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A city-county park partnership?

Officials call joint operation of state facility a 'viable option'

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Following a meeting with officials from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, city and county representatives say the two local governments will be working together to keep the Big Spring State Park — which has been targeted for closure by the state — open and operating.

County Judge Mark Barr said Friday he feels like it's certainly a viable



Barr

option for the city and county to work together to keep the facility, which has been a Big Spring landmark and tourist destination for many years, from falling prey to state budget cuts.

"After talking to Scott (Boruff) with TPWD and seeing some of the operating costs, I feel like it's certainly a viable option

for Howard County and the city of Big Spring to step in and keep the park from being closed," Barr said Friday following the meeting. "In a situation like this, you're faced with the choice of closing it or working out an arrangement to help fund it. There's still a lot of things that have to be discussed, but I think it's cer-



Duncan

tainly a viable option."

Mayor Tommy Duncan agreed with Barr's assessment of the meeting, saying the two governments will do everything possible to keep the state park open.

"We're not at a point yet where any real conclusions have been drawn, but I feel fairly certain the city and the county can come to an agreement

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Ellen Austin looks over a batch of flapjacks before sending them to the serving line during the Kiwanis Club's annual pancake supper at the Howard College cafeteria Friday evening.

Spring forward!



Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, when most states spring forward an hour. Time will fall back to standard time again Sunday, Nov. 6, when daylight saving time ends.

Ordinances on agenda

Commissioners to meet Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The agenda for Monday morning's meeting of the Howard County commissioners court includes a number of routine items, including discussion of county ordinances.

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Martin Co. grand jury no-bills deputy

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

STANTON — A Martin County grand jury chose not to indict a Midland law enforcement officer involved in the January shooting death of a 54-year-old man following a standoff near Lenorah.

According to 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, the grand jury declined to indict the officer that shot and killed Lonny Martin following a brief chase on Highway 176 on Jan. 23.

"The Texas Rangers were brought in to investigate, and we presented their findings to the grand jury, which declined to true-bill the case," Wilkerson said. "Presenting it to the grand jury in this manner is normal procedure

when you have a shooting death like this."

Martin was pronounced dead at the scene, northwest of Stanton, after the pickup he was driving slammed into a high-pressure natural gas line during a high speed chase involving Martin County sheriff deputies, according to statements given by Martin County Sheriff John Woodward.

According to law enforcement officials, there were federal warrants for Martin's arrest for alleged forgery. Despite efforts by Woodward to get Martin to turn himself in to law enforcement officials, the West Texas man told the

sheriff he had no intentions of leaving his home alive.

Police officials attempted to stop Martin after he left his home Shortly after 2 p.m. on Jan. 23, leading to the chase. According to law enforcement officials, attempts were made to shoot one of Martin's pickup tires during the chase before he veered off the road, hitting the natural gas lines.

Once the vehicle was stopped, shots were fired, according to Woodward. Martin was believed to be armed with a 9 mm handgun, a tactical vest and extra magazines of ammunition.

Following the gunshots, law enforcement officials — accompanied by a field medic — approached the vehicle in an attempt to save Martin from his wounds, but the Martin

County man died at the scene. A search of Martin's home revealed disturbing preparations the man had made in case law enforcement officials decided to try to arrest him there, including rifles placed at strategic locations to fire on approaching officers and a pitchfork booby trap designed to impale anyone attempting to come through a doorway.

Investigators also found suicide notes written by Martin, including several different letters to family members.

The grand jury delivered true-bills for the following people:

- Avelardo Castillo Jr., 21, of 301 E. St. Elizabeth, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony).

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• West Texas Opportunities is holding its community meeting Friday, March 25 at 3 p.m. at the Howard County Library. The public is invited. This month's special speaker will be Sandra Price, lead driver of the Howard County TRAX Program. Sandra will be sharing information about the public transportation system for Howard County. For more information, call Connie Baca, center director, at 432-267-9536.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• The HCV Section 8 waiting list for the Big Spring Housing Authority is open. The authority is accepting new applications. The office is located at 201 NE Seventh in Big Spring.

• 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 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 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nur-

turing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

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



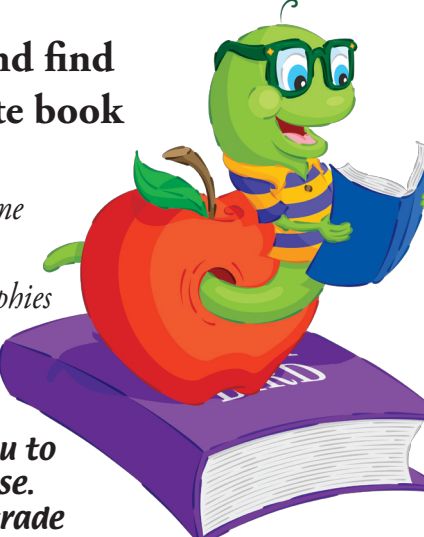
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Precinct 2 County Commissioner Donnie Baker has asked that the discussion — centering around ordinances within the county — be placed on the agenda.

Also part of the meeting, County Auditor Jackie Olson will meet with commissioners regarding a number of items, including invoices, purchase

requests and budget amendments. Olson is also expected to present the court with her department's monthly financial report, as well as consideration of awarding bids for roadway seal coating.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is also set to meet with commissioners concerning personnel considerations and a payroll report. Thomas is also expected to request permission to go out for bids on depository services for the county.

What: Regular meeting, Howard County Commissioners Court.
Where: Third floor, Howard County Courthouse.
When: 10 a.m. Monday.

County Clerk Donna Wright will meet with the court, as well, presenting her office's

monthly report.

Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will discuss a number of items with commissioners, including pipeline crossings and road maintenance and discussion — and possible action — regarding existing rules for using county bulldozers to fight wildfires.

Jameson is also expected to discuss a recent request to hire a water truck driver, which was tabled by the commissioners court, as well

as discussion and possible action for keeping an existing pickup for use by on-call workers.

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

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@big-springherald.com

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• Toby Castillo Delao, 33, of 202 W. School, driving while intoxicated (second-degree felony, enhanced).

• Sammy Emery, 44, of Midland, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

• Jose Jaime Guera, 42, of Midland, burglary of a building (state jail felony).

• Manuel Cortez Hernandez, 32, of 1404 Princeton in Big Spring, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony, enhanced).

• Curtis Harold Jef-

fery, 27, of Odessa, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).

• Faustino Fernandez Juarez, 51, of 510 Bell, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Julian Martinez Jr., 53, of Midland, driving while intoxicated (first-degree felony, enhanced).

• Julio Armando Martinez, 30, of Houston, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Valentin Esparza Montoya, 26, of Midland, burglary of a building (third-degree felony, enhanced).

• Julio Vasquez Parra, 48, of Midland, driving

while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Desiree Nicole Perea, 25, of Pecos, possession of marijuana (state jail felony).

• Jose Delos Perea-Arcos, 46, currently being held at the Martin County Jail, two counts of tampering with a government record (both third-degree felonies).

• Mike Anthony Reyna, 43, of Lubbock, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Gilbert J. Slusher, 45, of Abilene, two counts of tampering with a government record (both third-degree felonies).

• Larry David Stott, 32, of Midland, motor fuel violation (third-degree

felony).

• John Michael Vasquez, 25, of 501 W. Fourth St., evading arrest (state jail felony).

• Enrique Martinez Alvarez Jr., 47, of 109 Algerita in Big Spring, intoxication assault with a vehicle (second-degree felony, enhanced).

• Matthew Christopher Bennett, 29, of 601 W. St. Anna, theft — more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).

• Timothy Gilchrist DiMaggio, 38, of Tyler, evading arrest (state jail felony).

• Albert Raymond Olivas, 40, of 609 S. College, theft — more than \$500 and less than \$1,500 with

two prior convictions (third-degree felony, enhanced).

• Hector M. Orozco-Ceja, 26, of Midland, theft — more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).

• Brandy Kay Price, 30, 304 E. Broadway, two counts of forgery (both state jail felonies).

• Alfonso Barriga Renteria, 39, of Midland, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Vanessa Jimenez (Domingo) Silva, 27, of 405 W. Fourth St., theft of food stamps or Medicaid — more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000 (state jail felony).

• David Michael

Whiteley, 58, of Odessa, driving while intoxicated (second-degree felony, enhanced).

PARK

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to share the operational costs of the state park and find a way to keep it open. We still have to sit down with Park Manager Ron Alton and look at the operation of the park, but both Barr and myself have agreed to look at this as a joint venture for both governments."

Barr said basic operational costs of the park — which do not factor in several factors, including salaries — are slightly less than \$30,000, a cost that has him optimistic about the situation.

"We're still very optimistic about keeping the park open," Barr said. "When you sit down and look at the operating costs — things

like \$3,314 for fuels and lubricants, \$7,000 for electricity, \$1,060 in consumable supplies — you're faced with approximately \$29,425 a year. However, that's strictly from a cash standpoint, and there are places we can provide different services, like inmates performing upkeep, that could bring that total down."

With salaries and other costs factored in, Barr said the overall budget — including capital outlay projects and other proactive maintenance items — is \$150,000 a year.

The legislature is currently dealing with a massive budgetary shortfall that is expected to cut into the TPWD 2012-2013 budget by more than 20 percent, equalling a whopping \$162 million cut to the

department's estimated coffers.

Part of those cuts involves TPWD transferring more than a half-dozen parks out of state control, as well as the elimination of two state park regional offices.

While both Barr and Duncan agree the local community is willing to assume some of the responsibilities for the park, almost everyone attending Friday's meeting agreed it's very important to keep the facility's designation as a

state park.

"I think everyone wants to see the park keep its state park designation," Barr said. "However, I really don't see that designation being in danger at this point."

Among the parks targeted for transfer are Big Spring State Park, Blanco State Park, Daingerfield State Park, Lockhart State Park, Lake Casa Blanca International State Park near Laredo, Sebastopol State Historic Site in

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Rudy Allen Carpenter, Sr., 48, died Wednesday. Funeral services were at 4 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Johnny Moore, 74, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Illa Morgan, 94, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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YOUR VIEWS

Show your support

TO THE EDITOR:

As the campaign treasurer for Glen Carrigan, I am writing in support of Glen, who is running for City Council District 3. Mr. Carrigan is a wonderful man who teaches a Sunday school class at Hillcrest Baptist Church. He is the audiologist at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and has lived in District 3 for many years. Mr. Carrigan will listen to your opinions and will represent you on the council, not his special projects. He is a conservative who believes we have to spend our tax revenues wisely to provide for the needs of the citizens. We began to move Big Spring in the right direction with the May election last year, but we are only part of the way there. If you really want Big Spring to move in the right direction towards being an attractive city with good streets and water supply systems, we have to change the "old guard" and elect some new people with conservative principles to the council. Help our city by supporting Glen Carrigan for councilman in District 3.

ELAINE SAYLES
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Change gets results?

TO THE EDITOR:

I was reading a letter last Sunday about how "change gets results" and how our new mayor has brought a lot of, let's say, different ideas to the city council, but has been out-voted 5-2.

Well let's see, in a democracy, the majority rules. Isn't that the democratic way, or would you propose that simply because someone brings up a new idea everyone is to bow down and accept it? Our city government is supposed to work for all the people and not just a few of its citizens.

In any governing body, the minority party is supposed to negotiate and not try to ramrod their ideas down the throats of the majority. This has been the rule for so long.

For the record, the "Fantastic 5" were never a rubber stamp to Russ McEwen, who did more to move this city forward than any other mayor had done in the last 20 years. Mr. McEwen learned to work with the city council to get things done. Did he always get what he wanted? Of course he did not, but he was committed to all the citizens of Big Spring, even if it meant losing his job as mayor.

As for the "water park," it just astonishes me that we are still debating this issue as if it happened yesterday. People, this issue was resolved a long time ago and you need to move on. And if you voted against this "water park" then after it opens up you should stay away from it, keep your children from it, encourage your friends to stay away from it, too, and just get out of the way of my grandchildren, nieces and nephews from enjoying it.

As for term limits in all single member districts, you are the determining factor in replacing "your" city council members as many times as you see fit. As for how many terms your city council member gets it is solely up to the people in his district and not someone from across town who wants what he wants with no regard of how his or her decisions will impact the people of that district.

Why should the people at large determine how many terms my city council gets. I don't think so. There is Mrs. Joann Staulcup who has served for more than 10 years and Stephanie Horton who has served for 18 years. I tip my hat to both because they have served this city proudly and their districts have seen fit to keep them in for all of those years, even when they have faced challenges from others. Stephanie Horton has consistently represented the best interests of her District 1 voters and has voted against measures that would have hurt her district voters. She knows the area, the people of that districts and their limits of what they can afford and what they can't afford. She lives on the north side of Big Spring and represents it well. There are those who live across town who want her seat. Now, I ask you, how can someone who lives in the far south side really, really represent the north side residents? Now, a little lesson for some people of the city of Big Spring and how we finally got two minority districts to represent the minority community: Ever since I can remember, the city council seats were all at large seats, meaning that anyone could hold

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, give us serenity in this fast paced world. Amen

GAO report reveals that billions being spent on government waste

On the heels of a contentious debate in Congress over the federal budget, spending cuts, and talk of a government shutdown, the nonpartisan Government Accounting Office (GAO) released a very timely report on government waste. Its findings reveal numerous duplicative and unfocused government programs that are wasting billions of taxpayer dollars each year.

The GAO found 82 different programs for monitoring teachers, 80 programs for economic development, and 15 different federal agencies have food safety programs. The facts speak for themselves. This report should serve as a call to action elevating the level of urgency for the White House and Congressional Democrats to finally get serious about tackling the out of control deficit spending.

This recent GAO report underscores that with minimal effort, Congress can cut wasteful federal spending. Although the overall favorable reaction to the GAO report from leaders of both parties has been an encouraging sign, in the end actions will speak louder than words.

House Republicans recently passed a long-term bill to fund government operations, cutting \$100 billion from President Obama's budget proposal and \$61 billion from current spending levels. But Democrat leaders in the Senate refused to even consider the legislation or offer an alternative long-term funding bill that would cut spending. Instead, in order to avoid a government shutdown, a compromise was reached with a short-term funding bill that will keep the government running for two more weeks and that cuts \$4 billion in spending. It is a small step, but at least one that is head-

ing in the right direction.

Cutting government spending is how we can and must put our country back on a fiscally responsible path. I support cutting discretionary spending while carefully prioritizing investment in areas of strategic national importance. Spending restraint is needed to give businesses and investors the confidence to save and create jobs and bolster our economy through investment, and to ensure jobs for American workers and provide relief to struggling families.

While lawmakers in Congress continue to debate a sustainable federal budget, I am calling for immediate Congressional action to find cost-savings. The GAO report has shed light on duplicative government programs and can help inform our efforts to find efficiencies to reduce spending.

I plan to introduce an amendment to the final, long-term funding legislation when it comes before the Senate that will cut nearly \$800 million by eliminating unnecessary construction for new U.S. military infrastructure overseas in places like Germany.

