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# Reason for season varies, depending on the kid in you

By **AMANDA MORENO**  
 Staff Writer

There may be a reason for the season, but the reason seems to be a little different for everyone, especially among children. The reasoning behind Christmas truly takes on a new meaning and a different perspective.



**James Loftis**

"It's really important to me. It's special and other people like it," 5-year-old Avery Williams said with a smile. "It gives me the chills because it just makes me so excited."

Six-year-old Kaeli Woodall believes everyone needs to consider Christmas as important because Santa loves us all. With eyes glowing and a huge smile across her face she said, "There has to be some way to have Christmas. God wouldn't have made it that way if He didn't want us to have it. So he is looking out for us so he can know what Santa is doing."

For some kids, the answer is consistent and exactly what you would expect,

"Toys!" Austin Lasater 7-year-old said. "Playing with the toys and opening the presents."

Four-year-old Colt Woodall's eyes lit up with the simple mention of Christmas and the first words out of his mouth, "Hot Wheels!"



Photos by Tammy Schreengost

**Lilly Hoff hangs an ornament on a tree at the Heritage Museum. Christmas, she says, is all about celebrating Christ's birthday.**

Then again, just because toys are the first things that come to children's minds, doesn't mean they don't see the deeper meaning to Christmas.

"Mostly, it's about Jesus and his birthday," Samantha Raney, 10, said. "I love opening presents and having everyone come over, but mostly I think about how it's



**Avery Williams**

a time for everybody to share, give and think about Christ."

Sisters Ella, 8 years old, and Lilly Hoff, 5, really enjoy receiving presents, but already understand

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# The Christmas Story

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

—Luke 2: 1-20

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# Take Note

• A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Teresa "Terry" Gonzales, who died Monday, Dec. 19, in Lubbock, to help defray funeral costs. Contact the funeral home at 432-267-8288 for more information.

• West Texas Opportunities Inc. will be closed Dec. 30 and will reopen for business Jan. 3 at its new location, 2001 Scurry.

• A benefit account for the Arguello family, who lost two family members in a recent house fire in Coahoma, has been established at Western Bank. Interested persons can contribute to the account at any of the bank's three locations (two in Big Spring, one in Coahoma). For more information, call 432-394-4256.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo to help defray medical expenses for 4-year-old Zayde Stallings, who recently died of a rare heart condition. She was the daughter of Kenny and Renea Stallings of Big Spring. If you need more information, contact Four Seasons Insulation and Siding at 264-8610. The account number is 7938527277.

• A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home for Mike Williams, 39, a lifetime resident of Big Spring who died Nov. 1. He leaves behind a wife and seven children. Any donations can be brought to the funeral home office at 301 E. 24th St. For more information, call 267-8288.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as

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• Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The re-registration period began Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.

• A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. 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.

• A benefit fund for Chris Johnson (account 5945033396) has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray expenses from a house fire. All donations are appreciated.

• 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.

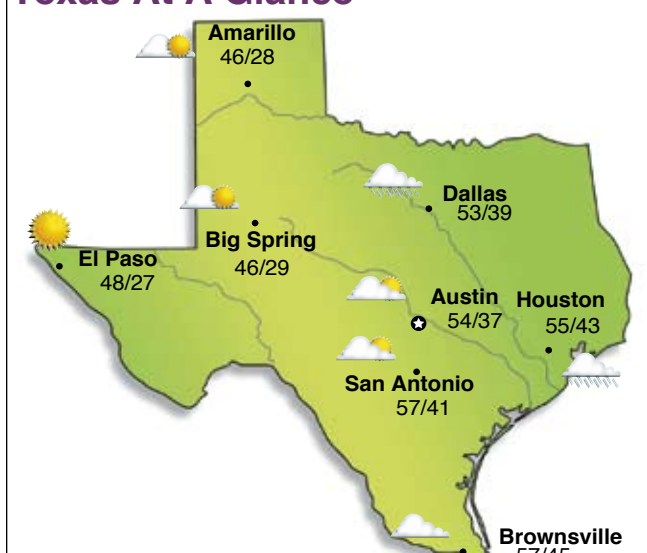
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### Local 5-Day Forecast

