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Landtroop surveys first session as rep

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

For Big Spring's freshman state representative, a lot of good things were accomplished during this year's session of the Texas Legislature.

Jim Landtroop (R-Plainview) proudly pointed to a balanced budget and bills he said advanced the conservative agenda that best reflects Texans' wishes as he looked back on the Legislature's 2011 session, his first as the District 85 representative.

But he conceded some bad was sprinkled in with the positive accom-

"I wasn't elected as a Republican, I was elected to represent the people in my district."

plishments.

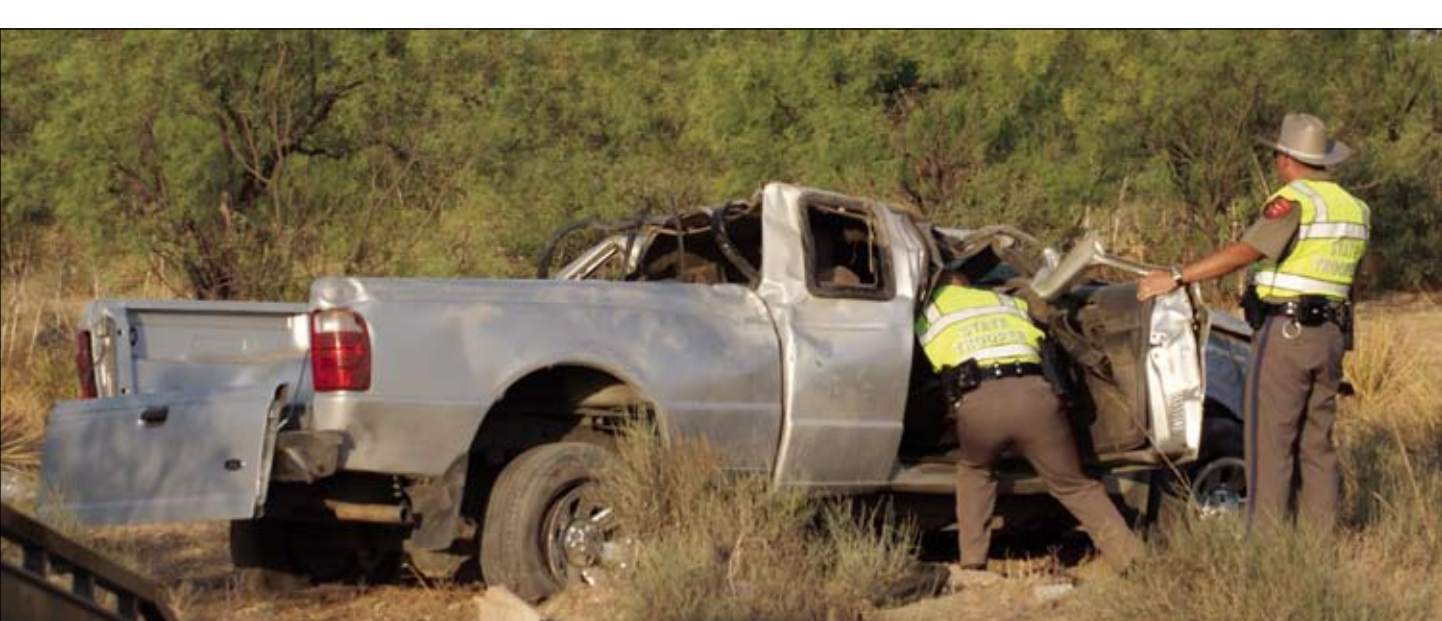
His biggest disappointment was passage of an education finance bill that slashed \$4 billion in state aid to local school districts over the next two years. Landtroop broke ranks with

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Courtesy photo

State Rep. Jim Landtroop said the disappointments coming from the legislative session were outweighed by the positives — a balanced budget, redistricting, tort reform and restrictions on abortions among them.



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

DPS Troopers investigate the scene and look for identification of two occupants involved in a one-vehicle rollover Friday evening.

Two injured in I-20 rollover

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

A Friday evening accident caused the two occupants of a Silver Ford Ranger to be flown to Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

The one-vehicle rollover occurred in the east bound lanes of I-20 about 5 miles outside Big Spring around 7 p.m. A male and female passenger — names unknown and not released

by DPS officials at the time — were treated on scene before being flown to the hospital.

Two ambulances and two Air Evac helicopters were called to the scene, as well as the Howard County Sheriff's Office, Big Spring Fire Department and DPS.

According to DPS, it appeared neither occupant of the vehicle had life-threatening injuries.

It appeared the vehicle, which

was registered out of Hobbs, N.M., went out of control into a counter-clockwise spin, left the roadway and rolled one and a half times, according to officials at the scene.

The accident is still under investigation.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

Budget to spark FISSD focus

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

FORSAN — School trustees here will begin a months-long process of crafting a new budget when they hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration wing board room.

Superintendent Randy Johnson will present a report on the new budget, which is still in its infant stages at this point. The process is so tentative that firm budget numbers won't be available for several days, Johnson conceded.

"What we plan to show the board is simply the roughest of rough drafts," Johnson said. "We'll be put-

ting some numbers in some slots as a sort of starting point in this process."

As part of a \$4 billion reduction in state aid to school districts over the next two years, FISSD will have to make do with \$1.5 million less in funds over that period, but how exactly that will impact the new budget is still to be decided.

The only definite thing Johnson can say about the budget is it will be very lean.

"This will be the tightest budget I've seen since I've been at Forsan ISD, even after cutting some staff positions," he said. "That's one reason I'm proud of our school board's (recent) decision to use some money

from our reserve funds to help pay for teacher raises. Their being OK with that action helps keep us away from any kind of panic mode when crafting the budget and allows us a bit of flexibility in the process."

School officials have set Aug. 29 as the tentative date for approving the new budget.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- Personnel matters.
- Student handbooks for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Insurance costs.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Thank you slated for firefighters

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

It's not a surprise local firefighters have been busy this year.

Due to all the grassfires, especially the most recent Boykin Road Fire and South Mountain Fire,

the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, surrounding county volunteer fire departments, Big Spring Fire Department and Texas Forest Service have been putting in long hours to ensure the safety of Crossroads residents.

In honor of all their hard work, numerous people and organizations have joined together to put on a Firemen Benefit, Auction and Dance.

"Iva Jo Hanslik presented this idea to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board members and all were in support of the idea," said Debbye

What: Benefit for firefighters in Howard, Glasscock, Martin and Mitchell counties.


Where: Howard County Fairbarn.

When: 5 p.m. Aug. 27.

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Dallas	101	78	pt sunny
Denver	89	63	t-storm
Houston	97	76	mst sunny
Los Angeles	78	64	pt sunny
Miami	90	80	t-storm

Budget on tap for commissioners

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will meet Monday morning to discuss a number of items, including a budget workshop to continue ongoing efforts to develop the 2011-2012 fiscal plan for the county.

Commissioners began meeting with department heads several months ago, part of the court's annual budget process, according to County Judge Mark Barr.

"Each year we go through a series of budget workshops to meet with the department heads and find out what their needs are for the coming year," Barr said. "Once we've completed all of those interviews,

we begin the process of setting out our budgetary plans for the coming year."

Barr said he expects mineral values to produce approximately the same revenues as last year, keeping the court on a rather familiar course.

"Looking at the valuations, I think we're going to have about as much to work with this year as we did last year," he said. "There's still a lot of work to be done on the budget, however. We'll know more once we're deeper into the process."

Also during Monday's meeting, the court is to meet with Will Culpeper with Yellow House Machinery.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will pres-

ent invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments, as well as her office's monthly financial report.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is to discuss personnel considerations, the monthly payroll report and her office's quarterly report, while County Clerk Donna Wright will present her office's monthly report.

County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will discuss pipeline crossings

and deliver a report on road maintenance within the county, as well as possible action to purchase a new patch truck for his department.

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

Contact Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Take Note

• Big Spring resident Matt Fowler was involved in a vehicle accident June 20 and is listed in critical, but stable condition at Odessa Medical Center. He has undergone two procedures and two surgeries, with more to come. The family is in need of assistance with medical expenses. They ask for anyone wanting to help to send donations to P.O. Box 3315, Big Spring, 79720, Attn: Angela Morrow. The family extends its gratitude for all gifts.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will be offering "Back to School" immunizations from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, July 25 through Wednesday, July 27. Bring your child's immunization record. If you have the letter your child received from school, bring that also. No immunizations will be available July 18 through July 22. Normal immunization hours, Monday through Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., will resume Aug. 1.

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- **LACEY DANYELLE RODRIGUEZ**, 19, of 2618 Hunter, was arrested Friday on a charge of assault — family violence threat or offensive touch.
- **JOHN ANTHONY PANTOJA**, 20, of 2202 Alabama, was arrested Friday for no drivers license/when unlicensed, failure to appear.
- **JOSHUA DAVID HARRINGTON**, 21, of 1316 Park Avenue, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **COREY PRESTON HOFFPAUIR**, 34, of 1100 Sycamore St., was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon. In the 600 block of State Street. In the 1200 block of Young Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Aylesford.
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Take Note

• Sharon Chancy, campus curriculum coordinator at Bauer Elementary School, and her family lost their home and all their possessions to the wildfire that swept South Mountain on the evening of June 20. A fund has been established at the Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union to assist the family as they recover from this loss. To help, call 432-263-8393 or come by the FCU at 1110 Benton.

• A medical fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employee FCU for Maurine Pittman, who has been diagnosed with leukemia. She and her husband Gale are both off without pay at this time and may be for quite a while. Maurine is at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas at this time. To donate to the fund, call 432-263-8393 or come by the FCU at 1110 Benton.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in dire need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through

Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• Coahoma High School alumni are planning an all-classes' reunion on Saturday, July 23 at Coahoma Elementary. Registration is from 9-10 a.m., followed by visiting, a short business meeting, a fund-raising auction, lunch, and a program honoring CHS Music Through the Years (band, choir, special singing and/or musical groups, etc.). Alumni with musical talents are encouraged to bring instru-

ments or music to provide a couple of songs for attendees. Alumni are also asked to bring items for the auction. Please RSVP for the lunch (barbecue by Hog Heaven) and mail checks to: Coahoma Alumni Association, POB 488, Coahoma 79511 by July 1. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children age 8 and under. The Stampede has been reserved for additional visiting that evening for all CHS alumni from 6:30-11 p.m. Music from the 50s, 60s and 70s will be played, and food and sodas provided. For questions, contact any CHS Alumni Officer: Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588 or jefnjoyce@yahoo.com; Rose Thixton Teeler at 432-393-5267 or at jrteeler@yahoo.com; Barbara Ballard Reilly at 432-263-7808; or Cindy Parrish Klaus at 432-466-1298 or cindyrklaus@gmail.com.

• Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

• Big Spring High School Class of 1981 will have its 30-year reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For information, contact Mark Warren at 903-283-3326 or 903-843-5927, or e-mail mwarren@etex.net

• 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.

• 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.

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the Republican leadership to vote against the bill, saying it was against the best interest of his constituents.

"I wasn't elected as a Republican, I was elected to represent the people in my district," he said. "Ultimately, it came down to what was best for this district, and on the education bill, I could not support a bill I thought was bad for West Texas."

Landtroop also expressed disappointment that two bills he co-authored failed to gain passage. One bill would have prohibited the legislature from approving unfunded mandates, while the other would have required a four-fifths majority vote before any bill raising taxes would be enacted.

"We're not always going to have a conservative majority in Texas," he said. "So we need to put protections in place now."

The disappointments,

however, were outweighed by the positive work accomplished by representatives this year, Landtroop quickly added.

"Overall, it was a good session," he said. "I didn't agree with everything that passed, but we still got a lot of good, conservative measures passed this session."

Aside from the balanced budget, Landtroop pointed to tort reform, redistricting and bills placing restrictions on abortion as measures he was proud to have seen

enacted.

On the redistricting front, Landtroop worked with other West Texas representatives to fight any plan that would reduce the region's representation in Austin.

"We were not going to accept West Texas losing three seats in the House," he said of a redistricting proposal he vigorously opposed. "This was an example of people coming together and working toward a common goal."

Landtroop said he noticed a lot of cooperative

effort among legislators this year.

"Almost everyone was trying to do what they thought was right and best for their constituents," he said. "We'd have disagreements, but at the end of the day, we'd be civil to each other... It was encouraging to see how much people were willing to work together on the issues."

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BENEFIT

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ValVerde, chamber executive director.

The benefit will take place at the Howard County Fairbarn Aug. 27, starting at 5 p.m. It will be in honor of all firefighters in Howard, Glasscock, Martin and Mitchell counties.

"We all know how hard our firefighters have been working and the surrounding counties have come and helped us out as well as we've gone to help them out in their county's fires," ValVerde said. "This is just a way of saying thank you."

All firefighters are encouraged to bring their families and the community is invited to come out, support and say thank you. There will be no ticket needed for the event and no door charge, but a Fill the Boot Donation will be taken. The money raised from that will benefit the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, according to ValVerde.

A Firemen's Benefit Fund has been set up at State National Bank, account number 3490645, for those wanting to donate funds for the benefit. Any and all Crossroads residents who would like to donate food, auction items or monetary donations are encouraged to do so.

"Auction items, as long as they can fit through the door, will be taken at the chamber office," ValVerde said.

Noel Olivas and band will be providing the entertainment for the dance. The benefit is a joint effort between numerous individuals, the chamber and Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, Trinity Baptist Church,

First Baptist Church and College Baptist Church.