In Germany, massive plans are underway to move U.S. Army Headquarters from Heidelberg to Wiesbaden even though European and African Commands already have substantial infrastructure in Stuttgart, where efficiencies would be available. These projects would create thousands of foreign jobs and require continuous taxpayer funding. This is a poor investment considering the serious limitations to U.S. military training and deployment capabilities overseas, and it would create duplicative headquarters. Furthermore, it costs 15 percent less to build in the United States than in Germany, and the work would be done by American workers.

In July of last year, I met with Defense Secretary Robert Gates to raise concern over the cost of overseas basing and its implica-

tions for Americans. Several months later, the GAO released report that I had requested specifically examining the costs and benefits of basing alternatives for Army Forces in Europe. It concluded that keeping four Brigades in Europe, instead of returning two Brigades as originally planned, will cost taxpayers nearly \$2 billion.

If we decrease funding for overseas military construction, it will mean more troops stationed, trained and deployed from our own soil. In addition to millions of dollars in savings for the American taxpayer, increasing military basing at home would meet our modern Armed Forces' strategic principles, while increasing troop readiness and quality of life for military families.

Throughout the last Congress, I worked tirelessly on this issue and plan to continue this fight. But this is just one example of a substantial and strategic way to reduce spending - there are many more opportunities for commonsense budget discipline.

We face a critical time in our nation's history when cutting spending has never been so vital to ensuring our economic stability and growth, over both the short and long term. In cases where efficiencies can be found that will bring spending down, consensus and swift congressional action should be a no brainer. It is my hope that my colleagues in Congress and the American people will be moved by the realities presented in this recent GAO report on government waste and open to supporting responsible proposals that will cut spending.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas. She can be contacted by mail at 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-4304. Also for more information you can visit her website at hutchison.senate.gov.

So, without any further adieu

Public speakers who are offended by shoddy introductions, even erroneous ones, must get over it, or find another line of work. In some cases, there are as many errors interspersed into introductory material as there are in the speeches that follows!

I committed my first public speech 50 years ago to the three members of the graduating class of London High School. It disbanded a few months later, but the superintendent assured me that it had nothing to do with anything I had said.

I was somewhat relieved. Only a few years older than the graduates, I doubt that I had much to say. I wasn't well-traveled, lacked experience and was trudging along in my second year as a college senior.

In the intervening years, I've been at lecterns something over 5,700 times. About everything that could happen has. During long-ago remarks at a funeral, an attendee keeled over dead. At a banquet for football officials, one of them tripped over a table leg, sending a dozen plates of food floorward—just before a punch line, I might add. I've spoken during cloudburst at outdoor graduations, and watched a dozen or more volunteer firefighters drop their dinner forks before racing out to respond to the wailing siren.

The world doesn't stop because a person is speaking.

Murphy's law is in play. Whatever bad can happen eventually does.



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The late Dr. Guy D. Newman, my president during college years, loved to tell the story about a speaker who felt he should clear up a few points included in his introduction. It seems that the introducer referred to him as "an Ohioan who has amassed millions of dollars in oil exploration."

"Actually, I'm not from Ohio, I'm from Pennsylvania," the speaker corrected. "And it wasn't in oil exploration, it was natural gas. And millions of dollars were not amassed, they were lost. And it wasn't me, it was my brother." That's not even close enough for government work!

A long-time minister-educator, Dr. Jimmie Nelson, keenly remembers an introduction that "covered the waterfront" prior to his speaking in Trinidad, West Indies. He calls it "the best introduction he ever received."

The pastor of the Sixth Company Baptist Church, eager to address Dr. Nelson properly, laid these titles on him, in succession: "Reverend, Doctor, Professor, Pastor, Brother Nelson."

"Fun" dialog often comes across TV airwaves. Last year, a young sportscaster on a West Texas television station, perhaps an intern or part-timer, provided a "teaser" for the upcoming sports segment.

"In major league baseball today, New York beat Boston, three points to one point; Cleveland bested Baltimore, 11 points to two points, and Texas scored a win over Oakland, one point to no points. Details follow this commercial break."

The point is, of course, that tallies in baseball, at any level, aren't called "points."

Our preacher made a strong introductory statement at worship recently. Following special

music, he urged us to "live what we sing."

I'm not sure the exact wording he chose for the other two services, both of which are contemporary, with most choruses repeated a few times.

Maybe he said, "We should live what we sing. We should live what we sing. We should live what we sing. We should live what we sing."

As one who still gets around the state for speaking engagements, I regard introductory flubs as absolute minutiae. During an introduction at a dinner for senior adults recently, the introducer presented a few facts before she gazed silently out into space.

She couldn't think of my name, finally blurting out, "Well, you know who it is!"

I thought of making some kind of clever come-back, but I couldn't think of her name!

Hey, senior adults are forgiven senior moments.

Sometimes responses following speeches can be priceless. In the early 1960's, I was invited to address the Presidio, Texas, Lions Club, some 80 miles from Alpine, where I was an instructor at Sul Ross State University.

It was a small club, and most of the members were bi-lingual in the little town on the Mexican border, near Big Bend National Park. Their English was better than my Spanish, which is limited to a dozen words or so.

Following my remarks, the club president, thanked me, smiling as he said, "I'm pretty sure we all enjoyed that."

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

Obituaries

Lola V. Rodriguez



Lola V. Rodriguez, 75, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 10, 2011, at her residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 13, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2011, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born April 10, 1935, in Big Spring. Lola married Jimmy R. Rodriguez April 14, 1956, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring and they had six children.

Lola was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. She owned and operated J & L Grocery Store for a number of years.

She was a loyal daughter-in-law to Papa Chon and worked for him as a waitress at the Spanish Inn for many years.

In 1978 she and Jimmy started Casa Blanca Restaurant. She owned and managed it until retiring in 1999.

Lola was a loving, caring person and had a great concern to see that everyone was fed and did not go hungry.

She never turned anyone away. She also enjoyed cooking for her family and gardening.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Parish and was a member of the Blue Army.

Survivors include the father of her children, Jimmy R. Rodriguez of Big Spring; four daughters, Mary "Eva" Garcia and husband, Oscar, Katie Haro and husband, David, Nati Rodriguez and Yvette Rodriguez, all of Big Spring; one son, Gary Rodriguez of Big Spring; one sister, Virginia Duron and husband, Santos of Big Spring; one brother, Frank Vela, Jr. and wife, Jane of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Michelle Cervantes, Gabriel Mendoza, Anthony Mendoza, Andrea Haro, Eddilisa Saldivar, David Michael Haro and Marcos Haro; five great-grandchildren, Amanda Lopez, Casey Cervantes, Manuel Cervantes III, Arianna Mendoza and Isabella Mendoza; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Francisco and Andrea Vela; one son, Eddie Rodriguez; and two brothers, Eugene Vela and Ramon Vela.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Vincent de Paul, P. O. Box 951, Big Spring 79721-0951.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Benjamin Deanda Jr.

Benjamin Deanda Jr., 46, of Midland, died Friday, March 11, 2011 in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Barbara Gage

Barbara Laswell Gage, 84, of Big Spring, died Friday, March 11, 2011 in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Illa Morgan

Illa Morgan, 94, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 10, 2011 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday:

- TYLER WAYLAN SMITH, 17, of 3312 Auburn Avenue was arrested Friday on a charge of tampering/fabricating physical evidence.

- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Rosemont St.

In the 300 block of Main St.

In the 1600 block of Bluebird.

In the 300 block of Tulane Avenue.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.

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.

TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a board election in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative of the above-referenced zone to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Dawson, Ector, Howard and Martin Counties; all of Borden County except all land east of a line 7 miles west of the Scurry County line that runs from the Garza County line to the Howard County line; and all of Midland County except for the southern region located south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glasscock County line.

Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the Permian Basin Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by March 14, 2011, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

The board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by March 29, 2011. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than April 13, 2011, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2010 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Permian Basin Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512-463-3285.

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Veterans News

VA town hall meeting talks about the future

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
Managing Editor

Changes in health care needs and technology are leading to adjustments in the West Texas VA Health Care System, but the Department of

Veteran's Affairs is still committed to providing "the right care in the right place at the right time," Daniel L. Marsh said last week.

Gathering with veterans Thursday evening in a town hall meeting

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Daniel L. Marsh, director of the West Texas VA Health Care System, talks with veterans during a town hall meeting at the Big Spring VA Hospital. He and others talked about how health care for veterans is changing, and plans for the future.

at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, Marsh and several others outlined new hours, new and current projects and new technology. Marsh is director of the West Texas VA Health Care System or WTVHCS, which covers a 53,000 square-mile area.

Noting that the WTVHCS was designated a Veterans Rural Access Hospital in October 2004, he said care in community based outpatient clinics has increased, with clinics now open in Odessa, San Angelo, Abilene, Stamford, Fort Stockton and Hobbs, N.M., as well as Big Spring.

Patient care professionals told those present that 85 percent of veterans coming to the Big Spring facility do so between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and that 75 to 90 percent of the cases do not require urgent attention.

"We have not been an emergency room for some time. We are at best an urgent care facility," Dr. Martin Schnier, chief of staff, said.

The facility is currently open 24 hours a day,

365 days a year, veterans were told. But many nights, hospital staff treat no patients.

Because of this, it has been proposed that the local facility change its hours to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and close on weekends and federal holidays. It is expected that change in hours will take place sometime in April.

Veterans will still be able to get 24-hour care, officials insist, through a nurse triage by calling 1-800-472-1365, ext. 5678 or 1-866-862-7863. Veterans' medical needs will be assessed and appropriate action taken, officials said, whether it be making an appointment for the individual, or referring them to emergency care at Scenic Mountain Medical Center or other emergency facility near their location.

"Nationwide, there are fewer patients coming in and staying in hospitals," said Dr. Schnier. Therefore, he added, rural hospitals are reviewing the most appropriate types of care to provide.

One method West Texas VHCS has found

successful is by sending medical care teams to the patients — many of whom find it difficult to get to the local facility because of a disability, illness or other cause. WTVHCS's home based care currently serves 39 veterans within a 60-mile radius of Big Spring. Officials are hoping to expand the program so that home based care can also be operated out of WTVHCS' other clinics in the future.

In addition, the WTVHCS is in the process of acquiring a two-exam room mobile clinic that would travel essentially across the 53,000 square-mile area, parking and treating veterans at scheduled stops.

Locally, officials pointed to the newly-constructed Veteran Healing Center, a 40-bed, \$7 million residential rehabilitation facility which will treat veterans who have alcohol, drug and other problems.

Still to come, they said is a community living center and four cottages which will each house 12 residents. The living center will include a salon or barber shop, rec-

reational facilities and other amenities.

Other projects are renovation of the fourth floor to house mental health outpatient needs, a complete remodel of the canteen (cafeteria) area, doubling the size of the retail store and expanding the eye clinic and dental clinic.

In addition, Marsh said, new technology is on the horizon which will save veterans a lot of time and expense.

Called Telehealth, the technology incorporates high definition cameras that will allow a medical specialist to see a patient thousands of miles away and, with the help of a local medical professional, make a diagnosis.

"It's ridiculous when someone has to drive 18 hours to Albuquerque to have three stitches removed," said Marsh. "But many times the specialist insists on seeing the wound before the stitches can come out. So the patient has to drive to Albuquerque to have the stitches out. This (Telehealth) would allow that person to be able to drive a short distance and be examined by the specialist and the local (medical professional) could remove the stitches."

More than once during the presentation Marsh encouraged veterans to register with the VA.

"We are working to get the word out, let everyone know where we are, where our clinics are and if they have not registered, get them to register with us," he said. "We'll still see veterans who don't register, but it is important to get them registered so we get reimbursed for them."

The WTVHCS has 565 employees on the payroll, according to Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations coordinator, including clinic staff. There are about 17,000 veterans enrolled in the primary service area, she said.



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News in brief

Oklahoma wildfires dying down as wind stills

HARRAH, Okla. (AP) — Wildfires that have caused extensive damage in Oklahoma and Texas are dying down.

Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management spokeswoman Michelann Ooten says there are still a few hotspots and areas with smoke but it's nothing like what the state experienced Friday. Unseasonably warm temperatures and winds with gusts of over 40 mph helped fuel fires that destroyed at least 49 homes.

Fires also destroyed a handful of homes and charred more than 3,000 acres in Texas.

Ooten said Saturday that weather conditions had improved, with the wind dying down and a cold front moving in.

A statement from the Texas Forest Service says weather conditions there also are expected to improve Saturday.

Marshals seeking Nigeria's help with fugitive

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Marshals Service is "aggressively pursuing" a woman charged in a deadly day care fire in Texas and is working with Nigerian officials to find her, an agency spokesman said Friday.

Authorities believe Jessica Tata, 22, fled to Nigeria two days after a fire erupted at her home day care center in Houston on Feb. 24. Four children were killed and three others were injured. Investigators believe the children had been left alone.

"U.S. Marshals investigators are aggressively pursuing this case," Jeff Carter, the agency's spokesman in Washington, told The Associated Press. "The U.S. Marshals Service in Washington has been in contact with Nigerian officials, through the appropriate law enforcement and diplomatic channels, to let them know of our interest and solicit their cooperation in locating Jessica Tata."

Tata has been charged with manslaughter, injury to a child and child abandonment amid accusations she left the youngsters alone while she shopped. Fire investigators said they received a tip that she had relatives in Nigeria and might flee.

Another U.S. Marshals Service spokesman, Alfredo Perez, said earlier Friday that agents were actively looking for Tata but haven't confirmed her location.

"The bottom line is that we don't know where she's at," Perez said.

Spokeswoman says Jewel and baby fine after wreck

STEPHENVILLE (AP) — Country singer Jewel, who is pregnant, was taken to a hospital after a collision involving a volunteer fire department truck.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said no one was injured in the two-vehicle collision, but that Jewel was taken to a local hospital for observation. The wreck occurred at a rural intersection and involved a fire truck driven by Erath County Commissioner Jim Pack, who was responding to a grass fire. His siren and lights were on.

Jewel's spokeswoman told The Associated Press the singer was struck by the fire truck, taken to the hospital "and current medical tests conducted indicate that she and the baby are doing fine."

The accident remains under investigation.

Jewel and rodeo champion Ty Murray were married in 2008 and own a Texas ranch.

Oak Farms plant recalls 64,000 units

WACO (AP) — The Oak Farms Dairy plant in Waco is voluntarily recalling 64,000 units of milk distributed in 10 Texas cities.

Routine testing found Alkaline Phosphatase, an enzyme naturally present in raw milk, but not present in milk that has been sufficiently pasteurized. No illnesses have been reported.

The milk was distributed in San Antonio, Austin, Waco, Temple, Killeen, Hillsboro, Mexia, Wichita Falls, Lindale and Jacksonville through retailers, schools and food service settings.

The recall includes only half-gallon plastic bottles of whole chocolate milk, half-pint paper cartons of whole chocolate milk, and half-pint paper cartons of 1 percent chocolate milk that carry the Oak Farms Dairy

name and the plant code 48-3302. Packages are printed with a "BEST BY" or "SELL BY" date of March 22, 2011 (printed as MAR 22 on paper half pints, 03/22/11 on plastic half gallons) and a UPC code of 4127100724, 7002635006 or 7002635007. Only packages with the plant code 48-3302 are being recalled.

