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Firefighters with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department respond to a grass fire at a home near the intersection of Highway 350 and Old Colorado City Highway Friday afternoon. According to VFD Chief Tommy Sullivan, the fire was caused by burn barrels that weren't properly covered. The owner of the barrels was issued a citation for failure to comply with the county-wide burn ban currently in effect.

'Time Travels'

Two soloists will be featured in symphony concert

Special to the Herald

Two soloists will highlight "Time Travels," Big Spring Symphony's third concert of the 2010-2011 season, titled "Home is Where the Heart Is."



The performance is planned for 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the Big Spring High School Auditorium.

One featured guest artist is soprano Sarah Beckham of New York City, daughter of Big Spring native James Beckham. She will perform several of the most popular and familiar arias from the Opera repertoire, as well as one song from music theater.

The concert will also feature Symphony founding member and principal flutist Marjory Jennings.

"After many years of faithful and

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Utility usage review on commissioners' agenda

Convene at 10 a.m. Monday in the Howard County Courthouse.

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Routine items top the agenda for Monday's meeting of the Howard County Commissioner's Court, including a review of utility usage at county facilities and approval of a contract with an electricity provider. County Judge Mark Barr is expected to review utility usage at county buildings, as well as conduct an executive session to discuss real estate issues with the current Justice of the Peace office located in the city of Coahoma.

One agenda item, however, is certainly not the norm, as Barr said he asked that discussion surrounding the upcoming Feb. 28 joint meeting between county officials and officials with the city of Big Spring be placed on the agenda "just in case."

"I had that (item) added to the agenda just in case the commissioners wanted to discuss the meeting between the commissioners court and the city," Barr said. "As you know, we can't discuss an issue if it isn't on the agenda. As far as I know, there isn't anything new for us to discuss yet, but I wanted to make sure we could talk about it if we needed to." Talks between the county and city began several weeks ago when Sheriff Stan Parker and Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith announced the two law enforce-

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Coming Monday
Classical music lovers will be enjoying Big Spring in February. Following the symphony performance Saturday (see article above), world reknowned pianist Francesco Attesi will perform here for a CARES benefit on Feb. 25.

OF NOTE

Because of low temperatures and associated weather, the Capehart water storage tank project is still undergoing repairs, according to the city of Big Spring.

At some time next week, the tank will be flushed and sterilized. Residents may experience a decrease in water pressure in the service areas of Clanton Street west to the city limits and from Wasson Road north to Armstrong, also known as the Capehart subdivision.

AARP Tax-Aide program available Monday to help ease filers' burden

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

As the April 15 deadline to file federal income tax returns looms on the horizon, one group of Big Spring volunteers is doing its part to help local residents prepare their returns and beat Uncle Sam's annual countdown. Part of the annual AARP Tax-Aide program, program coordinator Gloria Hopkins said she and her band of volunteers are ready to continue filing returns Monday at the Big Spring Senior Center.

"The AARP program provides free federal tax preparation assistance to people who cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those that don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income," Hopkins said. "AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people



Hopkins

may claim them on their tax returns. These volunteers help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them."

Tax law can quickly become confusing, according to Hopkins, and with so many changes being made from year to year it's easy to miss out on many government programs.

"There's just so much red tape involved, it's almost impossible for people to keep up with all of it," said Hopkins.

"And if they don't have the money to hire a tax professional, they can be missing out on all kinds of deductions and programs the government offers. This program gives them a chance to sit down with someone who is trained to deal with these things."

Hopkins said the time squeeze to get the changes created by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job

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Obituaries

Doris Whirley McMorries



Doris Whirley McMorries, 83, of Tarzan, passed away on Feb. 10, 2011, at her residence. Funeral services have been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2011, at First Baptist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Leandro Gonzales of First Baptist Church of Tarzan officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011, from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

She was born to Paul and Jewell Lunsford Whirley on Nov. 16, 1927, in Mitchell County and married Melton Harvell McMorries in Howard County on March 31, 1946.

Doris was reared in the Colorado City and Forsan communities. She resided in Tarzan since 1946 and served as postmaster of the Tarzan Post Office for 33 years before retiring. Doris was a member of the First Baptist Church of Tarzan.

She is survived by two sons, Don McMorries and wife Brenda and Neil McMorries, all of Tarzan; seven grandchildren, BJ Stone, Brandon McMorries, Tim Stone, Coby McMorries, Sherrie Vogler, Vance McMorries and Kyle McMorries; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Doris is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Melton McMorries, who passed way in 1994; daughter, Cherylene McMorries, in 2007; one brother, Ray Whirley; and one sister, Wanda Daylong.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Linda Brown and Jonetta Tate and also to Home Hospice, for the special care they provided to Doris and the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Home Hospice of Big Spring, 111 E. 7th St. A, Big Spring 79720 or the West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo 76904-3665.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Francisca 'Kika' Parras



Francisca "Kika" Hernandez Parras, age 83, passed away Friday morning, Feb. 11, 2011.

Kika was born Dec 17, 1927. She was married to the late Juan C. Parras for 40 years. She is survived by 10 children; Alicia and husband Manual Hewtty of Big Spring; Lithia and husband Robert "Buba" Ayala of Houston; surviving sons are Juan Parras Jr. and wife Ana; Arturo Parras and wife Josie; David Parras and wife Christi; Louis Parras and wife Kay Lou; Frank Parras and wife Josie; Patrick Parras and wife Allison; Thomas Parras and wife Syliva; and Raul Parras.

Kika is also survived by brothers Genaro Hernandez of Odessa; Isidro Hernandez of Albuquerque, NM; and sisters Julia Cruz of Ft. Worth; Josefina "Pina" Hernandez of Plainview; Cruz "Cutie" Hinojos of Big Spring; and Lorenza "Lenchi" Paredes of Denver, Colo.

She is also survived by grandchildren: Juan's

children, John and Lucas Parras, Jeremy, Michael, and Jessica Villarreal; Arturo's children, Frances, Arthur, Danny, Joseph, Jacob, Mary, Mathew, and Noel; Raul's children, Bul Jr., Nancy, and Petra; Alice's children, Michael, Sergio, Mathew, and Eliseo; Lithia's children, Tawanna, Brandi, Jennifer, Alexandria; Louis's children, Nicholas, and Nathan; Patrick's children, Dominique, Patrick, Chelsie; Frankie's children, Andrea, Johnathon, Jackie, and Bianca; and Thomas's children, Gerald, Brandon, and Steven. Kika is also survived by 30 great grandchildren.

Rosary will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2011, at the Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mom - Every time we left you would always say "God Bless You" and "Go With God." Now it is our turn to say God Bless You and Go With God.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Support Groups

MONDAY

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

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

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The winning numbers drawn in Friday's "Daily 4" evening drawing were: 8-6-7-7; Sum It Up: 28.

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ment agencies were considering integrating some services.

Smith said he and Parker — who served as a member of the BSPD for nearly 20 years before becoming sheriff — were directed to look into the possibility of a consolidation and come up with a proposal to be presented at the joint meeting.

“The sheriff and I were directed to get to-

gether and put together a proposal in preparation for the meeting between the Big Spring City Council and Howard County commissioners,” Smith said. “We’ll be presenting our proposal to them as to what we’ll be able to look at consolidating and what cost savings could be realized through that consolidation. We (Parker and I) feel like there is significant cost savings on some of this consolidation.”

Barr said commissioners seem to embracing the idea thus far.

“So far, everything I’ve heard about it has been favorable,” Barr said. “There are still a lot of details that need to be worked out, but so far things are going well.”

The joint meeting — which is slated for Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom, located on the third floor of the County Courthouse — is an opportunity for area residents to express their opinions on the proposed consolidation, according to Barr.

“We want this to be as open as possible. We

want to get as much input from the citizens as we can,” Barr said. “The meeting is their chance to ask any questions or make any comments on the issue they want to share.”

Also on the agenda for Monday, County Auditor Jackie Olson will present invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments, as well as presentation of the monthly financial report. CPA Don Stephens will present a comprehensive annual financial report.

County Treasurer Te-

resa Thomas will discuss personnel considerations and a payroll report, while County Clerk Donna Wright will make her office’s monthly report.

County Jail Administrator Mike Dawson will present a contract for maintenance of the facility’s emergency power generators, and Librarian Hollis McCright will present a proclamation supporting Texas State Library and Archives.

Eddy Jameson, administrator for the county’s road and bridge depart-

ment, is expected to request the county accept bids for its annual seal coating effort and ask for permission to hire a truck driver, while also reporting on pipeline crossings and road maintenance.

The meeting gets under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the County Courthouse.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Betty Jo Merworth, 78, died Wednesday. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 19, 2011 at Sidney Baptist Church in Sidney, TX. Interment will follow at Sipe Springs Cemetery in Comanche County.

Martina Valle, 63, died Thursday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Raul Robles, 65, died Thursday. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

SYMPHONY

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magnificent service, Marjory has decided to step down from the principal flute position,” said Dr. Keith Graumann, music director and conductor. “Following this performance, she will continue to play flute and piccolo in the orchestra in secondary positions.”

The concert will begin with the symphony playing Tchaikovsky’s “Capriccio Italien, Op. 45.”

“This work is almost like a symphony in one movement,” said Graumann. “The themes will be recognized by their

use in various television and radio advertising.”

Beckham will then be featured singing “O Mio Babbino Caro” (Oh, my dear father) from the opera “Gianni Schicchi” by Puccini. The orchestra will follow with a performance of the “Russian Sailors Dance” by Gliere. She will again grace the stage and sing “Quando me’n vo” (Musetta’s Waltz) from the opera “La Boheme,” also by Puccini.

Also performed on the first part of the concert will be the Csardas scene from “Die Fledermaus” by Johann Strauss Jr., as well as Schubert’s “Rosamunde Overture.”

“We will begin the sec-

ond part of the concert with Telemann’s ‘Suite in A minor’ for flute and string orchestra featuring flutist Marjory Jennings. The suite consists of an overture and six stylized dances in dialogue between the solo flute and the orchestra,” Graumann said. “It has both lyric, sustained and beautiful sections as well as sections requiring great virtuosity. Both types of music will demonstrate Marjory’s marvelous expertise on the playing of her flute.”

The program will culminate with Beckham joining the orchestra in the dramatic “Sempere Libera” (Free and aimless) from the opera “La

Traviata” by Guiseppe Verdi.

“We are very fortunate to be able to feature two outstanding soloists for this concert. The repertoire is varied and contrasting, so there will be something for everyone in the audience to enjoy,” commented Graumann.

The symphony performance will be dedicated to a former Guild member.

“We are all extremely saddened to learn of the passing of long time Big Spring Symphony supporter and Symphony Guild member Lucy Knox. With loving gratitude we dedicate this concert to her memory,” Graumann said.

Tickets are available at KBST Radio, Western Bank, Faye’s Flowers, Blum’s Jewelers, the Heritage Museum, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring Herald. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students.

FILERS

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Creation Act Of 2010 into the IRS computers is just one example of challenges faced by tax preparers this year.

“There are a lot of changes to look at this year. The one that is going to impact more filers in the Crossroads is the loss of the non-itemized property taxes,” she said. “Last year, people were able to claim their property taxes without filing an itemized return. Unfortunately, that wasn’t renewed this year, so there are going to be a lot of people here that are going to lose that deduction.”

“Another big change is the IRS isn’t mailing out any of the tax booklets like they have in years past. That might have folks who have been doing their taxes on paper thrown off a little. However, the IRS is pushing hard to get people to use the electronic filing. The forms, however, should still be available from the same locations they have been in the past.”

Hopkins said area residents planning to use the service should be sure to gather up their financial information before heading to the Senior Center.

“People need to be sure to bring all of the

pertinent information with them, including a tax booklet if one was received through the mail, W-2 forms and 1099 forms,” said Hopkins. “They also need to bring any forms that show their 2009 earnings and their 2009 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing.”

Participants in the program will be able to e-file their tax returns at no charge, according to Hopkins.

“The e-file procedure is so much easier than having to mail in your tax return,” said Hopkins. “And if you’re due a tax refund, you can get it a lot faster. We’ve really had a lot of success with the e-filing over the past several years.”

The program will continue each Monday through April 11 at the Senior Center — located at 1901 Simler Dr. in the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark — from 8 a.m. until noon. For more information, contact Hopkins at 267-6733.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Then there were four

What can you buy for \$60 million? A lot, apparently.

When Big Spring Independent School District voters approved a \$60 million construction bond issue last May, plans were for the district to construct three new elementary campuses and perform renovations on other buildings.

After examining the cost of renovating a structure vs. replacing it, however, BSISD officials discovered that, with a little reshuffling of funds, they could proceed with adding a fourth elementary campus, this one to replace Moss Elementary.

The BSISD Board of Trustees gave their official blessing to the plan during their Thursday meeting, and we'd like to do the same in this space.

While it would have cost about \$1 million less to simply renovate Moss (using current figures), renovation would have ultimately proved to be a short-term solution. In another 20 years or so, issues at the building would again have to be addressed.

Instead, the school district took the long-term approach, deciding to spend a little more now in the expectation of saving a lot later.

The end result will be four new elementary buildings that will serve the district's needs for at least the next 50 years.

It is a decision we applaud.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop bullying in our schools

To the Editor:

I am sending this letter to find out what is going on in our schools. I know that there is suppose to be an anti-bullying law at our schools, but at one school here it is not being practiced.