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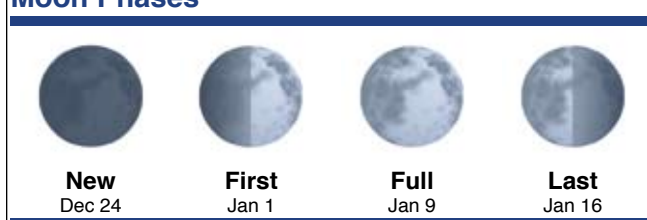
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	44	31	sn shower	Kingsville	59	43	cloudy
Amarillo	46	28	pt sunny	Livingston	52	38	rain
Austin	54	37	cloudy	Longview	49	39	rain
Beaumont	57	42	rain	Lubbock	49	22	pt sunny
Brownsville	57	45	cloudy	Lufkin	50	39	rain
Brownwood	51	34	pt sunny	Midland	46	31	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	57	44	cloudy	Raymondville	58	42	pt sunny
Corsicana	51	38	rain	Rosenberg	55	42	rain
Dallas	53	39	rain	San Antonio	57	41	cloudy
Del Rio	54	34	pt sunny	San Marcos	55	37	cloudy
El Paso	48	27	sunny	Sulphur Springs	51	38	rain
Fort Stockton	42	29	pt sunny	Sweetwater	44	31	sn shower
Gainesville	49	34	rain	Tyler	49	37	rain
Greenville	50	36	rain	Weatherford	50	34	rain
Houston	55	43	rain	Wichita Falls	49	34	mixed

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	54	42	rain	Minneapolis	36	28	pt sunny
Boston	42	32	pt sunny	New York	47	37	pt sunny
Chicago	40	28	pt sunny	Phoenix	63	40	sunny
Dallas	53	39	rain	San Francisco	60	44	mst sunny
Denver	44	27	sunny	Seattle	45	37	rain
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Christmas is about celebrating Christ's birthday.

"Decorating the Christmas tree is something that's fun to do," the girls said. "But Christmas is about remembering how Christ died on the cross for us and celebrating his birthday."

As the years go by, the meaning of Christmas begins to change and the holiday season takes on a different meaning. The presents are still important, but what really matters becomes so much more apparent.

"When I was a little girl I thought it was about family coming over to give me presents, but now I'm older I realize it's about spending time with family, especially the ones you don't get to see very often," Kiara Loftis, 12, said. "It's not about the presents they bring."

Kiara sees the importance of Christmas through the kindness shown by others and their donations, such as those who donate gifts for soldiers or to bring to kids who wouldn't normally receive presents.

As for 11-year-old McKenzie Schrecengost, the memories of previous Christmases will be something she cherishes as well as the "true" meaning behind Christmas.

"I'm really looking forward to this Christmas, but I know one thing on my mind is not being able to be with my dad (who passed away earlier this year)," McKenzie said. "Our Christmas changes every year, but one thing we always do is the big dinner with family. Really, it's not about the gifts ... it's about Jesus and being able to spend time with family."

Christmas is a time that allows families to get together, especially for those who aren't able to get together often. Even though the presents make an impression, they aren't the only thing involved in the memories being made.

"My favorite part of Christmas is waking up early to open presents and see the surprises my family has picked

out for me. I love meeting up with my family to say thank you and taking pictures with them," Kiara said.

Her 7-year-old brother, James Loftis, recalls one present in particular that has made a lasting impression.

"Santa brings presents and he brought my cat Strawberry to me," James said. "But my 'favorite' part is playing with my cousins Elijah and Zion!"

The mystery of Santa is one most, if not every child, tends to cling to at Christmas time. The intrigue of hoping and in some way knowing Christmas morning there will be presents dropped off by Santa and his magical, flying reindeer.

"It makes me wonder if Santa is going to come and I really do hope everyone believes in him. I want all the kids to be good so they aren't put on the naughty list. All you have to do is be good and you will get presents from Santa and everyone who loves you," James said. "He is an inventor and he makes lots of things. I love that he has reindeers."

Of course, James isn't the only child who thinks this way.

"It's just great because you get lots of presents and Santa Claus comes," Avery said.

As Kaeli said, it's about that happy feeling inside, being able to set out cookies and milk for Santa and sending him cards to show that we love him.

"I can't help but think of God, Jesus, oh and the angels too," Avery said. "Oh yeah and the sweet stuff at Christmas."