No other Oak Farms Dairy products are affected by this recall. Dallas and Houston are not affected.

Truck used by escaped Texas prisoner found

HOUSTON (AP) — A stolen pickup truck used by a convict to escape from a Southeast Texas prison has been found, authorities said Friday.

The white pickup used by fugitive David Puckett in the back parking lot of an extended-stay hotel. The site is near the hospital where Puckett was spotted hours after he was injured

while escaping from the prison in Beaumont, about 90 miles to the east.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark said Puckett remains at large.

Puckett, 27, is believed to have suffered cuts and wounds to his upper body while scaling a fence with razor wire during his escape from the Stiles Unit Wednesday evening. Authorities say he walked Wednesday night into St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston's Texas Medical Center and fled when he saw law enforcement officers. A review of hospital surveillance video confirmed it was him.

On Friday afternoon, Houston police cordoned off for several hours a Baylor clinic at the medical center after getting a call of a possible sighting of Puckett. He was not found.

Puckett was serving 30 years for aggravated assault of a police officer in Lavaca County.



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Wes-Tex Announces Stimulus Plans

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Wes-Tex Telecommunications, Ltd. are pleased to announce the beginning of construction for the Western Texas Broadband Infrastructure Development Project. This project, totaling \$33,783,750, is funded by the American Recovery Reinvestment Act and administered by The United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development. The funding will be used to provide broadband infrastructure to increase Internet availability and access speeds in rural areas of west Texas.

Wes-Tex plans on providing this new infrastructure over a combination of fiber optic cable and 4G wireless assets throughout the nine county service territory of Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and surrounding the cities of Big Spring and Stanton, Texas.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the initial awards to providers in 8 states to provide improved economic and educational opportunities to rural consumers. "The broadband projects announced today will give rural Americans access to the tools they need to attract new businesses, educational opportunities and jobs," Vilsack said. "The Obama Administration understands that bringing broadband to rural America provides a gateway for businesses and key anchor institutions - such as libraries, schools, public buildings and community centers to provide services to thousands of Americans. These projects will create jobs building these networks, and the completed systems will provide a platform for rural economic growth for years to come."

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 became law on February 17, 2009 with the intention of stimulating the economy while saving/creating jobs for Americans. Wes-Tex has been able to retain its entire workforce as well as add jobs to fulfill its construction commitments through its federal award from the Recovery Act.

Additional information about Wes-Tex or USDA's Recovery Act efforts is available at www.westex.coop or www.usda.gov/recovery. More information about the Federal government's efforts on the Recovery Act is available at www.recovery.gov.

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News in brief

Libyan rebels say they lose oil port, but vow to regroup

AJDABIYA, Libya (AP) — Moammar Gadhafi's regime drove out pockets of rebel fighters who were keeping a tenuous hold around oil facilities in a key port city, showing growing strength Saturday after days of relentless shelling against protesters-turned-rebels.

Gen. Abdel-Fattah Younis, who was the country's interior minister before he defected to the rebel side, acknowledged Saturday that Gadhafi's forces now control both the town and the oil refinery in Ras Lanouf, 380 miles (615 kilometers) southeast of the capital, Tripoli. It was the latest setback for opposition forces who just a week ago held the entire eastern half of the country and were charging toward the capital.

But Younis vowed a comeback, saying "we should be back today or at the latest tomorrow."

The assault on Ras Lanouf in recent days was a sign the Gadhafi camp had regrouped after it first seemed to reel in confusion for the much of the uprising that began Feb. 15. With Gadhafi's men on the march against rebels, the international community appeared in disarray over how to stop the bloodshed.

Arab foreign ministers were meeting in Egypt on Saturday to discuss a no-fly zone over Libya to protect the civilian population from the Gadhafi regime's fighter jets. But the Arab League's member

states are divided over how to deal with the Libyan crisis, signaling it would be a tough debate.

Calif., Ore. must clean up what tsunami waves had wrought: destroyed docks, damaged boats

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP) — The tsunami warnings moved faster than the waves, giving millions of people across the Pacific hours to flee to higher ground. Now they are left to clean up what the waves had wrought: Destroyed docks and damaged boats.

A deadly tsunami generated by an 8.9-magnitude earthquake in Japan raced across the Pacific on Friday and into marinas and harbors in Hawaii and on the West Coast, sending boats crashing into one another, carrying some out to sea and demolishing docks.

The damage — the most severe in two seaside towns along the Oregon-California border — was estimated to be in the millions.

"This is just devastating. I never thought I'd see this again," said Ted Scott, a retired mill worker who lived in Crescent City, Calif., when a 1964 tsunami killed 11 people, 17 total along the West Coast.

Still, there was relief that the destruction in the U.S. was nothing like that in Japan. The offshore quake pushed water onto land, sometimes miles in-

land, sweeping away boats, cars, homes and people. Hundreds are dead.

Obama pledges to pursue the fight for women's equality

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama pledged on Saturday to continue the fight to help women get fair wages, escape poverty and compete in academic areas with higher earning potential such as math and engineering.

"At a time when folks across this country are struggling to make ends meet — and many families are just trying to get by on one paycheck after a job loss — it's a reminder that achieving equal pay for equal work isn't just a women's issue," the president said in his weekly radio and online address. "It's a family issue."

Efforts are still continuing to address problems highlighted by a commission led by former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt almost 50 years ago that looked at the status of women and the unfairness they face.

Obama noted that one of his first acts as president was to sign a law allowing women who've been discriminated against in their salaries to have their day in court. Obama said he was disappointed when a bill to give women more power to stop pay disparities — the Paycheck Fairness Act — was blocked in the Senate.

East Coast flooding leads to hundreds of evacuations; communities watching rivers rise

WOODLAND PARK, N.J. (AP) — Anxious officials from Maryland to Maine were closely monitoring swollen rivers and other waterways that were expected to overflow their banks early Saturday, causing more hardships for communities where major flooding forced hundreds of people from their homes.

Forecasters warned that the worst was yet to come for many areas, especially parts of flood-prone northern New Jersey that were already under water after a storm that dropped as much as 5 inches of rain in some areas from Thursday afternoon through Friday morning. That came just days after most of the same areas — which are emerging from a snow-filled winter — were flooded by another round of heavy rains.

And while the water was not expected to recede in some spots for a few days, there was one positive sign: The National Weather Service said no major rains were expected there for several days, giving those areas a chance to dry out once the waterways drop back below flood levels.

But that provided little relief for residents who had to be evacuated from their homes and spent the night in shelters, or those who spent most of Friday getting water out their basements.

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Scenes of devastation at heart of disaster

SENDAI, Japan (AP) — Miles from the ocean's edge, weary, mud-spattered survivors wandered streets strewn with fallen trees, crumpled cars, even small airplanes. Relics of lives now destroyed were everywhere — half a piano, a textbook, a soiled red sleeping bag.

On Saturday, a day after a massive tsunami tore through Sendai, residents surveyed the devastation that has laid waste to whole sections of the northern part of 1 million people, 80 miles (128 kilometers) from the epicenter of the 8.9-magnitude earthquake that set off one of the greatest disasters in Japan's history.

Rescue workers plied boats through murky waters around flooded structures, nosing their way through a sea of detritus, while smoke from at least one large fire billowed in the distance. Power and phone reception remained cut as the city continued to be jolted by powerful aftershocks.

A still unknown number of people perished. Police said they found 200 to 300 bodies washed up on nearby beaches, but authorities were still assessing the extent of the devastation in the city and along the nearby coast.

Rail operators lost contact with four trains running on coastal lines Friday and still had not found them by Saturday afternoon, Kyodo News agency reported. East Japan Railway Co. said it did not know how many people were aboard.

Overall, the country's

official death toll stood at 574, although local media reports said at least 1,300 people may have been killed. Prime Minister Naoto Kan said 50,000 troops would join rescue and recovery efforts, and rescuers still had not reached some of the hardest-hit areas by late Saturday, some 30 hours after the quake.

Hundreds of people lined up outside the few still-operating supermarkets in Sendai, stocking up on drinks and instant noodles, knowing it would be a long time before life returns to anything like normal. Some recalled how they cheated death as the massive waves swept some 6 miles (10 kilometers) inland.

A convenience store 3 miles (5 kilometers) from the shore was open for business, though there was no power and the floors were covered with a thick layer of grime.

"The flood came in from behind the store and swept around both sides," said shop owner Wakio Fukushima. "Cars were flowing right by."

Many Sendai residents spent the night outdoors, or wandering debris-strewn streets, unable to return to homes damaged or destroyed by the quake or tsunami. Those who did find a place to rest for the night awoke to scenes of utter devastation.

The city's Wakabayashi district, which runs directly up to the sea, was a swampy wasteland with murky, waist-high water. Most houses were completely flattened, as if a giant

bulldozer had swept through.

Satako Yusawa, 69, said she has felt many earthquakes but never anything like what hit Friday afternoon.

"I was having tea at a friend's house when the quake hit. We were desperately trying to hold the furniture up, but the shaking was so fierce that we just panicked," she said.

She said her son had just borrowed a large amount of money to build a house, and the family moved in on Feb. 11. Luckily, he was out of town when the quake and tsunami hit, but on Saturday they couldn't find the house, or even where it used to stand.

Yusawa broke into tears as she looked out over the devastation.

"This is life," she said.

At an electronics store in the city, workers gave away batteries, flashlights and cell phone chargers. Several dozen people waited patiently outside.

From a distance, the store appeared to have survived the devastation intact. But a closer look revealed several smashed windows and slightly buckled walls.

Inside was chaos. The ceiling of the second floor had collapsed, and large TVs, air conditioners and other products lay smashed and strewn about the aisles.

The contents of the entire building were soaked by the automatic sprinklers that were triggered by the quake.

"Things were shaking so much we couldn't stand up," said Hiroyuki Kamada, who was work-

ing in the store when the initial quake hit. "After three or four minutes it lessened a bit and we dashed outside."

The tsunami directly hit the city's dock area and then barreled down a long approach road, carrying giant metal shipping containers about a mile (2 kilometers) inland and smashing buildings along the way.

Hundreds of cars and trucks were strewn throughout the area — on top of buildings, wedged into stairwells, standing on their noses or leaning against each other as if in prayer.

Most ships in port

managed to escape to sea before the tsunami hit, but a large Korean ship was swept onto the dock.

Most buildings out of range of the tsunami appeared to have survived the quake without much damage, though some older wooden structures were toppled. Paved roads had buckled in some places.

Cell phone saleswoman Naomi Ishizawa, 24, was working when the quake hit in the mid-afternoon. She said it took until nightfall to reach her house just outside Sendai and check on her parents, who were both OK. Their home was

still standing, but the walls of a bedroom and bathroom had collapsed and debris was strewn throughout.

And yet, she was lucky. The tsunami's inland march stopped just short of her residence; other houses in her neighborhood were totally destroyed.

Like many people throughout Japan's northeast, she had not heard from others in her family and was worried.

"My uncle and his family live in an area near the shore where there were a lot of deaths," Ishizawa said. "We can't reach them."

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Explosion at nuke plant, death toll rises

IWAKI, Japan (AP) — An explosion at a nuclear power station Saturday destroyed a building housing the reactor, but a radiation leak was decreasing despite fears of a meltdown from damage caused by a powerful earthquake and tsunami, officials said.

Government spokesman Yukio Edano said the explosion destroyed the exterior walls of the building where the reactor is placed, but not the actual metal housing enveloping the reactor.

That was welcome news for a country suffering from Friday's double disaster that pulverized the northeastern coast, leaving at least 574 people dead by official count.

The scale of destruction was not yet known, but there were grim signs that the death toll could soar. One report said four whole trains had disappeared Friday and still not been locat-

ed. Local media reports said at least 1,300 people may have been killed.

Edano said the radiation around the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant had not risen after the blast, but had in fact decreased. He did not say why radiation was that was so.

Officials have not given specific radiation readings for the area, though they said they were elevated before the blast: At one point, the plant was releasing each hour the amount of radiation a person normally absorbs from the environment each year.

Virtually any increase in ambient radiation can raise long-term cancer rates.

The pressure in the reactor was also decreasing after the blast, he said.

The explosion was preceded by puff of white smoke that gathered intensity until it became a huge cloud enveloping the entire facility,

The true scale of the destruction was still not known more than 24 hours after the quake since washed-out roads and closed airports have hindered access to the area. An untold number of bodies were believed to be buried in the rubble and debris.

located in Fukushima, 20 miles (30 kilometers) from Iwaki. After the explosion, the walls of the building crumbled, leaving only a skeletal metal frame.

Tokyo Power Electric Co., the utility that runs the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, said four workers suffered fractures and bruises and were being treated at a hospital.

"We have confirmed that the walls of this building were what exploded, and it was not the reactor's container that exploded," said Edano.

The trouble began at the plant's Unit 1 after the massive 8.9-magnitude earthquake and the tsunami it spawned knocked out power there, depriving it of its cooling system.

The concerns about a radiation leak at the nuclear power plant overshadowed the massive tragedy laid out along a 1,300-mile (2,100-kilometer) stretch of the coastline where scores of villages, towns and cities were battered by the tsunami, packing 23-feet (7-meter) high waves.

It swept inland about six miles (10 kilometers) in some areas, swallowing boats, homes, cars, trees and everything else.

"The tsunami was unbelievably fast," said Koichi Takairin, a 34-year-old truck driver who was inside his sturdy four-ton rig when the wave hit the port town of Sendai.

"Smaller cars were being swept around

me," he said. "All I could do was sit in my truck."

His rig ruined, he joined the steady flow of survivors who walked along the road away from the sea and back into the city on Saturday.

Smashed cars and small airplanes were jumbled up against buildings near the local airport, several miles (kilometers) from the shore. Felled trees and wooden debris lay everywhere as rescue workers coasted on boats through murky waters around flooded structures, nosing their way through a sea of debris.

According to official figures, 586 people are missing and 1,105 injured. In addition, police said between 200 and 300 bodies were found along the coast in Sendai, the biggest city in the area near the quake's epicenter.

The true scale of the destruction was still not known more than 24 hours after the quake since washed-out roads and shut airports have hindered access to the area. An untold number of bodies were believed to be buried in the rubble and debris.

Meanwhile, the first wave of military rescuers began arriving by boats and helicopters.

Prime Minister Naoto Kan said 50,000 troops joined rescue and recovery efforts, aided by boats and helicopters. Dozens of countries also offered help. President Barack Obama pledged

U.S. assistance following what he called a potentially "catastrophic" disaster. He said one U.S. aircraft carrier was already in Japan and a second was on its way. Washington has also dispatched urban search and rescue teams, according to U.S. Ambassador John Roos.

More than 215,000 people were living in 1,350 temporary shelters in five prefectures, or states, the national police agency said. Since the quake, more than 1 million households have not had water, mostly concentrated in northeast. Some 4 million buildings were without power.

About 24 percent of electricity in Japan is produced by 55 nuclear power units in 17 plants and some were in trouble after the quake.

Japan declared states of emergency at two power plants after their units lost cooling ability.

Although the government spokesman played down fears of radiation leak, the Japanese nuclear agency spokesman Shinji Kinjo acknowledged there were still fears of a meltdown.