I will not say which school I am talking about, but I am sick and tired of the bullying that is going on right now. The principal has been told about this from the student who has been bullied — I will not name the names of either of the students involved with the bullying. When the principal does nothing and the student that is being bullied defends themselves, they will be the one that gets in serious trouble, not the ones who start it.

Now, I ask you, what is wrong with this picture? It is a shame that kids have to go to school and be tortured by kids who think this is funny (and) think they are above any reprimand.

It makes me sick that our schools allow this to go on. Please, principals, look around your school and do not be surprised that when you find out who the bullies are, you will find out that they will be your favorites. They think they are untouchable because of who they and who their parents are.

So, please listen to the ones who are being bullied.

One more thing — the kids who are being bullied are scared to say anything, because when they do, the ones doing the bullying make it even harder on their victims. Where and when does it stop?

Marillyn Groesbeck
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A Super undertaking

The day dawned like most others on the depression-era farm, but soon, the sky blackened, a precursor to a mighty storm. When weather became ominous, the farmer hurried from the dell to meet his wife and chillun' at the cellar door.

When the family of eight settled safely in the earthen haven, raindrops spanked the heavy steel door as it slammed shut. Laughter abounded when the kids noticed that the farmer's wife still had her carving knife in hand. She alibied, muttering about her aborted efforts to "de-tail" a trio of visually-impaired mice.

Lightning streaked across the sky, thunder roared like a thousand chariots on cobblestones, rain arrived in sheets and roaring winds pawed at angry clouds, as if begging to assume tornado formations. If this wasn't the mother of all storms, it was mighty near the top of the list.

The kids were scared enough to re-dedicate their lives if there'd been a parson handy. At age 16, the oldest of them, already feeling he had more knowledge than he'd ever need, heard his dad in throat-clearing mode. He knew that the kids were about to get their clocks wound by one of their dad's "teaching moments."

Sure enough, old dad, survivor of 50-plus years of a tilt-a-whirl life, never "cottoned" to waste of such moments. A grammar school graduate, he claimed that learnin' from the "school of hard knocks" regularly "saved his bacon." A philosopher without knowing it, he'd never rubbed

up close to the word, save the times he perused the "P's" in the dictionary.

His wife hung on his words, as did the younger kids. "We ain't never seen rainin', blowin', lightnin' and thunderin' like today," he observed. "But the elements are reminders — orchestrated by God — to heads of governments, leaders of giant corporations and the most famous in all walks of life — who is really the Chairman of the Board...."

I thought of this account when post-Super Bowl XLV news centered mostly on "non-game" topics.

The old farmer continued: "Kids, I don't want y'all whinin' about what's already happened. It's done gone by. Instead, take lessons today that will help you face whatever lies ahead up yonder." (Such is still applicable, even to the National Football League.)

For his third point, he hearkened back 28 centuries, when the prophet Isaiah advised kings on matters of getting along. Isaiah 1:18 in the Good Book admonishes: "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord."

Today, we take liberties with a 14th century poem that's been trifled with a lot. The proverbial piece, "For the Want of a Nail," is modified for NFL honchos now in buck-stops-here stances, albeit hunkered down with white flags flopping after SB-XLV foul-ups.

"For the want of a rail, the seats were lost. For the want of seats, 400 fans were lost. For the want of the fans, a record was lost. For the want of a record, an image was lost — all for the want of a rail."

Suggesting a "loss of image" is a bit harsh. It can be regained. But Guinness may note that the most expensive tickets in sports history will be those 400

purchased in good faith by fans who didn't know the aisles were "rail-less" at game time. No matter the cost of restitution to the deposed fans in real dollars, a much greater "hit" smashes straight to the gut of the league's integrity, ethics and commitment to fan safety.

I salute the hard-working host committee. Members spent tens of thousands of hours getting ready for this event. Generally, they did well.

Giddy eastern press, some eager for the event to fail, decried what were mostly Acts of God. (Describing driving conditions, one wag said that the only predictable "rolling" during his visit was confined to electrical black-outs...)

Oh, there were heroes. How about the City of Arlington officials who refused to certify unsafe seats? It takes courage to say "no" to royalty in charge of our country's most dazzling sports extravaganza.

Late Mayor Tom Vandergriff, the man singularly most responsible for bringing major league sports to the Metroplex, often pointed to Arlington as the "hyphen for Dallas-Fort Worth." With the officials' decision, Tom's city stands tall. Surely he is leaning on a rainbow, proud of good and faithful servants. He'd pray with us for better days, fairer skies and good people reasoning together.

For the NFL, the current storm will pass. May the leaders buck up, ready for a long, mountainous climb toward reclaiming respectability. Along the way, they might also seek ways to return the football game itself to the center ring.

Dr. Don Newbury is a speaker in the Metroplex. Send inquiries/ comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Website: www.speakerdoc.com

Flawed bill must be repealed

Since passage of the Obama health care law, the Administration has released over 6,000 pages of new regulations instructing states, businesses, and individuals how to comply with this law. These new regulations and mandates will levy hefty costs on businesses, families, and the American taxpayer. Meanwhile, there are serious concerns about whether this costly and consequential law is even constitutional.

On January 31, 2011, Federal District Court Judge Roger Vinson of the Northern District Court in Florida became the second federal judge to rule that the Obama health care law's individual mandate is unconstitutional. The judge determined that Congress does not have the constitutional power to require Americans to buy health insurance. This is the second federal court to strike down the individual mandate, and the judge's ruling went even further by declaring the entire law invalid.

By finding the health law null and void, the Florida federal court is effectively ordering the government to stop enforcing the law on the states, which are responsible for implementing these new federal regulations. But the Obama Administration continues to roll out the health care law without regard to the court's ruling, not taking any action to clarify how the Florida ruling impacts the states and whether they are obligated to comply.

There are 26 states, including Texas, that joined efforts to challenge the constitutionality of President Obama's health reform with this lawsuit. After the Florida judge's ruling, states are responding differently. Florida

At a time when state governments are experiencing record-level budget deficits, it is unthinkable for the federal government to force the states to shoulder additional costly regulations

has reportedly halted efforts to implement the law, while other states, like Texas, are pressing forward on the chance the law is ultimately found constitutional. This disparity in implementation makes no sense, and it threatens a massive waste of taxpayer dollars.

In addition to the soaring national debt, now surpassing \$14 trillion, states are facing an estimated \$125 billion budget shortfall — this year alone. At a time when state governments are experiencing record-level budget deficits, it is unthinkable for the federal government to force the states to shoulder additional costly regulations, particularly when the constitutionality of these mandates is in question and the law may eventually be decisively ruled null and void.

In order to put all states on equal footing and to prevent further waste of taxpayer dollars while these lawsuits go through the federal court system, I recently introduced the Save Our States (SOS) Act. My bill places a moratorium on any further implementation of the Obama health care law until there has been final resolution of the lawsuits. Under the moratorium, no state has to spend any additional time and resources to comply with the law unless and until the individual mandate is ruled constitutional. My bill is rapidly

gaining support in the Senate, and 33 of my colleagues have signed on as cosponsors.

The SOS Act is one important way we are fighting the government takeover of our nation's health care system. But it isn't the only way. In late January, the Senate took up the House-passed health care repeal bill, and 47 of my colleagues and I voted to abandon the onerous legislation altogether so we can replace it with the real reforms we need. Comprehensive repeal efforts were narrowly defeated in the Senate. Now we will work to dismantle the health care law one provision at a time, if necessary.

The Senate did pass the first effort to repeal a provision in the Obama health care law. The 1099 tax reporting requirement, which forced all businesses to file paperwork for every business-to-business transaction exceeding \$600, was repealed. This tax requirement diverted scarce time and resources from business-building and job-creating efforts, and it was a huge success to repeal it. In addition to the SOS Act, I am also focusing my efforts on repealing two provisions in the law that limit a patient's choice in how to use consumer-directed health savings plans. I have introduced legislation to strike these arbitrary limitations and put patients back in charge of how and when they'll use health savings accounts and flexible spending accounts benefits.

The most recent court ruling only reaffirms what we already knew — the problems with the Obama health care law are fundamental, not cosmetic. One of our most pressing priorities in the coming months is to protect individuals from the law's mandates and employers from expensive new regulations that are stifling job creation.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas



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Obituaries

Martha Loveless



Martha Loveless, 49, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Joey Bacon officiating.

She was born Dec. 31, 1961, in Lubbock.

She came to Big Spring as a young girl and had worked at several hotels in Big Spring.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Pete Anchondo of Big Spring; one son, Michael Esquibel of Australia; one brother, Jesse Esquibel Jr. of Odessa; one sister, Janie Acosta of Big Spring; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Martina Valle



Martina Valle, 63, of Big Spring died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2011, at

Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Martina was born Jan. 30, 1948, in Howard County to Francisca and Felipe Cruz. She grew up in Martin County. Martina married Julian Valle on Dec. 28, 1965, in Stanton. She lived most of her life in Big Spring. Martina was a homemaker and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She loved baking, sewing, gardening and her grandkids.

Martina is survived by her husband: Julian Valle of Big Spring; four sons: Robert Cruz, Joe Angel Valle and Leonor, Julian Valle, Jr. and his wife Celeste, and Daniel Valle, all of Big Spring; three daughters: Rosemary Castillo and her husband, Eddie, Terri Valle, and Anita Bermea and

her husband Jerry, all of Big Spring; grandchildren: Eric Valle, Kati Valle, Joey Valle, Daniel Castillo, Angelina Castillo, Joseph Valle, Jordan Valle, Jillian Valle, April Valle, Joshua Valle, Izaiha Valle, Bryan Valle, Rae-Ann Rutledge, Megan Bermea, Jerilyn Bermea, Jasmine Rios, Jessica Bermea and Angel Bermea; six brothers: Juan Cruz and his wife Elena, Felipe Cruz and his wife Irma, Frank Cruz and his wife Lucy, David Cruz and his wife Cruz, Thomas Cruz and his wife Linda, and Jesse Cruz; and eight sisters: Delfina Cortez and her husband Alfonso, Maria Valle and her husband Amado II, Margarita Hewtty and her husband Florencio, Erminia Ledesma and her husband Larry, Lupe Cruz, Elida Cruz, Anna Gregg and her husband Dennis, and Lydia Byrd and her husband Ernie; and numerous nieces and nephews who were loved by her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother: Jose Cruz.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons: Daniel, Jordan, Joseph, Bryan, Eric, Joshua, Joey, Angel and Izaiha.

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

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Gus White Jr.



Funeral services for Gus White Jr., 87 of Lamesa were held Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Lamesa with Bro. Clifton Igo officiating. Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Gus passed away Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, in Lamesa. He was born Nov. 15, 1923, in Lamesa to Willie (Garret) and Gus White Sr.

He married Helen Barron June 15, 1945, in Lamesa. They were married for 52 years. She preceded him in death on Jan. 24, 1998. He married Shug Addison in October of 1998 in Lamesa.

Gus graduated from Lamesa High School and attended college at Texas A&M University where he played football. He then played football at the San Diego Naval Training Center where he was given the nickname "Galloping

Goose." Gus held the record for the longest kickoff return in Los Angeles Coliseum. He was also a world class polo player and was ranked as an eight-goal player. He played in the United States, Mexico, Argentina, and the Dominican Republic and Madison Square Garden. He loved to play golf. Gus served in the United States Navy and was a 32nd Degree Mason. He was known as "Papa Goose" by those that loved him dearly.

Gus is survived by his wife, Shug Addison of Lamesa; son, Jay White and wife Donna of Lamesa; grandchildren, Justin White and wife Melissa of Wiley, and J.J. Stokes and husband Casey of Lubbock; great-grandchildren, Lennon, Bailey, Madison, and Mason of Wiley, and Cason of Lubbock.

He is also preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Gus White Sr.; and sisters, Helen Tyra, Bidy Borland, and Nita Gross.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Gus' caregivers, Martha Gonzales, Stella Hernandez and Petra Baltazar.

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Obituaries

Raoul Robles Jr.



Raoul Robles, Jr., 66, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born July 14, 1944 to Ma-

ria and Raoul Robles Sr. in San Angelo. He married Anita Martinez on April 16, 1970 in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving from 1965 until 1968. He had been a cook at Coker's, Herman's and the Veterans Administration Medical Center, from where he retired in 2003 due to ill health. He was in the prison ministry since 2007. He was a lifetime member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife: Anita Robles of Big Spring; two daughters: Gloria Ramos and her husband Mario of Dallas, and Anna Robles of Big Spring; four sons: Raul Robles III and his wife

Natividad, Lucas Robles, Steven Robles and his wife Melinda and Jacob Robles, all of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; one brother: Jimmy Robles and his wife Nellie of Big Spring; and two sisters: Maria Elena Byrd and her husband Charles of Dallas and Elodia Mosier and her husband Herb of North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Trinidad Robles.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Betty Jo Merworth



Betty Jo Merworth, 78, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, at her home. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at Sidney Baptist Church in Sidney, with Kenneth Gibson officiating. Interment will follow at Sipe Springs Cemetery in Comanche County.

She was born May 7, 1932 in Beattie, Comanche County, to Willie Dell Crownover Merworth and

Raymond Emory Merworth. She has been a resident of Big Spring for 44 years. She was a retired

waitress.