To find out more information or to donate food, call Rob Dalsing at 973-714-4572. To donate an auction item, stop by the chamber or contact

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YOUR VIEWS

It wasn't about the music

TO THE EDITOR:

I didn't want to be in band.

I had tried it in sixth grade because it was required. I played the clarinet. I was horrible. I would break a reed sometime to keep from having to play. The band director was a young woman more interested in the high school boys than she was in teaching music. She was fired at the end of the year.

So I decided to give seventh grade band a try. I only went into band that year because they only offered seventh graders one other alternative ... home economics. As much as I knew that I did not have much musical talent, I still felt that it was the better option. I did not want to learn to bake cookies (at the time, that's what I thought Home Ec was all about). The band director was a nice enough guy but he had little patience with me struggling to play the coronet. I decided I was going to hang it up after that year. That band director would also leave for greener pastures after only one year at Forsan High School.

Then came Bob Fishback.

He started as band director the year I started eighth grade. I decided to give him a try. I also didn't want to take "Industrial Arts" (better known as "Shop Class") I was about as good with a hammer or nail as I was with a musical instrument.

I instantly liked this guy. He immediately took an interest with me. He would stay with me after school coaching me through playing the baritone (my last and final instrument). He would encourage me. He would never let me give up. And he never gave up on me.

I would love to tell you one of those "success stories" ... that I later became a concert musician or composed a symphony. I never really got much better. To this day, I don't think I could pick up a baritone and know what to do with it.

But it wasn't about music to Bob Fishback. I truly believe that his calling was above and beyond that of teaching us how to play music. I believe he understood that he was making investments for the future. And he poured himself into each and every student that would allow it to happen.

I would say that I learned from Bob Fishback the value of "relationships." He took time to get to know me. He took time to polish a diamond in the rough. Yes, he could have cast me aside. I was not a "band hero." But no, far from it. He spent time with me and spent time making sure I knew he cared.

I look back now on the day he awarded me "The John Philip Sousa Award." This was the highest award a high school band student could receive.

And keep in mind I could never play a note.

But that's not why he gave me the award.

It was his way of saying "I see something in you. Don't give up on yourself. I'll never give up on you."

I am not a teacher or a band director. But everyday God places young people in my path. I pray that I follow that man's example. I pray that I take time to invest in a relationship, let them know I care, and show them that what really matters is that they be the best they can be with the gifts God gave them.

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Texas noodlers not anonymous

When Texas Governor Rick Perry signed the noodling bill into law recently, participants could start telling the truth about what they do on weekends.

Noodling? You don't know what that is? Well, talk to "fish-erpersons" (they're mostly men), and they'll contend that landing flathead catfish by hand is a sport. Others understandably maintain that the word "extreme" needs to precede "sport."

Critics, typically fishing enthusiasts who use traditional bait instead of hands rammed into fishes' mouths, swear to the death that ESPN's droning hours of poker are more "sporty."

It is clear, though, that Oklahoma is a pace-setter in noodling. It's been legal there for, well, maybe centuries, since Native Americans perfected the technique before showing us how.

The art, or sport or extreme lunacy—depending on which perch you sit—is adding participants by the day.

Before you complain about casino traffic on I-35, better check the calendar. If it's the second Saturday in July, a few thousand cars exit at Pauls Valley for the annual "Okie-Noodling Tournament and Fish Fry." This year, some 15,000 visitors attended, tripling the community's population for a day. They mostly gathered to share stories, eat fish, corral kids, gawk at noodling demonstrations and cheer on the some 200 noodlers — a record number for the event.

A foremost noodler is Lee McFarlin of Stillwater. He's been at it since second grade, learning the technique from his late

father, who noodled until age 70. Lee is several degrees above expert, both in the catching and in the cooking.

In academia, he'd be the "Ph.D. of Fishing," with his wife and daughter right behind him stringing along as sidekicks.

He noodles most weekends, and doesn't figure catch is worth it if he doesn't drive home with hands all "Band-Aided up."

Lee ramrods the Pauls Valley event, where he is "chief cook." They have close to a half-ton of "bought fish," augmented by several hundred pounds of flatheads he'll put up against finest seafood.

"I trim it right, season it right with my special seasoning and cook it in 'just right' temperatures," he claims.

Fifteen of his "noodling neighbors" from Stillwater help with the outdoor cooking at Wacker Park. He's got a 24-inch cast iron skillet, and several deep tubs that hold five gallons of oil that is changed out five times during the daylong cooking. Upwards of 100 gallons will go up in smoke.

Noodling TV documentaries are on the rise; history channel people are expected in Oklahoma later this month for the latest version.

It doesn't take long to rattle off the basic rules for noodling: fishing license, no hooks or anything pointed, a limit of three catches per day, none shorter than 20 inches.

Lee says most catches are in the 20-25 pound range, but much larger fish are not uncommon. The record is 123 pounds. (Flatheads can gain 2-3 pounds per year, and some are past 30 years of age.)

"I've had a hold of two that had to be over 100 pounds," he claims, "But no fish is worth drowning over."

Contestants have 24 hours, ending at 7 p.m. Saturday, to land biggest fish or biggest

stringers of fish. There are two divisions—scuba and "natural," the latter for contestants without breathing apparatus.

They seek flatheads under ledges, boat ramps, banks and brush piles — all potential nesting grounds.

What they sometimes find, though, are snakes, beavers, snapping turtles or even alligators. One noodler landed a flathead granddaddy that "had teeth like 36-grit sandpaper that left his noodling hand looking like the main ingredient of a chili recipe."

Lee figures noodlers may catch one percent of the fish they touch. "Mother Nature wins a big percentage of the time," he claims.

He wants Texans to "hurry up," and maybe one day challenge Oklahomans in noodling.

One Okie wants Petersburg, Texas, to emphasize noodling, even if water is several miles from the city limits.

Pauls Valley and Petersburg could have a friendly wager," he joked, "But it might turn out to be robbing 'Peter' to pay 'Paul'."

Watch out if the Okies discover "trout tickling." This non-traditional fish-fetching technique dates back to at least 230 AD, as noted in Greek literature. Later, Mark Twain referenced the topic.

Space runs short, but in a nutshell, pursuers stealthily approached daydreaming trout, tickling their undersides to lure trout into temporary trances. Maybe that's the technique I'll try.

My wife cautions that I'm not likely to tickle 'em to death, and says she won't heat the skillet unless I have a reserve stash from the supermarket.

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



Jury system making getting away with murder too easy

With the verdict in the Casey Anthony trial, every American now has a blueprint for committing heinous crimes. It seems, a jury will not convict you of murder — even if you are clearly guilty — if you manage to keep the murder hidden long enough for evidence to deteriorate.

Every sensible person who watched this trial likely believes that Anthony killed her daughter. The killing may have been accidental, it may have been negligence or it may have been outright murder, but there's a dead kid and it's, in my opinion, clearly her fault.

Even if it was an accident, why would any person decide that after their child accidentally drowned, the logical course of action would be to cover that up?

Drowning a baby is essentially the perfect crime because unless someone has footage of you tossing the kid in the pool, there's pretty much no way to prove it wasn't an accident. If you want to drown a baby, just put them near the pool and turn your

back.

Clearly, this trial proves that the jury trial system does not work.

Regular people are not equipped to make these sorts of decisions — certainly not when they can only convict using the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard. Evidence has simply become too complicated for normal folks off the street, "our peers," so to speak, to make proper decisions.

What jury understands DNA, forensic evidence or all the magical things the techie folks can do with computers? Did Casey Anthony run searches on her computer for chloroform or was it her mom? Can a regular person believe or even decipher what the expert has to say?

Casey Anthony got away with murder (or at least manslaughter followed by covering up the crime) because the jury lacked the ability to make the correct decision. Juries get no training in deciphering evidence or understanding the subtleties of the law. Instead, they get bare bones instructions and are basically thrown to the wolves.

The current system makes it a logical gamble for every guilty defendant to role the dice and take a chance on beating the charges. Why plead out and save

the taxpayers countless dollars, when you can role the dice that an incompetent jury might hear enough evidence to convict you, but still let you walk away free.

The alternative to the current amateur jury system would, of course, be to employ professional juries. With so many in this country unemployed, it would be easy to find trainable panels from all across the community who can hear the more complicated cases.

We could sign these jurors up to one year terms and make them take and pass tests regarding different types of evidence. That way, we could have trials where defense experts can't muddy the waters around good evidence by using bad science.

If we wanted to, we could create a system where killing your child would land you in jail for a very long time. Instead, we have one where Casey Anthony will have a reality show and a Playboy photo shoot or some similar combination.

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LETTERS

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Mr. Fishback is gone now. I got that word this afternoon. But his legacy lives on in countless students who he took the time to get to know.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

PASTOR RICK HOPE/PHIL.1:3
LILLIAN, TEXAS

Forever Grateful

TO THE EDITOR:
Monday, June 20, we lost our home, all our possessions, and my daughter's car to the fire that began on Boykin road. It is devastating to have everything you've worked hard for years to acquire (some that can never be replaced) to be gone in a mere hour or two, but we have learned through all of this the true meaning of West Texas hospitality.

As we stood on the side of Driver Road not knowing what had become of our home, family, friends, as well as strangers came to try to help in anyway they could. We were very fortunate no one was hurt. First and foremost, thank you to all of the volunteer firemen that put their lives in danger to help us out. They have been overworked this year, but what we learned was just how much they really care. Some of them came back to the house the next day to apologize that they weren't able to save our house. How selfless of them!

Thank you to our awesome families; we don't know if we would still be sane without you all! Donna, as well as all of the employees at Wesley Beauchamp State Farm, have been life savers. We didn't even know where to begin, but Donna has been amazing about guiding us step by step.

Thanks to Melanie Gambrell who put her life at risk to save our male dog, Gunner. Even though our house wasn't saved and we lost Gracie, our female dog, we know that Pepper Sullivan and all the volunteer firefighters worked so hard and did a remarkable job at saving the other houses around us.

What a blessing!

A big thank you to my Bauer Family for their support and generosity, as well as an extra big thank you to my principal, Fabian Gomez, for coming out in the heat and helping us gather up load after load of scrap iron. What an awesome leader!

Thank you to my summer school family — we are grateful to you as well. Thanks to everyone in BSISD for their calls, emails, texts and willingness to help in anyway. I've always been a proud employee, but now I am even prouder!

Thank you to Patsy Sanchez and the Goliad Cavaliers for thinking of us during this difficult time. We also appreciated all of the oilfield people including Bill Wigington and Basic Energy who came out and helped us the night of the fire and Fritz Inc. in Odessa for their generosity.

We are forever grateful to Leslie Clements for setting up the account at the credit union and all the people who were thoughtful and caring enough to donate to the fund. We will certainly pay it forward. I wish I could thank everyone individually for their thoughts, prayers, and kindness. It has meant more to us than words can express and will help ease the pain as we rebuild our lives.

JERRY, SHARON, AND JESSICA CHANCY
BIG SPRING

No trash pickup

TO THE EDITOR:
I want to complain about the City of Big Spring. I work in a group home where there are 13 individuals residing. We take trash out from several bathrooms and kitchen three times daily. Upon coming to work Monday, I noticed the dumpster was full. Tuesday, June 14 was no different and Wednesday, June 15, no change.

I contacted sanitation Thursday morning to inquire about the reason the trash had not been picked up. The gentlemen nicely proceeded to tell me that they were “short” of help. I informed him my trash at home had not been picked up as well.

I cannot believe there are not any qualified people to do the job. Someone would be happy to have a job in

this economy. What would they do if I told them I was “short” when it came to paying my monthly bill? You guessed it I would be without water.

We work hard for our money to pay our bills the least the city can do is ensure they have enough workers to meet our needs. Maybe the council should vote on discounting the bill when they are “short” as we do pay for sanitation. By the way, by the end of my office day, the trash still had not been picked up.

TERESA WALKER
BIG SPRING

Let's pray for rain

TO THE EDITOR:
Does anyone remember a time when rain came more frequently than it does nowadays? I sure do. It seems as though we're now living in a time when the Texas skies are bone dry.

When I was a kid, my parents lived on the corner of E. 15th and Donley Street in Big Spring. Every time it came a big rain, the section of Donley Street by our house would turn into a river.

I now live in Sweetwater and still remember the Midland/Odessa TV stations talking about the flooding in Roscoe in either the late 1970s or early 1980s. I'm not sure if Roscoe's flood was caused by either a hurricane or several days of rain.

I recall when Big Spring received several days of rain. I've lived in Sweetwater since Oct. 1997 and there hasn't been several days of rain here since I've lived here.

What I'm trying to say is West Texas needs rain really bad. If you all still have those bumper stickers that say, “PRAY FOR RAIN” stored away, now is the time to break them out and put them on your cars, pickup trucks, etc. A prayer for rain wouldn't hurt.

Robert Rainwater
Sweetwater

Many apologies

TO THE EDITOR:
After many comments and reviewing the letter I wrote about speeding which was published in last weekend's paper, I realized I inadvertently

villanized law enforcement.

It certainly wasn't my intention to make them look like the bad guys instead of the good guys they really are. I sincerely apologize to all of the law enforcement officers out there because I really do appreciate them protecting my family and I and for laying their lives on the line for citizens everyday.

The point I was trying to make was the officers should have to have evidence of the speeding. The officer did not clock me on radar; rather he was guessing how fast I was going. The guessing is what I am adamantly against. When we have our day in court, if he can prove I was going 70 MPH, I will gladly pay the fine.