A "meltdown" is not a technical term. Rather, it is an informal way of referring to a very serious collapse of a power plant's systems and its ability to manage temperatures.

Yaroslov Shtrombakh, a Russian nuclear expert, said a Chernobyl-style meltdown was unlikely.

"It's not a fast reaction like at Chernobyl," he said. "I think that everything will be contained within the grounds, and there will be no big catastrophe."

In 1986, the Chernobyl nuclear reactor exploded and caught fire, sending a cloud of radiation over much of Europe. That reactor — unlike the Fukushima one — was not housed in

a sealed container, so there was no way to contain the radiation once the reactor exploded.

The reactor in trouble has already leaked some radiation: Before the explosion, operators had detected eight times the normal radiation levels outside the facility and 1,000 times normal inside Unit 1's control room.

An evacuation area around the plant was expanded to a radius of 12 miles (20 kilometers) from the six miles (10 kilometers) before. People in the expanded area were advised to leave quickly; 51,000 residents were previously evacuated.

"Everyone wants to get out of the town. But the roads are terrible," said Reiko Takagi, a middle-aged woman, standing outside a taxi company. "It is too dangerous to go anywhere. But we are afraid that winds may change and bring radiation toward us."

The transport ministry said all highways from Tokyo leading to quake-hit areas were closed, except for emergency vehicles. Mobile communications were spotty and calls to the devastated areas were going unanswered.

Local TV stations broadcast footage of people lining up for water and food such as rice balls.

In Fukushima, city officials were handing out bottled drinks, snacks and blankets. But there were large areas that were surrounded by water and were unreachable.

One hospital in Miyagi prefecture was seen surrounded by water. The staff had painted an SOS on its rooftop and were waving white flags.

Technologically advanced Japan is well prepared for quakes and its buildings can withstand strong jolts, even a temblor like Friday's, which was the strongest the country has experienced since official records started in the late 1800s.

What was beyond human control was the killer tsunami that followed.

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a seat on the city council for any district. This led to some people getting elected to districts that they had no interest in helping, but to help themselves and the minority people never had representation on the city council. This was to say the least "not fair," but that was the way it was. The results of those elections were — no improvements to our infrastructure, like basic need such as water, sewer, utilities and road improvements. When all the south side had paved roads, we had dirt roads that were hard to navigate in the rain. We all felt like second-rate citizens. In the 1980s, yes, 30 years later, three courageous women along

with LULAC filed a federal lawsuit against the city, school, college and county for our small "piece" of the pie that the minority community deserved. Of course the entities mentioned opposed this lawsuit, and on what grounds? Your guess is as good as mine. But after a lengthy battle and with help from a person who finally opened his eyes to the injustices done to the minority community, Mr. Russ McEwen, a councilman at that time, was instrumental in helping settle the federal lawsuit. Thank you Mr. McEwen, so much.

Of course this lawsuit brought consequences to the three courageous Hispanic ladies who put their names and lives in the spotlight. They were hassled and some were even fired from their jobs because they were

labeled troublemakers; now figure that one out and get back to me. What a price to pay, but they were ladies of principle and stood up when it would have been easier to sit down. By the way, one of these ladies is now the state deputy director of LULAC of Texas; another is a retired school teacher.

Now that the people in District 1 know the sacrifices these three ladies made to have District 1 and 2 as the only minority districts represented by a minority that knows the district, it is now up to you to: 1. register to vote, 2. go out and vote, and 3. vote for someone you know will represent your or your families that still live on the north side of town. It is your right to vote, so exercise it.

TONY MARQUEZ
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A bit of advice

TO THE EDITOR:

My advice to the BS school system: Before you cut any classes or any libraries, think about cutting football, baseball and basketball and any other team sport and call on volunteers to coach individual sports such as tennis, golf and track.

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Honor a memory

To the Editor:

I'm writing this to honor the memory of a very special person. I met him and his dear wife many years ago at church. My heart was touched by their kindness and caring for others and by the way they used their God-given talents to make the world a more beautiful place. She painted pictures

from the Bible for the little ones at Sunday school and his gift was one that filled the air with beauty every Sunday as he led the church choir in song.

His song is now heard in heaven for God called him home Feb. 25, 2011. Goodbye, Raford Dugan. You were a fine man and will be missed.

LANA ANGUIANO
BIG SPRING

Right on target

TO THE EDITOR:

I read Ms. Bailey's letter in last week's *herald* and believe she is right on target.

Our council is made up of too many members who have been in office too long and now believe they know what is best for us. I live in District 1. I know Marcus Fernandez very well and know he is a Christian and a conservative

who loves this community. I am in support of electing Mr. Fernandez as our council representative and know he will listen to our concerns and concentrate on our infrastructure like water lines, streets and water supply issues that have been ignored for far too long.

Please join me in supporting Mr. Fernandez. If we can get a majority of council members who believe in improving our street and water issues while we begin to lower the tax burden on our citizens, Big Spring will begin to prosper and attract more business, industry and people to our community. It is time for a change. Please vote for Marcus Fernandez as your next councilman in District 1 on May 14. I will.

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Floyd Green prepares to put a batch of sausage in the oven during the Kiwanis Club's annual pancake supper at the Howard College Cafeteria Friday evening.

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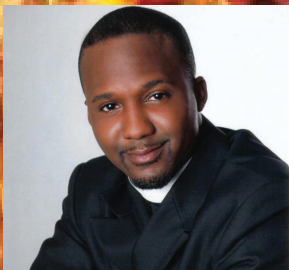
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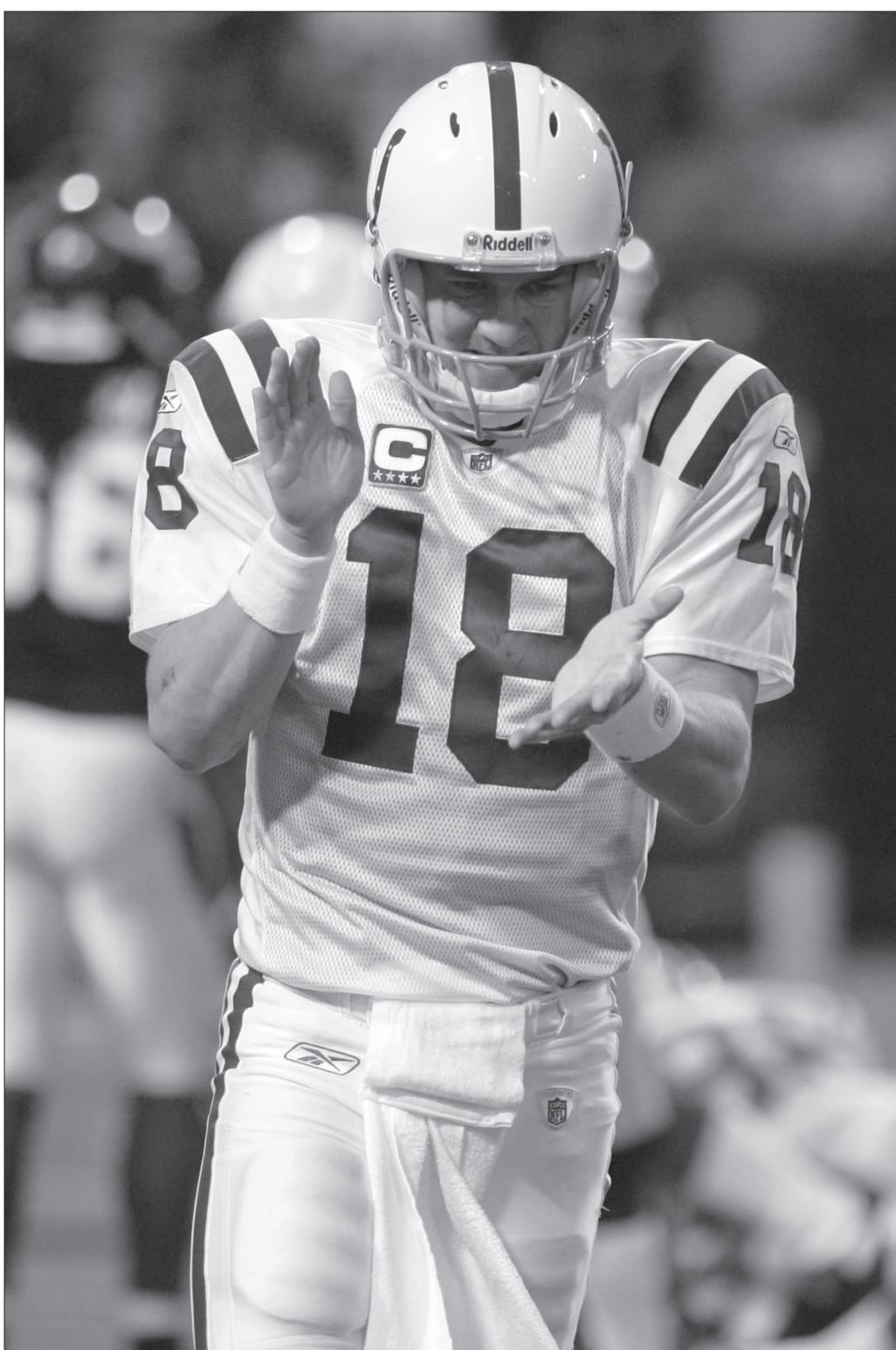
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Lockout, decertification leave NFL in limbo



AP File Photo

Peyton Manning is one of the NFL players filing antitrust lawsuits following Friday's news of the lockout.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — All along, the NFL said it was certain the players' union would decertify and head to court.

All along, the union insisted the league's owners were planning to lock out the players.

And that's exactly what happened. Unable to decide how to divvy up \$9 billion a year, NFL owners and players put the country's most popular sport in limbo by breaking off labor negotiations hours before their contract expired. At midnight, as Friday became Saturday, the owners locked out the players — creating the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987 and putting the 2011 season in jeopardy.

The league said in a statement Saturday it was "taking the difficult but necessary step of exercising its right under federal labor law to impose a lockout of the union."

On Friday, the union decertified, and 10 players, including MVP quarterbacks Tom Brady and Peyton Manning, sued the owners in federal court in Minneapolis, saying the league violated antitrust laws. The players also sought an injunction to block a lockout — even before one had been imposed.

Despite two extensions to the collective bargaining agreement during 16 days of talks overseen by a federal mediator — following months of stop-and-start negotiating — the sides could not agree on a new deal.

The league's statement Saturday called the NFL Players Association's decertification a "sham" and said the players' court action is "built on the indisputably false premise that the NFLPA has stopped being a union and will merely delay the process of reaching an agreement."

The statement told fans: "We know that you want football. You will have football. This will be resolved."

As was clear all along, the dispute came down to money. In the end, it appeared the sides were about \$185 million apart on how much owners should get up front each season for certain operating expenses before splitting the rest of the revenues with players — a far cry from the \$1 billion that separated the sides for months.

But the union refused to budge any further without getting detailed financial information for each team.

"I would dare any one of you to pull out any economic indicator that would suggest that the National Football League is falling on hard times," NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith said. "The last 14 days, the National Football League has said, 'Trust us.' But when it came time for verification, they told us it was none of our business."

By dissolving and announcing its no collective bargaining, the union cleared the way for class-action lawsuits against the NFL, which exercised a CBA opt-out clause in 2008. The antitrust suit — forever to be known as Brady et al vs. National Football League et al — attacked the league's policies on the draft, salary cap and free-agent restrictions such as franchise-player tags.

Invoking the Sherman Act, a federal antitrust statute from 1890 that limits monopolies and restrictions on commerce, the players are seeking triple the amount of damages they've incurred. That means the stakes could be in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

It could take a month for there to be a ruling on the union's injunction request, and antitrust judgments should take longer.

Depending on what happens in court — a Minnesota judge has held

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Foster Burchett hits for cycle, Buffs win

Foster Burchett hit for the cycle as the Forsan Buffs thrashed Anson 14-4 in five innings Friday at home.

Burchett was 4 for 4 including a three-run home run in the fifth inning. He had four RBIs. The Buffs' other home run came from Bryson Phillips. Trevor Burchett was 3 for 4. There was no shortage of offense for Forsan, either. The Buffs had 12 total

hits in Friday's game.

Payton Parker got the win for Forsan, pushing his record to 3-1. In five innings, he allowed five hits and five strikeouts.

Forsan improves to 9-2 with the win and with no more tournaments for the rest of the season, Forsan's attention turns to District 3-2A. The Buffs are at Post Tuesday.

Rangers CEO Greenberg leaving

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — It didn't take long for Chuck Greenberg to become a very visible figure for the Texas Rangers, buying the team in a dramatic bankruptcy court showdown and then taking on the role of CEO and managing partner before the team's first-ever World Series.

On Friday, seven months after his investment group bought the team, the AL champion Rangers abruptly announced that Greenberg was leaving the organization. The move came three weeks before the season open-

er. Growing differences between the charismatic CEO, team president Nolan Ryan and board co-chairmen Ray Davis and Bob Simpson had been an ongoing issue out of the public eye.

"In reality, management styles and chemistries sometimes don't fit together. That was the situation with Chuck and the board and Nolan," Davis said. "Chuck made a huge contribution and we wish him all the best success in the world in whatever he

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Japanese players try to get news after earthquake

The Associated Press

Boston pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka tried to get in touch with his grandmother. Oakland slugger Hideki Matsui prayed for the victims. Mets reliever Ryota Igarashi stayed up all night to see the devastation.

All across spring training, Japanese ballplayers worried Friday about those at home. Hundreds of people were killed or missing after Japan was struck by its biggest recorded earthquake and a massive tsunami.

"It's a tough situation," Red Sox reliever Hideki Okajima said through a translator. "You can't control na-

ture, but when something like this happens, you really realize the power of nature."

Matsuzaka said his parents in Tokyo were all right, but "I haven't been able to get in touch with my grandmother," he said.

At the Texas camp, pitcher Yoshinori Tateyama stood in front of a TV tuned to CNN. As he watched the pictures, he used his fingers to draw a map of Japan on a table, trying to show Rangers teammates Josh Hamilton and Mitch Moreland where the damage occurred.

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HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Junior Garcia fields a ball during the Big Spring Steers' game against Andrews Friday. The Steers wrapped up the Big Spring tournament Saturday. Catch complete results in Monday's edition of the Big Spring Herald.

Sports in brief

Coahoma girls softball sign-ups

Sign-ups are March 17-19 and 24-26. Times for those days are 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The fee is \$60, no fundraiser. Shirts and shorts will be provided. There will be a tournament hosted for every age group. Call Billy Newton at (325) 207-2640 or (432) 394-4294 or Amy Overton at (432) 816-1968 for more information.

Chicano Golf Association

The association is hosting its individual tournament at 10 a.m. today at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The deadline to register is 9:30 a.m. today.

Ragball tournament

The tourney takes places from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. today. The cost for a team of 10 is \$100 or \$125 for as many as you want.

This helps support the Big Spring Junior High School science trip. Contact Katrina Gonzales at 816-6752 for more information.

