The themes connected with this passage have to do with letting go, honoring the ones who have passed, connecting with ancestry and dropping our heavy and unnecessary baggage. A new theme emerges on the latter part of this Scorpio journey: rebirth. This transit follows the story of the phoenix, a magical, mystical bird associated with Scorpio. He lives 500 years, becomes old and ragged, builds a pyre to rest his weary body upon and bursts into flames. Out of the ashes, a new bird arises. He, in essence, dies and gives birth to himself. Consider that the dawning of the new you is on the horizon, and visualize your next incarnation. This begins as a mental process, and

many are still choosing how they want to show up in the new cycle. If you happen to be jealous of anyone right now — and jealousy is a state that is not uncommon to the energy of Scorpio — think of it as a gift from the stars. Your envy helps you narrow down what it is you want and points you in the direction of who you want to become.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Late-night talk-show host Jimmy Kimmel got his big break in radio predicting sports scores as "Jimmy the Sports Guy." And though Scorpios are known for their psychic intuition, they are also known for their particularly sharp sense of comedy, which is both honest and fearless. The mathematical equation for humor is something that Scorpios innately understand. Truth + Pain = Funny. If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com) and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com). © 2010 CREATORS.COM



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**THE WORLD BRIEFLY:**

**Myanmar's military junta releases democracy leader**

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar's military government freed its archrival, democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, on Saturday after her latest term of detention expired. Several thousand jubilant supporters streamed to her residence.

A smiling Suu Kyi, wearing a traditional jacket and a flower in her hair, appeared at the gate of her compound as the crowd chanted, cheered and sang the national anthem.

"If we work in unity, we will achieve our goal. We have a lot of things to do," she told the well-wishers, who quickly swelled to as many as 5,000. Speaking briefly in Burmese, she said they would see each other again Sunday at the headquarters of her political party.

The 65-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate, whose latest period of detention spanned 7 1/2 years, has come to symbolize the struggle for democracy in the Southeast Asian nation ruled by the military since 1962.

The release from house arrest of one of the world's most prominent political prisoners came a week after an election that was swept by the military's proxy political party and decried by Western nations as a sham designed to perpetuate authoritarian control.

**Obama appeals for broader access to Asian markets**

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Appealing for broader access to fast-growing markets in Asia, President Barack Obama says the United States is in the Pacific region to stay and that both sides will benefit from stronger trade relationships.

On a mission to help create jobs at home, Obama noted that while U.S. exports to the region have increased by more than 60 percent in the last five years, competition has cut into the U.S. share of trade here.

"We want to change that," Obama declared in a speech Saturday at a regional economic summit.

The president hopes to double U.S. exports within five years and views selling more goods to Asians as one way to help meet that goal while simultaneously creating and sustaining jobs for Americans. India, the first of four countries Obama visited this week and a booming nation to boot, has a population of more than 1 billion people.

At the same time, Obama said healthy competition needn't rupture relationships between and among nations.

**After G-20 divide over currencies, Pacific Rim leaders gather in Japan**

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Leaders of the world's three biggest economies — the U.S., China and Japan — all pledged Saturday to push for free trade, ap-

parently putting aside acrimony over currencies that threatens to revive pressure to raise trade barriers.

The promises not to backslide into retaliatory trade tactics came at an annual summit of Pacific Rim leaders, just a day after a divisive summit of the Group of 20 major economies in South Korea.

Speaking to a conference on the sidelines of the summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Yokohama, Chinese President Hu Jintao vowed to keep his country's markets open and seek more balanced trade, while gradually adjusting the value of the Chinese currency — which Washington complains is undervalued.

"The international community should oppose protectionism in all manifestations," Hu said in a speech that avoided overt references to spats with the

U.S. or Japan over currency policies and other issues.

Though they may differ over details, the leaders from APEC — which represents more than half of global economic production and two-fifths of world trade — appear united in supporting more open markets.

**White House makes offer to GOP to end impasse on treaty**

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a bid to win approval of a nuclear arms control treaty with Russia before newly energized Republicans increase their clout in the Senate, the Obama administration is offering to add billions of dollars in funding for the U.S. nuclear arsenal.

A congressional aide briefed on the proposed deal said White House officials outlined it to Republican Sen. Jon Kyl, who is seen as the key to winning enough support to ratify the New START treaty. The

aide spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to comment.