Again, I apologize if people thought I was trying to make police officers look like villains. I am merely exercising my rights as an American citizen by protesting the ticket.

Jerry Chancy
Big Spring

Bump drafting

TO THE EDITOR:
I am a big NASCAR fan and a big Jr. Nation person. I love Jr. like I loved his dad.

One thing I do not like is the bump drafting. That's not racing, it's one car pushing another one around the track. It's cheating and it's tacky. Also, boring.

I've asked my friends who are NASCAR fans and watchers and they don't like it either.

If I had their address, I'd write and let them know.

If I didn't love racing so much I wouldn't watch it. I love the fast cars the best. Daytona and Taladaga are my favorites.

I'd like to know if there's anyone else who loves racing feels like I do about that bump drafting.

If I'm bump drafting and I'm pushing and the one I push goes over the finish line I'm going to be mad. Who wants to be second like that? Now they're putting grease on the bumper?

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In direct response to this decreased consumption amount it has become necessary to further restrict outdoor watering for the citizens of Big Spring to 2 times a week.

Designation of Watering Days:

The last digit in the address of a residence, commercial establishment, or any other water customer of the City of Big Spring water utility will determine that residence's or establishment's designation of “Even” or “Odd.” (i.e: 307 would be odd for the 7, but 308 would be even for the 8)

“Even” addresses will be allowed to water on Tuesday and Saturday.

“Odd” addresses will be allowed to water on Wednesday and Sunday.

No outside watering except that which is specifically allowed in the the Drought Contingency Plan Stage III shall take place on Mondays, Thursdays, or Fridays, or any day between the hours of 10 am to 6 pm watering should occur during either morning or evening hours rather than both in one day.

Please contact (432) 264-2501 if you have any questions or concerns.

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many more future events!

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DEAR MARGO: Politics and religion — again

Dear Margo: “Ellie” and I have been friends for nearly 50 years. We have been through much together, even though we live in different states.

However, we have never been able to discuss politics or religion since we are diametrically opposed in these areas. I long ago accepted that limit on the friendship.

Recently, I invited her to visit for three days to see a special art exhibit, attend a cooking class and have dinner with my friends here.

We had a great time until she went on a political diatribe one evening while we were watching the news. I had to ask her to stop screaming at me, even though I was not participating in the dialogue.

After she went home, she sent an e-mail that reawakened my hurt feelings, and unfortunately, I responded in kind. However, after a few exchanges, we both apologized, and I thought we were ready to move on.

It's now been more than a month, and she is still reading and re-reading the e-mails and demanding I respond to her.

This upsets me and makes me overly anxious. I keep telling her it's over for me and asking her to move on, but she

refuses to accept this.

I don't know what to do besides refusing further discussion and giving her time to work it out for herself. It's all so exhausting. — *Flummoxed*

Dear Flum: People who can't let go can really gum up a friendship, and I think that has already happened in your case.

You do not need to defend yourself or go through a rerun of your differences. As for her “demanding” that you respond, well, stick to your guns. What can she do — send you to your room? I fear the friendship had a shelf life of 50 years, which ain't bad.

And do bear in mind that age does nothing to smooth over these kinds of situations. If an announcement of severed relations is required, make it. — *Margo, philosophically*

On being nagged to have children!

Dear Margo: Lately, I've realized my mother is not talking to me.

It all started when she launched into a rant about how I wasn't giving her grandchildren.

It's really been frustrating! Along with this, I have to deal with a proposal. I do not think I'm ready for marriage yet, but my current boyfriend (of four years) has been pressuring me.

Sometimes I just want to say to my mother, “Whoa! Slow down. I don't

know if I even want to marry this man ... so having kids is a whole step ahead.” She is constantly “reminding” me that she got married at 20 and gave birth to me at 23. She is making me seriously nervous. — *Louisa*

Dear Lou: In your circumstances, I would be grateful my mother wasn't talking to me. She is way off base to push you to marry so she can have grandchildren. Frankly, I've never understood parents (and fathers can be just as bad) who are so eager for grands that they badger their kids — and you are not even married yet.

Tune her out, dear, and you might consider informing her that 1) you've not decided on a husband, 2) you find it intrusive for her to be pushing you for reasons having to do with her desires, and 3) when it's time for her to go shopping for little things, you will let her know. Continue to go at your own speed. You are wise to resist pressure, and I hope the grandmother-in-waiting gets a grip. — *Margo, decisively*

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

dry, supper and whatever needs to be done around the house and with the kids.

By the time I'm done, it's 9:30 and my husband is still not home. It gets really lonely here. I tried having my own after-hours activities, but when I'd return, there would still be dishes to wash, laundry to do and things to pick up. It was exhausting.

I feel like a single mother. It's not as if his activities involve the kids. He spends little time with them. If I say anything or try to derail his plans with some family time, I am the bad guy, especially if he believes I'm only doing it to force him to spend time with his children.

It's frustrating, and I'm not sure how to rectify the situation. He's a great, hardworking guy, but the kids are going to be grown and gone by the time he realizes what he's missed. — *Just Want Some Family Time*

Dear Family Time: While your husband should certainly be spending more time with his family, you cannot force him to appreciate what he has at home.

He's too busy running away from it. Instead, concentrate on yourself. Your children are old enough to help with cooking, cleaning and laundry, and these are skills they should learn.

Pick an evening to do something you enjoy, and tell your kids they are responsible for the household chores that night.

Hire a sitter if you feel they are not old enough to stay home alone. And if the house isn't perfect, so what?

You have been carrying a big load for a long time. You deserve to decompress, too.

Dear Annie: My son fell out of my life several years ago. I do not know why, nor do I know where he is.

We used to talk every couple of weeks for years, but then I didn't hear from him, and his phone was disconnected. When my mail was returned unopened, I was so worried that I had the police there check on him.

I then got a call from my son letting me know that when he had something to say to me, he would phone.

The next year, I received a Mother's Day card saying he loved me and wished me the best. That was several years ago, and I have not heard from him since. He was a wonderful son until he vanished from my life.

I have since remarried, but I refuse to move because this is the only place my son knows to contact me. I am now 65 and have resigned myself to never seeing him again.

Please, if you are estranged from your parents, check in occasionally. You do not have to divulge your

whereabouts. Just a postcard to say you are OK would be enough. I will love my son forever. I hope he knows that. — *A Lonely Mom*

Dear Mom: Your letter broke our hearts. We hope your son will contact you soon. And for all other distant and estranged children out there — please send word that you are OK. Your parents love you and worry about you.

Dear Annie: I read with interest the letter from “Dismayed in the Boston Area,” whose daughter has been subjected to anti-Semitic remarks at the company where she works.

Please tell this young woman to contact the Simon Wiesenthal Center/Museum of Tolerance. We have a diversity-training pro-

gram as part of our “Tools for Tolerance” and can offer her some advice. — *A. Fox*

Dear A. Fox: Thank you for your assistance and suggestions.

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Anger over Casey Anthony verdict pours out online

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — For nearly two months, the murder trial of Casey Anthony was a living entity. It breathed daily across national television airwaves, then was reinforced nightly on cable TV programs that dissected every word uttered in the courtroom and fueled speculation on her fate.

When Anthony was acquitted of murder in the death of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee, hundreds of thousands of people captivated by the case — and certain of her guilt — poured their rage into postings on Facebook and

the micro-blogging site Twitter. Those and other social media sites provided a platform and a large audience for a decibel level of vitriol seldom seen before.

The threats, both veiled and blatant, were disturbing enough to make the judge hold off on releasing jurors' names, and to make it all the more likely that Anthony will be secretly whisked away upon her release next week.

Postings continued to fill one "I hate Casey Anthony" Facebook page on Saturday morning, with nearly 39,000 people having "liked" the page. In reaction to

Anthony's July 17 announced release date, one person wrote, "... maybe she won't even make it out of jail alive." Someone else added a picture of Anthony manipulated to give her horns and included a backdrop of flames.

Dr. Phyllis Chesler, a psychologist who authored "Mothers on Trial," said the case connected with people by the millions because it taps primitive instincts rejecting the thought of a mother ever doing anything to harm her child.

"Once a mother is merely accused, she stands convicted, because the instinct is to blame the mother," she said. "She's an outlaw even though she was found innocent. ... People in down times spend their waking hours looking for bright, bushy-tailed distractions. Casey and her poor daughter's sick and sad saga will fit the bill for now."

Even those who weren't as enraged said they found a sort of electronic catharsis in boiling down their emotions to 140 characters and posting them in anonymity on Twitter.

Wendy Thompson squealed when she got a text message that the verdict was in, but later was in disbelief as she heard the words "not guilty."

Thompson, who lives just outside Detroit, read one tweet asking, "Soo is it like too early to ask (hash)CaseyAnthony out on a date? Maybe?" and replied that the young man should bring condoms.

"I would never say that to someone's face, but I can say that behind my screen," she said.

Anthony was sen-



Courtesy photo

Casey Anthony becomes upset during her murder trial. She was acquitted in the death of her 2-year-old daughter, which has angered thousands of people.

tenced to four years for lying to police but is close to completing that term because of time served and good behavior.

"Sucks for her," Jillian Barrieu wrote on Facebook in response. "If I was her id (sic) rather stay safely in jail..."

Barrieu, of East Hartford, Conn., said she felt comfortable sharing her outrage with others online.

"It was a convenient place to vent where I knew people would mostly feel the same way as I do," she told The Associated Press Friday in an interview conducted through Facebook messaging.

There are occasional voices of those that offer the view that prosecutors didn't prove their case. "She's not guilty it's already been proven get over it...stop wishing someone to be dead" one man wrote on one of the anti-Anthony pages. But those items are few and almost immediately met with ridicule.

On Yahoo!, Casey Anthony was a top search the week of her acquittal. The case was also

fueling the popularity of those closely associated with it. Searches were up 1,000 percent for cable host Nancy Grace, who made almost nightly pronouncements insisting that "Tot Mom," her nickname for Anthony, was guilty.

By Friday morning, nearly 2.6 million people indicated on Facebook that they would keep their porch lights on in honor of Caylee. "Caylee, I know you see this, I know you are hearing the prayers. This is for remembering you," the organizers wrote on the page.

Also by Friday, more than 700,000 people had signed an online petition at Change.org calling for a federal "Caylee's Law" making it a felony to not report a missing child in a timely manner.

The strong reaction has left its mark on the courtroom.

During a hearing Thursday, several media groups including The Associated Press asked the judge to release the names of jurors in the Anthony trial. Judge Belvin Perry said he

normally doesn't have an issue with releasing names, but he was mulling a delay to allow the anger — some of it pointed at the jury — to dissipate.

"You realize there are folks out there who want to do crazy things, like fillet people open, pour salt on them, and feed their legs to the piranhas," Perry said.

He said he doesn't want public reaction to translate into harm for people who "don't have a choice about serving on a jury."

Sandy Lisella of Hartford, Conn., said in a Facebook messaging conversation that while many posts she's seen have simply been rants, others "are more substantial and thought-provoking, trying to make sense of how our legal system could conclude these results."

"The way the story unfolded was unthoughtful to the masses. It was like watching a sick movie!" Lisella said. "Social media, in a roundabout way, allows everyone to get involved in the causes that strike a chord in us."



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"Laura and I are deeply saddened by the passing of Betty Ford. We admired her as a First Lady and valued her as a friend. She made countless contributions to our country, and we especially appreciate her courage in calling attention to breast cancer and substance abuse. Because of her leadership, many lives were saved. Tonight our prayers go out to Mrs. Ford's entire family."

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"I was deeply saddened this afternoon when I heard of Betty Ford's death. She has been an inspiration to so many through her efforts to educate women about breast cancer and her wonderful work at the Betty Ford Center. She was Jerry Ford's strength through some very difficult days in our country's history, and I admired her courage in facing and sharing her personal struggles with all of us. My love and deepest sympathy go out to the entire Ford family at this very sad time."

— FORMER FIRST LADY NANCY REAGAN

Betty Ford dies at 93

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Betty Ford said things that first ladies just don't say, even today. And 1970s America loved her for it.

According to Mrs. Ford, her young adult children probably had smoked marijuana — and if she were their age, she'd try it, too. She told "60 Minutes" she wouldn't be surprised to learn that her youngest, 18-year-old Susan, was in a sexual relationship (an embarrassed Susan issued a denial).

She mused that living together before marriage might be wise, thought women should be drafted into the military if men were, and spoke up unapologetically for abortion rights, taking a position contrary to the president's. "Having babies is a blessing, not a duty," Mrs. Ford said.

The former first lady, whose triumph over drug and alcohol addiction became a beacon of hope for addicts and the inspiration for her Betty Ford Center in California, died at age 93, family friend Marty Allen said.

Family spokeswoman Barbara Lewandowski said Betty Ford died Friday at the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage. Other details of her death were not immediately available.

"She was a wonderful wife and mother; a great friend; and a courageous First Lady," former President George H.W. Bush said in a statement on Friday. "No one confronted life's struggles with more fortitude or honesty, and as a result, we all learned from the challenges she faced."

While her husband served as president, Betty Ford's comments weren't the kind of genteel, innocuous talk expected from a first lady, and a Republican one no less. Her unscripted comments sparked tem-



pests in the press and dismayed President Gerald Ford's advisers, who were trying to soothe the national psyche after Watergate. But to the scandal-scarred, Vietnam-weary, hippie-rattled nation, Mrs. Ford's openness was refreshing.