Chubby Abrego Scholarship Golf Tournament

This tournament begins 8 a.m. April 9 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. It's a 4-man scramble, the cost is \$60 and that includes a meal. The tournament

helps fund scholarships for Coahoma High School athletes. For more information, contact Rocky McCullough at (432) 213-4868, DeLoyd Hooser at (432) 816-9051 or Gene Piercefield at (432) 816-1134. Prizes will be included.

Pony League baseball

Pony League baseball sign-ups will be held at the Big Spring Mall on March 19 and 26, and on April 2. Times are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., age 13 to 15.

Birth certificate is required. Cost is \$80 and includes full uniform (except cleats).

For more information, call Bryan Kligora at 816-2582.

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endeavors to do.”

The ownership group has already bought out Greenberg's small financial stake in the team. Simpson said Greenberg turned down the opportunity for another position in the group, one “not in the full role that he was enjoying.”

Ryan will add the title of CEO and oversee baseball and business operations, reporting directly to the team's board of directors. The Hall of Fame pitcher, who finished his 27-season playing career with the Rangers, became their team president in February 2008.

Davis and Simpson, the largest investors in the ownership group, wouldn't get into specifics about the differences with Greenberg in what was their first formal news conference since taking over the team last year. Neither would Ryan.

“I don't really think there was an event that created the separation. I think it was just a combination of philosophies,” Ryan said. “It's like a marriage, you never know. You think things are going to work. ... In busi-

ness until you really get in there on a day-to-day basis do you really get a true feel for how it's going to work.”

Greenberg didn't return several messages left by The Associated Press, but in a statement released earlier by the team indicated the differences in the ownership group.

“Unfortunately, Nolan Ryan, the co-chairmen and I have somewhat different styles. While I am disappointed we did not work through our differences, I remain wholeheartedly committed to doing what's right for the franchise,” Greenberg said. “Together we concluded it is best for all concerned for me to sell my interest back to Rangers Baseball Express and move on. I do so with a heavy heart.”

Greenberg, a Pittsburgh attorney who owns two minor league baseball teams, recently moved into a new home in North Texas. His role had been to oversee the business side of the franchise while Ryan took care of baseball operations.

Greenberg and Ryan were the most visible figures during the prolonged process of purchasing the Rangers from Tom Hicks. After entering into exclusive negotiations with Hicks in December 2009, an initial agreement was reached the following month.

But the acquisition was delayed and ended up in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. The team's May filing included a plan to sell to the investor group led by Greenberg and Ryan, but angry creditors successfully argued to reopen the bidding.

The messy court fight dragged on for 11 weeks and included an auction showdown with Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban last August. The Ryan-Greenberg group finally won with a bid valued at about \$590 million.

“Chuck's determination during an extremely long and complicated sales process was crucial in delivering a positive outcome for our ownership group last August,” Ryan said. “We owe him a great deal of thanks for those efforts.”

Davis touted Greenberg for putting the ownership group together and “spearheading through the bankruptcy process.”

The day after Major League Baseball formally approved the sale, Greenberg and Ryan announced lower prices for concessions, parking and merchandise at Rangers Ballpark. When Greenberg wasn't sitting in the front row with Ryan through the end of the regular season and in the playoffs, he

was often interacting with fans.

In the weeks after the World Series, which the Rangers lost in five games to San Francisco, the team added a new chief operating officer and three vice presidents. They announced the first in a series of scheduled improvements at the 16-year-old stadium, including \$13 million in video, technology and audio updates for this season. A new 5,000-square-foot HD screen already sits high above right field.

The Rangers this winter moved their Triple-A franchise to Round Rock, Texas, a natural fit because of location and its ownership by the Ryan family. The franchise's High-A team was shifted to Myrtle Beach, S.C., one of Greenberg's minor league teams and where the Rangers will play an exhibition game March 29.

Despite his expanded role, Ryan doesn't expect much of a change in what he does. He likened it to when he was the team president during the bankruptcy while Major League Baseball was overseeing the team.

“I expect to be able to do both with the team of people that we have in place,” Ryan said. “I don't see the business side of it being run any differently than my approach on the baseball side.”

NFL

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jurisdiction over NFL labor matters since the early 1990s — next season could be threatened. The last time NFL games were lost to a work stoppage came when the players struck 24 years ago, leading to games with replacement players.

A lockout is a right management has to shut down a business when a CBA expires. It means there can be

no communication between the teams and current NFL players; no players — including those drafted in April — can be signed; teams won't pay for health insurance for players.

Even though the NFL is early in its offseason — and the regular season is six months away — this is hardly a complete downtime. Free agency usually begins in March, and there are hundreds of free agents now in limbo. Also this month, under a regular schedule, team-organized off-season workouts would start.

The lockout grinds all such activity to a halt.

March and early April are when many sponsors and corporate partners renew their deals with the NFL, part of why the league says hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue are going to be lost now.

“This obviously is a very disappointing day for all of us. I've been here for the better part of two weeks now, and essentially ... the union's position on the core economic issues has not changed one iota,” New York Giants owner

John Mara said. “One thing that became painfully apparent to me during this period was that their objective was to go the litigation route.”

The NFLPA also decertified in 1989. Antitrust lawsuits by players led to a new CBA in 1993 that included free agency, and the union formed again that year.

The sides met from 10 a.m. until about 4 p.m. Friday, discussing a new proposal by the owners. When the possibility of a third extension to the CBA was raised, the union

said it first wanted assurances it would get 10 years of audited financial information.

“I will tell you this: Any business where two partners don't trust each other, any business where one party says, ‘You need to do X, Y and Z because I told you,’ is a business that is not only not run well, it is a business that can never be as successful as it can be,” Smith said.

At 4:45 p.m., Smith and the union's negotiators left the mediator's office. About 15 minutes later, the union decertified.

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Tateyama said he found out what happened in an e-mail from a friend after the morning workouts. “At that time I realized how big it was,” he said through a translator.

More than a dozen players from Japan played in the majors last season. Through his translator, Seattle star Ichiro Suzuki said he hadn't been able to reach his family with so many cell phone towers down.

“I am deeply concerned and affected by what is happening in Japan,” Matsui said in a statement before his A's played the Dodgers. “I pray for the safety of all the people that have been affected and continue to be affected by this disaster.”

Commissioner Bud Selig said his staff had been in contact with its office in Tokyo. In Japan, baseball games in Tokyo, Chiba and Yokohama were called off, as were all pro sports in the country.

“Major League Baseball will certainly provide aid with the relief efforts in the days and weeks ahead. We will do everything we can to help Japan,” Selig said in a statement.

The New York Yankees donated \$100,000 for relief and rescue efforts in Japan, splitting the total between the Salvation Army and Red Cross.

The Oakland Athletics said they would help relief aid by adding a fundraising effort to the previously scheduled Japanese Heritage Day on April 3, when Ichiro and the Mariners visit Matsui and the A's at the Coliseum. The San Diego Padres are pledged to raise money during their Japanese Heritage Night on May 20 against Seattle.

Beyond baseball, other sports were affected by the magnitude-8.9 earthquake.

There was a moment of silence before NBA games in Charlotte, N.C., Minneapolis, and Oakland, Ca-

lif.

Golfer Ryo Ishikawa woke up and heard about the destruction. He managed to keep his focus and shot a 7-under 65 at the first round of the Cadillac Championship in Doral, Fla.

“I was able to communicate with my family,” Ishikawa said. “If not for that, it would have been extremely difficult.”

At the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif., Kimiko Date-Krumm worried about loved ones back in Tokyo.

“I tried to call my mother and she was OK. And this morning my family sent me an e-mail and said everyone was fine,” she said. “But I saw the news and it is very horrible.”

“I'm still in shock. I hope there isn't anything else coming,” she said.

Jenson Button, the 2009 Formula One world champion, said he was relieved after reaching his girlfriend by Twitter. The driver said Japanese model Jessica Michibata had been in an underground photo shoot in Tokyo when tremors began to rock the building.

“She's fine, very shaken,” Button said in Spain. “Right now, my thoughts go out to everybody in Japan, particularly in the worst-affected area of Sendai. My heart is with them.”

The San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer will donate \$1 for every fan who attends their home opener Saturday to victims in Japan.

At the Yankees' training complex in Tampa, Fla., minor league pitcher Kei Igawa was excused from workouts to return to his apartment and attempt to reach his family.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said the team had given Igawa permission to return home if he wants. Cashman lived in Japan as part of an exchange program and went there several years ago when the Yankees opened the regular season in Tokyo.

“It's difficult to watch,” Cashman said. “I think the

entire world has Japan in their hearts and minds. We have a lot of friends, relationships there.”

Baltimore pitcher Koji Uehara said his family was safe, but hadn't been able to contact some friends.

“At this moment, I don't really know all the details yet, but I am guessing that the damage will be huge, so I am worried,” he said through a translator.

Former St. Louis outfielder So Taguchi sent an e-mail from Japan to an American friend.

“We are all safe but some of our friends are having hard time. We have been sticking to TV since it happened,” he said. “Would you say hi to the Cardinals for us?”

At the Mets' camp in Port St. Lucie, Fla., Igarashi was with his wife, son and daughter. He tried in the morning to contact family and friends in Japan, but found communication lines shut. By late afternoon, he was able to get through.

Igarashi said he learned of the earthquake about 2:30 a.m. in a call from his translator. He put on CNN but because his English is limited, the pitcher said he turned to the Internet.

“It's pretty obvious from watching the imagery on the television screen of what's going on,” he said. “But to get the details of the tremors in certain areas and the damage I went to the Japanese live stream to find out,” he said.

Minnesota second baseman Tsuyoshi Nishioka said he did not know about the damage until getting to the ballpark. He found out his family was safe, then debated whether he should play. He did, getting a hit against Boston.

“I understand that I'm in an occupation where I can bring hope and energy back home to Japan,” Nishioka said through a translator. “So I wanted to be on the field and think about people back home and give it all out on the field to try and give something back.”

Cueto leaves start early, Reds tie Rangers

The Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Reds starter Johnny Cueto cut short his start because of tightness in his right forearm and the Cincinnati Reds tied the Texas Rangers 5-5 Friday.

“It wasn't near his elbow, which is a good sign,” Reds trainer Paul Lesard said. “We took him out for precautionary reasons. We didn't want it turn into something. It isn't something that we think needed to be seen right away.”

Scheduled to pitch four innings, Cueto went only two, allowing two runs on four hits and a walk with two strikeouts. He is not expected to miss any time.

“I felt it when I threw breaking balls,” Cueto said. “I felt it in the bullpen. I'm fine.”

Reds manager Dusty Baker said it was no big deal.

“It was a little tightness in his forearm muscle,” Baker said. “That's why we took him out. We have had very

few health problems. We knew we'd have something but, knock on wood, we've had very little trouble health-wise.”

Texas starter Colby Lewis allowed three runs, five hits and a walk with three strikeouts in four innings, then threw another dozen pitches in a bullpen.

Before the game, Lewis went through his pregame routine even as news of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan was shown on clubhouse televisions. Lewis pitched in Japan for two years signing with the Rangers last season.

“I'm sad for the people,” Lewis said. “It's definitely tragic. I've been in that part of the country, played ball there. It's a real bad situation from what they say.”

Joey Votto had two hits for the Reds — an RBI single in the first and a double in the third. Yorvit Torrealba and Mitch Moreland both doubled in the second for the Rangers.

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Brady, Manning, Brees file antitrust suit

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Star quarterbacks Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees were among 10 players who sued the NFL in federal court Friday, accusing the league of conspiracy and anticompetitive practices that date back years.

Their lawsuit asked the court to prevent a lockout.

Less than two hours after the players' union decertified, clearing the way for antitrust lawsuits, the players filed their 52-page claim and supporting documents in U.S. District Court. They asked the court for class-action status.

They filed a request for an injunction that would keep the NFL and the teams from engaging in a lockout. Invoking the Sherman Act, a federal antitrust statute from 1890 that limits monopolies and restrictions on commerce, the players said they were entitled to triple the amount of any damages

they've incurred.

Which means the stakes could be in the hundreds of millions.

The players accused the 32 NFL teams of conspiring to deny their ability to market their services "through a patently unlawful group boycott and price-fixing arrangement or, in the alternative, a unilaterally imposed set of anticompetitive restrictions on player movement, free agency and competitive market freedom."

The collective bargaining agreement with the league was expiring Friday.

The NFL did not immediately file a response. Commissioner Roger Goodell called on the union to re-open negotiations.

A hearing date hasn't been set.

The legal wrangling took place in a federal courthouse in Minnesota, hundreds of miles from the mediated negotiations in Washington. It's the setting for what could be a long

legal fight between owners and players with the 2011 season in jeopardy.

The names on the complaint were striking: Brady, Brees, Manning and a few others, listed in a block of text at the top of the first page. They're plaintiffs, for now, not simply players.

They allege that the NFL conspired to deny the players' ability to market their services in what is a \$9 billion business. They spelled out what they called a long history of NFL antitrust violations, citing as constraints the potential lockout, rookie salary limitations and the franchise and transition player designations. Teams use those designations to keep key free agents off the open market, but the players also are well compensated when they sign new contracts.

Tom Condon, who represents Manning and Brees, wrote in a statement submitted to the court that a "lockout"

imposed by the NFL threatens to rob Mr. Brees and Mr. Manning, and all other NFL players, of an entire year, or more, of their brief playing careers, which cannot be recaptured."

"This is especially problematic because of the virtually constant need for NFL players to prove their skill and value on the playing field," wrote Condon, one of more than a half-dozen agents who offered statements supporting their clients. "Missing a year or more of playing in the NFL can cause the skills of NFL players to become rusty from lack of competition, making it difficult for them to regain the full talents they exhibited prior to the absence from play. This could shorten or even end the careers of NFL players."

The players also said — lockout or not — if teams "fail to pay any such required payments to any player, that player's contract shall, at the player's option, be

declared null and void."

That's a potentially explosive claim: Players would have the right to get out of their contracts if they don't get a paycheck, even if a settlement is reached.

The NFLPA's general counsel, Richard Berthelsen, said a lockout would cause "irreparable injury" to NFL players even if it's only a few games or simply offseason activities that are wiped out.

"If young players are forced to forego an entire season, they will miss out on a year of the experience and exposure that comes from playing against NFL-level competition and receiving NFL-level coaching, both of which are a must for young players," Berthelsen wrote.

The players want their case in front of U.S. Dis-

trict Judge David Doty, who has overseen NFL labor matters since the early 1990s and has several times ruled in favor of the players.

The case was assigned to U.S. District judge Patrick Schiltz, though it still could end up in front of Doty. The court has designated it as a related case to the Reggie White-led class-action suit that Doty guided toward a 1993 settlement, opening the doors to free agency.

The league has tried in the past to remove Doty from the case, alleging bias toward the players.

Doty issued a ruling last week that backed the NFLPA in a dispute over \$4 billion in TV revenue that players argue was illegally collected by the owners as a war chest to survive a

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Also watching intently was Rangers reliever Yoshinori Tateyama, who said before the game he learned of the tragedy after morning workouts.

"I didn't know exactly what was happening," said the 35-year-old Tateyama, who pitched the ninth inning as scheduled, allowing one run on three hits.

Tateyama said he had been in contact with friends and family, all of whom were OK.

Ian Kinsler hit his fifth home run of the spring

and doubled.