She is survived by three sons: L.C. Williams and his wife Martha of Mesquite, Calvin Williams of Stanton, and Kenneth Robinson of California; two daughters: Sandy Williams of Big Spring and Gwen Rae and her husband Michael of Bedord; three brothers: Roy Merworth and his wife Tommie Sue of New Mexico, Ray Merworth and his wife Donna and Dale Merworth and his wife Carol, all of Comanche; three sisters: Bobbie Wyatt and her husband James of Comanche, Patsy Murphy and her husband Roger of Fort Worth, and Margie Sturgill of Big Spring; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Lawrence Merworth, and one sister, Vivian Winfrey.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday and early Saturday:

• PATRICK RIOS JR., 21, 610 S. Goliad, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• CARLOS MATA JR., 49, 1216 E. 16th, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• MARY HELEN MATA, 46, 1216 E. 16th, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• LISA MARIE MENDEZ, 43, 2603 Ent, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.

• MARK CLINTON ROBERSON, 20, Plano, was arrested on three warrants for burglary of a vehicle.

• PAMLIA LEE VARDY, 55, 1203 S. Johnson, was arrested on a charge of theft under \$50 with a previous conviction.

• ANDREA DENISE ALENDER, 38, 1615 Cardinal, was arrested on charges of shoplifting and criminal trespass.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1700 block of Owens.

• THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of E. Fifth, the 400 block of E. Fourth, the 2000 block of S. Gregg, the 200 block of W. FM 700 and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

Take Note

• The Department of State Health Services has shingles vaccines for the month of February only. We have a limited number of doses and will no longer have them after this month. Immu-

nization hours are 1-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please call 263-9775 if you have questions.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will hold its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 11 at the Howard College Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be obtained from any Kiwanis Club member or by contacting Don McGonagill at 267-7601.

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

• 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, which lost all of its possessions in a house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient, or working in the office, or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, at Compass Hospice, 263-5999.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.



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News in brief

Egyptians hopeful as they face uncertain future with military in charge

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian protesters were jubilant Saturday over their success in ousting President Hosni Mubarak, but many vowed to stay camped in a central Cairo square until they hear “clear assurances” that the military will meet their demands for democracy.

Burnt-out vehicles were towed away while people, including young activists wearing surgical masks, swept the streets and hauled away mounds of trash. Soldiers removed barricades to open at least a road leading to Tahrir, or Liberation, Square after a night of euphoric celebration and nearly three weeks of protests that forced Mubarak to surrender power to the military.

Many wore placards saying “Sorry for the inconvenience, but we’re building Egypt.”

Protesters were divided about how long to stay, and people were still entering the square through checkpoints.

Some took down their makeshift tents, returning blankets donated by Islamic charities and heading home. Others vowed to stay put until the military, which has pledged to shepherd reforms for greater democracy, issues a promised statement on its next steps. Those could include the dissolution of parliament, creation of a presidential council and a transitional government.

Amid uncertainty in Egypt, U.S. Joint Chiefs chairman touring region to reassure Israel, Jordan

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Egypt’s military leading a hoped-for drive to democracy, President Barack Obama’s senior military adviser was heading to the Mideast on Saturday to reassure two key allies — Jordan, facing its own rumblings of civil unrest, and Israel, which sees its security at stake in a wider transformation of the Arab world.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was stopping first in Amman for meetings Sunday with senior Jordanian officials, in-

cluding King Abdullah II. Jordan has seen five weeks of protests inspired by unrest in Tunisia and later Egypt, though the numbers of marchers has been decreasing.

Mullen was then scheduled to travel to Tel Aviv for meetings and ceremonies Sunday and Monday marking the retirement of his Israeli counterpart, Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, and talks with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and President Shimon Peres. Mullen had no plans to visit Egypt on this trip.

Israel is deeply worried about the prospect that Hosni Mubarak’s ouster could lead to the emergence of a government less friendly to the Jewish state.

Israel and Egypt fought four bitter wars before a peace treaty was reached in 1979. Mubarak, who gave up power Friday after 30 years of rule, steadfastly honored the peace deal after succeeding Anwar Sadat, who was assassinated by Egyptian extremists two years after signing it.

Pakistani state TV: Court issues arrest warrant for ex-ruler Musharraf in Bhutto killing case.

ISLAMABAD (AP) — An anti-terrorism court judge issued an arrest warrant Saturday for former Pakistani military ruler Pervez Musharraf in connection with the 2007 assassination of ex-premier Benazir Bhutto, state-run television reported.

The warrant is the latest legal trouble to face the retired general, a one-time U.S. ally who left Pakistan for Britain in 2008 after being forced out of the presidency he secured in 1999 military coup. Despite his promises to return to Pakistan and lead a new political party, court motions against the former ruler make it increasingly unlikely he will.

Along with issuing the warrant Saturday, Judge Rana Nisar Ahmad also ordered Musharraf to appear before the court on Feb. 19, Pakistan Television reported. Lawyers in the case could not immediately be reached for comment.

Bhutto was killed Dec. 27, 2007, in a gun and suicide bomb blast during a rally weeks after returning to Pakistan to campaign in new elections

that Musharraf reluctantly agreed to allow after months of domestic and international pressure.

It was not immediately clear on what basis the arrest warrant was issued. But many of Bhutto’s supporters accuse the former president of intentionally not doing enough to ensure her protection, and trying to cover up government ineptitude in the case afterward.

Algeria bracing for pro-democracy protest banned by authorities

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Hundreds of police began taking up positions the night before a pro-democracy protest march in Algiers by militants who have vowed to defy an official ban.

The planned march on Saturday is aimed at pressing for reforms to push this oil- and gas-rich North African giant toward democracy.

The weeks-long uprising in Egypt that forced Hosni Mubarak to abandon the presidency after 30 years was bound to fuel the hopes of Algerians seeking change — as did the “people’s

revolution” in neighboring Tunisia. A month of deadly uprisings there pushed Zine El Abidine Ben Ali into exile Jan. 14.

However, many Algerians fear any prospect of conflict after years of a brutal insurgency by Islamist extremists that has left an estimated 200,000 dead. There is no specific call by organizers of the protest march to oust President Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

With scattered strikes and clashes, including five days of rioting in early January, the atmosphere in Algiers has been tense.

Analysis: Conservatives not yet rallying around any 1 candidate for 2012

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservatives are fired up to defeat President Barack Obama. Now the hard part: finding their candidate.

A year until the Iowa caucuses, this important part of the GOP base hasn’t rallied around any one person and it doesn’t seem all that enthusiastic

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Dear Annie: Last summer, my husband became seriously ill while out of town. When I called his family, they started bossing me around and even called the hospital and berated the staff. I had my husband moved to a larger hospital in the city where his sister lives. She was with me when I talked to the doctor about the "do not resuscitate" order. But instead of repeating what was actually said, she told his family members that I was eager to pull the plug. She also told everyone that I didn't love him.

One lie led to another, and I finally had her banned from the hospital. I refused to stay at her house and have the entire family screaming at me because of this crazy woman. So I was all alone in a strange city.

Now, five months later, his family keeps asking when my husband is going to die. He is doing OK, or at least as well as can be expected. He has setbacks and often has to be hospitalized, but the doctors have given me no reason to think he is going to die anytime soon.

His family makes it hard for me to talk to them and keep them updated. The only normal ones are my husband's daughters from his first marriage. They have been very supportive. The crazy sister reads tarot cards, and I'm sure this is where her predictions of death are coming from. What is wrong with these people? How do I handle them? — *Not in the Cards*

Dear Not: This is your husband's family, and they care about his health. But that doesn't

mean you have to subject yourself to their attacks. Technology can be very useful in these situations. When your husband's condition changes, you or your stepdaughters can send out an e-mail or text message with the update, saying you "thought they'd want to know." If they phone you, let the calls go to voicemail. That way, you can maintain some control while still being a considerate in-law.

Dear Annie: My very bright 10-year-old nephew, "Parker," has recently begun correcting the grammar of adults. I find this highly inappropriate, but his parents obviously think it's fine because they don't say anything when Parker does it. Do you think it is acceptable for a child to correct adults? Is there anything I can say to Parker without

upsetting his parents? — *Loving Auntie*

Dear Auntie: It is not acceptable for anyone other than a teacher or a parent to correct another's grammar in public. It is the parents' job to correct a child's behavior, but some parents do not understand this responsibility. Therefore, as Parker's aunt, you are in a position to let him know this is disrespectful. The next time it happens, take him aside and gently explain that it is improper to correct someone else's grammar, even though he may be right, because it embarrasses them and you are certain he would not want to do that.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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Dear Margo

by Margo Howard

Too Much Information, Squared

Dear Margo: I work in a small department that is part of a big university. There are just 12 of us here, and for the most part, we all get along. There are, however, three individuals who irritate me. One is a man who's been divorced for years and is always bringing up his dating sex life. The second man discusses his colonoscopy procedure in detail, as well as his wife's problems with



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pause. The third man tells me things such as this not having had a bowel movement in five days.

I have a feeling the other people in the department don't hear about all this, because no one has so far mentioned it. And I know they would. I, therefore, assume I'm the only target of this flow of personal information. How do I make it clear to these men that I don't really need to know (and don't care to know) so much about their private lives? Sometimes I'm so appalled that I don't know what to say, except "that's nice" or "that's too bad." — *Trapped*

Dear Trap: Wow. I think I would say, "That's gross." If you are a department of 12, you and the three men with no judgment make four. I am wondering whether the other eight are all men, which might explain why you are the designated mother confessor. I don't know where you got the idea that you have to listen to whatever some people choose to tell you, but it is an incorrect notion. Next time one of these clowns starts in with bowel movements or babes, simply say, "You know what? I find this kind of conversation inappropriate, and you should consider talking either to your physician or a therapist." Over and out. — *Margo, definitively*

Jerk in the Workplace

Dear Margo: I have a co-worker who is impossible to work with. I've

always been very cordial and treated him with respect. However, he rudely ignores me when I speak to him, and when he does hear me speaking, he always tells me to shut up.

When I greet him and say hello, he is hesitant or reluctant to return the greeting. I feel this person doesn't like me at all and wishes that I didn't work in the same place. I find the whole thing very strange. What can be done about this?

I want this problem resolved peacefully, but I don't want to confront him or do anything to get him in trouble. — *Victimized at the Office*

Dear Vic: Why not? He is behaving miserably and making your work life hell. Is there a chance the man is partially deaf? This might account for what you perceive as being rudely ignored. If this is the case, the frustration of not hearing may make him behave like an angry bear. Do others in the office get the same treatment?

If you, alone, are the object of his incivility, I would write him a note (easier than taking him aside) saying you are unaware of anything on your part that would elicit his unfriendliness, but if there is something, you would like to know. And addi-

tionally, his ill-tempered comportment is no longer acceptable. Further, say that his behavior requires an explanation — if there is one — and modification because you are not inclined to take guff from a co-worker any longer. If you receive no satisfactory answer, or no answer at all, do go to a superior or HR. Work, after all, is where many of us spend a third of each day, five days a week. — *Margo, adamantly*

Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter.

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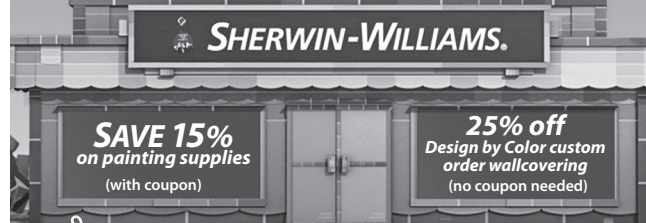
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about its options — even though more than a dozen Republicans, and counting, are considering candidacies.

The polite — but hardly overwhelming — receptions for auditioning Republican hopefuls and the wary voices in the audience at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference this week underscored the challenge facing those weighing bids and the predicament facing a GOP searching for a nominee strong enough to overtake an incumbent president.

Such restiveness among conservatives also portends a volatile and unpredictable nomination race as Republicans with similar policy positions try to convince skeptics they alone can unite a cultural, economic and security-focused right — and win.

“I know what I’m looking for, but I haven’t found the whole package yet,” says CeCe Heil, an attorney in Virginia Beach, Va. “My candidate would be a mixture of what we’ve got. If you took a little bit of each one, that would be my candidate.”

Va. Sen. Webb tells AP he plans to push for criminal justice reform before leaving Senate

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Jim Webb of Virginia says he plans to push for passage of criminal justice reform legislation before he leaves the Senate in nearly two years.

Webb contends that the current system incarcerates too many people at too high a cost, with poor results. He said legislation got bogged down last year but that he’s confident it will pass in this session.

“We’re going to get it done,” the 65-year-old Democrat told The Associated Press in a brief phone interview on Friday.

Webb announced this week that he had reintroduced the National Criminal Justice Commission Act to create a panel to review the system and make reform recommendations. He noted that the measure had bipartisan support last year, clearing the Senate Judiciary Committee and passing the full House of Representatives.

The senator’s announcement Wednesday that he would not seek re-election set off a scramble among Democrats to field a candidate who could hold the seat for the party in 2012. Many Democrats hope to recruit former Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, to run. The

move could further imperil Democrats’ hopes of maintaining their narrow Senate majority.

FBI releases file on Ted Stevens, painting colorful picture of longtime Alaska senator

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — The FBI file of the late U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens adds colorful detail to the life of the longtime Alaska lawmaker, but reveals few new facts about the 2008 corruption case that ended his political career.

Friday’s release of a roughly 3,600-page file comes six months after Stevens’ death in a plane crash in Alaska, the state he represented for 40 years in the U.S. Senate.

It includes documents detailing threats made against Stevens during his time in office, complaints against Stevens that seemingly went nowhere and requests from the senator that his office be swept for listening devices amid the Watergate scandal.