Candor worked for Betty Ford, again and again. She would build an enduring legacy by opening up the toughest times of her life as public example.

In an era when cancer was discussed in hushed tones and mastectomy was still a taboo subject, the first lady shared the specifics of her breast cancer surgery. The publicity helped bring the disease into the open and inspired countless women to seek breast examinations.

Her most painful revelation came 15 months after leaving the White House, when Mrs. Ford announced that she was entering treatment for a longtime addiction to painkillers and alcohol. It turned out the famously forthcoming

first lady had been keeping a secret, even from herself.

She used the unvarnished story of her own descent and recovery to crusade for better addiction treatment, especially for women. She co-founded the non-profit Betty Ford Center near the Fords' home in Rancho Mirage, Calif., in 1982. Mrs. Ford raised millions of dollars for the center, kept close watch over its operations, and regularly welcomed groups of new patients with a speech that started, "Hello, my name's Betty Ford, and I'm an alcoholic and drug addict."

Although most famous for a string of celebrity patients over the years — from Elizabeth Taylor and Johnny Cash to Lindsay Lohan — the center keeps its rates relatively affordable and has served more than 90,000 people.

"People who get well often say, 'You saved my life,' and 'You've turned my life around,'" Mrs. Ford once said. "They don't realize we merely provided the means for them to do it themselves, and that's all."

Mrs. Ford was a free spirit from the start. Elizabeth Bloomer, born April 8, 1918, fell in love with dance as a girl in Grand Rapids, Mich., and decided it would be her life. At 20, despite her mother's misgiv-

ings, she moved to New York to learn from her idol Martha Graham. She lived in Greenwich Village, worked as a model, and performed at Carnegie Hall in Graham's modern dance ensemble. "I thought I had arrived," she later recalled.

But her mother coaxed her back to Grand Rapids, where Betty worked as a dance teacher and store fashion coordinator and married William Warren, a friend from school days. He was a salesman who traveled frequently; she was unhappy. They lasted five years.

While waiting for her divorce to become final, she met and began dating, as she put it in her memoir, "probably the most eligible bachelor in Grand Rapids" — former college football star, Navy veteran and lawyer Jerry Ford. They would be married for 58 years, until his death in December 2006.

When he proposed, she didn't know about his political ambitions; when he launched his bid for Congress during their engagement, she figured he couldn't win.

Two weeks after their October 1948 wedding, her husband was elected to his first term in the House. Mrs. Ford was thrust into a role she found exhausting and unfulfilling: political housewife.

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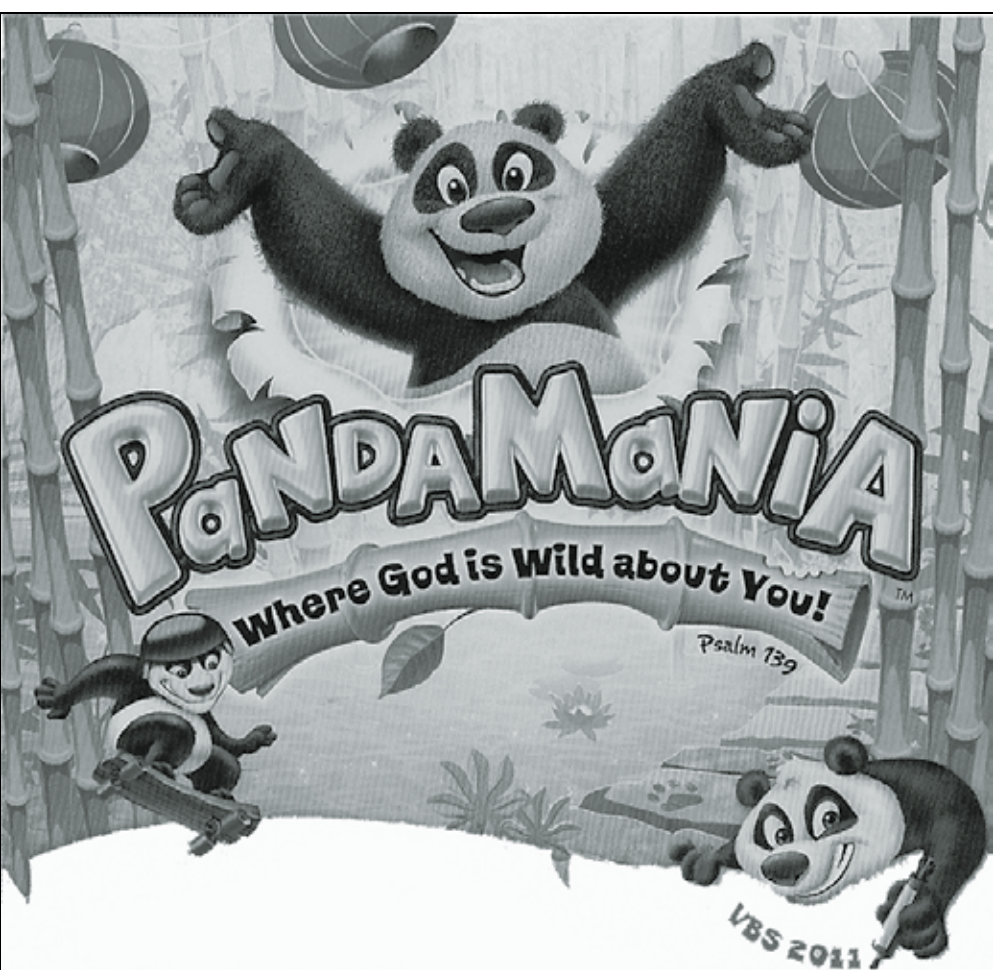


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EPA requires Texas power plants to lower pollution

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas power plants will have to significantly reduce ozone- and acid-rain causing pollution under new federal rules, a move that could further increase tensions between the state and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency just as Republican Gov. Rick Perry considers a presidential run.

The long-running battle between Texas and the EPA evolved from one over environmental regulation into a tiff over states' rights. During his recent gubernatorial campaign, Perry often used the federal agency's rule-making as an example of the Obama administration meddling in state affairs.

The rules announced Thursday will require Texas plants to significantly reduce smog and acid-rain causing pollutants beginning next year. Texas had already

opposed an initial, weaker proposal, so the more stringent rules angered local regulators, lawmakers and the Perry administration.

Texas argues that the new rules would require massive improvements to old power plants, changes that would end up costing consumers more money. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the state's regulatory agency, also questions the science upon which the EPA has built its rules.

"Today's EPA announcement is another example of heavy-handed and misguided action from Washington, D.C., that threatens Texas jobs and families and puts at risk the reliable and affordable electricity our state needs to succeed," Perry said in a statement.

Perry, who has kept up a busy travel schedule and attacks on Washington as he consid-

"Texas will keep standing up to this destructive federal overreach, and working to enhance environmental protection and domestic energy exploration and production."

—Gov. Rick Perry

ers a run for the White House, said the Obama administration seems intent on increasing energy costs for consumers and making Americans more dependent on foreign energy.

"Texas will keep standing up to this destructive federal overreach, and working to enhance environmental protection and domestic energy exploration and production," he added.

The idea behind the rule is to reduce airborne pollution that crosses state lines and combines with locally produced pollution, making it difficult — and even impossible sometimes — for states to comply with federal regulations. Texas is one of 27 states that will have

to reduce both smog and acid-rain causing pollutants, namely sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide.

Texas has 19 coal-fired power plants, more than any other state. Faced with a looming population boom that could double the number of state residents in the next 20 years, Texas plans to build nine more such plants.

Al Armendariz, the EPA administrator who oversees Texas, says Texas pollution is harming Illinois, Michigan and Louisiana. At the same time, pollution transported from Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri harms residents in the Lone Star State. Armendariz said the rule is aimed at helping all residents, and the EPA believes it will prevent between 670 and 1,700 premature deaths in Texas alone.

Nationally, the EPA believes the rules will reduce sulfur dioxide emissions by 73 percent by 2014 compared to 2005 levels, and bring down nitrogen oxide pollution by 54 percent.

The EPA also said its cost analysis found even the oldest plants have a variety of options avail-

able that would not result in significant cost increases to consumers. Armendariz said the power plants can look at using lower-sulfur coals or installing "scrubbers," emission-reducing equipment.

"There are cost-effective compliance options for the power plants that are achievable without reductions in reliability and without significant costs to consumers," Armendariz said.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, though, believes the rules "will result in significant increases in the cost of power as well as curtailment or shutdowns of existing coal-fired plants in Texas."

It said other sources of electricity will not compensate for that, especially given the January compliance date. The agency also insisted pollution from power plants in Texas do not harm other downwind states.

Neil Carman, a chemist with the Sierra Club's Lone Star chapter, believes the new rules could be an opportunity for Texas to move away from "old" energy and replace the heavy

polluters with wind and solar energy.

"They're just like old cars, you can't run them forever," Carman said of the older coal-fired plants. "They're very expensive ... so you need to look at other options."

Already, one plant in Texas — Deely — announced in June that it would shut down a coal-fired facility that has been supplying electricity to San Antonio since the 1970s. The operators of the plant said it was not cost-efficient to install \$550 million scrubbers, and found it would be wiser to invest in alternative energy sources.

The Lower Colorado River Authority, however, which serves the Austin area, said it has already invested millions in its natural gas and coal-fired plants in an attempt to reduce pollution, including installing scrubbers that will reduce by 95 percent sulfur dioxide emissions from a coal-fired power plant. Clara Tuma, a spokeswoman with the LCRA, said in an email that the company believes it will be in compliance with the new EPA rules.

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FBI: Man smuggled pot via unsuspecting commuters

EL PASO (AP) — A group of drug smugglers seemed to have the perfect scheme: sneak marijuana into the U.S. by hiding the drug inside cars of unsuspecting commuters who made daily trips across the Texas-Mexico border.

Except for a few mishaps, when an unknowing smuggler was discovered or found bundles of marijuana and reported it to authorities, the plan worked fine for at least a year. The FBI believes that the traffickers smuggled hundreds of pounds of marijuana each week into the U.S.

But then they targeted a popular elementary school teacher, and the widespread media attention that her arrest garnered along with the help of an FBI informant helped investigators unravel the scheme, according to an FBI affidavit released Tuesday in federal court in El Paso.

The FBI alleges that Jesus Chavez, who was arrested June 30, and

other traffickers would target frequent commuters who had express-lane passes to cross into El Paso, Texas, from Mexico's Ciudad Juarez. The other man named in the criminal complaint, Carlos Gomez, remains at large.

The plan was complex: Authorities said the smugglers would have lookouts scout the border-crossing lanes for cars that crossed at the same time every day, then with the aid of an El Paso locksmith, they would obtain a copy of the car key to open the vehicle at night and plant the drugs.

The next morning, once the car had crossed into the U.S., they would recover the drugs with the same key.

Chavez's lawyer, Gary Hill, told The Associated Press that his client waived both his preliminary and detention hearings because he has been twice convicted and it was unlikely the judge would grant bail. Hill declined further comment. Chavez is charged with conspiracy to distribute, sell or dispense marijuana.

An FBI spokesman de-

clined comment Thursday, citing the ongoing investigation.

Chavez met Gomez, who fled when police in El Paso tried to arrest him, while both were serving time at the La Tuna federal prison in Anthony, Texas.

His arrest came after an FBI informant, in exchange for a reduction in a drug trafficking sentence, agreed to record conversations with Gomez. In one, Gomez told the informant that the scheme had been put on hold because of the widespread outrage and media attention caused by the May 26 arrest of Ana Isela Martinez Amaya — an El Paso-area teacher was named teacher of the year in 2010 at the La Fe Preparatory School — after marijuana was found in her car.

"We made such f---ing mess," Gomez said in the recording.

Martinez Amaya, a Mexican citizen legally working in the U.S., is in jail in Ciudad Juarez. Her husband told local media that he hopes the Chavez's arrest and the FBI investigation will help convince Mexican

authorities of his wife's innocence.

Several other people also were arrested after marijuana was found in their vehicles. The earliest case reported in the FBI complaint occurred in July 2010, when a man told U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents he had two duffel bags in his trunk that he had never seen before.

In January, a doctor and a health care professional working in El Paso were arrested after reporting to Mexican authorities there were suspicious duffel bags in their car that turned out to be filled with drugs. They were released several days later. The same day, another man was arrested in El Paso with duffel bags containing marijuana in his trunk. He was tried and acquitted by the jury.

All of them were part of a program that enables Customs and Border Protection to issue a radio frequency device to frequent border commuters so they could get across the border faster. To be eligible, commuters would undergo background checks to prove their "low risk" status.

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Tailgate party to remember for last shuttle launch

TITUSVILLE, Fla. (AP) — It was a tailgate party for the ages. They came packing tents and camp chairs, coolers and snacks, Sudoku books and laptops, parking cars and RVs in almost every available space along U.S. 1 to witness history blasting off in the haze across the Indian River.

The mood was festive but a little wistful Friday as they waited for Atlantis to lift off, the nation's final space shuttle launch after 30 years and 135 missions. After fretful hours of watching the cloudy, threatening skies, they were rewarded. Packed body-to-body along the river, they counted down the last 10 seconds before the launch, about 10 miles away. A cheer arose as billowing smoke appeared, then the ball of fire as the shuttle sped into the clouds.

After a delay, came the ground-shaking roar thundering across the water and through the throng.