In spite of all the enjoyment Christmas morning brings with presents, family gatherings and cherished memories it's easy to see Christmas is one holiday children — of all ages — agree cannot be skipped.

The importance of Christmas, in spite of being different for everyone, continues to remain a constant through the years.

In the end — despite religion or belief — it's about family, giving and seeing the sparkle in a child's eye.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

**A small sinkhole at the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> and State streets claimed this Chevrolet van late Friday morning. No injuries were reported in the incident.**

**Ugly, gaudy Christmas sweaters all the rage**

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Oh, the sweater designs are frightful, but the parties are so delightful. So if you've got one to wear, let it show, let it show, let it show.

If your grandmother ever gave you a cheesy holiday sweater that you never thought you'd wear, be grateful — it's a hot fashion item now. Gaudy Christmas sweaters have become all the rage. Ugly-Christmas-sweater parties are so popular that thrift stores and specialty retailers are making sure the kitschy clothing is in stock, and enterprising entrepreneurs are cashing in.

One Chicago couple say they've sold more than 3,000 sweaters this year from a website they started in 2008, while a pair of Milwaukee siblings expect to clear a \$5,000 profit from a new site they launched just last month.

Jack McCarthy, 17,

and his sister sell sweaters scavenged from thrift stores and yard sales for anywhere from \$19 to \$45 on UltimateUglyChristmas.com.

"People just seem to love outdoing each other in ugliness," McCarthy said. "The key is, you want something that's tacky in a good way. You don't want ugly like boring, you want something like a piece of art. Something that might look good if it weren't on a sweater."

"Like it might be a good Christmas decoration, but once you put it on yourself that's where it becomes ugly."

The sweaters' popularity reflects a common fashion arc: Something trendy goes out of style, only to become

cool again decades later. Some people speculate that loud sweaters evoke fond memories of holidays past. Others say it's just an expression of holiday cheer.

Either way, when it comes to Christmas sweaters, uglier is better. Bright and mismatched colors are a plus, as are sequins, beads and fringes. But the clincher is graphics — winter scenes busy and intricate enough to make the viewer cringe.

Emily Bell knows ugly when she sees it. The 30-year-old from the Milwaukee suburb of St.

Francis was determined to win her friend's ugly-sweater contest. So she scoured thrift stores with one strategy: If a garment could be called tasteful, it wasn't good enough.

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## YES, VIRGINIA, THERE REALLY IS A SANTA CLAUS

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** "Is there a Santa Claus?" is the question Virginia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Phillip F. O'Hanlon, put to the editor of the (New York) Sun in September, 1897. Her Letter was received by Edward P. Mitchell, who turned it over to his associate, Francis Pharcilius Church, to answer.

With some reluctance Mr. Church undertook the assignment. The product of his fine nature, mellow wisdom and sound craftsmanship was the editorial article "Is there a Santa Claus?" — the most famous editorial article that has ever been written. It first appeared in the New York Sun in 1897 and has since been produced in every conceivable form, in every quarter of the globe.

The publication of Virginia's question and Francis Pharcilius Church's response is an annual tradition at the Herald. We hope you enjoy it.

...  
We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

*"Dear Editor:  
I am 8 years old.  
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Clause.  
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Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?  
Virginia O'Hanlon,  
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Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you every see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what make the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, not even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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# The last lesson for this year is ...

A first-grade teacher, clawing at the very bottom of her creativity barrel, was merely trying to "hold her own." Every turn of her head, she glanced toward the old clock on the wall that had been such an ally earlier in the fall. Now, in this final hour of instruction before the holidays, it was sinister, its hands moving with the speed of an indecisive glacier.

It had been a "slam-dunk" tool to help the youngsters learn to tell time. She smiled, recalling their befuddlement with the second hand.

This day — the last before the holidays — the clock hands seemed mired in molasses on a day so cold roosters prayed for a later sunrise. In just another hour, though, the shrill hallway bell would ring, tying the ribbon of closure on the calendar year, setting the children free. Surely she could hold on for just 60 more minutes.

She asked a "raise-your-hand-if-you-know" question, hoping to minimize chaos as two-dozen children plotted paths to make fastest exits ever. (Pity anyone who might be trying to enter the classroom at that moment.)