It had been expected to shed greater light on the circumstances surrounding Stevens’ indictment and trial. But aside from the copious amount of news clippings, there’s little mention of the case.

Stevens was convicted on counts of lying on financial disclosure forms about gifts, including renovations of his Alaska home, which was investigated by the FBI. But a federal judge later tossed the case, finding prosecutors withheld evidence at trial.

Ex-political prisoners under ‘Baby Doc’ Duvalier hope he will be held accountable in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — As a political prisoner in the 1970s at Haiti’s most dreaded lock-up, Claude Rosier sat in his squalid, crowded cell and dreamed of the day that tubby, boyish dictator Jean-Claude “Baby Doc” Duvalier would face justice.

The 79-year-old, who was starved and tortured in the notorious Fort Dimanche and other prisons for nearly 11 years during the 29-year Duvalier family dictatorship, said Friday he is hopeful that long-awaited day of reckoning may soon be at hand.

“All I hope to see with the Duvalier case is justice. Not just for me, but so history does not repeat itself in Haiti,” Rosier said at a Port-au-Prince hotel, where he joined another ex-political prisoner and a human rights lawyer to speak about the prosecution of Haiti’s former “president for life.”

Just 19 when he assumed power after the death of his infamous father, Francois “Papa Doc” Duvalier, in 1971, Baby Doc’s 15-year rule was marked

by torture, extrajudicial executions and the disappearance of hundreds of people. The strict order was enforced by the feared Tonton Macoute secret police, which killed and extorted from countless Haitians.

Duvalier was deposed, put on an American plane and flown in 1986 to France, where he lived in quiet exile ever since — until he stunned the nation by abruptly showing up in his earthquake-shattered homeland last month.

He claimed he wants to help with reconstruction, though some have speculated that he hoped returning might help him unlock millions of dollars frozen in Swiss bank accounts.

Stevie Wonder, Tony Bennett, ‘Glee’ actors honor Barbra Streisand at Grammy tribute

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Stevie Wonder, Tony Bennett and a trio of “Glee” stars led Barbra Streisand on a musical journey through her nearly 50-year career.

They joined Faith Hill, Barry Manilow and Seal in launching Grammy weekend by honoring the Oscar-winning singer and actress as MusiCares Person of the Year on Friday night.

Streisand, who turns 69 in April, was singled out for her musical achievements and philanthropic work.

“I said yes because it’s such a wonderful organization that takes care of their own — the people who actually create the music,” she told the audience.

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Steers stumble at Wylie, 69-54



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Chazzell Robinson fights to get his shot off over Abilene Fowlkes in the Big Spring Steers' 69-54 loss to the Bulldogs Friday in Abilene. The loss makes Wylie District 5-3A champions while the focus shifts to the playoffs for the Steers.

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

ABILENE — The first quarter of Friday's game between Big Spring and Abilene Wylie was a lot like the final minutes of the first game between these two squads.

Heartbreaking for the Steers, uplifting for the Bulldogs.

With a chance to win the District 5-3A crown at stake, Big Spring fell to Wylie 69-54 on the road and for the second time this season.

In the first Big Spring-Wylie meeting on Jan. 28, the Bulldogs' Lance Lindley hit a huge 3-pointer with 28 seconds left to lift his team past the Steers.

That wasn't needed this time around. Wylie quelled the Steers emphatically in the first quarter Friday. The Bulldogs raced out to a 14-1 lead and finished the quarter on top 27-5.

"I don't think a team anywhere in America at any level can come in and play worse than we did that first quarter," BSHS head coach Cliff Thompson said. "They played about as well as they could play in that first quarter."

Wylie's D.C. Harrison gave the Bulldogs a quick spark in the first quarter, scoring 10 of the Bulldogs' first 14 points. Marc Segundo's free throw at the 4:51 mark was the Steers' first point of the quarter. The first field goal didn't come until Devante Lloyd scored at the 2:51 mark.

Lindley got involved when he hit two consecutive 3-pointers to end the quarter, prompting the 27-5 lead.

The second quarter was a little better for Big Spring. The Steers held Wylie to 10 points and closed the gap to 13 heading into halftime. However, Wylie already did enough damage early on to prevent a serious Big Spring comeback.

The underlying stat from the first half? Big Spring standout guard Luke Adams had six points.

Thompson said in no way did Adams have a bad game Friday night, hence the 29 points the senior ended up scoring. Credit goes to Wylie's defense, which was not just aggressive on Adams, but on other key shooters, too, such as Segundo.

Most teams have tried to run various zone defenses in hopes of slowing Adams down, but Thompson noted Wylie's commitment to man-to-man defense. The Bulldogs were just disciplined and it made a difference.

Wylie head coach Russell Perkins said there was a lot of energy surrounding his team Friday night with a chance to win the district championship at home.

"Our kids were really excited to play," he said. "We weren't picked to win the district by anybody that I know of. We've talked about that a lot like 'Hey, we may not have the best players, but we have a chance to have the best team because of the depth we have.'"

A win and a Wylie loss to Brownwood Tuesday would have given the Steers the district championship. At the very least, it would have forced a third Big Spring-Wylie game at a neutral site if the Bulldogs triumphed Tuesday, but instead, they were the ones hoisting the trophy.

The Steers shouldn't hang their heads too long, though. Big Spring still finished second in the district and has a little more than a week to prepare for either Graham or Iowa Park in the bi-district round of the playoffs. Thompson said they'll know their opponent after Tuesday.

Thompson's message to his players after the game was to stay confident and focused for the playoffs and realize they've still accomplished a lot this season.

Big Spring senior guard Tristian Clay had the same sentiment.

"Get back up, keep fighting, play

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Area basketball results from Feb. 11

Coahoma boys

DENVER CITY — The Coahoma Bulldogs fell to Denver City Friday night on the road, 79-48.

The loss puts the Bulldogs at 3-10 in District 3-2A, while Denver City continues to rise.

Coahoma's Tanner Ruiz had 16 points. Coahoma has one more chance to end the season on a good note with Post visiting Coahoma at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Denver City 79, Coahoma 48

Coahoma 13 18 7 11 - 48

Denver City 24 18 23 15 - 79

Coahoma — Tanner Ruiz 17, Aaron Acevedo 7

Records: Coahoma (11-16, 3-10)

Next game: Post at Coahoma, 6 p.m. Tuesday

Forsan boys

FORSAN — Lubbock Roosevelt bested the Forsan Buffaloes as they fell to 4-9 in District 3-2A.

Forsan's Kolten Self had 17 points. Roosevelt had 20 turnovers, but what helped the Eagles was the 16 of 70 shooting from the field for Forsan

Lubbock Roosevelt 53, Forsan 48

Roosevelt 16 11 8 18 - 53

Forsan 12 6 17 13 - 48

Roosevelt — Davis 19, Polk 9, Maines 8, Pearson 6, Fowler 5, Martinez 4

Forsan — K. Self 17, T. Johnson 8, P. Robles 7, B. Schreiner 6, B. Roman 3, E. Suazo 3, B. Phillips 2, D. Bagnall 2

3-point goals — LR 4, FHS 3

Free throws — LR 13-17, FHS 13-19

Total fouls — LR 16, FHS 18 Fouled out — Da-

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Records: Forsan (10-18, 4-9)

Stanton boys

STANTON — The Stanton Buffaloes took a hit in the District 3-2A race with a loss to Slaton at home Friday.

Tyler Fulton had 20 points, but it wasn't enough to beat the Tigers. The Buffs already have a playoff spot locked up, but are in third place in the district.

Slaton 57, Stanton 48

Slaton 12 14 11 20 - 57

Stanton 11 10 9 18 - 48

Slaton — T. Walton 29, S. Hollis 7, J. Samuels 6, M. Fennimore 5, K. Thomas 5, Q. Fitts 2, K. Heinrich 2, C. Martin 1

Stanton — Tyler Fulton 20, Trace Sidle 7, Nate Koonce 7, Grayson Gray 7, Jorge Reyna 3, Thomas Ramos 2, Ryan Brantley 1, Blake Evans 1

3-point goals — Slaton 7 (Walton 6, Thomas), Stanton 3 (Sidle, Reyna, Koonce)

Free throws — Slaton 11-18, Stanton 9-18.

Total fouls — Slaton 12, Stanton 14

Records: Stanton (21-5, 9-4 in District 3-2A)

Next: Stanton at Lubbock Roosevelt, 6 p.m. Tuesday

Garden City boys

ROBERT LEE — The Garden City Bearkats just keep rolling and on Friday they did so against a district rival in Robert Lee.

Brett Chudej had 24 points for the Bearkats, while Sam Miller chipped in 12.

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Photo Courtesy of James Schwartz

Garden City's Brett Chudej had 24 points in the Bearkats' win over Robert Lee Friday.

Sports in brief

Spring football sign-ups

Sign-ups are taking through March 5. For more information or details, contact Kevin Boyce at (432) 816-3855.

Chicano Golf Association

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Garden City 63, Robert Lee 26
Garden City 14 11 18 19 -63
Robert Lee 4 9 11 2 -26
Robert Lee — Philly 10, Gatman 6, Howard 4, Peyton 2, Sanchez 2, Skinner 2
Garden City — Brett Chudej 24, Sam Miller 12, Reggie Halfmann 8, Aaron Long 8, Kayden Halfmann 4, Josh Colunga 3, Corbin Davis 2, Brian Hirt 2
3-point goals — Robert Lee 2 (Philly), Garden City 2 (Miller, R. Halfmann)
Free throws — Robert Lee 6-8, Garden City 6-26.
Total fouls — Robert Lee 13, Garden City 7
Records: Garden City (13-5, 11-2)
Next game: Garden City at Sterling City, 6:30 p.m. Monday

STEERS

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one game at a time and just stay focused for the rest of the season," he said. "This season isn't over."
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3-point field goals — Wylie 3 (Lindley 2, Edwards), Big Spring 4 (Segundo, Adams 3)
Free throws — Wylie 14-20, Big Spring 12-20
Total Fouls — Wylie 11, Big Spring 12. Technical fouls — Wylie, Denzel Davis
Records: Wylie (19-8, 7-0), Big Spring (23-8, 5-2)

The End: Cavs stop losing streak at 26

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Daniel Gibson slipped an expensive gold chain over his head and touched its dangling diamond-studded medallion.

Looking up at the crush of cameras, he took a deep breath and exhaled.

"I can smile again," he beamed. "It feels pretty good. Winning is a precious feeling."

The losing streak — so long, so embarrassing, so hard to stop — is over.

Finally. Barely.

Nearly two months after it started innocently, the Cavaliers stopped their NBA-record skid at 26 games Friday night with a 126-119 win in overtime against the Los Angeles Clippers, who did all they could to extend Cleveland's winter misery.

The Cavs, who had become a national joke as the losses piled up, won for the first time since Dec. 18 and just the second time in 38 games. They had to go an extra five minutes to ensure they didn't set the mark for the longest skid in pro sports history.

They'll gladly settle with tying the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers for the worst streak among the four major sports.

It's one they didn't want to own, and they played like it.

"It's a great feeling and great for the morale of this team, this city and these fans," said Antawn Jamison, who matched a season high with 35 points. "It's finally good to get it. We've been working so hard for this. We finally got it."

Jamison made the game's biggest basket, a 3-pointer with 22 seconds left in OT for the Cavs, who may have gotten a favorable call at the end of regulation when J.J. Hickson blocked Baron Davis' potential game-winning layup in the final

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Antawn Jamison,
Cleveland Cavaliers

second.

The Clippers thought he goaltended.

"I can't say what I think about all those things," Los Angeles forward Blake Griffin said. "That was unbelievable. Throughout the whole game, it was just unbelievable. That was the worst home-court advantage I've ever seen. There's such a thing as home-court advantage, but that was unbelievable."

Gibson scored nine in overtime and Hickson, playing like a man possessed all night in a match-up with Griffin, added 27 points and 14 rebounds.

The Clippers made the Cavs (9-45) sweat out every second. Down by six, Los Angeles cut it to 120-119 on Randy Foye's 3 with 44 seconds left. But Jamison responded by popping outside on an inbounds play and draining his 3 from the left wing to revive the hopes of Cleveland fans, whose emotions soared and dropped by the minute.

After Foye's 3 rattled in and out with 14 seconds remaining, Gibson was fouled and Davis was ejected for arguing, later saying he didn't want to see the Cavs celebrate.

Gibson made the technical and dropped two

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With 72, Woods 1 behind leaders in Dubai

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Tiger Woods overcame a poor start in windy conditions to shoot a par 72, one shot behind leader Rory McIlroy and two others going into the final round of the Dubai Desert Classic.

On dusty day in the desert when the wind reached 28 mph, Woods showed an uncanny ability to repeatedly rally. He finished with a total of 7-under 209, behind second-round leader McIlroy (75), Denmark's Anders Hansen (71) and South Africa's Thomas Aiken (74).

Woods shouldn't even be in contention going into Sunday. But the tough conditions took their toll on most of the top players, with McIlroy finishing at 3 over and Sergio Garcia — who was eight shots ahead of Woods after nine holes — finishing at 3 over and tied with Woods and five other players.

In an uneven round, Woods had an eagle, four birdies, four bogeys and a double bogey.

"The fact I was able to battle from 4 over par and put myself with a chance going into tomorrow, I'm proud of that," Woods said. "Hopefully, I can build

on that."

Woods started badly with bogeys on the first two holes, mostly from errant drives that went well left of the fairway. He pulled a shot back on the third with a birdie. But he bogeyed the eighth and ended up with a double bogey on the ninth after his approach shot got caught up in the wind, dropped just short of the green and rolled in the water.