"It's just such a majestic sight," said 24-year-old Jessica Andes, from Celebration, Fla. "We'll never see it again."

NASA expected before launch about 750,000 to 1 million people to descend on the region. The Brevard County Sheriff's Office declined to make a guess on Friday. But a spokesman, Lt. Todd Maddox, noted there was total gridlock, no traffic moving more than an hour after launch.

David Hill, 52, and his 15-year-old daughter, Tanya, got in their red Subaru Outback Tuesday and drove down from Sutton, N.H. They arrived at 6 a.m. Friday and wedged their

car in among the others parked in all directions along the highway. They came two years ago to see a launch and missed it because it was canceled.

"I wanted to feel the power of 7 million pounds of thrust coming across that water there, I wanted to feel it on



AP photo
The space shuttle Atlantis lifts off Friday from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. Atlantis is the 135th and final space shuttle launch for NASA.

my chest," said Hill, who drives a school bus back home. "I wanted to experience it. You can't experience it watching NASA TV. That's why we're here. If we don't do it now, we never will."

Ed Gerrish and five members of his family arrived Thursday night from North Port, Fla., on the other side of the state, parking their hulking RV along U.S. 1, just feet from the river.

They promptly got it stuck in the sand so had to stay put.

"It's the end of something that a lot of us have grown up with," said Gerrish, a 45-year-old equipment operator who was seeing his first shuttle launch after putting it off for years. "I don't know if an opportunity to see something like this is going to come along again. ... It's sad. A lot of people don't understand why they're going the way they are. You grow up with something like this, and it's just sad to see it go away."

At the Dogs 'R' Us restaurant across the road, the sign out front said "God Speed Atlantis," adding helpfully that "Kids Eat Free." Cars were parked in all directions in the restaurant lot, and shuttle watchers staked out available ground with their camp chairs and blankets. A vendor sold T-shirts commemorating the final shuttle mission from beneath a tent nearby.

Jennifer Caslick, from Ontario, Canada, noted that the happiness and excitement in the air was tinged with the sad realization that the shuttle era was ending.

"It's unfortunate that there isn't something to replace it," said Caslick, 35. But maybe all this interest "will give them a little more push to getting something going that can be just as supported as the space shuttle program was."

Caslick drove two days with her husband Todd to get here. They slept in the car and got up before dawn to stake out a prime viewing spot at the end of the long dock near Rotary Riverfront



Ap photo
Doug Chambers reacts as the countdown reaches 10 seconds to liftoff for space shuttle. Four astronauts are taking space shuttle Atlantis for one last ride, the very last one of the 30-year space shuttle era.

Park, surrounded by hundreds of others who had the same idea. They had lost their 7-year-old son Benjamin, who had cerebral palsy, in April and had uploaded his photo to a NASA website so it could taken into space aboard Atlantis.

"We wanted to be here to see it go," she said.

After its 12-day, 4-million-mile mission, Atlantis will join Discovery and Endeavour in retirement, so NASA can focus on sending astronauts to asteroids and Mars. Private companies will take over the business of getting space station cargo and crews to orbit.

"I'm a little bit sad about it, and a little bit wistful," said Jennifer Cardwell who came with her husband John and two young sons from Fairhope, Ala. "I've grown up with it. The space shuttle lifted off

when I was a little girl for the first time, and now for it to be ending and not knowing that

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Opry show in Yoakum closing after 3 decades

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Victoria Advocate
YOAKUM, Texas (AP) — The music does end. The Yoakum Community Center will fall quiet following Tuesday's final Country Music U.S.A. show after providing entertainment

to the area each month since September 1977. Including road performances, that's more than 425 shows of pickin', fiddlin' and singing. Jim Witte, who has served as the show's master of ceremonies since its inception and

never missed a performance, explained why it was time for the show to come to an end. Those factors include a dwindling attendance because of the economy and the age of the audience.

"The third thing is, we've had so many shows in nearby towns that have spun off of this show," Witte, 77, said. "We were the original country opry in South Texas."

About 15 country opry-style shows are now within a 100-mile radius of Yoakum.

The Yoakum show had its roots in jam sessions among local musicians including members of Ardie Ray Stevens' family.

Stevens, 74, still plays guitar with the house band, the Country Volunteers, as does Cliff Hartnett, 75.

The first performance, at the Grand Theater in downtown Yoakum, cost 50 cents to attend.

"We've had a great run. It's been a great show," said Hartnett, a rhythm guitarist. "We've done a lot of good for the kids

"It's something we've done so long, we'll miss it. We wish we could go on but there's a limit to everything."

—Jim Witte, master of ceremonies



and for the people in the audience. It gives them somewhere to go. It's a good clean show, no drinking, no dancing. I'm going to miss all of it."

That good for the kids includes more than \$350,000 in scholarships to Yoakum High School students through the Yoakum Rotary Club, the show's sponsor.

In November 1979 the show moved from downtown to the Yoakum Community Center which seats 1,500.

The 12th annual anniversary show, in September 1989, filled the community center and more than 200 people were turned away.

"It was not uncommon for us to draw 1,000 people on a regular basis," said Hartnett. "One night we did two shows in the old theater because of the crowds."

The show also traveled in the early years, putting on performances in area towns to help raise funds for various charities.

Country Music U.S.A.

musicians also performed at the Rotary Zone Institute in Austin in 1982.

A host of visiting performers have graced the stage during the more than 33 years including more than one who has taken their talents to Nashville and most recently John Wayne Schulz of Karnes City, who made the top 40 during the most recent "American Idol" competition.

"John Wayne first played here when he was 8 years old," said Witte. "We've watched him grow up."

Witte said he going to miss the members of the audience the most.

"The crowds are so wonderful. They are family to us. Everyone that comes through that door is family," he said. "We've had a faithful following of about 200 who are here each and every show."

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Howard County A&M Club shootout July 16

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There will also be a five-stand and skeet shotgun shoot at 2 p.m. benefiting the scholarship fund. The entry fee for this event will be \$150.

For more information, call Kelly Gaskins at 432-517-1471

Volleyball camp July 25-28

BSISD's volleyball camp will be held July 25-28, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The camp is open to students in grades 3-8 for a fee of \$25. T-shirts can also be purchased for \$10. Call 432-264-3662 for more information.

Football skills lineman camp

Coach Tony Johnson, former TCU line coach, will be hosting a one-day camp for linemen in Big Spring July 16. The camp, which will run from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., will cost \$55 per player and is open to players 9-18 years old.

For more information, contact Coach Johnson at 913-620-0167.

O.H. Ivie Reservoir public hunting permits July 15-Aug. 15

Applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir wildlife management areas will be accepted by mail only, beginning July 15 and ending Aug. 15.

Permits will be limited and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling Colorado River Municipal Water District at 432-267-6341 or writing to:

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A public drawing for the WMA public hunting permits for the 2011 hunting season will be held at 1 p.m. Sept. 16 at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir field office, located near the north end of the dam.

Big Spring Country Club 2-person low ball tournament July 23-24

Big Spring Country Club is hosting a 2-person low ball tournament July 23-24. Entry fee is \$60 per player, plus golf cart. Private carts are welcome.

The event will kick off to a shotgun start at 1 p.m. each day with a field that will be pre-flighted. The number of flights will be determined by number of entrants.

Entry fee will include barbecue, which will be served on the course both days.

For more information or to enter your team, call the pro shop at 432-267-5354.

Quarterback Club Monday meeting

Quarterback Club, the official Big Spring football boosters, will hold their first meeting of the season July 11 at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at the ATC. For information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

First-inning slam leads Rangers to 8-5 victory

ARLINGTON (AP) — C.J. Wilson has high standards. Pitching seven effective innings didn't satisfy the Texas Rangers All-Star left-hander.

Wilson allowed four runs and five hits with eight strikeouts, and got early support from Mike Napoli's first-inning grand slam off Gio Gonzalez as the Rangers stretched their winning streak to five games with an 8-5 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Friday night.

Wilson (9-3) won his fifth straight decision to

tie Alexi Ogando for the team lead in wins, but he was critical of himself for allowing three walks and hitting a batter, saying, "I should have been dominant."

Still, Wilson played a pivotal role as the Rangers matched their second-longest winning streak of the season.

"I'm disappointed in myself for the line score but I'm happy for the team for the win," said Wilson, who did think he had a live fastball. "It was like the hardest I've thrown all year," he said.

Josh Hamilton, who tossed the ball to the fan on Thursday night, hit a fan with a foul ball off his bat in the sixth inning. The teenage male fan had blood on his face and was tended to by stadium personnel before he walked away, smiling while he held a compress to his head.

Rangers officials said the fan was treated at the stadium and was OK. They didn't identify him or provide additional details.

"I saw it happen," Hamilton said. "Again." Hamilton said the fan

didn't appear to be paying attention to the field when the ball struck him.

Both teams were still dealing with the aftermath of the death of the fan from a 20-foot fall in the second inning of Thursday night's 6-0 Texas victory.

"You have a job to do," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "Both sides are equal there. We both had heavy hearts. That's moot. Both teams had to deal with it."

Brownwood firefighter

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Boston	53	35	.602	—	—	8-2	W-4	26-17	27-18
New York	51	35	.593	1	—	6-4	L-2	28-19	23-16
Tampa Bay	49	39	.557	4	3	5-5	W-2	21-21	28-18
Toronto	43	47	.478	11	10	4-6	W-1	19-22	24-25
Baltimore	36	50	.419	16	15	1-9	L-5	22-22	14-28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	47	40	.540	—	—	6-4	L-1	27-16	20-24
Detroit	48	42	.533	½	5	5-5	W-3	27-19	21-23
Chicago	43	47	.478	5½	10	5-5	L-4	20-24	23-23
Minnesota	40	47	.460	7	11½	8-2	W-2	20-19	20-28
Kansas City	36	53	.404	12	16½	3-7	L-2	23-26	13-27

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	49	41	.544	—	—	7-3	W-5	29-18	20-23
Los Angeles	48	42	.533	1	5	8-2	W-2	24-22	24-20
Seattle	43	46	.483	5½	9½	4-6	L-3	23-22	20-24
Oakland	39	51	.433	10	14	3-7	L-2	23-21	16-30

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	56	33	.629	—	—	7-3	W-1	33-14	23-19
Atlanta	53	37	.589	3½	—	8-2	L-1	28-18	25-19
New York	46	43	.517	10	6½	6-4	W-1	19-22	27-21
Washington	45	45	.500	11½	8	5-5	L-2	27-17	18-28
Florida	41	48	.461	15	11½	7-3	W-3	20-28	21-20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	48	42	.533	—	—	4-6	W-3	32-13	16-29
Pittsburgh	46	42	.523	1	6	6-4	W-1	22-21	24-21
St. Louis	47	43	.522	1	6	5-5	L-3	23-21	24-22
Cincinnati	44	46	.489	4	9	3-7	L-2	23-21	21-25
Chicago	36	54	.400	12	17	4-6	L-1	20-26	16-28
Houston	30	60	.333	18	23	2-8	L-2	14-33	16-27

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	50	40	.556	—	—	4-6	L-1	26-16	24-24
Arizona	49	41	.544	1	4	6-4	W-2	23-19	26-22
Colorado	42	47	.472	7½	10½	3-7	W-1	22-22	20-25
San Diego	40	50	.444	10	13	5-5	L-3	19-27	21-23
Los Angeles	39	51	.433	11	14	3-7	W-2	21-27	18-24

Hamilton reflects on deceased fan

ARLINGTON (AP) — Josh Hamilton turned around Friday night and looked up into the left-field stands, where he saw young kids sitting with their parents.

The Texas Rangers' outfielder couldn't help but remember the screams of 6-year-old Cooper Stone after the boy's father tumbled over the railing in that same area the previous game when reaching out to catch a ball tossed their way by Hamilton.

"Red flags go up in your mind because you take things for granted for so long because it doesn't happen," Hamilton said. "Then all of a sudden it happens and then you start thinking more about things."

Hamilton was back on the field at Rangers Ballpark the night after firefighter Shannon Stone's fatal fall. The man fell headfirst about 20 feet onto concrete during the second inning Thursday and died about an hour later.

It was an emotional 24 hours for the Rangers and Hamilton, who can still picture Stone's fall in slow motion.

"You couldn't help but think about it," Hamilton said after the Rangers' 8-5 victory over Oakland on Friday night. "You hope nothing like that happens again."



Courtesy photo
Texas left-fielder Josh Hamilton struggles with the memory of fallen fan.

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Ohio State loses Big Ten championship

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio State's 2010 Big Ten championship, its 12-1 season, its victories over rival Michigan and in the Sugar Bowl — all gone. Coach Jim Tressel is out and so is star quarterback Terrelle Pryor.

Left behind: two years of self-imposed probation.

The question now is whether it will be enough to save Ohio State football from more severe penalties in an upcoming trip to see the NCAA committee on infractions.

In response to NCAA violations committed by football players who traded autographs and memorabilia for cash and tattoos — and by a coach who covered it up — Ohio State issued its official response on Friday. Athletic director Gene Smith hoped it would appease the NCAA ethics police.

The measures taken by the school included vacating all the Buckeyes' wins from last season, a year in which Ohio State captured a record-tying sixth straight Big Ten title and won an unprecedented seventh straight game over Michigan.

"All I know is that this is significant," Smith said. "A lot of people may not view it that way externally, but this is significant. When you think about all the other athletes who participated in those games, those records will be gone. ...