The offer was for a boost of \$4.1 billion in funding between 2012-2016 for the nuclear weapons complex that will go to maintaining and modernizing the arsenal and the laboratories that oversee that effort. Of that, \$1 billion would cover a deficit in the pension fund for the agency in charge of the stockpile and laboratories.

The additional money comes on top of an additional \$10 billion the administration had already agreed to over 10 years.

The administration is scrambling to get enough Republican support in the Senate to ratify the New START treaty before the Democrats' majority shrinks by six in January. In a sign of the urgency of the administration's pitch, government officials traveled to Kyl's home state of Arizona to brief him on the proposal, the aide said. Offi-

cials also briefed Republican Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee.

**Obama calls for earmark reform, GOP wants ban**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Confronting the nation's mounting deficit, President Barack Obama is urging Congress to limit spending on pet home-state projects, while Republicans are challenging him to support an outright ban.

In his weekly radio and online address Saturday, Obama said that with the economy still struggling to recover from the recession, the U.S. cannot afford unnecessary spending on so-called earmarks, items lawmakers slip into spending bills without a full examination or debate.

"When it comes to sig-

naling our commitment to fiscal responsibility, addressing them would have an important impact," Obama said from Asia, where he was wrapping up a 10-day trip.

However, Obama stopped short of calling for a full ban on earmarks, saying some of them "support worthy projects in our local communities." While he said steps must be taken to limit wasteful spending, he offered no specific proposals for how to do so.

The top Republicans in the House, Reps. John Boehner of Ohio and Eric Cantor of Virginia, issued a joint statement welcoming Obama's remarks on earmark reform. But they also raised the stakes, challenging Obama to immediately agree to veto any spending bills that include earmarks.

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# Beetle infestation affects popular Texas plant

**LYXAN TOLEDANES**

Odessa American

ODESSA — Whether it's chopped up to flavor your barbecue or growing by the hundreds in the pastures, there's no denying that mesquite is essential to West Texas culture.

Love them or hate them, though, something is cutting down the tops of the mesquite — and it's not the ranchers who find the pesky water mongers.

Most noticeable around the outskirts of town, the tops of the mesquite trees are being chewed off and cut down by a relatively obscure insect called the mesquite twig girdler.

The girdler is a beetle indigenous to West Texas, often gray-brown in color with red-orange spots along its abdomen. Long, knotted antennae appear like small twigs atop its head.

The girdler chews notches around the circumference of a mesquite branch, a foot or more from the top of

the tree. When the branch detaches from the rest of the tree, the girdler lays its eggs in the fallen branch.

The beetle does no harm to the trees, said Gae Kovalick, associate professor of biology at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. An infestation can, however, cause an unsightly disfigurement of the mesquite, she said.

Shirley Kelley, who owns Natural Ponds and Gardens in West Odessa, first noticed the mesquite tops cut and browning as summer ended.

"It was about August or the first part of September," Kelley said. "It was very sparse and just got heavier and heavier."

Kelley initially thought the area was headed for an "early freeze" but started researching the cause when the damage became persistent.

"I thought this just seemed strange," she said. "But we found the culprit."

There's no known reason for the recent infestation, but Burr Williams, executive director of Midland's Sib-

ley Nature Center, said the summer's rainstorms might be a factor.

"In 1997, we had an incredibly horrible invasion," Williams said. "There were thousands, if not millions, of the beetles. Every mesquite in the pasture got knocked down to three or four feet. In 1997, there were some good summer rains, so that might have some bearing on the matter."

Like Kelley, Williams said most people don't really notice the damage until it's already been done. The most people can do at that point is to collect the branches and burn them to prevent future infestations.

"Every twig that's turned brown does have at least one egg in it, and the grub will eat part of the branches that are already dead and will emerge next year," Williams said. "Go ahead and burn the branches now so those babies won't survive."

Mesquite trees are essential to the girdler's reproductive cycle, Williams said. The larvae eat the wood as

they grow.

The problem for many on the outskirts of town is seeing the mesquite chewed down so much that they resemble bushes more than trees.

Kelley said the girdlers have taken off about 12 to 18 inches of new growth from the mesquite trees she's seen. While 18 inches is a lot of growth, it's trouble for the mesquite, which grows much slower in the outskirts of town.