"What do the holidays mean to you?" she questioned. Oh, there were some expected responses about Christmas gifts, sumptuous repasts, TV football games and prayers for snow.

One said that on New Year's Eve, they'd all make "New Year's revolutions." The teacher smiled, offering no corrections; that could be done another

day. She figured it might take more than an hour to chase this rabbit, maybe about the same time commitment to explain the second hand.

One youngster's response gave pause. "We pray for lots of things at our house," the little girl explained. "Mostly, we stand still long enough to let our memories catch up with us. Then, on New Year's Eve, we talk about making better memories next year."

The teacher thought this worthy of break room discussion in the new year.

Maybe there wasn't such a yearning for the day to end.

The final contributor was a usually quiet little boy who, as always, waited his turn. "My granddaddy is deep-minded and long-winded," he began. "They said in his farming days, he often talked to fence posts

He explained that his grandfather's recent "weird dream" is bound to dominate family conversations during this holiday observance.

It was a "dream in a doze," so to speak, occurring before bedtime. "Granddad was in his recliner, where we catch him dozing more often than awake," the youngster said.

The old-timer, caught up in watching the Heisman Awards, fell asleep just before Robert Griffin III claimed the award.

Immediately in dreamland, he thought he'd died, but instead of going toward heaven, he was "headed south" in an elevator covered in frost. As it plunged downward, temperatures dropped rapidly. He shivered as ice formed on the elevator doors. Several minutes later, it jolted to a stop, and the old man stepped out, shocked by the devil's frigid haunts. He'd expected it to be, uh, considerably more

tropical. Instead, icicles hung everywhere; snow piled up in drifts that would cover parking meters.

"Oh, my," he exclaimed, "A Baylor player finally won the Heisman."

OK, so it's an old story updated.

I've heard groans like yours before. During my presidential years at Howard Payne University, students expected to hear "the clock story" at each year-ending chapel program.

I told them about the clock's visit to the doctor's office.

"The thought of ticking each second next year makes me ill," the old clock said. "That's 60 per minute, 3600 per hour, 86,400 per day, 604,800 per week, 2,419,200 per month and 31,449,600 for the year.

Patiently listening to the clock's lament, he asked, "How did you manage it last year?"

Pausing, the clock answered, "One tick at a time."

"I suggest you follow the same strategy in 2012," the physician said.

The old doctor offered sage advice, urging that life be taken on in small bites, thus making good memories more likely. (Had there not been other patients waiting, he might have made a second recommendation concerning small "bytes," too.)

I pray God's richest blessings for you and those you love during this holiday season and in the new year that beckons. Don't pay too much attention to the second hand.

*Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Metroplex. Inquiries/comments welcome. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com.; phone 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com.*

## YOUR VIEWS

### Greed

TO THE EDITOR,  
Mine is not the first letter of observation. Sadly, nor do I expect any change to occur seeing that in the 20 years that I have resided in Howard County it has been a frequent topic of public conversation. However, today the reality was driven home fairly dramatically.

It was necessary to make a fast one day trip to Fredrickburg, Texas, to see a family member. We filled up with gasoline the previous night prior to leaving at 6:30 a.m. We paid \$3.21 per 9/10 gallon. We arrived at the ever-popular Fredricksburg which was filled with tourists as usual (read high demand) and completed our business.

We began the return trip at 4 p.m., filling our tank before leaving paying \$2.99 per 9/10 gallon. A savings of \$0.22 per gallon on the same brand and rating. I asked the attendant if there was a refinery in Fredricksburg of which I was unaware and was told no (read low supply). Thus my confusion and frustration.

Though we have much to be proud of, I'm sure anyone who has been to Fredricksburg will agree, we do not compete with Fredricksburg as a tourist attraction (read lower demand). Yet, we do have a refinery in our backyard (read lower supply cost). While I am not an educated economist, I have a basic understanding of the concept of supply and demand, and this information flies in the face of common sense. My father (who was an economist) always taught me, "If something doesn't seem right, look at the bottom line." In this case, the bottom line has greed written all over it. We are encouraged by businesses and Chambers to "Keep Your Dollars At Home." Yet, we are gouged in the one area that we must all have to earn those very dollars.