At the turn, Woods showed some of his trademark resilience. He responded with an eagle on the 10th, chipping in from 35 feet. He followed that with a birdie that seemed to settle him down. But after running off several pars, his putting woes returned with a bogey on No. 16 — prompting Woods to swear before ending with "Come on Tiger."

The former top-ranked player pulled out on all the stops on 17, driving to the back edge of the green on the 359-yard hole. But his chip ran past the hole and he missed an easy birdie putt.

He played cautiously on the 18th, choosing to lay up rather than drive the green. It paid off when he managed to curl in a 30-foot putt, prompting a fist pump as the gallery cheered.

Woods is seeking his first tournament victory

in more than a year. He won in Dubai in 2006 and 2008.

McIlroy, who won his only European Tour event here in 2009, also had a dreadful start on a day when about two-thirds of the field didn't break par. He had three straight bogeys to hand the lead to Garcia, including a drive on the second that landed in sandy scrub and one on the third that ended in the bunker.

Like Woods, McIlroy was able to turn his game around on the back nine with a birdie and a string of pars.

"There's been a few rounds that I let get away from me ... and I didn't let that happen today which was a positive sign," McIlroy said. "And I'm still you know in the lead, tied for the lead ... I'm still in there with a great chance. It's just very bunched at the minute and now a lot of guys have a chance to win."

Of all the contenders, Garcia had the most dramatic change of fortunes. After opening with a bogey, the 31-year-old Spaniard made a run with two birdies over his next four holes to take sole possession of the lead.

McNamee trying to gain baseball clients

The Associated Press

FREEMONT, N.Y. — Brian McNamee spent two hours in a batting cage Friday night, tinkering with the swings of Anthony Aueletta and Matthew Piccione.

A former strength coach with the New York Yankees and Toronto Blue Jays, and former personal trainer to Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and other major leaguers, McNamee tutored the pair of 14-year-old New Yorkers at Baseball Plus, an indoor sports facility on Long Island.

"Tonight I was supposed to have

five people," McNamee said. "I tried to get 10. I only had two."

The former New York Police Department officer wore an "NYPD" cap, a baseball jersey and sweatpants. He seemed to enjoy himself. It was rewarding mentally, if not financially.

"I need to work. I don't have a job," he said. "I'll just try to give free clinics so I can maybe get some clients. I didn't get paid tonight."

McNamee has been famous for just over three years. When the Mitchell Report came out in December 2007, it revealed that under the threat of federal prosecution McNamee had impli-

cated Clemens in the use of steroids and human growth hormone and also said Pettitte used HGH. In February 2008, McNamee repeated his accusations in testimony before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and Clemens made his denials under oath.

Clemens was indicted last summer and is scheduled for trial in June on two counts of perjury, three counts of making false statements and one count of obstruction of Congress, and McNamee is expected to be the government's star witness. McNamee's civil suit accusing Clemens of defa-

mation won't go to trial until after the criminal case.

McNamee says it's been impossible to earn a living since the allegations against Clemens became public.

"I'm always willing to work and talk and speak and lecture," he said. "It's hard for me to be able to do that because of the things that I'm associated with. On any given day, I'm in the paper. Do you want to hire me? Would you hire me, even though I'm the greatest at what I do, to bring bad publicity or negative publicity?"

Piccione wasn't concerned about any of that.

Jazz lose first game since Sloan stepped down

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Steve Nash had 18 points and 10 assists to lift the Phoenix Suns over the Jazz 95-83 on Friday night in Utah's first game without Jerry Sloan as the head coach in more than 22 years.

The Suns (26-25), who have won four straight against Utah, moved above .500 for the first time since Dec. 7 with their sixth win in seven games, spoiling the debut of new Jazz coach Ty Corbin.

Deron Williams and CJ Miles each scored 19 points, but the short-handed Jazz have dropped 11 of 15.

Sloan was a fixture on the Utah bench for 26 years, 23 as a head coach — the longest active tenure in major American professional sports before he abruptly retired Thursday.

The Hall of Famer is the third-winningest coach in NBA history with a record of 1,221-803.

Some said a clash with Williams was to blame for Sloan's departure, but Sloan merely said he had lost the energy needed to coach in his famously intense manner.

When Williams, who openly challenged Sloan at times this season, was introduced before the game, loud cheers were mixed

with a measure of boos.

Corbin, a former Jazz player in the 1990s who has been an assistant coach since 2004, received a sustained ovation as he walked into the arena and took his place in front of the Utah bench. Before the game, the new coach admitted he was nervous and joked he might call Sloan at halftime for some advice.

The Jazz were fine in the first half and led 56-44 at the break as Williams handed out nine of his 14 assists.

But the Suns roared back in the third quarter behind Robin Lopez, who had 11 points and five rebounds in the period.

Heat beat Pistons 106-92; Miami alone atop East

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Dwyane Wade scored 24 points and LeBron James added 16 points and 10 assists, helping the streaking Miami Heat take over sole possession of first place in the Eastern Conference with a 106-92 win over the Detroit Pistons on Friday night.

James took a moment early on to ask a heckler to lay off his family, then helped Miami pull away for its eighth straight victory. A fan who said he was seated near the heckler said James was being taunted when he told the fan he could say whatever he wanted about James, but: "Don't say anything about my family — be respectful or we're going to have a problem."

James finished with eight rebounds, narrowly missing a triple-double.

Miami entered the night tied atop the conference

with Boston, which was off after losing to the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday.

The Celtics host the Heat (39-14) on Sunday.

Wade threw down an impressive alley-oop dunk from James in the first quarter to give his team a 16-7 lead. Although the Pistons trailed by only four after that quarter, Miami broke the game open with a 12-2 run to start the second.

Austin Daye scored 18 points for Detroit.

Chris Bosh had 17 points and 10 rebounds for Miami, which had six players in double figures, including all five starters. Reserves Mike Miller and Eddie House made 3-pointers during the run to start the second quarter, which Wade capped with a bank shot for a 37-23 lead.

Miami later went on a 21-5 run to make it 64-41.

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more free throws to put the Cavs up by seven. When Los Angeles misfired on its last trip, Cavs forward Jamarion Moon grabbed the loose ball and held it high as

the clock ticked off the precious last seconds.

The final horn sounded, but was drowned out by Cleveland's fans as wine-and-gold streamers and confetti that had been sitting high above Quicken Loans Arena since a week before Christmas fell.

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sure tricks. The two more he needs must come from either spades or clubs. In selecting which suit to attack, South should not be influenced by generalities such as always attacking the longest and/or strongest suit. Instead, the decision should be based on plain common sense — that is, which suit is more likely to produce the desired result.

If spades are attacked, he should ask himself, Will nine tricks surely materialize? The answer is probably, but not certainly. Thus, in the actual deal, if South wins the heart lead and finesses the jack of spades, he will go down after East wins with the queen and returns the ten of spades. Dummy's strong spades eventually prove to be declarer's weakness.

But if South takes the time to ask himself whether he should attack clubs instead, he finds that making 10 tricks is an absolute certainty. Regardless of how the East-West cards are divided, declarer cannot be stopped from scoring three clubs, three hearts, two diamonds and two spades after forcing out the ace and queen of clubs.

In this particular case, simple logic leads South to conclude that the clubs are a safer bet than the spades. This time, the seemingly weaker suit gets the nod.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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The Heat led 64-43 at halftime and weren't seriously threatened after that.

The game might have been more interesting for what was taking place off the court. James argued with a heckler on one side of the court in the middle of the game.

Records: Cowboys waited months to seek seat permit

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Dallas Cowboys didn't obtain a permit to install temporary seating at Cowboys Stadium until about three weeks before the Super Bowl, despite being informed of Arlington's requirements five months ahead of the big game, according to records released by the city Friday.

City and stadium officials then scrambled to prepare the temporary seating for the game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Green Bay Packers, the records show, but about 1,250 of the seats were deemed unsafe — and about 400 fans who had bought tickets with a face value of \$800 had nowhere to sit.

E-mails between Ed Dryden, Arlington's chief building official, and Jack Hill, the stadium's general manager, show the city began asking about the permit last September but didn't receive a request for it until Jan. 13. The lack of a response during the intervening months prompted at least one reminder from Dryden.

"We are currently reviewing the other interior stadium items proposed for the Super Bowl," Dryden wrote Hill on Dec.

22. "The bleacher seating is noted as supplied by others and there are no details included with this permit set. We will appreciate either you or your vendor moving forward quickly with a permit application submitted to us for review and approval."

Dryden told The Associated Press on Friday that the seats could have been installed properly despite the delay in getting the plans to his office.

"It isn't a real complex project," he said. "There's not a lot of detail involved in the plan review, so it would have been possible."

A call to Hill by the AP was returned by a Cowboys spokesman who said the stadium official would have no comment.

The e-mails released by the city show Arlington fire officials attended a Jan. 29 meeting during which Hill informed the contractor hired by the team, Seating Solutions of Commack, N.Y., of 18 engineering and construction issues that needed to be addressed before the Feb. 6 game.

At 7:14 a.m. on game day, Dryden sent an e-mail to Jim Parajon, the city's director of building inspections, predicting trouble.

"Looks like we may be here until noon," he wrote. "There's still no absolute finality on the seat count. I think that the Cowboys are not going to correct certain items and assume the risk. This is not a good situation!"

Shortly after noon, Arlington assistant fire chief Jim Self sent an e-mail to two other assistant chiefs marked "seat update-confidential." In the e-mail, he indicated that Seating Solutions had walked off the job and that it was being handled by Manhattan Construction, the general contractor that built the stadium.

"Maybe between 1,300 lost seats due to incomplete construction," Self wrote. "Working on it now. Contractor did walk, but Manhattan taking over."

Phone and e-mail messages to Seating Solutions weren't immediately returned.

At a news conference Friday, deputy city manager Trey Yelverton said the city began assessing the situation during the late morning and early afternoon on the day of the game and concluded the temporary seats couldn't be used.

The controversy has been a black eye for the NFL, which has given fans who lost their seats two options.

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The reality behind the motto

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

It pays to be ready. The Boy Scout motto is simple: Be prepared. And local scouts got a lesson in the reality behind that motto recently.

The scouts were able to get one step closer, to their Readyman activity pin this past week.

Big Spring Pack 305 and Coahoma Cub Scout Pack 501 attended classes focusing on readiness skills and emergency preparedness.

Feb. 5 the local troops gathered at Big Spring First Baptist Church Boy Scout hut for a full day of presentations from the Big Spring Fire Department.

"The boys are always interested in the trucks and equipment," Jeannie Hernandez, Cub Master of Coahoma Cub Scout Pack 501, said. "They enjoyed visiting with the firemen and paramedics."

The day was kicked off by bringing the fire truck and ambulance for the boys to view up close and personal. Despite all the recent cold weather, the boys were able to enjoy pleasant weather during the presentation.

After viewing the emergency vehicles, the troops participated in a bicycle safety course during the afternoon.

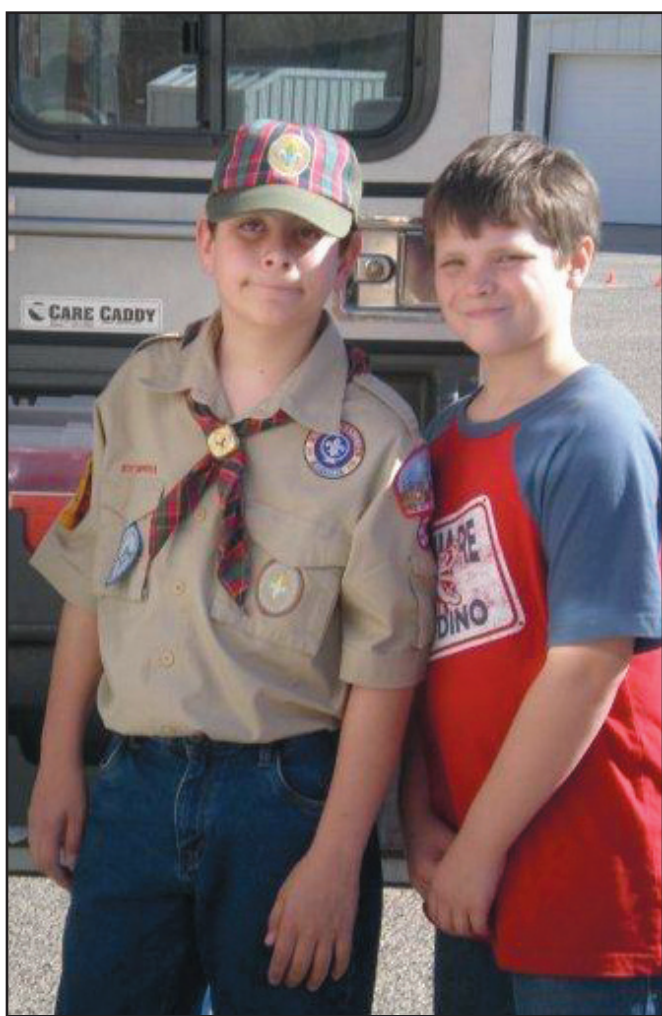
The course taught the boys rules of the road, how to obey traffic signals and the importance of proper safety helmets and safety equipment.

"It's great the boys are afforded the opportunity through scouting to learn such important skills they can use time and time



again through their life," Hernandez said. The scouts also learned first aid, Internet safety, CPR, and what to do in emergencies of all natures.