"He's been swinging the bat extremely well," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

Notes: Before the game, the Rangers announced managing partner and CEO Chuck Greenberg was stepping down. Greenberg cited conflicts with team president Nolan Ryan as the cause. ... Cueto was coming off a one-hit, three-inning outing against the Chicago Cubs on Sunday. ... Reds SS Zack Cozart, who entered the game with four hits in his last eight at-bats went 0 for 3. ... Rangers OF Craig Gentry, who crashed through the bullpen gate in left field during Thursday's game, came on for Nelson Cruz in right when the starters left after the fifth.

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Daley, Lehtonen lead Stars past Wild

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars used Trevor Daley's fortunate bounce that ended up in the net to take control of what had been a tight game.

Daley ignited a three-goal flurry over a 1:31 span in the second period, Kari Lehtonen made 14 saves for his 15th career shutout, and the Stars continued their home dominance over the Minnesota Wild with a 4-0 victory on Friday night.

Tom Wandell and Mike Ribeiro added second-period goals for the Stars, 6-0-2 in their last eight games.

Jamie Benn scored a goal in his sixth consecutive game to help Dallas move to fourth in the Western Conference playoff race with 82 points.

Minnesota seemed on the verge of tying the game at 1 with 2 minutes of puck possession in the Stars' zone midway through the second period.

But the Wild didn't have a shot on goal during that stretch, and it didn't take long before Daley's centering pass caromed off the stick of Minnesota's Kyle Brodziak and by goaltender Jose Theodore to give Dallas

a two-goal pad at 15:52 of the second period.

"I had a few options and just threw it to the net and got a lucky bounce," Daley said.

"We were in the game up to that point," Minnesota coach Todd Richards said. "I felt we were starting to outplay them somewhat in the second period. But the game got away from us. We gave them goals."

Wandell scored from the right circle through Theodore's pads 13 seconds later to make it 3-0, and Ribeiro struck from the slot after a poor Minnesota clearance at 17:23.

"We had a great end to the second period and I give our guys a lot of credit because I think they smelled the blood in the water, so to speak, and they really did have a killer instinct at the end of that second period," Stars coach Marc Crawford said. "We put together about four or five really good shifts in a row and when we got our chances, they ended up burying them."

Lehtonen took care of the rest with

a relatively light workload, completing his first shutout in his 67th game for the Stars.

"I wasn't really thinking about (a shutout) that much anymore because it didn't seem like it was ever coming, but it was nice," Lehtonen said. "There was not much going on there the whole game, so I need to give a ton of credit to our guys and how well they played."

The Wild, 0-10-4 in their last 14 road games against the Stars, were shut out for the second consecutive night and fifth time overall this season.

Minnesota was beaten 4-0 at Nashville on Thursday night to open a four-game trip.

"No sugar-coating, it's tough," Wild center Matt Cullen said. "This is going to be a good test for our team. We have to respond. We can't sit here and complain and whine. It's two tough games."

The Wild, 2-4-1 in their last seven overall, haven't won in Dallas since March 21, 2003.

Benn opened the scoring with an

outstanding individual effort.

Benn took possession of the puck in the neutral zone, skated up the right side and sent a backhand shot past Theodore at 12:02 of the first period.

NOTES: Dallas D Nicklas Grossman (hip) returned after missing 11 consecutive games. Grossman was injured Feb. 13 against Columbus. Before the injury, Grossman was on the top defensive pair with Stephane Robidas. But while Grossman was out, the Stars acquired D Alex Goligoski in a trade with Pittsburgh, and Crawford installed Goligoski on the No. 1 duo with Robidas. Grossman was paired with Karlis Skrastins. ... RW Cal Clutterbuck (upper body), D Clayton Stoner (lower body) and D Cam Barker (upper body) were out for Minnesota. ...

The Wild received two too-many-men penalties in the opening 6:38. ... Theodore is 3-11-4 against Dallas. ... Stars RW Adam Burish left in the second period with a lower-body injury and did not return. Crawford said Burish will be checked out.

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work stoppage.

Also involved in bringing the lawsuit: San Diego receiver Vincent Jackson, Minnesota linebacker Ben Leber and defensive end Brian Robison, New England guard Logan Mankins, New York Giants defensive end Osi Menyiora, Kansas City linebacker Mike Vrabel, among others.

Pedroia, Red Sox beat Astros

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Dustin Pedroia is more than glad to play deep into these exhibition games.

The former AL MVP tripled and doubled Friday and the Boston Red Sox beat the Houston Astros 9-3 in a split-squad game.

Coming back from a season cut in half by a fractured left foot, Pedroia drove in two runs against Brett Myers with a double in the first inning.

Pedroia's seventh-inning triple was one of four triples for the Red Sox, including two by catcher Mark Wagner.

"It felt good to stay in the game for a while and play seven innings, get four at-bats," Pedroia

said. "You feel more involved in the game, so that was fun."

Pedroia had surgery on his foot on Sept. 3. He's 5 for 21 in eight spring games.

"I feel normal. I've had a lot of time off, that's the only difference. I'm just getting used to being out there and playing again," he said. "Now I'm just focusing on getting ready for the season, hitting the ball hard and playing good defense. I'm not worrying about any health issues."

Myers pitched three innings in his third spring start, giving up five runs on six hits.

"It was one of those days where you had to gorilla grip the ball really hard to make it feel right

in your hand," Myers said. "The balls were pretty slick, but you have to just battle through that. I'm sure I'm going to encounter that a couple times this year. That's just pitching."

A sore shoulder moved Astros left fielder Carlos Lee to a DH role. He drove in Houston's first run with a double.

"I asked for it, told (manager Brad Mills) my shoulder's a little tired," Lee said. "There's been a lot of throwing going on, but I feel good. It's not a big deal."

Jason Michaels, limited to hitting as a DH because of a sore back, played left field for the Astros and is set to do so again on Saturday.

Hernandez roughed up, Astros beat Nationals

VIERA, Fla. — Livan Hernandez was scheduled to pitch five innings on Friday night. He lasted only three.

The Houston Astros banged out three runs on seven hits against Washington's ace in a 7-6 win over the Nationals.

"I tried to throw inside but it wasn't working," Hernandez said. "It wouldn't break for a strike. It would break more down. I tried throwing a comebacker to the mitt for a strike, and it wasn't happening."

Hernandez (0-1) threw 77 pitches, 52 for strikes, and faced eight batters in the third inning.

Brett Wallace led the Astros with three hits, including two doubles, a single, two RBIs and a run. Hunter Pence, Chris Johnson, Clint Barmes, Drew Locke and Jason Bourgeois each had two hits for

Houston.

Astros starter Lance Pendleton (1-0) went two innings, surrendering one hit with two strikeouts and a walk. Henry Villar also pitched two scoreless innings for Houston.

Jesus Flores hit a two-run home run for the Nationals and Mike Morse had two hits, including a solo home run. Morse leads the team with 12 this spring. He is hitting .480 through 12 games.

"He's really been like this since Day 1 of the spring," Nationals manager Jim Riggleman said. "He's been outstanding. He seems to put the bat on the ball every at-bat. He's really making a strong case for himself."

Washington's No. 1 draft pick, Bryce Harper, was 1 for 2 with an RBI. He also was thrown out trying to advance from first to third on a single.

Virginia coach Ryan to step down after 34 years

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Debbie Ryan, who built Virginia's women's basketball program into a perennial NCAA tournament team and overcame pancreatic cancer, has resigned after 34 years and 736 victories.

Ryan's resignation is effective at the end of the season. The Cavaliers (16-15) are not expected to make the NCAA tournament

field, a bitter pill since they will host first- and second-round games. But the 58-year-old Ryan is hoping to receive a WNIT invitation.

"I am not retiring per se, but I feel we have not lived up to my own standards and expectations this past year and I want to do what is best for our program and the University," Ryan, one of

nine active coaches with at least 700 victories, said in a release Saturday from the school.

Ryan, a former point guard whose program has produced stars such as Dawn Staley, current Cavaliers assistant coach Wendy Palmer and ACC career assists leader Sharnee Zoll, has found top talent harder to draw to Virginia in the ACC.

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Thousands of years before the Irish discovered potatoes, dairy cows, milk and butter were being woven into the fabric of Irish society, according to the Cork Butter Museum in Cork City, Ireland. The Cork Butter Exchange, a market created by the merchants of Cork City in 1769, was in its time, the largest butter market in the world, exporting as far away as Europe and America.

Today, dairy products continue to play an important role in Irish cooking. Cooperatives of farmers, creameries and cheesemakers provide delicious Irish butter and cheeses throughout the U.S. under the Kerrygold label.

Here are some iconic recipes from some stars of Irish cooking, using Kerrygold cheeses and butter. To learn more about Kerrygold, and for where-to-buy information, visit www.kerrygold.com/usa.

Roasted Root Vegetable Soup

Serves 4 to 6

"You can substitute pumpkin, turnip or celeriac for the swede (rutabaga), or just use a mixture — this is a very flexible recipe."

— Neven Maguire, chef/owner of the renowned MacNeane House and Restaurant in Blacklion, County Cavan, Ireland; popular TV cooking star and cookbook author

- 1 small swede (rutabaga) cut into cubes
- 2 carrots, cut into cubes
- 1 parsnip, cut into cubes
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 tablespoons (1/4 cup) Kerrygold Irish Butter
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 celery stalks, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 quart (4 cups) vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup single cream (or substitute half and half)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 400°F. Place swede, carrots and parsnip on baking sheet and drizzle with 2 tablespoons olive oil. Season generously and roast for 25 to 30 minutes until golden brown and tender, shaking baking sheet occasionally to ensure even cooking.

Meanwhile, heat remaining tablespoon olive oil and butter in large heavy-based pot, and add onion, celery, garlic and thyme. Cook for 4 to 5 minutes until softened but not browned, stirring occasionally.

Add roasted root vegetables to pan and then pour in stock. Bring gently to boil, then reduce heat, cover and simmer for 25 to 30 minutes until completely tender, stirring occasionally. Purée with a hand blender until completely smooth.

To serve, stir cream into soup. Gently heat through and season to taste, then ladle into warmed bowls.

Note: You don't have to add the cream if you're watching the calories, but you might need a little extra stock to thin the soup.

Cheese Toasties

Serves 4 to 6

- 4 tablespoons (1/4 cup) Kerrygold Irish Butter
- 8 slices firm, country-style white bread
- 1 package (7 ounces) Kerrygold Dubliner Cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh chives
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Butter bread and arrange cheese over half of the slices, buttered side down. Sprinkle with chives and cover with remaining slices, buttered side up.

Preheat a griddle or large non-stick frying pan and cook sandwiches two at a time 2 minutes each side until golden brown and cheese has melted. Keep hot.

To serve, cut the cheese toasts into fingers.



Brown Soda Bread, Roasted Root Vegetable Soup and Cheese Toasties



Rhubarb Crumble



Dubliner Shepherd's Pie

Brown Soda Bread

Makes 2 loaves

"This is an all-purpose and relatively fool-proof recipe based on several I collected while researching 'The Country Cooking of Ireland.'"

— author Colman Andrews, whose Irish cookbook won the 2010 James Beard Foundation award for Best International Cookbook and Cookbook of the Year

- 3 1/2 cups stone-ground whole wheat flour, preferably Irish or Irish-style
- 1 1/2 cups unbleached white flour, preferably Irish, or pastry flour, plus more for dusting
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon softened Kerrygold Irish Butter, plus more for greasing
- 1 3/4 to 2 cups room-temperature buttermilk

Preheat oven to 375°F. Mix wheat flour, white flour, baking soda and salt together in a medium bowl. Work butter into mixture with your fingers.

Form a well in the middle of flour mixture and pour buttermilk into the well. Form your hand into a rigid claw and stir dough slowly but steadily in a spiral motion, starting in the middle and working outwards. Dough should be soft but not too wet or sticky. (Start with 1 3/4 cups buttermilk, gradually adding, if necessary, to achieve the right consistency.)

Turn dough out onto a floured board. Flour your hands lightly, then shape dough into a flat rectangle about 2 inches high. Cut dough in half lengthwise with a wet knife, then gently push each half into a lightly greased glass or foil loaf pan. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until the tops of the loaves are nicely browned.

Serve this bread with plenty of Kerrygold Irish Butter.

Rhubarb Crumble

Serves 6

"Crumbles are the ultimate comfort food. Vary the fruit according to the season." — Darina Allen, founder of the world-famous Ballymaloe Cookery School in Shanagarry, County Cork, Ireland

- Filling:**
- 1 1/2 pounds rhubarb, cut in 1/2-inch slices
- 1/2 cup sugar

- Crumble:**
- 4 tablespoons (1/4 cup) Kerrygold Irish Butter
- 4 ounces (scant 1 cup) white flour, preferably unbleached
- 1/4 cup superfine sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. In bowl, mix filling ingredients; turn into a 1-quart (4 cups) capacity pie dish.

Dubliner Shepherd's Pie

Makes 4 to 6 servings

"Our family loves a hearty shepherd's pie after a long day working on the farm. Because our cows produce milk to make Kerrygold Dubliner Cheese, we like to add some shredded Dubliner to the potato crust." — Donal Murphy, Kerrygold dairy farmer, Bandon, County Cork, Ireland

- Potato Topping:**
- 1 1/4 pounds russet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 tablespoons Kerrygold Irish Butter
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 cup shredded Kerrygold Dubliner Cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- Filling:**
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2 tablespoons Kerrygold Irish Butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped and sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 3/4 cup Guinness Stout
- 3/4 cup beef stock
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed

Preheat oven to 375°F and lightly butter an 11- x 7-inch baking dish. Cook potatoes in boiling water for 15 minutes or until very tender; drain well. Mash with butter and milk until smooth, then stir in cheese and salt and set aside.

Crumble beef into a medium skillet and cook until no longer pink; remove from skillet and set aside. In same skillet, melt butter. Add onion and carrots; cook for 10 minutes over medium heat to soften, stirring occasionally. Stir in flour and cook for 1 minute more.

Add Guinness, stock, thyme and salt; cook and stir until mixture is slightly thickened then stir in peas and cooked beef. Spoon into prepared baking dish then spread potato mixture over the top. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until top is lightly browned.

Recipe adapted from the "Ballymaloe Cookery Course Book" published by Kyle Cathie.

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Sherri L. and William J. Wigington and Ronald V. Belew want to announce the engagement of their daughter Halea Marie Belew to Chad Allen Dooley, son of Timothy Edward Dooley and Teresa Gail Dooley of Sherman.

Halea is the granddaughter of Mildred Callihan and the late Ross Callihan of Big Spring; William Belew and the late Martha Belew; Burnel Wigington and the late Robert Wigington of Big Spring; Ronnie and Ann Hamilton of Roswell, N.M., and special "Grand-Aunt" Alice Howard of Lamesa. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Wayne "Cooter" and Geraldine Smith of Lamesa; Nadine Hamilton and the late Victor Hamilton; the late

E.G. and Mary Cauble of St. Lawrence and the late Samuel and Sally Callihan of Big Spring.

Chad is the grandson of Ollie and Pat Dooley of Tom Bean; Gloria Beard of Denison and Jerry and Maxine Beard.