"Might the NCAA do more? I just can't speculate on that."

Tressel found out in April 2010 that his players were taking improper benefits from a local tattoo-parlor owner. Despite contractual and NCAA obligations to report it, he didn't tell anyone at the university or the NCAA for more than

nine months. And what was just a five-game suspension for five players suddenly blossomed into a major violation that included a coach knowingly playing ineligible players throughout the 2010 season.

"Coach Tressel acknowledged that when he received the information, he knew the players could not sell the memorabilia or receive preferential treatment," Tressel said through his attorney in response to the allegations. "He also understood that the university policy called for him to notify the compliance office regarding possible violations. He has explained his thinking at the time, but offers no excuses here for his decisions."

In a reversal, Ohio State — which earlier said it had asked for Tressel's resignation on May 30 — said Friday it had now agreed to allow

him to call it a retirement. The school also said he did not have to pay a \$250,000 fine levied against him for his actions. On top of that, Tressel will receive the last month of his base pay (\$54,000), has agreed to cooperate when Ohio State goes before the NCAA infractions committee on Aug. 12, and both he and the university agreed that they wouldn't sue each other.

Just last month Ohio State President E. Gordon Gee vowed that Tressel "will pay the fine."

Tressel's attorney, Gene Marsh, confirmed to The Associated Press earlier Friday that the former coach, who led the Buckeyes to the 2002 national title, would be on hand in Indianapolis when Ohio State gets its day with the NCAA.

Smith said there was no evidence whatsoever

er that anyone at Ohio State other than Tressel had any knowledge of the players' violations before January of this year.

The response to the NCAA doesn't mean Ohio State's woes are over. The governing body for college sports could still impose tougher sanctions, such as a ban on postseason play and a reduction in scholarships. The NCAA is expected to hand down its sanctions six to eight weeks after the August hearing.

Even though many Buckeyes fans blame the school's compliance department for the violations, Smith said it had done its job. He promised adjustments to how athletes are monitored and educated, but said he was not displeased with compliance director Doug Archie or anyone else on his staff.

He said compliance

would use "a lot of different strategies" to do a better job.

In arriving at the self-imposed penalties, faculty athletic representative John Bruno said Ohio State surveyed other cases.

"We've looked at precedents around the nation for similar types of violations and sanctions that were imposed, either by the (NCAA) or self-imposed," he said. "These seem to be quite consistent."

The scandal unfolded in two stages. First, OSU officials were told of the memorabilia trading and sales in December and suspended five players for the first five games of 2011 and one player for the opener.

They had frequented a tattoo parlor and had sold autographs, signed equipment, championship rings and even a bowl sportsmanship award.

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Astros fall to Marlins, despite first-inning lead

MIAMI (AP) — Despite a productive first inning, the Houston Astros could not halt their losing ways.

The Astros scored two quick runs off Florida Marlins starter Javier Vazquez and quickly gave it away in the bottom of the inning.

Vazquez pitched seven solid innings and Hanley Ramirez went 3 for 3 with a home run and three RBIs to lead the Marlins to a 6-3 victory Friday night.

The loss was the Astros' 12th in their last 14 games.

"It's tough because we couldn't piece it together after that inning," shortstop Clint Barmes said. "That's pretty much our season right there. I can't explain it."

Ramirez's two-run home run in the bottom of the first erased a 2-0 deficit.

He drove Jordan Lyles' pitch over the wall in right-center field for his eighth home run of the season.

The Astros scored two runs in the top of the first on RBI singles by Jeff Keppinger and Brett Wallace.

Vazquez (5-8) settled down after the difficult first inning and in one stretch, retired 16 of 18 hitters.

He allowed two unearned runs and six hits, struck out four and walked none.

"Javier was able to shut us down and we were really kind of sporadic about getting bas-

erunners," Houston manager Brad Mills said.

Florida broke a 2-2 tie and took the lead for good on Ramirez's run-scoring single in the third.

He drove in Gaby Sanchez, who reached on a two-out double.

The Marlins increased the lead to 5-2 in the fifth on Logan Morrison's bases-loaded walk and Mike Stanton's sacrifice fly.

"I was delighted with Morrison walking with the bases loaded," Florida manager Jack McKeon said. "That's how you end up winning ball games."

Lyles remained winless after his seventh major league start. Lyles (0-4) pitched six innings and allowed five runs, seven hits, walked three and struck out three.

"I missed a lot of spots today with everything," Lyles said.

"I didn't have my stuff. That's not an excuse but I've got to battle a little bit better than I did tonight."

Stanton hit an RBI single off reliever Fernando Rodriguez in the seventh and increased Florida's lead to 6-2.

Carlos Corporan's one-out RBI single off Florida reliever Burke Badenhop in the ninth made it 6-3.

Leo Nunez relieved Badenhop and retired pinch-hitter Jason Michaels and Michael Bourn for his 24th save in 27 opportunities.

The Astros have lost 10 of their last 12 games at Sun Life Stadium and will attempt to salvage a split of the four-game set against the Marlins on Saturday and Sunday.

"If we can take two here that'd be a great start to the second half," first baseman Brett Wallace said.

Notes: Bourn had his NL-leading 22nd infield hit in the first when he beat Ramirez's throw on a routine grounder to shortstop.

RF Hunter Pence got his ninth assist of the season when he threw out Stanton attempting to score from third on a fly ball in the second inning.

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A-Rod, Jeter pass on All-Star game

Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez and Shane Victorino became the latest All-Star scratches, further threatening to turn baseball's big show into the All-Star game.

Shortly after Jeter pulled himself Friday to rest an injured calf, his New York Yankees teammate joined him. The club announced Rodriguez would be absent because of a sore knee.

That made it three Yankees who won't play for the American League on Tuesday in Phoenix. Longtime closer Mariano Rivera will sit out to heal his right triceps.

"Unfortunately, I won't be able to go," Jeter said before Friday night's game against Tampa Bay was rained out.

Jhonny Peralta will replace Jeter on the roster, the first All-Star selection for the Detroit shortstop. Cleveland's Asdrubal Cabrera will move into the starting lineup.

Boston's Kevin Youkilis will take Rodriguez's spot, with Texas third baseman Adrian Beltre getting the start.

Earlier in the day, Andre Ethier of the Los Angeles Dodgers replaced injured Shane Victorino of the Philadelphia Phillies in a switch of NL outfielders.

New York Mets short-

stop Jose Reyes previously was excused because of a hamstring problem that put him on the disabled list.

Los Angeles Angels rookie closer Jordan Walden is replacing Rivera. More roster changes are expected, too, with some pitchers starting this weekend and other players nursing injuries.

Among those hoping to get in: St. Louis slugger Albert Pujols, who recovered much quicker than expected from a broken wrist.

Jeter is two hits shy of 3,000, and the 12-time All-Star was elected by fans to start. He came off the disabled list this week after recuperating from his calf problem.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi said it was totally Jeter's decision to skip the All-Star game. Jeter talked it over with Girardi, general manager Brian Cashman and trainer Gene Monahan.

"It's probably best not to push it because it's most important to be ready for the second half. That's where my focus has to be," Jeter said. "It's unfortunate because you know how much I enjoy going to All-Star games."

"I'm trying to be smart about it. I know I can be stubborn a lot of times with injuries," he said.

Rodriguez was getting an MRI for knee

trouble that had seemingly sapped his power. The 14-time All-Star was elected to start at third base.

Shortly before the decision was announced, Girardi said it was up to Rodriguez.

"Alex has to make that choice. Would the rest help him? Probably," Girardi said. "He's banged up, he's played a lot."

Ethier, who had a 30-game hitting streak earlier this season, finished second to Victorino in online fan voting for the last player added to the team. Victorino is on the disabled list because of a strained thumb ligament.

"Sometimes you default into things and it's a good thing to default into," said Ethier, who will be playing in his hometown of Phoenix. "It's an honor to get selected by an opposing manager."

Ethier, who started for the NL in last year's game, is hitting .313 with seven home runs and 42 RBIs.

His streak is the longest in baseball this season.

Ethier said some of his friends and family had purchased All-Star tickets anticipating he would make the NL team. After he lost the online fan vote, he said they asked for his help in selling the tickets.

"I'm not a broker," he said, smiling.

TEXAS

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Shannon Stone tumbled over a railing after catching a foul ball tossed into the stands by Hamilton.

Ian Kinsler and Adrian Beltre also homered off Gonzalez (8-6), Oakland's lone All-Star.

Hamilton was in the starting lineup despite the emotional 24 hours, going 1 for 5.

Before the game, the teams observed a moment of silence in Stone's memory. Both teams wore black ribbons on their uniform tops.

The temperature at first pitch was 105 degrees, highest in the 18-year history of Rangers Ballpark.

The A's have lost five of seven.

Gonzalez had few answers for a slugging Rangers lineup that has outscored opponents 44-16 during the five-game winning streak. He lasted a season-low four innings, giving up seven runs — only three earned — and seven hits.

Gonzalez consistently fell behind hitters, and he had to throw fastballs when he didn't want to.

"In situations where I had to go after them, I had to pitch in their count," Gonzalez said. "You have to get ahead of these guys. Got to pound that strike zone. It's a good lineup, especially in this ballpark. You've got to give credit where credit is due and these guys are a good hitting team."

Gonzalez entered the night with a 4-1 record and 2.18 ERA in nine career appearances

against the Rangers. Gonzalez had good fortune on his side in his previous start at Texas on May 11 when he gave up seven runs in 2 2-3 innings, but the game was postponed by heavy rain.

The Rangers jumped on Gonzalez with a five-run first highlighted by Napoli's third career grand slam.

Texas scored the game's first run when Oakland shortstop Adam Rosales made a fielding error on Beltre's hot grounder. Michael Young reached on an infield single that rolled just inside the third base foul line to load the bases, and after Nelson Cruz struck out, Napoli ripped Gonzalez's first pitch into the left field seats for his 12th homer of the season.

Oakland's Scott Sizemore hit a solo homer in the second, the first long ball allowed by Wilson since Tampa Bay's Matt Joyce on May 31, a span of 44 1-3 innings.

The Rangers continued the power display in the second on bases-

empty homers by Kinsler and Beltre for a 7-1 advantage.

Oakland's first three hitters reached in the fourth on two walks and a single, and Coco Crisp scored from third on Conor Jackson's double-play grounder to make it 7-2.

Yorvit Torrealba's RBI single in the fifth restored Texas' six-run lead.

The A's cut the deficit to 8-4 in the sixth on Crisp's RBI infield single and Josh Willingham's run-scoring double, but Wilson struck out the final three batters in the inning.

Notes: The previous record temperature at Rangers Ballpark was 103 in 2008. ... Napoli had Texas' second grand slam of the season. Beltre hit one on April 2 vs. Boston. Mitch Moreland also had a bases-loaded homer on May 11, but the stats were washed away by the rainout. ... Major League Baseball announced that Beltre will be the AL starter at 3B, replacing Alex Rodriguez of the Yankees.

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Hamilton said he is relying on his Christian faith in what is he called a "grieving" time for his family after the tragedy, just as he has during an inspiring comeback from cocaine and alcohol addictions that almost kept him from ever playing in the major leagues.

"It's still an emotional attachment because I was part of what happened, so it's something I have to deal with," Hamilton said. "It's nothing that's going to obviously make me go back to where I was or anything like that. I have a lot of people that are supporting me and calling me and encouraging me."

Rangers manager Ron Washington had offered to give Hamilton the day off Friday, but he wanted to play.

Then in the sixth inning, Hamilton fouled off a pitch that struck a male fan sitting about five rows behind the third-base dugout.

Stadium personnel immediately tended to the fan, who had blood on his face and required stitches. Rangers officials said the fan was treated at the stadium and was OK. They didn't identify him or provide additional details.

Hamilton said the fan had his head down and wasn't looking toward the field.

"I saw it happen. Again," Hamilton said. "There's certain times people can't help getting hit, I understand

that. I just wish people would pay a little more attention, not be on the phone, not be turned away."

During Friday night's game, Hamilton found himself holding his breath whenever a ball went into the stands, especially the upper decks.

A night earlier Hamilton responded to the plea from a fan after the outfielder tossed a foul ball to one of the team's ball girls instead of into the crowd.

"I heard somebody say, 'Hey, Hamilton, how about the next one,'" he said.

Hamilton then turned and saw Shannon Stone and his son. The boy's favorite player acknowledged them with a nod.

"The first person I saw was the dad and the boy," Hamilton said. "And it looked like somebody who would love to have a baseball."

A few pitches later, Oakland's Conor Jackson hit a ball that ricocheted foul and into left field. Then like he has done for so many other fans, Hamilton scooped up the ball and tossed it toward Stone.

The firefighter from Brownwood reached out and caught the ball, but with his son watching, the man fell behind the left-field wall. Stone later died from blunt force trauma caused by the fall.

"You never toss a ball thinking somebody's going to die. When you throw a ball, you do it with the best intentions and you just want to make somebody hap-

py to have a present from a ball game," Mets outfielder Angel Pagan said. "Only God knows why that happened and the purpose of it. So you just have to move on, there's nothing you can do because you didn't do it."