The troops and their sponsors extend a thank you to members of the community for their contributions in making the event possible, including the Big Spring Fire Department and paramedics, Craig and Stephanie Ferguson, Big Spring Health Department, American Red Cross of Midland, Big Spring Paint and Safety Store and employees, Lt. Terry Chamness of the Big Spring Police Department, Scout Master Lonnie Yee of Midland Troop 270, Officer Darrin Clements of the Midland Police Department, Kim Howell, Leigh Ann Sutton, Larry Rodgers, CEO of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.



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Would the real Kate Middleton please stand up?

CASSANDRA VINOGRAD

Associated Press

LONDON — It's not easy being Kate Middleton. The woman who will marry Prince William on April 29 at Westminster Abbey has a face and name known around the world — which is creating some hilarity and a host of problems for the hundreds, if not thousands, of women who share her name.

It's a global goof: Some colleagues bow when they pass Catherine Middleton in the hallway of the school where she works in Sydney, Australia. When people in Pepper Pike, Ohio, say they've heard she is about to marry a prince, Catherine Argentieri Middleton replies: "I already did."

One Kate Middleton in Birmingham, England, says she does not want to talk about her royal name since she's "had enough of hearing of it."

To comprehend the struggles faced by the many women who suddenly found themselves answering to a famous name, take the case of Kate Elizabeth Middleton, a mother of two from Kent, England.

Everywhere she goes, people ask if she's the real thing — the bride to be, of course, not a teacher living in the English countryside. Her passport shows her name is Kate Middleton, but thanks to a security glitch, the technology wizards who run Facebook did not believe her. She and her fellow namesakes have had to prove it.

She was born Kate Elizabeth Walker and hadn't heard of the prince's romance when she married Mark Middleton on April 17, 2004.

When the royal engagement was announced, Middleton the teacher, 34, changed her Facebook status to "thinking of reverting to her maiden name for a year" because of all the buzz.



AP photo

In this Nov. 16, 2010, file photo, Britain's Prince William and his fiancée Kate Middleton pose for the media at St. James's Palace in London.

"It is just crazy, particularly at the moment," she said.

Not all the attention has been an inconvenience. Her well-known moniker has led to "fun" television and radio appearances — but the novelty has faded, especially since she was booted off Facebook.

When Middleton tried to log on to Facebook recently from her home, she saw that her account had been disabled by a security system in place to weed out impostors and fraudulent account.

She thinks Facebook should have recognized that there are plenty of real Kate Middletons — it is, after all, a fairly common name.

"My status updates aren't about a lady set to marry a future king," she said. "Just things that someone with children would do."

Sally sells wedding ring left by couple

JEFF MARTIN

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — A couple's unusual move to donate the bride's wedding ring — believed to be worth several thousand dollars — during the Salvation Army's annual kettle drive will help food banks and other programs after it is auctioned off.

The couple, who are trying to guard their identity, walked up to a bell ringer on Dec. 22 and handed her a package with the ring and a note on the back that said although the two were still deeply in love that the Salvation Army could make better use of the diamond ring than they could. The brief note closed with the words "All for Jesus."

"She wanted to make it count," said Maj. Henry Hunter of the Dalton Corps of the Salvation Army. "A lot of lives will be touched through her generosity."

The ring is on display at a downtown Dalton jewelry store, and sealed bids are being accepted for the next 30 days, Hunter says. The ring, which has a .72-carat stone cut in a marquise brilliant shape, will go to the highest bidder.

Hunter said the couple took steps to remain anonymous. They e-mailed the Salvation Army to confirm that they received the donation, but they used a temporary account.

"They didn't want anything traceable," Hunter said.

It's not the first time someone has donated a wedding ring to the Salvation Army's annual drive.

In December 2007, someone dropped a gold wedding band into a kettle in Pierre, S.D.

Then, in December 2009, it happened again in Westminster, Colo., when someone placed an envelope in a Salvation Army kettle. Inside was an antique platinum and diamond wedding ring and a note that said "For the Salvation Army."

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This and that from here to there

A project that has been brewing in West Texas for the past four years has recently opened and holds a lot of promise as well as recognition for a small town in the area. Andrews MX motocross track located in Andrews has brought not only excitement to the area, but a great arena for area youth to get involved in a positive and worthwhile activity. This 67-acre facility in the middle of Monument



ANDREA MIDKIFF

Draw benefits from an ideal terrain and changes in elevation. Andrews MX is a completely non-profit organization that hopes to put Andrews on the map while offering lessons to youth from two on-site pros. The idea is to hopefully bring races and, in turn, other business into the area. The first of seven projected tracks has already been completed and the second is well under way. They've built the facility with the little ones in mind; separating the big guys from the little ones so parents can relax and enjoy the track as well. The kiddy tracks will also range from begin-

ner to advanced for added safety and organization. Andrews MX has picked up three upcoming races: The Sunbelt Series on May 22, a Ponca City Qualifier and an AMA State Champ race that founders, Jeremy Compton and Sharon Humphrey, hope will bring a great deal of buzz to the area and especially Andrews. Before now, area youth who wanted to race would have to travel to Houston to experience a comparable track. When I asked Jeremy about his hopes and for the track he replied "As a rider who has traveled all over, I know what this track will do for our area, and most of all for our youth. This is huge, and

I'm honored that my hometown gave me the opportunity to do what I love and allow me to give back." Andrews MX was built for riders by riders with riding in mind; so, a relationship with the track builders has been established to keep the courses fresh and continually changing. Most importantly, Andrews MX was built for young riders and the community. It was built to build champions and inspire local youth to go above and beyond and follow their passions. Andrews MX has set a new standard for motocross in West Texas and their love of the sport is reflected in the facility and everything they

hope to accomplish. Check them out on their site at www.andrewsmx.com and on Facebook by searching Andrews Motocross or www.facebook.com/people/Andrews-Motocross/100001841894810.

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Menus

Forsan ISD
Monday: Breakfast – Cinnamon roll, juice, milk. Lunch – Spaghetti, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast – Cheese Omelet, toast, juice, milk. Lunch – Pizza, seasoned corn, broccoli with cheese, strawberries and bananas, sugar cookie, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast – French toast, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch – Corndog, tater tots, pinto beans, mixed fruit cup, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, juice, milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, veggies, funyuns, baby carrots, apple and orange smiles, milk.
Friday: Breakfast – Cereal variety, cinnamon toast, juice, milk. Lunch – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and

gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruit variety, milk.
Big Spring ISD
Monday: Breakfast – Sunrise bites, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch – Corndogs, potato rounds, orange smiles, broccoli, milk, holiday ice cream cup.
Tuesday: Breakfast – Breakfast pocket, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Nacho grande, ranch beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple chunks, salsa, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast – Baked cheese sticks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch – Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, carrots, pears, roll, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast – Pizza Bagel, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch – Charbroiled meatballs, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, strawberries and

bananas, roll, milk.
Friday: Breakfast – Pancake on stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch – Chicken patty, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, orange – pineapple Jello-O, fresh fruit, milk.
Coahoma ISD
Monday: Breakfast – Biscuits, gravy, sausage, apple juice, jelly, milk. Lunch – Spaghetti, corn, bread, pear cups, milk, BBQ beef on a bun.
Tuesday: Breakfast – Pop tarts, sausage, orange juice, milk. Lunch – Nacho grande, pinto beans, pineapple, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast – Donuts, sausage, fruit, milk. Lunch – Chicken, fajitas, pepper/onions, cheese, salad, refried beans, milk, burritos.
Thursday: Breakfast – Oatmeal, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch – Hamburgers,

salad trays, chips, peach cup, milk.
Friday: Breakfast – Pancakes, sausage on stick, juice, syrup, milk. Lunch – Pig in a blanket, carrot coins, strawberry, corn dogs.
Big Spring Senior Center
Monday: Hearty potato soup, crackers, turkey sandwich, tomatoes/lettuce, rosey pears, milk.
Tuesday: Beef brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, pickle spears/onions, cornbread, milk.
Wednesday: Mexican casserole, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, lemon pudding, milk.
Thursday: Spaghetti with meatballs, tossed salad, garlic bread, sugar cookies, orange sections, milk.
Friday: Chili with cheese, corn chips, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

CLUB NEWS

Keep Big Spring Beautiful
Keep Big Spring Beautiful welcomed two new members at our February meeting in the Cactus Room at Howard College. President Janice Bishop called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Financials were approved after Jan Foresyth's report and minutes were deferred due to the absence of Secretary Teresa Darden. Janell Davis said the Conley Student Grant will again be offered to Big Spring High School students. Principal Matt Ritchey, Debbie Wegman and Loyce Phillips will help in this project. The Rev. Ken McIntosh announced that he and David Justice will make the Spring Break "Trash for Drugs"

clean-up effort a challenge between their two work teams. Proceeds of this will go to fund drug education classes, in the school system. Janice stressed the need for more volunteers and business partners. Gloria McDonald emphasized the importance of documenting projects so we can enter them for state awards. Our quarterly clean up of FM 700 will be set for March. Don't Mess With Texas bags were distributed to members for use in buddy clean-up or by individuals. We hope to sponsor, with Master Gardeners a spring garden tour, probably in May. The next meeting will be March 7 in the Cactus Room.

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Question: Is Hospice care expensive?
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Because he sent me flowers today
I got flowers today!
It wasn't our anniversary or any other special day;
Last night he threw me into a wall and then started choking me;
It seemed like a nightmare, but you wake up to find they aren't real;
I woke up this morning sore and bruised all over-but I know he must be sorry;
Because he sent me flowers today
I got flowers today!
And it wasn't Valentines Day or any other special day;
Last night he beat me and threatened to kill me,
Make-up and long sleeve didn't hide the cuts and bruises this time;
I couldn't go to work today because I didn't want anyone to know-but I know he's sorry;
Because he sent me flower today.
I got flowers today.....
Today was a very special day-
It was my funeral;
Last night he finally killed me---I was beaten to death;
If only I would have gathered the courage and strength to leave him;
The Women's Shelter could have helped me, but I didn't ask for their help;
So I got flowers today...for the last time.
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GM, Chrysler salaried workers to get bonuses

TOM KRISHER

AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — Most of the 26,000 white-collar workers at General Motors Co. will get performance bonuses of 4 to 16 percent of their base salaries this year, but payments to a small number could be 50 percent or more, the company confirmed late Thursday.

Chrysler Group LLC also will give bonuses to white-collar workers, with payments expected on Friday. Both companies needed government bailouts in 2008 and 2009 to stay in business and make it through bankruptcy protection.

GM said in a statement that the bonuses would be based on each

employee's performance as well as the company's. The statement did not say how much on average each worker would get.

Chrysler spokesman Gualberto Ranieri would not comment on the matter. Bloomberg News reported Thursday that the bonuses would average \$10,000 for 10,755 salaried workers, but some who aren't covered by government pay restrictions could get up to half their salary.

"Details regarding salaried performance awards are considered confidential employment records," Ranieri said.

Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne has said the workers deserve bonuses even though the com-

pany lost money because of work they did in revamping or redesigning 16 models since the 2009 bankruptcy.

For both companies, the bonuses come less than two years after they needed government bailouts to survive through bankruptcy protection. GM received a \$49.5 billion bailout, while Chrysler got \$12.5 billion.

Both have performed far better financially than they did before bankruptcy. GM made \$4.2 billion in the first three quarters of the year and is expected to post a fourth-quarter profit in the coming weeks. Chrysler lost \$652

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Energy Watch



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



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Wow, what a week! This title was used for this commentary during an eventful week last fall that included the mid-term congressional elections, a Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, a monthly employment report and the crowning of a World Series champion. The events taking place this week may well qualify as another one of those memorable periods — good or bad.

The events in Egypt, although tensions had been building for months, erupted last week as front page news with riots in the streets of Cairo and military clashes with protesters. The stock market reacted with its biggest one day plunge on heavy volume in two months. The volatility spike last Friday and subsequent fall in stocks was enough to deny the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) a ninth straight week of gains, which would have been a record dating back to 1995. The S&P 500 dropped for the second week in a row.

Investors suddenly had risk shoved into their faces again with the "Egyptian Connoption," as Barron's described the eruption. We have been commenting on the high level of investor complacency as evidenced in investor sentiment polls. These readings should show an easing in bullishness when released to the public later this week.

Probably the most interesting aspect of last Friday's trading was that it brought to light the one way tear stocks have been on for several months. The 1.4 percent drop in the Dow Industrials represented the largest one day decline since just before last Thanksgiving Day. The point of this risk discussion boils down to this: After the big run up in stocks, investors are being reminded that stocks do go down and there is always event risk lurking out there, traditionally when it's least expected.

We want to caution that this week's rebound in stocks back above the psychologically important DJIA 12,000 level and the S&P 500 1,300 level is certainly encouraging, but now is not the time to conclude that it is back off to the races for stocks. The aforementioned, although somewhat reduced complacency is a sustaining factor for the current stock rally, but the quick rebound did nothing to relieve the short-term extended condition. It is also premature to conclude that Egypt was just a one day event and stocks will now go merrily on their way.

Our International Strategy team believes the most likely conclusion to the tensions will be a peaceful stepping down of President Mubarak and handing over of power to a member of the military. The unknown for stocks is the means to this end and the possibility that periodic flare ups of tension will still be capable of triggering sell-offs. Another realistic risk is copycat protests in other countries in the region and, of course, the ever present risk of a disruption to oil supplies.