"The ones out in the pastures do grow very slowly, because they rely on the amount of moisture," Williams said. "If they grow in your yard, they grow pretty fast."

There's no knowing whether there will be another infestation of girdlers next summer, even if you've burned the branches. Williams said girdlers are common, and there is no guarantee that they will be gone because they travel on the wind.

"That could be another problem next year," Kelley said. "You never know what insects are going to do."

# Pronghorn disappearing from West Texas scene

**JAMIE STENGLE**

Associated Press

VALENTINE — As Bill Miller looks across his ranch that spreads out under the vast West Texas sky, a once-common sight has become a rarity: the pronghorn.

"They're just part of the landscape," Miller said. "They should be there and they're not."

A symbol of the West, pronghorn have a body type somewhat like a deer with distinctive white stripes on their faces and necks and white markings that come halfway up their sides. The flash of white hair on their behinds stands on end to signal danger. The fastest land animal in North America, they can reach speeds close to 60 mph. And in the West Texas, where desert grasslands give way to mountain ranges, their numbers are dropping and researchers don't yet know why.

Miller can remember when as many as 100 pronghorn made their home on parts of his 33,000-acre ranch west of Valentine. This year, he estimates there are about 12.

Pronghorn numbers in West Texas are at about 4,700 this year, down from about 6,000 last year, when good rains indicated that the numbers should have increased. After noticing the decline, researchers started talking to ranchers, who reported finding the majestic animals dead for no apparent reason.

"We've got so many questions and so few answers," said Louis Harveson, director of the Borderlands Research Institute for Natural Resource Management at Sul Ross State University, which has teamed up with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to figure out what's causing the drop.

The fact that the numbers were declining, but not tied to a drought, wor-

ried experts. Drought conditions from the 1990s into the early 2000s caused numbers in West Texas to drop from a high of about 17,000 in the mid-1980s to about 5,000 in the early 2000s. But numbers had increased to about 10,000 by 2007. And while a drought for part of the year in 2008 and a spring freeze brought an understandable decrease, last year's decline was especially perplexing.

Autopsies done in the last two years have shown a high prevalence in West Texas pronghorn of a type of a parasitic worm that can weaken the animals, but researchers say they still don't know if that's the problem. Maybe, they say, the worms are simply taking advantage of pronghorn systems weakened by something else.

"We still don't have a smoking gun here," said Shawn Gray, mule deer and pronghorn program leader for Texas Parks and Wildlife. "The

worms are making it probably more difficult for pronghorns to recover."

Samples taken last year from about 100 pronghorn killed during the nine-day hunting season showed that 95 percent had the worms, some with as many as 4,000 worms in their systems.

That high a level of worms are especially unusual in a desert climate, Harveson said. Adding to the mystery, they would find pronghorn with levels in the thousands sharing a pasture with a pronghorn with no worms. The numbers of worms in pronghorn located in the plateau area near Marfa were the highest in the area.

They are still evaluating the samples taken from pronghorn during this year's hunt in October, but Harveson said that it looks like about the same number of pronghorn have the

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# Proving egg-related lawsuits difficult

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DES MOINES, Iowa — Thousands of people likely were sickened by salmonella-contaminated eggs from two Iowa companies last summer, but lawyers said far fewer have the proof needed for a successful lawsuit and most cases filed will be settled out of court.

So far, attorneys in Seattle, Houston, Chicago and Minneapolis have filed at least 10 cases related to recalls by Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms of Iowa. The companies recalled 550 million eggs in August after a salmonella outbreak was traced to their farms.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention linked at least 1,600 illness to the eggs,

and CDC spokeswoman Lola Russell said for every case reported there may be up to 30 more.

Lawyers said they know of hundreds of people who claim they became sick after eating eggs, but the challenge for victims is proving they became ill because they ate contaminated eggs.

“Without a positive culture, it’s difficult to link egg consumption to the illness,” said Bill Marler, a Seattle attorney who has filed six cases in Iowa. “Just because you bought eggs and got sick, it’s probably not enough to prove a case.”

One of Marler’s clients, 30-year-old Sarah Lewis, of Freedom, Calif., said her life hasn’t been the same since she ate a custard tart made

with contaminated eggs last spring. Since then, she’s been hospitalized twice, continues to have chronic diarrhea and vomiting and has developed ulcerative colitis.

She’s lost 30 pounds and must take 10 medications a day.