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Yao Ming's retirement shocks China

BEIJING (AP) — Yahoo! Sports' report that Yao Ming is retiring left saddened Chinese basketball fans in disbelief. Thousands of fans flooded online forums on Saturday reacting to the news. One wrote: "He's China's top athlete...it's a pity to lose

such a sports icon." Other fans like Liu Kan, a 28-year-old security guard in central Beijing, said Chinese fans should thank the 7-foot-6 Yao for bringing a sense of pride to Chinese sports. "His retirement will be a huge loss for China

since he's one of our biggest stars," Liu said. "The news still hasn't sunk in, so I'm in denial until he officially announces his retirement." China's most popular online portals, sina.com and sohu.com, headlined the news of Yao's possible retirement prominently on their homepages. "Declaring the end

of a Yao era," said the headline of a sohu.com story. Over the past nine seasons with the Houston Rockets, Yao has taken on the status of a national icon in China. He almost single-handedly expanded the NBA's reach throughout Asia, spiking merchandise sales and TV ratings for games after the Rockets made him the top overall

pick in the 2002 draft. Yao, who turns 31 in September, has been plagued by leg and foot injuries, missing 250 regular-season games over the past six seasons. Despite the shock, some Chinese fans felt it was time for the country's next generation of sports stars to emerge. "It's not healthy to put so much hope on one

player and China is capable of producing more talent in the coming years," said Wang, who works at an insurance company in Beijing. "As a fan, I'm sad to hear he is leaving, but this is probably the best." China's official Xinhua News Agency reported Yao is expected to hold a news conference on July 20 to announce his plans.

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1934 — Carl Hubbell struck out Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Jimmie Foxx, Al Simmons and Joe Cronin in succes-

sion, but the AL came back to win the All-Star game 9-7 at the Polo Grounds as Mel Harder gave up one hit in the last five innings.

1936 — Philadelphia's Chuck Klein hit four home runs in a 10-inning victory over the Pirates, and it wasn't in the cozy Baker Bowl. He hit them in spacious Forbes Field in a 9-6 win over Pittsburgh.

1947 — Don Black of the Cleveland Indians pitched a 3-0 no-hitter over the Philadelphia A's in the first game of a twin bill.

1951 — The NL hit four homers en route to an 8-3 triumph at Detroit,

giving the league consecutive All-Star victories for the first time.

1982 — Larry Parrish of the Texas Rangers hit his third grand slam in seven days, off Milt Wilcox in the first game of a doubleheader against Detroit.

The Rangers beat the Tigers 6-5. Parrish had hit his first on July 4 and his second on July 7.

2001 — Cal Ripken upstaged every big name in the ballpark, hitting a home run and winning the MVP award in his final All-Star appearance to lead the American League over the Nationals 4-1.

Derek Jeter and Mag-

glio Ordonez connected for consecutive home runs as the AL won its fifth in a row.

2007 — Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 3-for-3 with an inside-the-park home run to lead the American League to a 5-4 victory over the National League in the All-Star game.

2009 — Jonathan Sanchez pitched the majors' first no-hitter of the season, recording a career-high 11 strikeouts in San Francisco's 8-0 win over the San Diego Padres. The only runner the Padres managed came on an error by third baseman Juan Uribe in the eighth.

Slight tear in his right knee will keep A-Rod out of line-up

NEW YORK (AP) — Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez has a slight tear in his right knee, a probable cause of his sudden power loss, and the 14-time All-Star was expected to soon decide on the best course of action.

New York manager Joe Girardi revealed the injury before Saturday's game against Tampa Bay and said Rodriguez was out of the lineup. An MRI exam Friday showed a slight tear in the cartilage,

and left A-Rod with two options: He could try to play through it, or have surgery and miss perhaps a month.

Girardi said he expected a decision would be announced Sunday. Rodriguez, who turns 36 later this month, has already pulled out of next week's All-Star game.

The three-time AL MVP is hitting .295 with 13 home runs and 52 RBIs this season.

But the slugger with 626 career home runs

has not connected since June 11 and has gone 85 at-bats without a homer, his longest single-season drought.

"I just don't think he has the drive in his back side that he needs to have," Girardi said. "He's not driving the ball."

Rodriguez tweaked his knee at Wrigley Field on June 19, and the tear in his meniscus has slowed him on the bases.

He is batting .359 with 10 RBIs in his last 16

games.

But has looked much more like a singles hitter than a power hitter.

"I think he's just fought through it," Girardi said.

A week ago at Citi Field, Rodriguez hit a high drive off the center-field wall against the Mets.

As he walked out of the clubhouse after the game, he said, "I have no pop."

Girardi said it wasn't certain that Rodriguez would make the injury worse if he continues to play through it.

"You're not going to have him at 100 percent," said Girardi, who added.

"I don't want to influence his decision."

Eduardo Nunez provided a spark while filling in recently for injured shortstop Derek Jeter.

He would likely take Rodriguez's place at third if he opts for surgery.

Rodriguez was elected by fans to start for the AL in the All-Star game Tuesday in Phoenix. Boston's Kevin Youkilis has replaced him on the roster.

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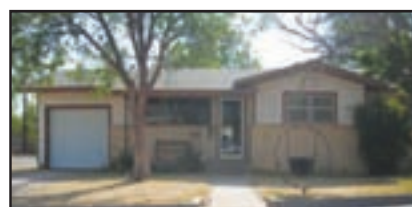
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Births



Taelyn Michelle Tiffany

Taelyn Michelle Tiffany was born May 31, 2011 at Williamson Medical Center in Franklin, Tenn., to Paul and Amy Tiffany of Thompsons Station, Tenn.

She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Ron and Janet Cook of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are Bonnie and Ron Hollon of Casa Grande, Ariz.

She was welcomed home by her siblings, Brigham, Ethan, Chyler, Kymathy and Josh.



Mattie Nicole Morningstar

Mattie Nicole Morningstar, daughter of Brandi and Robert Morningstar of Jacksonville, Fla., was born June 23, 2011 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

She weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and measured 20.5 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Connie Hogg and Joseph Wrye. Maternal great-grandparents are Vic and Vonda Wrye and Mickie Sue Wrye

Her paternal grandparents are Hazel Morningstar and great-grandparents are James and Mary Thomas.

50th Anniversary

Don and Pat Brodie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the white beaches of Destin, Fla. The couple began their life together July 6, 1961 when the Rev. Earl Hatchett married the couple at Blodgett Street Baptist Church in Carlsbad, N.M.

In 1969, after serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, the couple chose to move to Big Spring to raise their family.

They are both involved with their church life at First Baptist Church and at the VA Hospital. The



Mr. and Mrs. Don Brodie

couple enjoys spending time with family and friends whenever they get the chance.

They have one daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Thomas Rutledge of Austin.

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► **Wedding**

Davidson — Harris



Nicole Davidson and Trey Harris, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows June 12, 2011, at 10 a.m. in the Howard County Courthouse.

The bride is the daughter of Scott and Kathy Davidson of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Patricia Tate of Big Spring and Kaye Davidson of Austin.

She was part of the Big Spring High School graduating class of 2011 and will attend college in Hawaii.

The groom is the son of Stacey Harris of Big Spring and the grandson of Gary and Bethany Sleight of Big

Mr. and Mrs. Trey Harris

Spring. He was a member of the 2010 Big Spring High School graduating class and is enlisted in the United States Navy.

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Clifton Wade Shoup and Stacy Renae Wurmnest

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The bride to be is the daughter of Douglas and Janet Wurmnest of Fresno, Cali. She graduated from Texas Tech School of Nursing in 2007.

The groom to be is the son of Jim and Cheri Shoup of Big Spring and a 1989 graduate of Big Spring High School.

The couple will exchange vows at Hillcrest Baptist Church Oct. 15, 2011.

Big Spring native graduates from Howard Payne University

Jessica Faye Davis of Big Spring, recently graduated with honors from Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Davis earned a bachelor of arts in psychology and cum laude honors.

Students must have a grade point average of a 3.55-3.69 to receive cum laude honors, a 3.70-3.84 to receive magna cum laude honors and a 3.85-4.0 to receive summa cum laude honors. All students graduating with honors were recognized during the commencement ceremony at HPU.

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Thursday: chicken enchilada casserole, fiesta corn, tossed salad, cornbread, bananas/milk.

Friday: fried catfish, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, lemon bars, milk.



Lawmakers seek new immigration museum in DC

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several members of Congress called Thursday for a presidential commission to study the formation of a "melting pot museum" in Washington to tell the history of immigration and migration that formed the nation.

Democratic Virginia Rep. Jim Moran introduced legislation Thursday that calls for studying the creation of a National Museum of the American People without any federal taxpayer funds. The bill had 11 other co-sponsors.

"The people of the United States do not have a comprehensive and accurate picture of all the peoples who created and continue to build the nation," the bill says.

Moran has been a critic of the trend toward building individual ethnic museums on the National Mall. Another presidential commission this year called for a Latino history museum to be added to the Smithsonian Institution.

"There's almost an infinite number of museums you could have to represent a near infinite number of peoples that have come together to form one nation," he said.

Still, calling for an immigration museum wasn't intended to impede any others, Moran said.

A New York-based coalition pushing the idea said more than 140 ethnic and minority groups support the museum's creation. They include people of Chinese, Arab, German, Jewish and Irish descent, among others.

Sam Eskenazi, the group's director, said he envisions a museum that weaves together a story beginning with the first humans in the Western Hemisphere and continuing through the development of the United States. It could include a genealogy center for visitors to trace their heritage.

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Strickland feels right at home at Big Spring, Eye Associates

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

It's a profession he stumbled into, but one he has come to enjoy.

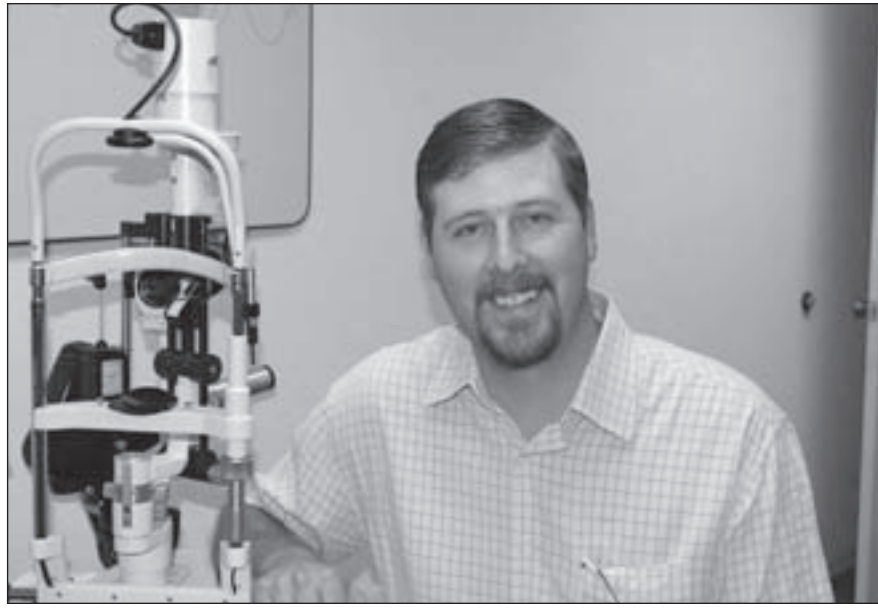
Clipper Strickland, the new optometrist at The Eye Associates, was attending McMurry University when he just happened to go into optometry. After receiving his bachelor of science degree at McMurry, he continued his education at the University of Houston College of Optometry.

"There's really no profound story on how I came to be in this profession," Strickland said. "I just happened to stumble into it and I have enjoyed it ever since."

West Texas is nothing new to him. He was raised in Merkel and performed part of his training in Midland and at the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

"There is something about West Texas," Strickland said. "It has its own type of people — friendly, good people."

He spent three years working for an ophthalmologist in Abilene and discovered his passion for the pathology part of optometry



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Dr. Clipper Strickland has joined Eye Associates at 2311 Scurry in Big Spring.

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"We felt it was time to bring in a new doctor to the practice and

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Energy Watch



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

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



The stock market continues to trend higher since emerging from its March 2009 lows. But it has recently entered a more sluggish phase. Sharp rises are characteristic of the bull market's initial dynamic phase as investors begin to look beyond the economic recession to better times ahead.

The current cycle fits squarely with the typical historical pattern with the S&P 500 increasing in price from the March 2009 low to the April 2011 high. It also experienced only one pullback of significance during the two-year period: 16 percent in the spring to summer 2010 period as the Federal Reserve's quantitative easing part one (QE1) program came to a conclusion.

In addition, the average stock has outperformed the market cap weighted indexes. The Value Line Arithmetic Composite (an index that equally weights each of its 1,700 component stocks) rose more than 200 percent between March 2009 and April 2011. In recent months, however, progress has been more sluggish, and we expect the inertia to continue during the mid-phase of the cycle.

For perspective, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) has swung in a range as wide as 1,300 points from mid-February to mid-June, yet the index has made no net progress. This is indicative of a fatigued market that's facing more uncertainty, including the Japanese disaster, Chinese growth concern, inflation, U.S. budget and debt worries, rising commodity price, renewed European debt concerns, high U.S. unemployment, the housing debacle, and, of course, the Fed's quantitative easing part two (QE2) end.

The New York Stock Exchange cumulative advance/decline (A/D) line is a measure of whether most stocks are going up or down. This performance measure has shown a few divergences from the more popular stock market indexes. Although the A/D line did hit a new high along with the popular indexes in February, it failed to confirm the indexes' new highs in late April. Instead, it peaked in early April, and a series of lower highs have been measured in the A/D line since that period. While this signifies a negative divergence and deteriorating momentum, it may only represent just one signal of a short to intermediate term top rather than a major top.