Renewed Middle East tensions, a bit of a slowdown in the positive surprises on economic data and a still uncertain job environment await an extended but still resilient stock market environment. Ultimately, we believe the positive earnings, continuing economic recovery and large amount of liquidity in the system will limit the downside in the U.S. stock market. This is assuming there is not a region wide spread of tensions in the Middle East. Momentum in this stock market has not been broken, and we do not believe a meaningful pullback is here yet.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced on Feb. 1, 2011 by Scott Marcouiller, Wells Fargo Advisors chief market strategist. Wells Fargo Advisors did not assist in the preparation of this article, and its accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed. Additional information is available upon request (432) 684-7335.

Business briefs

General Motors unveils new Camaro at auto show

CHICAGO (AP) — General Motors is rolling out a new version of the Chevy Camaro with a supercharged V-8 engine.

The Camaro ZL1 was unveiled Wednesday at the Chicago Auto Show. The price of the muscle car wasn't released. GM says it will be in showrooms early next year.

The company says the ZL1 is the most technically advanced Camaro ever built. It has a six-speed manual transmission and a new hood and front grille. The car's 550-horsepower engine is the same one that powers the Cadillac CTS-V.

The new version gets its name from an all-aluminum racing engine that GM built in the 1960s.

GM wants the new Camaro to compete with Ford's most powerful Mustang, the Shelby GT500.



UPI/Brian Kersey

A 2011 Chevy Camaro convertible is displayed at the Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place in Chicago on Feb. 9.

U.S. Airways raises overweight bag fees

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — U.S. Airways Group Inc. is raising the fee to check heavy luggage on its domestic flights to an extra \$90 each.

The old fee was \$50.

That's on top of the \$25 to check a first bag and \$35 for a second bag, which are not changing.

The higher fees for bags over 50 pounds began for tickets bought after Feb. 1. U.S. Airways says it's raising the fees to the same levels charged by other airlines. It also raised fees

on bags between 71 and 100 pounds.

Most airlines charge higher fees for luggage over 50 pounds. Spirit Airlines, a small carrier that focuses on vacation passengers, recently began charging extra for bags above 40 pounds.

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Nokia, Microsoft in pact to rival Apple and Google

MATTI HUUHTANEN

Associated Press

HELSINKI — Technology titans Nokia and Microsoft are joining forces to make smart phones in a push to challenge rivals like Apple and Google, hoping to revive their own fortunes in a market they have struggled to keep up with.

Nokia Corp., the world's largest cell phone maker, said Friday it will use Microsoft Corp.'s Windows Phone software as the main platform for its smart

phones in an effort to recover lost share from Apple's iPhone and Android, Google's software for phones and tablets.

The move marks a major strategy shift for Nokia, which has previously equipped devices with its own open-share software. Analysts said the deal was a bigger win for Microsoft than Nokia, whose CEO Stephen Elop in a leaked memo this week compared his company to a burning oil platform with "more than one explosion ... fueling a blazing fire around us."

Nokia share price plummeted 14 percent to €7.00 (\$9.52) in late trading in Helsinki.

The partnership will "deliver an ecosystem with unrivaled global reach and scale," Nokia said, but warned that it would also bring "significant uncertainties" and it expects profit margins to be hit by strong competition from rivals.

Elop, a Canadian national, joined Nokia from a senior executive position at Microsoft last

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Big recall of baby monitors linked to 2 deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 2 million Summer Infant video baby monitors were recalled Friday after being linked to the strangulation deaths of two infants.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission says the electrical cords on the monitors can be dangerous for babies if placed too close to their cribs.

According to the commission, a 10-month-old girl from

Washington, D.C., died in March when she strangled on the cord of a Summer Infant monitor camera that had been placed on the top of the crib rail. In November, a 6-month-old boy from Conway, S.C., strangled in the electrical cord of a baby monitor placed on the changing table attached to his crib.

CPSC and Summer Infant are also aware of a 20-month-old boy from Pittsburgh who

nearly strangled on a camera cord that was mounted to the wall in reach of the child.

Commission Chairman Inez Tenenbaum says cords and kids can be a deadly combination.

"I urge all parents and caregivers to put at least 3 feet between any video or audio baby monitor cords and a child in a crib," she said. "This simple step can save your child's life."

In all, about 1.7 million monitors — more than 40 different models of handheld, digital and color monitors — are being recalled by Summer Infant, based in Woonsocket, R.I.

The company will provide new on-product warning labels and instructions about monitor placement.

The monitors were sold at major retailers nationwide between 2003 and 2011.

The commission first warned about the potential danger of monitor cords last October. Since 2004, seven children have strangled on baby monitor cords placed too close to a crib.

In addition to the recall linked to strangulations, Summer Infant also is recalling the rechargeable batteries in another 58,000 video

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 Dennis Anthony Zaragoza, 4534 Sinclair, Big Spring

Keith Williams vs. Paula Williams, divorce.
 In Re Tyler Michael Martin, family. Citibank vs. Jeanine Proctor, ac-counts, notes and contracts.
 David Lujan Galaviz vs. Jerry Rivera, injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.
 In Re Santana Salinas, family. Travis Hull vs. Jeannie Rushing, protective order.
 Brianne Rich vs. Keith Rich, divorce.
 Jaime Trevino vs. Harvey Trevino, divorce.
 Whitney Dow vs. David Dow, divorce.
 Rosario Slate Lanspery vs. Eric Oward Lanspery, divorce.
 Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. Mary Bihl, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Chad Rushing vs. Jeannie Rushing, divorce.

Marriage Licenses:
 Andrew Juarez Jr., 21, and Rachel Martinez, 23, both of Big Spring.
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 Porfirio Rios Jr., 47, and Mary R. Ramirez, 41, both of Big Spring.
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 Pablo Alonzo Dehoyos, 28, and Juanita Andrea Torres, 25, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
 Grantor: GMAC Mortgage LLC
 Grantee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
 Property: A tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Jan. 18, 2011

Grantor: Barrett J. Barbour
 Grantee: Gordon N. McDaniel and Susan McDaniel
 Property: Lot 13, Block 2, Hillcrest Terrace
 Date: Jan. 18, 2011

Grantor: Harry Lydell Mitchell
 Grantee: Sofia Hinojosa
 Property: Lot 3, Block 102, Original Town of Big Spring
 Date: Jan. 20, 2011

Grantor: Bobby Barber and Cheryl Barber
 Grantee: Oscar G. Barraza
 Property: Lots 19-20, Block 2, South Haven Addition
 Date: Jan. 21, 2011

Grantor: Johnny R. Stanley
 Grantee: J. Rutledge Realty LLC
 Property: A 0.65-acre tract out of Section 16, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
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 Property: A 53.312-acre tract out of Section 11, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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 Property: A tract out of Section 19, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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 Grantee: Nell Gale
 Property: Lots 9-10, Block 1, Donald Addition
 Date: Jan. 27, 2011

Grantor: Mario Lopez
 Grantee: Jesse T. Lopez
 Property: Lot 101, Spence Subdivi-sion
 Date: Jan. 27, 2011

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
 Grantor: Shoestrung Ranch
 Grantee: Tim Blackshear Company Inc.
 Property: An 11.74-acre tract out of Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date: Jan. 18, 2011

Grantor: Estate of Erma Novalyn Hamilton
 Grantee: Adam Hyatt
 Property: Lot 1, Block 11, Washing-ton Place Addition
 Date: Jan. 20, 2011

Grantor: Rudy Larocque and Reta Larocque
 Grantee: Johnny E. Mize
 Property: Lot 3, Block 6, Avion Village
 Date: Jan. 20, 2011

Grantor: David Fowler and Jewel Fowler
 Grantee: Steven Wells
 Property: Lot 11, Block 17, McDowell Heights
 Date: Jan. 21, 2011

Grantor: Elizabeth Stovall
 Grantee: J. Hopper Homes Inc.
 Property: Lot 3, Block 1, Caroline Court Addition
 Date: Jan. 21, 2011

Grantor: Horace E. Tubb
 Grantee: Michael Williamson and Magen Williamson
 Property: A 10-acre tract out of Section 104, Block 29, W&N RR Co. Survey
 Date: Jan. 21, 2011

Grantor: David Burris
 Grantee: Tim Blackshear and Terri Blackshear
 Property: The E/58.5 feet of Lot 7, Block 7, North Belvue Addition
 Date: Jan. 25, 2011

NOKIA
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 year. The first non-Finn

to lead Nokia, he is under intense pressure to reverse the company's market share losses to North American and Asian competitors.

Elop warned of major restructuring which would result in more global layoffs, saying Nokia must "improve the speed and nimble-

ness and agility of the organization," but gave no details. Nokia is still the biggest handset maker but its market share has

tumbled from 41 percent in 2008 to 31 percent at the end of 2010. It has also lost its innovative edge in the fiercely competitive top-

end sector and is virtually invisible — with a 3 percent share — in the world's largest smart phone market, North America.

BRIEFS
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The \$1.99 "Confession: A Roman Catholic App" can't grant forgiveness — you still need to receive the sacrament from a real, live priest like always. The app's designers and some believers see it as a way to spur Catholics back into the habit of repenting. "There's a reason we designed it for these mobile devices: We want you to go to confession," said Patrick Leinen, one of the developers and a co-founder of the company Little iApps. Over the last several

decades, American Catholics have been receiving the penitential sacrament less frequently, and many of them may not know how it's done. "As somebody who's heard thousands of confessions, there are some people who get so scared coming in that they lose their train of thought and they're not able to remember everything they planned to say," said the Rev. Dan Scheidt, pastor of Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Mishawaka, who ad-

vised the developers. The text-based app takes the user through the Ten Commandments, with a slew of questions attached to each, a process known

as an examination of conscience, which penitents undergo before confession. Questions range from "Have I wished evil upon another person?"

to "Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?" and users can check a box next to each sin they've committed.

BONUS
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around \$3,200 each, about 5 percent of their base pay, while they'll get \$750 at Chrysler, about 1.2 percent of their base pay. GM said in its statement that more than 96 percent of the salaried workers will get bonuses of 4 to 16 percent of their base pay. Fewer than 1 percent, the company said, will get 50 percent or more. Bonus sizes grow depending on a worker's level of responsibility. GM said its top 100 earners are still covered

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Gemini moon and the Aquarius sun are a marvelous match, stimulating our imaginations and adding pep to our interactions. Conversations burble up, taking on extraordinary subject matter and unconventional ideas. There's excitement about what the future will hold, though discussion is favored over action right now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may not like it when someone disagrees with you, but in today's case, you will be much better off because of it. You'll strengthen your position and build a better argument for next time.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes it feels as though your personal stock is not quite as high as you'd like it to be. However, you can always raise your perceived value by adjusting your own thinking about what you have to offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Whatever your beliefs are, you feel them with more passion today. So much so that someone who didn't share your convictions may suddenly be convinced or converted.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be pulled in at least three different directions, mostly due to the fact that you have three people who adore you and want your attention. There's a way to satisfy all of them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be drawn in by the mysteries of your ancestors. The holes in your parents' history likely will hold intrigue. You can find the answers if you ask the right questions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll find a worthy discussion partner — someone who can lead you into deep and compelling conversation. There are financial opportunities present today, as well, especially in the afternoon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may realize that what you thought was no big deal is, in actuality, a very big deal. There are complexities involved that you didn't understand before. And there's more at stake, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are open-minded. The more people you query the smarter you become. Someone will tell you what's important, and you will weigh this person's opinion against your own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is very little that can surprise you today. Even when

you are technically out of your element, you are still within reach of the sophistication and confidence of your own mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Keep your eyes open because it's a lucky day for finding conversation-worthy objects. You'll be drawn in by oddities, and you could even find a curio to add to your collection.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are graciousness personified, as you take care of your friends with a compassionate and selfless attitude. You are moving up on everyone's "favorite person" list.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's easy for you to be all sweetness and smiles, because you are inwardly trouble-free. However, when it's time to protect the happiness of your loved ones, you will get tough fast.

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CAUSE NO. T-5946
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS.
FRED L. AKIN AND
EDITH AKIN, ET AL

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF SUIT TO
FORECLOSE TAX LIEN
PURSUANT TO PROPERTY
TAX CODE SECTION 33.57

Pursuant to Order of the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, notice is hereby given to the individuals named herein, and all other persons claiming an interest in the property the subject of this suit, that suit has been filed for foreclosure of the tax lien against such properties. A copy of the Petition filed on behalf of the various taxing entities is attached hereto, and such petition describes the properties against which foreclosure is sought, as well as the owners of record of any interest in such parcels.