She is a 2005 graduate of Forsan High School. She attended Howard College, Grayson Community College and graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University Dec. 22, 2010, with a bachelor of science in education. She is currently employed as an ESL teacher's aide at Fred Douglas in Sherman.

Chad is a 2004 graduate of Sherman High School and received his firefighter certificate in 2007. He is co-owner of Nautilus Fitness Center in Gainsville.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows June 18, 2011 in Sherman.

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Military News

Army Pfc. Justin M. Forshee has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

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He is the son of Michael and Mary Forshee of Big Spring.

Forshee graduated in 2006 from Forsan High School and received an associate degree in 2010 from Howard College.

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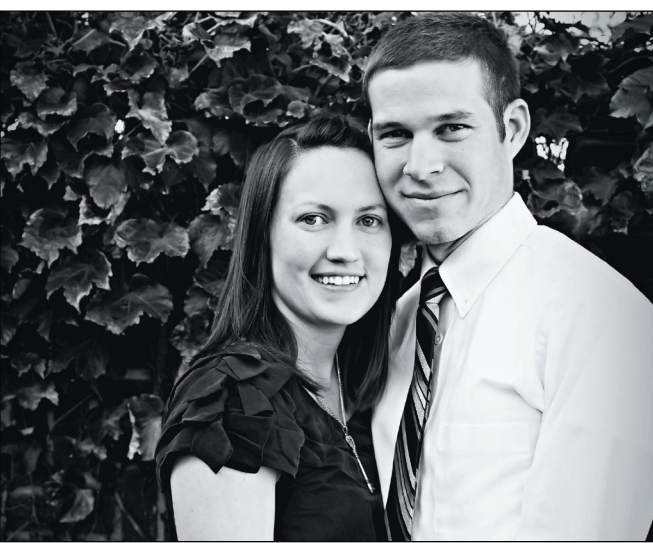
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Weir and Davis

Whitney Ray Weir, daughter of Marcy Weir and the late Danny Weir of Big Spring, and Matthew Stanley Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Davis of Bastrop would like to announce their engagement.

Whitney is a 2006 Big Spring High School graduate and received her bachelor of science degree in personal financial planning from Texas Tech University in 2010.

Matthew is a 2006 graduate of Katy High School and will graduate this May with a bachelor of landscape architecture degree.

The couple will exchange vows June 11, 2011, at College Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Births



Max Levi Rodriguez

Marisa Rodriguez and Rudy L. Granado want to announce the birth of their son, Max Levi Rodriguez Granado. He was born Feb. 28, 2011, at 8:33 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Juan Rodriguez and Eutilia Rodriguez, of Big Spring and his paternal grandmother is Paula Granado.

Members of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club delivered books to the students at Kentwood Elementary this week. Pictured above are Troy Tompkins, literacy chair, Debbie Wegman, club president, Debbye ValVerde, club secretary and Keith Graumann, member, delivering the donation to students at Kentwood Elementary.



PROMOTING LITERACY

Greater Big Spring Rotary Club donates books to young students

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Reading leads to a world of endless possibilities.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club is doing its part to promote literacy in the community.

For the past six years, the club has been raising money to purchase books that are donated to the local schools.

"We understand the importance of literacy," Troy Tompkins, literacy chair of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, said.

Each year, the club selects a different school to support. Throughout the year, the chosen school will be the recipient of the two-part program. The first part involves sending volunteers into the school to read with some of the children for an hour a week. The

program lasts throughout the school year.

"Each school is chosen at random," Tompkins said. "Sometimes the schools will contact us and ask and tell us about their need."

The second part of the program includes using the funds raised throughout the year to purchase books for the school.

This year, the club raised \$750 and was matched by the Rotary Foundation. With the matching funds, they were able to donate \$1,500 in books to Kentwood Elementary.

"We don't just raise the money and write a check," Tompkins said. "We purchase the books and bring them to the kids."

"It's nice to have the kids able to hold the books and see their

faces when they get the books."

Since the start of the program, Tompkins said they have donated in excess of \$10,000 in books to the Big Spring Independent School Dis-

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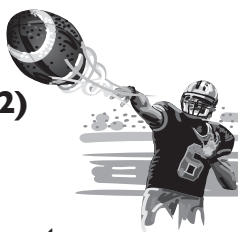
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Sahara Hotel & Casino photo

The Sahara Hotel & Casino will be closing May 16. Currently, there are no plans for the property, owners said.

Sahara Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas closing in May

OSKAR GARCIA

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Sahara Hotel & Casino, among a few Las Vegas Strip resorts left from the Rat Pack era, is closing nearly six decades after dealing its first hand.

Several other casinos from the earliest days of gambling in Sin City were remade into new megaresorts, but the Sahara's owners don't yet have a plan for the property.

"The continued operation of the aging Sahara was no longer economically viable," CEO Sam

Nazarian of owner SBE Entertainment Group said.

The property will close May 16, officials said.

The Sahara, which opened in 1952, was featured in 1960's "Ocean's Eleven" as one of five casinos robbed by a group of World War II veterans. Today, it touts around-the-clock \$1 blackjack and a six-pound burrito-eating challenge at its NASCAR Cafe. Nazarian said his company is considering options including renovation and repositioning.

Nazarian said MGM Resorts International is helping find jobs for

affected workers and accommodations for guests who reserved rooms after May 16. SBE officials declined to say how many people work at the Sahara.

MGM Resorts CEO Jim Murren said the closure is part of the Sin City life cycle.

"While the closing of any hotel is sad, it is a natural and expected part of our great city's history," Murren said. "While today we pause to reflect on many great memories and stories of its legendary past, like so many before it, there is a brighter future for this property."

Energy Watch



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Geopolitical issues and concerns have been center-stage recently with respect to factors immediately impacting the stock market. The social unrest in Egypt and Libya over the past several weeks has had a dramatic impact on oil prices and, therefore, the financial markets in general. For the same reasons, gold recently reached a new all-time high.

Investors have been reintroduced to volatility and pullbacks while the Middle East's temperature has been rising. Disruption in supplies caused the price of oil to spike above \$100 per barrel for the first time in more than two years. Indeed, the fear of rising oil prices (and, thus, also rising gas prices at the pump) will likely be an ongoing concern for the American public, as shown by recent jumps in the level of the Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index, or "VIX." At one point in the last few weeks, this measure of investor fear spiked by more than 25 percent.

The major averages (Dow Jones Industrials, S&P 500, and Nasdaq) all fell significantly as the price of oil jumped. However, a measure of stability returned to the stock market as the International Energy Agency and Saudi Arabia both indicated they would be prepared to make up any shortfall in the supply of oil resulting from the turmoil in Libya. This served as a "relief valve" for oil prices and helped stocks stabilize, too.

Amidst this international backdrop, recent economic data in the U.S. had positive implications for stocks. Although fourth-quarter gross domestic product was revised down to 2.8 percent from 3.2 percent, consumption grew at a slightly faster pace versus a year ago, and business investment continued its double-digit growth rate. The final February University of Michigan consumer sentiment index rose to its highest level since January 2008. And weekly jobless claims fell back below the 400,000 level. Once investors re-focus on these kinds of fundamentals, such economic data should provide a floor underneath the market.

At the same time, the U.S. financial markets are still vulnerable. The recent rise in energy and other commodity prices will require the Federal Reserve to be vigilant for inflation and communicate effectively to the marketplace about its willingness to withdraw stimulus before the situation becomes troublesome.

Stock market pullbacks help remove short-term excesses, and the market activity of recent weeks has been no exception. These pullbacks are a normal part of the market process, as they help to work off an overbought condition. Nevertheless, even though nearly \$40 billion of cash has flowed into stocks since the beginning of the year, there is still plenty more buying to be done. This \$40 billion of inflows is not even close to the amount of money that flowed out of the market between 2008 and 2010. Indeed, there are still plenty of people sitting with cash on the sidelines, waiting to get back into the market after the Great Recession. They have the potential to fuel the market to new highs, and in that sense the recent pullback may have had the added benefit of giving at least some of them a reason to act.

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Who'll pay bigger fees for your debit card use?

ALAN FRAM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bankers and merchants, pillars of the business world and frequent allies, are embroiled in a bitter lobbying battle over something Americans do 38 billion times a year — swipe their debit cards. Both sides vigorously claim to speak for consumers.

At stake is \$16 billion annually that the Federal Reserve says stores pay to banks and credit card companies when customers use the cards — fees the Fed has proposed cutting.

Cut the fees, banks say, and they'll have to abandon free checking and boost other charges

to consumers to recover lost revenue. Merchants say lower fees would help them drop their prices and expand their businesses.

Currently, the fees typically

Fed has proposed capping that at 12 cents, though smaller banks could charge more. Bankers want lawmakers to delay the change in hopes that it will eventually be killed or toned down.

Patrick Lewis and Charles Garlock are foot soldiers in this fight's opposing infantry.

Each side is dispatching planeloads of hometown business people like them, along with armies of lobbyists and mountains of letters and e-mails to Washington. Some 4,000 local credit union officers swamped the Capitol last week,



range between 1 and 2 percent of each purchase, averaging 44 cents. The

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Alon USA announces quarter, year-ending results

Special to the Herald

Alon USA Energy Inc. (NYSE: ALJ) announced results for the quarter and year ending Dec. 31, 2010. Net loss for the fourth quarter of 2010 was \$25.1 million, or \$0.46 per share, compared to net loss of \$90.6 million, or \$1.93 per share, for the same period in the prior year. Excluding special items, Alon recorded net loss of \$20.2 million, or \$0.37 per share, for the fourth quarter of 2010, compared to net loss of \$65.4 million, or \$1.39 per share, for the same period in the prior year.

Net loss for the year ending Dec. 31, 2010, was \$122.9 million, or \$2.27 per

share, compared to net loss of \$115.2 million, or \$2.46 per share, for the year ending Dec. 31, 2009.

Excluding special items, Alon recorded net loss of \$130.6 million, or \$2.41 per share, for the year ending Dec. 31, 2010, compared to net loss of \$82.7 million, or \$1.77 per share, for the same period in the prior year.

Jeff Morris, Alon's CEO, commented, "We are seeing positive results in our operations of the Big Spring and Krotz Springs refineries. During the fourth quarter, the throughput at Big Spring and Krotz Springs refineries was up 8 percent and 9 percent, respectively, compared to the third

quarter of 2010. In December 2010, both refineries reached their highest average daily throughputs of 2010 with Big Spring near 61,000 barrels per day and Krotz Springs near 75,000 barrels per day.

"At our California refineries, we are focusing our efforts on the integration of the Bakersfield hydrocracker unit to process vacuum gas oil. As a result, we shut down the California refineries in December to expedite the integration efforts. We continue to make good progress and anticipate restarting our California refineries in March with production from the Bakersfield hydrocracker unit to start

by mid-year 2011.

"We intend to increase the throughput of the integrated California refineries back to 2007 levels of approximately 55,000 to 60,000 barrels per day. Also, we expect substantial improvement in the operating margin primarily due to the operation of the hydrocracker unit and further improvement in the West Coast crack spreads the industry is experiencing in 2011.

"We continue to undertake initiatives to receive crudes such as WTI at our Krotz Springs refinery. This new crude flexibility will enable us to reduce our crude costs during the price spikes of LLS Louisiana crude."

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Rhonda L. Avant vs. Danny L. Avant, divorce.
In Re Javier Edvardo Arteaga, family.
Vicki L. Leclair vs. Gerald A. Leclair, divorce.
Sara Rice vs. Doyle Edward Rice Jr., divorce.
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Date: Feb. 25, 2011

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Grantee: Isabel Calderon
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Date: Feb. 24, 2011

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Property: A tract out of Section 19, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Feb. 22, 2011

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and around 300 mer-chants are buttonholing lawmakers this week. Unless Congress delays the deadline, the Federal Reserve must issue a final rule by April 21, to take effect three months later.

Lewis, a partner in 13 Oasis Stop 'N Go convenience stores in southern Idaho, was visiting Idaho lawmakers on Thursday urging them to back the Fed propos-al.

He said the \$275,000 he pays yearly in debit card fees trails only pay-roll and his properties' mortgages and rents.

"I don't think her boss is necessarily on our side," he said spending a half hour with an aide to Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho.

"But maybe if we provide enough informa-

tion it will change."

Garlock, president of the Rock Valley Federal Credit Union in Loves Park, Ill., said he would lose \$150,000 to \$175,000 annually if the Fed's proposed cut in fees is adopted, about one third of his credit union's net annual income.

"The little guys will be hit the worst. I can't sustain it," he said during his lobbying visit last week.

Though bankers are outspending their rivals on lobbying and cam-paign contributions and seem to have gained mo-mentum, merchants so far have the upper hand. The bankers are trying to get Congress to undo legislation it passed just last year, a tall order on any subject.

Banks and merchants are often allied on such issues as taxes and reg-ulation, but the debit

card battle has driven them apart, each accus-ing the other of trying to pocket unjustified prof-its in what has become an emotional fight.

"Take a white kitten and put it out, and they will find ways to say how evil it is," Lyle Beck-with, lobbyist for the National Association of Convenience Stores, said of the bankers.

"This is as close to a pitchfork and torch issue as I've seen from our guys," said Jason Kra-tovil, lobbyist for the In-dependent Community Bankers Association.

Debit cards are now the most common way besides cash that con-sumers make purchas-es, according to the Fed-eral Reserve. Though the transaction takes just a few moments, it is enabled by a vast be-hind-the-scenes system for preventing fraud

and storing data.

When a customer swipes a debit card, it is tapping directly into their bank account to make a purchase. The debit card network, the customer's bank and the merchant's bank quickly exchange in-formation and approve — or disapprove — the transaction, though the actual payment of money can take a day or two.

The battle is being waged with petitions, in newspaper and Inter-net ads and on the air-waves.

A coalition of banks and credit card compa-nies has run a TV spot in Washington, D.C., in which a mom unloading groceries says Congress gave retailers a huge gift by allowing the fee to be curtailed. She asks, "I wonder who's left hold-ing the bag."

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
A Different View

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 10
♥ K J 10 4
♦ J 10 7 6 3
♣ A Q 4

WEST
♠ 9 3
♥ Q 6 3 2
♦ K Q 4
♣ J 8 5 2

EAST
♠ 7 4 2
♥ A 9 8 7 5
♦ 8 5
♣ K 10 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 8 6 5
♥ —
♦ A 9 2
♣ 9 7 6

The bidding:
1♠ Pass 2♦ North Pass 4♣

Opening lead — two of clubs.
Team contests sometimes produce very strange results. Take this case where at the first table, the contract was four spades played by South, while at the second table, the contract was seven spades played by South — and yet the deal ended in an exact tie!

At the table where South got to four spades as shown, West led a club. Declarer played low from dummy, and East won with the ten. East shifted to the eight of diamonds,

on which declarer played low. West won with the queen and returned a club, dummy's queen losing to East's king. East then led the five of diamonds.

South would have gone down two had he taken a second diamond finesse. But, sensing what fate had in store for him, South went up with the ace and later lost a diamond to the king to finish down one — 50 points.