“It’s taken its toll,” said Lewis, who has two daughters, ages 7 and 5. “You try not to be cranky and have a positive attitude, but it’s hard. I just want to be me.”

An inspection of the Iowa egg farms after the salmonella outbreak found dead chickens, insects, rodents and mounds of manure. The farms were restricted from selling eggs except to breaker facilities that pasteurized the eggs.

In October, the FDA allowed Hillandale Farms to resume selling eggs

but told Wright County Egg it could be closed if it doesn’t clean up.

Marler said his office has more than 100 other cases that “are most likely related” to the outbreak.

“Whether we file all of them or most of them, that’s a tactical decision,” he said.

Ron Simon, whose law firm in Houston has filed one case in Texas, said he has 150 more clients who became ill from the outbreak. He called it the largest food-borne outbreak in U.S. history, topping salmonella outbreaks that resulted in peanut butter recalls in 2007 and 2009.

Attorneys are examining claims and gathering information to verify that people who became ill had the same strain of salmonella that was

found at the egg farms, Simon said. He predicted few cases would ever reach a courtroom.

“In these cases, where you have a genetic match to the egg, there is no dispute they’re liable,” Simon said of the egg companies. “The discussion does not focus on liability. It focuses on damages because you have a DNA match.”

He said if a case can’t be resolved, attorneys will file a lawsuit.

“But in large-scale litigation like this, it’s not very often,” Simon said.

Hinda Mitchell, a spokeswoman for Wright County Egg, declined comment.

Sarah Brew, the attorney for Hillandale, said few lawsuits are filed in most food-borne cases, with most complaints being settled out of court.

“But it’s a little too early to make that call in this outbreak,” Brew said.

Brew said Hillandale has filed responses to some lawsuits, asserting restaurants who used Hillandale eggs are to blame for contamination that led to customers getting sick. She

declined further comment.

States generally have a one to three-year statute of limitations to file cases.

“Historically ... people get agreements with the defendants that the statute of limitations is not running on these cases to give them time to negotiate,” Simon said.

Ryan Osterholm, an attorney with Minneapolis-based PritzkerOlson, has filed one lawsuit in Minnesota and said he has received up to five calls a day from people claiming to have become sick from eating tainted eggs. But like the other attorneys, Osterholm said it can be difficult to prove.

“Not until we do more research and find out it’s the same strain as what was found in the eggs can we be sure they are part of this outbreak,” Osterholm said.

Pamela Sotoodeh, a Chicago attorney who filed a lawsuit in federal court in Illinois on behalf of six plaintiffs, is the only attorney seeking class-action status for the case.

She said that process could take two to three years.

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worms as last year.

Their investigation though, isn’t just focused on the worms. They are also considering everything from possible diseases to levels of nutrients like copper. Sheep and goats, for instance, with higher levels of copper have a lower occurrence of the worms because the copper, which is absorbed from plants, makes their bodies less hospitable to the parasite, Harveson said.

Somehow, researchers say, the die-off is tied back to the habitat of the pronghorn, which race through the wide-open land dotted with tumbleweeds, mesquite and grasses. “Maybe something has changed that we can’t perceive,” Harveson said.

Maybe the pronghorn aren’t getting enough food, making them susceptible to worms. In that case, Harveson said, experts could use controlled burns which would put nutrients back into the soil and open up the ground to more new growth, giving the pronghorn more weeds, wildflowers, stems and shrubs to eat, Harveson said.

The pronghorn study will continue through

next year with more samples taken, including in New Mexico and Arizona, which have similar pronghorn habitats but haven’t documented any specific declines. In the spring, researchers will put collars on fawns to monitor them.

The dwindling numbers of pronghorn in West Texas is also causing a financial hardship for landowners, who have seen the number of pronghorn hunting permits they get drop as the state allows fewer to be hunted.

A landowner who would get 30 or 40 permits a year, which can sell for around to \$2,000 to \$5,000 a piece to hunters, might now be only getting three or four, Harveson said.

Permits in West Texas have dropped from almost 1,900 in 1987 to about 350 this year, Gray said.

Carter Smith, executive director of Texas Parks and Wildlife, said that on his most recent trip to West Texas he tracked down some pronghorn on a ranch, but recalled a trip about a year ago when he drove over large portions of West Texas and didn’t see one.

“It’s just not the same without them,” he said.

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