Regarding investor sentiment, surveys are showing a more mixed picture. These surveys are contrary indicators, and thus a high degree of

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Rainwater harvesting

Increasing in popularity across the state

By **MELANIE ORTH**

Special to the Herald

As the need for water conservation becomes more apparent, residents across Texas are incorporating rainwater harvesting into their everyday lives. This innovative conservation technique involves capturing, diverting and storing rainwater for later use.

Reducing water costs and lessening the demand on water resources are the two main reasons people become interested in rainwater harvesting, said Billy Kniffen, Texas AgriLife Extension Service water resource specialist.

"Most people who get involved just want to make a difference and be a part of the green effort to use less energy and water," he said.

In 2004, AgriLife Extension and the Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI) established the Rainwater Harvest-



Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo

ing Task Force, a multi-disciplinary group of 18 or more members whose goal is to teach and train others about capturing

and managing rainfall, according to B.L. Harris, TWRI acting director.

Since its inception, the

rainwater harvesting education group has developed several courses geared toward rainwater stewardship, published peer-reviewed Extension publications including a new rainwater harvesting manual, developed video clips teaching rainfall capture techniques, and created a rainwater harvesting website. The team has also installed rainwater harvesting demonstrations at 37 different locations across the state, including more than 20 locations in West Texas and the Rio Grande Valley.

For its efforts, the team was awarded the 2008 Superior Service Award from AgriLife Extension. Kniffen said the cost of implementing a rainwater harvesting system varies depending on the system.

"A simple rain barrel can be built for \$20-\$35," he said, "or bought

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Livestock & Range Conference set July 14

Special to the Herald

GARDEN CITY — The West Texas Livestock and Range Conference will be conducted Thursday at the Glasscock County Senior Citizens Center.

This conference is coordinated by County Extension agents from Midland, Martin, Howard, Glasscock, Reagan, Upton, Ector, Andrews and Sterling counties.

The program will focus on the challenges faced by West Texas ranchers concerning rangeland health, herd management and the costs of developing infrastructure on their ranch. The conference will begin with a tour of the McDowell Ranch, where pastures will be used as the classroom laboratory.

The West Texas Livestock and Range Conference will have the following Extension Specialists on site for this conference.

- Dr. Alyson McDonald, Extension specialist for Rangeland Ecosystems, Fort Stockton;
- Dr. Bruce Carpen-

ter, Extension specialist for Livestock, Fort Stockton;

- Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension specialist for Sheep and Goats, San Angelo;

- Mr. Ken Cearley, Extension specialist for Wildlife, Amarillo.

Registration at the door is \$25 per person. Registration includes a catered lunch.

Five continuing education units for licensed private pesticide applicators have been approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture for participation in this program. Additionally, the WTLRC has been approved for two hours of credit for the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program.

For any further information, or to receive a pre-registration packet, contact your local Extension Office at:

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MUSEUM GATOR WINNER

Mary Miller, left, receives the keys to a John Deere Gator from Gloria McDonald, vice-president of the Hangar 25 Air Museum board. Miller won the Gator at a recent wine and cheese fundraiser held by the museum.

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#7040 July 10 & 24, 2011

Uranus continues to be an exciting topic. Yesterday the revolutionary planet went retrograde, and now his angle to Pluto is nearly squared. In astrology, when planets square off, it can indicate tension and challenges or blocks on which to build — depending on how you look at things. Stay optimistic, and you'll see the opportunity in change.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is greatness in you. Whatever you have done to show this in the past, you are capable of even more. You'll believe this at deeper and deeper levels of your being in the days to come.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have something to say. Maybe it doesn't seem so important, and yet it's vital to the way things will unfold for everyone around you. Be sure to give people enough time to process your message.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a job you want to do, and you're still getting mentally ready for it. You are now only mildly motivated to accomplish the task, but motivation will grow the more you learn.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're not being treated the way you want to be treated. Model the behavior you would like others to adopt. The people around you simply don't have a good example to follow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You consistently undervalue your contributions. Now is your time to step up and lay claim to what you're giving. Don't let others take credit for your work. Metaphorically, write your name in bigger letters.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In order for your vision to come alive, you need to change someone's mind. You'll structure a strong argument for your case and will handle whatever resistance you come up against.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone needs your attention, but not for the reasons you think. Look into the situation. Ask more questions. Get to the root of the issue. Your instincts will tell you what to do next.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are so many things going on around you that really matter to you now. Therefore, it will be challenging to prioritize and determine where to put your focus. You won't be sorry you

put family first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may feel that things are getting out of hand, but rest assured, things were never in your hands to begin with. The illusion of control can be comforting, but you'll find an even deeper comfort in faith.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Try to take an economical approach to your schedule. Putting less on your calendar will allow you to enjoy each event much more. Planning well will put money in your pocket.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone notices and loves the way you stand out even when you're trying to blend in. You may be only one voice in a chorus of billions on the earth, but your song is completely original.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will share your true wealth, which is the warmth of your spirit. Most people you meet will be comforted by your presence. And on one certain person, you have an invigorating influence.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 10). You'll enjoy an active domestic lifestyle through the next seven weeks, and your social life sparkles as you entertain frequently at home. Your risk-taking pays off in September with a financial bonus and public recognition. Family praises and celebrates you in November. Travel happens in December and March. Leo and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 15, 43, 23 and 1.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Distant planets chime in on global matters. Uranus and Pluto come close to

squaring off, and newsworthy events reflect the revolutionary spirit of this aspect. The Sagittarius moon on Monday and Tuesday will keep many people interested in the big picture of world politics, though as the weekend nears, interest will dwindle, as there is so much more to think about in our personal lives. When the moon is opposite the sun on Thursday, we can see her in all of her full, glowing glory. This full moon happens in Capricorn, a respectable and dignified station that focuses on decorum and public standing. The Capricorn full moon won't produce the wild mood that some moons do. Yet the day and night will still be eventful as we focus on making the connections that are likely to help us achieve the accomplishments we so desire. Set up meetings, and then plan them carefully. Every detail, from your greeting to the shoes you wear, will matter. This is also the moon of power structures, so people will unconsciously feel

situations out to determine who has the power and where the boundaries and limits of that control lie.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: The Jessica Simpson Collection of clothing and accessories has become the biggest celebrity fashion brand and is projected to reach the billion-dollar mark this year. Simpson will soon mentor other designers on a new reality show. This Cancer moonchild has Mars, the action and ambition planet, in the highly aesthetic sign of Libra. Libra energy often figures strongly in the charts of fashionistas.

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11 Not at present	66 Smooth operators	12 Joints near shoulders	36 It may be opposite X
13 Semolina source	DOWN	14 Measures staple	37 "Here"
21 Throne-room	1 "To the last I grapple with thee" speaker	23 Tadpole, for example	38 Different
2 Inverse of gigawatt	2 Inverse of gigawatt	26 Long-term appeal	40 Software agent
3 Beneficiary of Hera's protection	3 Beneficiary of Hera's protection	27 <i>victoria curam</i> (victory loves preparation)	45 Key chain
4 Erratic	4 Erratic	28 Rotten nature	46 Put away
5 Body part	5 Body part	30 Common notes	47 Pledge of a sort
6 Org. with a serpent in its logo	6 Org. with a serpent in its logo	31 Backbone of Pakistan agriculture	49 Bullfighting ldr.
7 Unit	7 Unit	33 Leeds' Tropical World, e.g.	51 Bat, for one
8 Name derived from "Aryan"	8 Name derived from "Aryan"		53 Barcelona bloomer
9 "Joy to the World" songwriter	9 "Joy to the World" songwriter		54 Richard Cavett
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			57 First Prophet of Islam
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MUST-HAVES for College Life



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FAMILY FEATURES

Far from home for the first time, many college-bound students face new challenges and responsibilities not always covered on the SAT — from term papers and study groups, to unforgiving professors, part-time jobs and all the other nuances of newfound independence.

And while organic chemistry, French literature and paying rent are struggles in their own right, unsuspecting undergrads often face another education from life's syllabus: surviving without mom or dad and the comforts of home.

And these days, with many students on a tight budget and sharing cramped rooms and counter space, finding ways to bring a bit of domesticity to the dorms — or a first apartment — isn't always a top priority. But maintaining a balance between school and life, while learning the skill sets to take care of oneself in the real world, are arguably just as important as acing any exam.

That's why it's a prerequisite for students to come prepped with at-home necessities to keep them on their A-game. This includes a few culinary essentials and household items designed to keep co-eds well-fed (toasters and countertop ovens) and well-pressed (an iron), even in the wilds of the real world.

So students — and parents — take note. The following checklist features dorm room and apartment essentials that no student should be without. From extra-long sheets and flip-flops, to inexpensive yet stylish appliances touting an array of honor roll-worthy features, each item will help teach grads one of life's greatest lessons: Home need never be that far away. (You should always check with on-campus housing authorities regarding any restrictions on appliances.)

College Essentials Checklist

Ear plugs

Roommates, dorm rooms and apartment complexes are noisy. Keep ear plugs on hand to help shut out distractions and ensure quiet study time and a good night's sleep.

Coffeemaker

From all-nighters to early classes, keeping a coffeemaker on hand helps keep co-eds awake and cuts down on expensive coffeehouse brews. Snag multi-cup machines, like those from Black & Decker, with auto shutoff features (it powers down as you power up for the day), plus Sneak-a-Cup capabilities, allowing you to snag a quick cup, even as the full batch is still brewing.

DVD case

Budding cinephiles should leave DVD boxes at home and transfer their collection to a sturdy carrying case, making their new, semi-nomadic lifestyle that much easier to manage and to keep all their favorite films in one, easy-to-find place.

Toaster

For undergrads, bagels and toast are pretty much a major food group. Luckily these days, even affordable toasters come in cool, stainless steel designs thanks to brands like Black & Decker, which have preset toasting features, extra-wide slots for easy loading and unloading, plus retractable cords — perfect for tight spaces and easy storage.

Flip-flops

Community showers are an unfortunate rite of passage for many dorm dwellers. So always remember to keep a dedicated pair of flip-flops to spare bare feet from touching questionable tile.

Extra-long sheets

When it comes to bedding, just remember: Double-X. Translation? Extra sets of extra-long twin sheets for oddly-sized dorm-room mattresses. Students don't always have time to do laundry, which is why it's smart to keep an extra pair on hand, too.

Blender

For budget living, any mix master knows that a good blender is perfect for preparing smoothies, salsas, shakes and more. Chic and inexpensive models from Black & Decker contain convenient features, too, like built-in cord storage, dishwasher-safe removable parts for easy clean-up, and even a handy 1-ounce measuring cup inside the lid.

Surge protector

Between phone chargers, computers, desk lamps and all sorts of other gadgets, it's always a bright idea to bring a power strip with surge protector to help manage today's many electronic needs.

Countertop oven

Essential for starter apartments and studios, cooking couldn't be easier with a countertop oven. Value-friendly Black & Decker models lend versatility with bake, broil, toast and warming functions, while convection airflow from quartz heaters offers quick and consistently cooked brain food — from hot sandwiches to small pizzas — for even the smallest taste of home.

Quarters

Sure, home is great for free laundry. But between visits, be sure to have a stash of quarters ready for the laundry room. And a timer isn't bad either. Nothing worse than finding one's wet unmentionables piled high atop a public machine by an impatient neighbor.

Iron

Internships, office hours and hot dates have one thing in common: the need to make a good first impression. This is why students should always have a good iron on hand. The latest and greatest from Black & Decker even offer vertical steaming for trouble-free touch-ups right on the hanger, while space-friendly one-touch cord reel features are perfect for fast and easy storage, too.

For more information on small home appliances, visit www.blackanddeckerappliances.com.

A fresh pancetta-fueled take on pasta carbonara

Clocking in with just seven ingredients, this delicious take on pasta carbonara will have you in and out of the kitchen in under 20 minutes. It varies from traditional carbonara by not incorporating the egg into the cheese "sauce" with which the pasta is tossed.

Instead, the egg is fried separately then served over pasta that has been tossed with crisped pancetta. When broken over the pasta, the runny yolks create an amazing sauce for the pasta, blending perfectly with the flavors of the Parmesan and pancetta.

Feel a need to add greens to your meal? Serve the whole thing over a bed of arugula, which will wilt slightly from the heat of the other ingredients, as well as soak up any of the egg that drips to the bottom

WHOLE EGG PASTA CARBONARA

- Start to finish: 20 minutes
- Servings: 4
- 12-ounce package fresh linguine
- 8 ounces finely chopped pancetta
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 eggs
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese,

divided
Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions. Reserve 1/4 cup of the cooking water, then drain the pasta.

Leave the pasta in the colander to drain. Return the saucepan to the heat. Add the pancetta and cook until just crisp, about 5 minutes. Add the pasta, then toss well. Cover and set aside.

In a large skillet over low heat, melt the butter. Keeping them separate, crack the eggs into the skillet and cook sunny-side up until the whites are set and the yolks are still runny, about 5 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat. Season the eggs with salt and pepper.

Add 1 cup of the cheese to the pasta and toss to melt. While tossing, drizzle in just enough of the reserved cooking water to help the cheese coat the pasta. Arrange the pasta on 4 serving plates, then top each mound with an egg. Sprinkle each serving with a bit more cheese. If desired, use a fork to break each yolk just before serving.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 790 calories; 420 calo-

ries from fat (53 percent of total calories); 46 g fat (23 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 355 mg cholesterol; 50 g carbohy-

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