The bidding at the second table was far more spirited:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 2♠ | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 4♦ | Pass | 5♣ | Pass |
| 5♥ | Pass | 6♦ | Pass |
| 6♠ | Pass | 6 NT | Pass |
| 7♣ | | | |

South opened with a dubious strong two-bid and, as the bidding progressed, allowed his imagination to run wild. He hoped to find his partner with the ace of clubs and K-Q-J-x-x of diamonds, in which case a grand slam in spades would be virtually laydown. North should have passed six spades, but he also got caught up in the spirit of things. West should have led a trump against seven spades but instead led the king of diamonds. South won with the ace, drew trumps, conceded a diamond to the queen and wound up down one — 50 points!

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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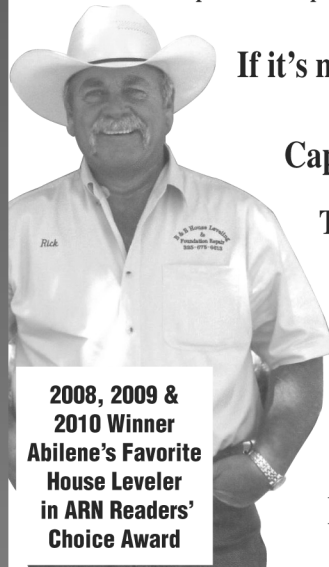
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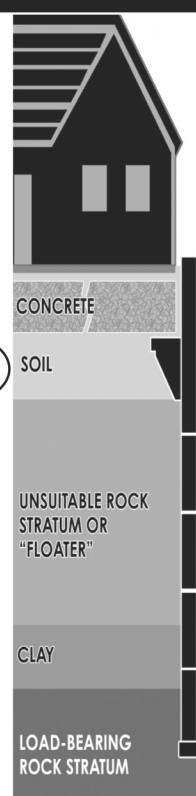
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

There is a reason why power is distributed the way it is, but that doesn't mean it should stay that way. Mercury in Aries challenges Pluto in Capricorn like a young spitfire challenging the old guard. Understandably, there will be resistance to new ways of thinking, even if they make sense. These kinds of issues can't be resolved inside of a day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll dive into a cleaning and organizing effort. This requires both hand-eye coordination and right brain/left brain coordination. You will restore balance and harmony to your environment and body simultaneously.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Someone from your past figures into the action. There's a reason you parted ways, and there will be a good reason to reconnect, too — though you should be careful not to let nostalgia cloud your vision.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A group project is featured, and your role is vital. You will not be solely responsible for the success or failure of your team, but you will definitely be a strong determining factor in your team's productivity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will see right into the heart of a problem, and you'll know exactly how to handle it. As you take over the situation, your display of perspicacity will be a treat to behold. You'll gain an admirer or two in the process.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will be more susceptible than usual to temptation, so don't put yourself directly in front of it. Avoid bad influences of all kinds, and fill your refrigerator with only the foods you would be proud to eat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When things aren't quite right, just noticing what's off is not enough. But when you notice and you also take action, you could save the day. You'll avert disaster and gain fans by doing

just that.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may feel like you need to downplay your successes or the things that are going well in your life because you don't want to stand out as different from your friends. Dare to be you, in full glory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Pause to empty yourself of your prejudices. The labels and judgments you make about others will only prevent you from seeing and understanding the opportunities in front of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are worthy of love and respect, whether or not you are fulfilling another person's needs. Balance your service to others with self-care. Make yourself happy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will derive great pleasure from figuring things out. You have a talent for staying cool even when things are clearly not adding up. You'll take a measured, persistent approach and find solutions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will refrain from taking anything personally, and this proves to be an excellent idea. You'll look past what people are saying and understand what they need.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are people you can't be around for long without a great deal of stress and tension. However, you can take anyone in small doses. Recovery time between visits is key.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 13). Your personality and purpose will sing out, and the world will learn more about who you are and what you are all about. May is romantic, and there's an element of strange adventure, as well. June brings a magical getaway. July is prime for risking to invest in your dreams. September and November bring a windfall. Aries and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 1, 22, 39 and 19.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: It is the last week of Pisces' solar journey of 2011 and the end of a complete cycle. Next week, the spring equinox

will begin a fresh chapter, and it feels as though right now there is a lot to wrap up. Venus in Aquarius and Saturn in Libra form a harmonious relationship, reminding us that most of our efforts in February went to help others, restore justice and find any way we could to make the world a better place. These planets housed in socially minded sectors of the zodiac reiterate to us that the issues facing society are the same issues facing individuals. Those who make it their personal responsibility to uplift their nearest and dearest are raising the vibration of the entire universe. Saint Patrick's Day begins as the moon transits theatrical Leo, promising a festive mood, including many spirited costumes and amusements. The night ends with a Virgo moon, though, lending a much-needed mood of prudence and moderation. Saturday's full moon in Virgo bids a fond adieu to the season. If there's anything you need to get off of your chest, especially the kind of niggling domestic details that could easily go unmentioned for years, this is the night to do it.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Liza Minnelli celebrated her 65th birthday in the high-profile style befitting a Pisces diva. March brought on a bustle of television appearances, concerts and press honoring this one-of-a-kind superstar. Minnelli's moon, Mars and Saturn are all in Cancer, the sign of mothers, indicating great emotion and also challenge around this special relationship. Mercury and Venus in Aries brings fireworks!

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Dear Margo: Tough choices for only child

Dear Margo: I'm living with my mother, who has Alzheimer's. I'm an only child, but my mother has three sisters.

I have no one to relieve me once in a while so I can have time for myself. I'm also under a doctor's care, and she told me I was to take at least two days a week and get out. I can't do this.

My mother is very headstrong and will not allow anyone in the house who is a stranger — and she will not go anywhere.

Now I have another problem. I reconnected with my first love, but he lives in another state. I so want to move out there to be with him, but I don't know what to do about Mom.

I would only be gone three or

four months of the year. (The rest of the time I would be living here with Mom.) I'm hoping to be with him this month.

He is very understanding and hopeful. He is 64 and retiring this year, and I'm 61 and want to make a life on my own with him. What can I do? — *Wanting a Life*

Dear Want: While I'm sure it is your wish, and perhaps even your obligation, to do the right thing by your mother, you need not sacrifice your life or your emotional well-being on the altar of this terrible disease.

For guidance, I would get in touch with your local Alzheimer's Association or go online, if necessary. They have advice and know the ropes.

You may have to forget your mother's "preference" for no strangers in the house.

In a very real sense, she is not in her right mind. One good resource for learning

about free or low-cost services, government programs and more is www.healthcaresurvivalguide.com. I hope you and your first love find a way. — *Margo, empathetically*

Some Things Are Just Bad Luck

Dear Margo: I was hired to teach at a small school when the former teacher decided to take a different job. They knew

I was a first-year teacher when they hired me, but they called me their top candidate and seemed happy to have me. The job was very challenging, as you would expect, but every day I turned myself inside-out to do my best. I was punctual, friendly and diligent, and I did everything I could to be a team player.

Today, without any warning, I was told I was being let go because the other teacher wanted her job back.

I was also told that I could be paid as a substitute for a week

if I agree to help the other teacher transition back, and that they would keep me on the "sub list" permanently if I wanted that.

I received no negative feedback at all, aside from being told that I should think about continuing to develop a commanding presence and should strive to build relationships with my co-workers in the future.

I feel like I've been punched in the gut. My husband thinks we should pursue a wrongful termination suit, but that seems a cruel thing to do to a school, especially a charter school.

I just want to figure out how to move forward, professionally and emotionally. — *Sub-Standard Teacher*

Dear Sub: I am not a lawyer, but my instinct tells me you do not have a claim because you are clearly less experienced than the teacher who left and

wanted to come back. You might check with the teachers union.

As for staying on their terms, you'll have to decide whether that offers you the road to achieving your goal.

I find it kind of unusual that someone can leave a job, want it back and get it. I do think you can get beyond this by understanding that this was not a dastardly deed aimed at you, in particular.

Life happens, my dear, and I predict a successful future for you. — *Margo, progressively*

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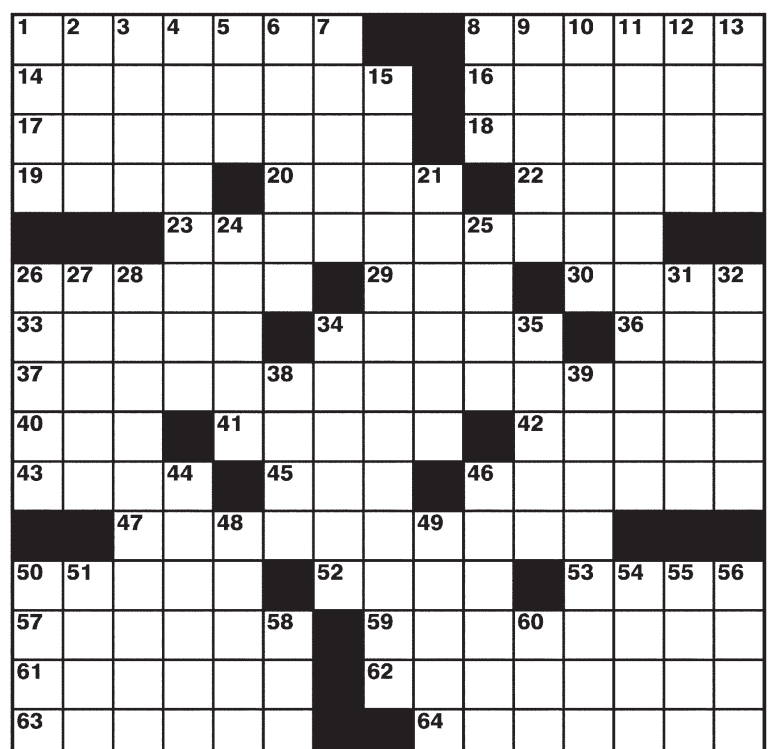
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You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 4th day of April, 2011 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 28th day of February, A.D. 2011.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: GARLA JEAN HARE ROOT, and if deceased, the legal representatives of said Defendant and the unknown heirs of said named Defendant, the legal representatives of the unknown heir of said named Defendant, if the unknown heirs of the said named Defendant are dead.

GREETINGS:
You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being the 28th day of March, 2011, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m., before the Honorable 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, at the Courthouse in Howard, Texas. Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 14th day of February, 2011, the File Number of said suit being No. 47670. The names of the parties in said suit are: MIDLAND OIL AND GAS, INC., as Plaintiff, and GARLA JEAN HARE ROOT, as Defendant.

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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,723.31, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

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

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You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 4th day of April, 2011 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 4th day of April, 2011 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 28th day of February, A.D. 2011.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6907 March 6 & 13, 2011

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: Rebecca Lynn Smith and Angela Kay Dees aka Angela Kay Dees Smith

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

The N/2 of Sc 17, Bk 25, H&TC RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; SAVE AND EXCEPT the W 25 acres of the N/2; and SAVE AND EXCEPT a 120 acre tract described on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,270.21, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against REBECCA LYNN SMITH AND ANGELA KAY DEES AKA ANGELA KAY DEES SMITH and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on February 24, 2011, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. REBECCA LYNN SMITH AND ANGELA KAY DEES AKA ANGELA KAY DEES SMITH, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5966 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 4th day of April, 2011 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6910 March 6 & 13, 2011

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: Tyra Lendermon aka Tyra Denette Rainey

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

A 2 acre tract or parcel of land out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,086.85, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JOHN SLAY FUGLAAR AKA JOHN S. FUGLAAR, MICHELLE SULLIVAN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN SLAY FUGLAAR AND TYRA LENDERMON AKA TYRA DENETTE RAINEY and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on July 30, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOHN SLAY FUGLAAR AKA JOHN S. FUGLAAR, MICHELLE SULLIVAN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN SLAY FUGLAAR AND TYRA LENDERMON AKA TYRA DENETTE RAINEY, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5715 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 4th day of April, 2011 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 1st day of March, A.D. 2011.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6911 March 6 & 13, 2011

Legals

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TO: Peggy Coleman

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

Lt 8, Bk 16, Boydston Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$749.52, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JACK COLEMAN AND PEGGY COLEMAN and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on July 30, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JACK COLEMAN AND PEGGY COLEMAN, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5718 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6912 March 6 & 13, 2011

Legals

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARSHALL NEIL CRAWFORD, JR. were issued on February 28, 2011 in Docket Number P-13932, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas to JACQUELYN GAIL PHILLIPS, Independent Executor. The address of record for JACQUELYN GAIL PHILLIPS is 4109 Pebble Ridge Cove, Round Rock, Texas 78681. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims to the foregoing address within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. #6916 March 13, 2011

Answer to previous puzzle

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Dear Annie: I am 55 and have been in a relationship with "Don" for two years. Don was trying to fix up a friend, so he called this woman who used to be his neighbor 20 years ago. He told her he had a girlfriend, but said nothing about the fact that I was standing right there.

She ended the telephone call with, "Love you," and he mumbled softly back, "Love you." He didn't want me to hear.

His defense was that he has known this woman for 25 years and she always ends her conversations this way and he just repeats it.

He claims I am insecure. He says he only loves me and would never play mind games. He also claims this woman will always just be a friend and nothing more.

I told him that out of

respect for me, he shouldn't have said "love you" back to her. At least he shouldn't have tried to hide it from me. What do you think? — *Doris*

Dear Doris: We think you should let this slide and forget about it. Don mumbled because he was embarrassed to have you overhear something he used to say to an old friend and knew you wouldn't like.

He isn't trying to hide an affair or rekindle an old flame. You can choose to make a fuss over this and create a problem or show Don what an understanding gal you are and let him off the hook.

Dear Annie: One of my personal goals this year is to become a more positive person. A suggestion I've come across repeatedly is to surround myself with happy, positive people.

Unfortunately, the person I spend the most time with, my husband, is one of the most pessimistic people I know. There isn't a single aspect of life in which he doesn't

see the negative. Even activities we used to enjoy have become a source of frustration when they don't go exactly as planned.

I have tried to discuss this with him and have even taken on the household chores that he despises in an attempt to lower his stress levels. Nothing helps, and now I am physically and emotionally exhausted.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

It is difficult enough to keep myself energized and upbeat without having to constantly do the same for him.

I love him and don't want to see our marriage fall apart, but I fear that if something doesn't change soon, he is going to sink into a deep level of unhappiness and drag me along with him. What else can I do? — *Positively Unhappy Wife*

Dear Unhappy: Your husband sounds one step past curmudgeon. He may be depressed. Tell him he doesn't seem to be enjoying his life, and ask him to make an appointment to talk

about it with his doctor. He could use some help. **Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Emotionally Drained," whose mentally ill husband is emotionally abusive. I am still married to my husband, and I am convinced he is mentally ill.

I stayed to raise the kids, who now rarely visit. It was not worth the emotional damage that was inflicted on them for the few positive things their father offered. Maybe her husband is a narcissistic egomaniac like mine, who criticized his kids' athletic skills until they both quit sports. Maybe he is bipolar like mine, with mood swings and spending sprees that left us broke. Maybe he is just cruel. But I guarantee it is not going to get any easier if she stays. I used to love him, but now I simply tolerate him. — *Still Here Doing*

This
Dear Still Here: It's never too late to change your circumstances. Please talk to a counselor and see what you can do.

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

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