Notice to all owners of an interest in such properties is hereby given as follows:

1. A petition to foreclose the tax lien against each parcel shown on the Petition was filed on the 20th day of February, 2011, commencing foreclosure proceedings;

2. The legal description, tax account number, and, if known, the street address for each parcel, is shown in the Exhibits to the Petition attached hereto;

3. This notice is addressed to each owner of an interest in each parcel as shown in the Exhibits to the Petition attached hereto;

4. Final hearing on the Petition is scheduled for the 14th day of March, 2011 at 1:00 o'clock p.m.;

5. Each and every owner of any interest in each parcel the subject of this suit may lose whatever property interest they own in such parcel as a result of the hearing and any subsequent tax sale;

6. A person's interest in any parcel may be preserved by paying all delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, attorney's fees and court costs before the date of the scheduled hearing on the petition, or, you may contest the Petition by filing with the clerk of the court a written response to the petition not later than the seventh (7) day before the date scheduled for hearing on the petition and specifying in the response any affirmative defense. A copy of such response must be served on the taxing units' attorney of record in the manner required by Rule 21a, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure;

7. The name, address and telephone number of the taxing units are as follows:

Howard College
1001 Birdwell Lane
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone number: (432)264-5000
Howard County
300 S. Main
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone number: (432)264-2332
City of Big Spring
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone number: (432)264-2401
City of Coahoma
P. O. Box L
Coahoma, TX 79511
Telephone number: (432)394-4287
City of Forsan
P. O. Box 714
Forsan, TX 79733
Telephone number: (432)457-2355
Big Spring ISD
708 11th Place
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone number: (432)264-3620
Forsan ISD
P. O. Drawer A
Forsan, TX 79733
Telephone number: (432)398-5444
Howard County Water Control and Improvement District
7917 N. Service Rd.
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone number: (432)393-5233
Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District
P. O. Box 1314
Stanton, TX 79782
Telephone number: (432)756-2136

The name, address and telephone number of the attorney for the taxing units is shown at the bottom of this notice;

8. Coahoma ISD may also impose taxes on one or more of the parcels the subject of this suit and may intervene in this case without further notice and set up its claims for delinquent taxes.

Respectfully Submitted,
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PLAINTIFF TAXING UNITS

CAUSE NO. T-5946
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL
VS.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL
PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF
SAID COURT:

Now comes THE COUNTY OF HOWARD, which brings this action for itself and as agent for HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT, CITY OF BIG SPRING, BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF COAHOMA, CITY OF FORSAN, FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, and PERMIAN BASIN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, hereinafter called Plaintiffs, whether one or more, and for cause of action would show the Court the following:

I
Defendants are those persons

and legal entities named and described in the attached Exhibits "1-69" if living, and if any or all of the named Defendant(s) be deceased, the unknown heirs of each of such deceased Defendant(s); the unknown owner or owners of any of the property the subject of this suit; the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees of the any Defendant; and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon any of the property the subject of this suit, on which property there are delinquent taxes, penalties and interest, assessed and justly due, owing, and unpaid to Plaintiffs in the amounts and for the years shown on the Tax Statement(s) made a part of each Exhibit attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if repeated verbatim, on each property separately assessed for all delinquent years up to and including 2009.

All of the property is located in Howard County, Texas, and all volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, are to the Deed Records, Howard County, to which instruments reference is made for a more complete description of each tract.

The total amount of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees owed exceeds the appraised value of each parcel, or, in the alternative, there are ten (10) or more years for which delinquent taxes are owed on each such parcel.

II
All taxes were authorized by law, and each political subdivision in whose behalf this suit is brought was legally constituted and authorized to levy, assess, and collect ad valorem taxes on property, and all of the taxes were legally levied and assessed against the property and the owners thereof; that Plaintiffs now have and assert a lien on each separately described property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, interest; and recover costs and expenses in accordance with the provisions of Property Tax Code § 33.48; and all things required by law to be done have been legally performed by the proper officials.

III
All of the above described property was, at the time the taxes were assessed, located within the boundaries of the Plaintiffs and of each political subdivision in whose behalf this suit is brought, and the tax was imposed in the county in which this suit is brought.

IV
The attorney whose name is signed hereto is legally authorized to prosecute this action on behalf of Plaintiffs.

V
Plaintiffs have incurred certain expenses for procuring data and information as to the name, identity, and location of necessary parties and in procuring necessary legal descriptions of the property, which expenses are reasonable abstractor's costs. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against all Defendants for foreclosure of the tax lien against the above described property securing the amount due against each tract which is the total amount of delinquent taxes due and owing on each such parcel at the time of the filing of this petition, as well as all taxes becoming delinquent thereafter up to the date of judgment, all interest, penalties, costs and expenses in accordance with the provisions of Property Tax Code § 33.48 accruing up to and including the day of judgment, plus attorney's fees of 20% of all tax, penalty and interest as provided by law, an order of sale, post judgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law; and for such other relief to which the Plaintiffs may be entitled; provided, however, that personal judgment for such taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees is not sought against any Defendant named herein.

Respectfully Submitted,
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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

EXHIBIT 1
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 6, Bk 2, Bowser Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$187.65 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1991-2009

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.
Fred L. Akin
Edith Akin

EXHIBIT 2
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 8, Bk 7, Earle's Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$949.75 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.

Years owed:
1992-2009

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Anna T. Alcantar
aka Anna Teresa Alcantar
607 Douglas St.
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 3
Property and Amounts Owed
E/40' of the W/80' of Lt 1, Bk 4, Earle's Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$578.13 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1993-1996 & 2003-2009

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Angelita Alvarez
aka Angelita H. Alvarez
503 West 8th St.
301 E. 19th St.
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 4
Property and Amounts Owed
Lts 7 & 8, Bk 14, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$770.84 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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D.M. Bales, W.E. Davis and Artie Bell Davis

The following are lienholders and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 5
Property and Amounts Owed
Being the E/86.5' out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit
TOTAL DUE:.....\$2,016.47 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Lloyd Daniel Ballard
Jessie Gertrude Ballard Brackett
Morris Lee Ballard
Lucille Ballard Howland
1503 W. 5th St.
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 6
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt. 1, Bk 14, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$385.42 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described

in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.
James Barber

EXHIBIT 7
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt. 1, Bk 112, Original Town to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$670.16 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Mary E. Barrientos
907 E. 15th
Big Spring, TX 79720

The following are lienholders and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below:
City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 8
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt. 6, Bk D, Moore's Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$240.29 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.
Tommie Biggs aka Tommie Biggs
Ruby Biggs
1009 Sgt. Paredes St.
Big Spring, TX 79720

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City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 9
Property and Amounts Owed
A parcel of land 50' by 50' in the SE corner of Lt 17, Bk 99, Original Townsite of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit; and A 46' square in the SW corner of Bk 99, in the town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$197.19 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1992-2009

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Julia Mendez Bonilla aka Julia M. Bonilla

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City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 10
Property and Amounts Owed
The W/105' of the N/15' of Lt 9, and the S/35' of Lt 9, Bk 16, Boyd-

stun Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
The W/105' of the S/5' of Lt 10, Bk 16, Boydston Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$2,662.47 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Alvin Lee Brownfield
aka Alvin L. Brownfield
and Nan Elizabeth Brownfield
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City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 11
Property and Amounts Owed
A tract of land out of the SE/4 of Sc 31, Bk 33, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit
TOTAL DUE:.....\$1,560.74 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Karen L. Calvert
RR1, Box 81
Holdenville, OK 74848

EXHIBIT 12
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt. 28, Bk 4, Wrights Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$767.82 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Milton Emsley Burnett
aka M.E. Burnett

EXHIBIT 13
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt. 6, Bk A, Moore's Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$240.29 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Erminia Bustamante
1113 Lloyd Ave.
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 14
Property and Amounts Owed
Lot. 6, Bk 24, Boydston Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Lt. 8, Bk 1, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Lt. 9, Bk 1, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Lt. 10, Bk 1, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Lt. 3, Bk 2, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 5, Bk 2, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Lt. 3, Bk 3, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Lt. 5, Bk 3, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$9,406.30 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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W.D. Caldwell, Inc. by
and through Registered Agent
W.D. Caldwell
607 N. Benton St.
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 15
Property and Amounts Owed
N/2' of Lt. 7, Bk 2, Muir Height's Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$123.47 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Coleman C. Calvert
Karen L. Calvert
RR1, Box 81
Holdenville, OK 74848

EXHIBIT 16
Property and Amounts Owed
Being a parcel of land out of Tract No. 42, of the Wm. B. Currie Subdivision, same being a part of the SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit
TOTAL DUE:.....\$501.13 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Felicitia G. Carrasco
aka Felicitas G. Carrasco
806 E. 13th
Big Spring, TX 79720

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City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 17
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt. 3, Bk 60, Original Town to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$2,024.66 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

L.M. Casselman

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George Thaddeus Thomas
100 Lincoln
Big Spring, TX 79720
Jason Seay
P.O. Box 829
2406 Robb St.
Big Spring, TX 79720
EXHIBIT 66
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt. 8, Bk 22, Government Heights to Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$982.34 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Mary Vera
706 NW 8th
1302 St. Hwy 176
Big Spring, TX 79720
EXHIBIT 67
Property and Amounts Owed

The S/100' of Tract 12, Wm. B. Currie Subdivision, out of the SE/4 Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$871.29 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Wells Fargo Bank Texas, NA
fka State National Bank of El Paso
as Trustee of the Marital Trust and The Residuary Trust under the Will of
Lucille S. Rogers, deceased
221 N. Kansas
El Paso, TX 79901
EXHIBIT 68
Property and Amounts Owed

A tract of land out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit
TOTAL DUE:.....\$2,977.15 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1995-2009

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Talmer Lee White
Iva Mae White
8901 Quarry Ridge Trail
Fort Worth, TX 76244
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City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720
EXHIBIT 69
Property and Amounts Owed

A tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit
TOTAL DUE:.....\$6,659.34 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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William L. Woods
aka William L. Wood
4910 Hershey Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78220-4822
#6870 February 6 & 13, 2011

expense of the contractor.
NPO: 35425

State Office
Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clark
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
#6888 February 6 & 13, 2011

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Public Meeting Notice
2012 Unified Transportation Program and
2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan Revision

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host an open-house style public meeting to solicit public comments and input on the development of the 2012 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), which covers fiscal years (FY) 2012 through 2021 and the FY 2011 January out-of-cycle revision to the 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).

The public meeting will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at the TxDOT - El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization Office, 10767 Gateway Boulevard West, El Paso, Texas

Unified Transportation Program
The 2012 UTP is a comprehensive ten-year plan for the development and construction of State of Texas transportation projects including roadways, aviation, public transportation, waterways and coastal waters, and rail projects and includes specific funding levels for each fiscal year.

Beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m., TxDOT staff will conduct a brief presentation on the purpose and development of the UTP. Additional information and exhibits will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to discuss the development process and answer questions. Forms will be provided in order to receive written comments. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please go to

www.txdot.gov/

public_involvement/utp.htm or call the toll-free information line at (800)687-8108. Written comments may be submitted on the UTP website at: www.txdot.gov, using search engine keyword: 2012 UTP; by email at: FIN_UTP@txdot.gov; or by mail to: David Plutowski, P.E., UTP Engineer, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Public comments will be received until March 3, 2011.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

The STIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to fund projects for the next four years and includes all federally funded projects. This public meeting pertains specifically to the FY 2011 January out-of-cycle STIP revision for a single project in the San Antonio area. TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to answer STIP related questions.

The FY 2011 STIP Amendment for January 2011 may be viewed online at

http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips/htm or visit any TxDOT District Office prior to the meeting. Locations of these offices can be found at:

http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local_information/

Written comments may be submitted to Lori Morel, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Marty Boyd at (915)790-4326 for assistance. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.
#6892 February 13, 2011

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Apache Corporation, 303 Veterans Airpark Lane, STE 3000, Midland, TX 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for an amendment to a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to amend the injection interval to inject into the San Andres Formation, Otis Chalk, Well #5W. The proposed injection well is located 5 miles East from Forsan, Texas in Howard Glasscock (Glorieta) Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2000 to 3300 feet.

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

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within 15 days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, telephone (512)463-6792.
#6894 February 13, 2011

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Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. will receive proposals for the Asbestos Abatement and Demolition of College Heights Elementary. Proposals are due by 2:00pm, February 24, 2011. No proposals will be accepted after this time. Please fax in proposals to the below referenced number.

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc.
7810 Orlando Ave.
Lubbock, Texas 79423
P:806-797-8400
F:806-797-8492

A Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 2:00PM at College Heights Elementary, 1801 South Goliad; Big Spring, TX.
#6886 February 6 & 13, 2011

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6221-71-001 for REST AREA TOTAL MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, & REPAIR in NO-LAN County, etc will be opened on March 08, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$4,224,000.00.
All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid confer-

ence for Contract 6221-71-001 to be held on February 22, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the 150 EAST RIVERSIDE DR, ROOM 1B.1, AUSTIN TX.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the

expense of the contractor.
NPO: 35425

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200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
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Abilene District
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Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
#6888 February 6 & 13, 2011

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24 Drug discovered in 1853
27 Grammy category
28 Basilica of San Francesco locale
30 Something banned
31 Hot stuff
32 Encouraging words
34 Vilify
36 Warmup area
39 Satisfies
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45 Guessing game
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54 "Dark" drink
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5 Fire starter
6 "Night Before Christmas" preposition
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26 Floral token
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33 Attach, in a way
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36 Early Saturday Night Live character
37 Sounds like a wolf
38 Cartoonist's
40 Trunk attachment
43 Certain analyst's concern
46 Idiosyncratic distortions
48 Portrayer of Tarzan and Flash Gordon
49 One in a 36 Across
50 Poker target
53 Far from the usual
56 Taunt
58 Lecture, with "out"
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Howard County SWCD poster winners named

Special to the Herald

Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District held its annual awards banquet Wednesday for the 2010 Soil and Water Poster Contest in the fourth through sixth grades.

The theme was "Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats." The grand champions from each school that participated were presented a \$10 cash prize and a trophy at the banquet.

Three of these posters will be selected to be sent to compete in the Area Contest, where plaques will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners, who will advance to the State Contest. A child must be 12 years of age or younger to be eligible for the Area Contest.

Howard County Soil and Water District photo

Soil and Water Poster Contest winners, from left, were **Kavin Humble, Coahoma; Chris Ibanez, Marcy Elementary; Gage Warren, Marcy Elementary; and Erica Roach, Elbow Elementary.**

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