Those of us who live here know we have no choice but to pay higher prices that are figured on greed, not supply and demand. But the tourists and the dollars

that we say we want to attract (read Downtown Renovation, Settles Hotel Renovation, Symphony, Rodeo, etc.) do have a choice.

We should learn from Fredricksburg and other cities like them that may charge \$10 for a hamburger in the local cafe, \$8 for an artsy postcard from the pet store, \$250 for a glass christmas tree ornament and \$500 for a painting that looks as if it was done by your basic 5th grader. If you want to attract the crowds that are willing to spend that kind of money, you should start by having the price everyone sees when they arrive in town not be the one you with which you are playing inverse supply and demand economics. Especially when they see a refinery on the hill.

SINCERELY,  
DENNIS DINGUS  
BIG SPRING

### Christian nation

TO THE EDITOR:  
President Obama has announced to the world that the United States is no longer a Christian nation.

June 17, 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court decided 8 to 1 in favor of Edward Schempp in the Abington Township, Pennsylvania School District - vs- Schempp. The court declared school-sponsored Bible reading in public schools to be unconstitutional — after all, what can you expect when there is not one Christian on the Supreme Court.

From this ruling, prayers at football games are prohibited, religious symbols banned from state and federal buildings, etc. In September of this year, Alabama Judge Roy Moore was removed from his bench for refusing to remove the Ten Commandments from his courtroom wall.

With that said, let me remind all Christians to remember Dec. 25 is celebrated as the birth of Jesus Christ. I disagree with our President because I think this is a Christian nation. Most of our laws are based on the Ten Commandments, such as "though

shall not kill" as an example.

Through the centuries, Christians have been persecuted, physically and/or verbally, yet they have survived.

In closing, I wish everyone, Christian or non-Christian, a very, merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

CAD WINGERT  
BIG SPRING

### Christmas

TO THE EDITOR:  
I am writing this letter to remind adults Christmas is celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. That is the true meaning; also it is a time for Santa Claus.

I have been hearing adults telling little ones there is no Santa. These people need to be horse whipped. There are so many kids who do not have what other kids have and that is one thing they look forward to and to have stupid non-caring adults (who should know better) tell them is stupid.

Maybe they had a bad childhood; that does not give them the right to take joy away from little ones. I say shame on all of you for hurting the children. I remember when I was little we would leave out cookies and milk, or a coke and a letter to Santa. We could not wait until the morning came. That memory is special to me and has stayed with me always.

To me, all of these atheists need to go far away and leave us Christians alone. We have more of a stand than you do. It makes me mad when they can say or do something that takes away from the nativity scene being taken down cause they do not believe in it; well, we do and we should have a bigger say than they do.

So please, let us all remember the true meaning of Christmas. On Christmas morning we should bow our heads and say Happy Birthday Jesus and let the kids have their Christmas.

One more thing, I would like to thank the radio station kicks See **LETTERS**, Page 5A



# Mendenhall: Christ won war on Christmas

Of course you've heard about the war on Christmas. How could you not, if you watch certain TV news stations and keep up with the frightening ads concocted by some presidential candidates?

It's everywhere, and it sounds like a grim war indeed, with the forces of good perhaps just barely holding on, encircled by snarling wolves and thousands of those big, ugly Orcs from the Hobbit movies. Oh, my!



DOUG MENDENHALL

Weak and beaten down, maybe we'll make it just a couple more days and keep Christmas safe this year. Maybe we won't ...

At any rate, the war on Christmas sounds scary enough to swing some votes or send a troop of sanctified soldiers on a desperate mission, engaging the ACLU in combat to keep their grubby hands off the crèches.

That what it sounds like, doesn't it?

How silly.

I think we get the idea that there is a war on Christmas from watching too many holiday TV specials, each of which has this essential plot:

1. Christmas spirit is shrinking.
2. A blackhearted villain is ready to squeeze Christmas to death.
3. Against the odds, a pure-hearted hero must save the day at 11:59 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Well, OK, Scrooge doesn't actually save Christmas until late morning, having slept late, but you agree that's the trend, right?
4. This must be accomplished by demonstrating to those who have

forgotten it what the true meaning of Christmas has always been.

However, the truth is that there can be no war on Christmas. The war already has been won.

Long ago, in Bethlehem, we found out that in the hands of our awesome God, to sort of quote that Seussian Grinch movie, "No one could stop Christmas from coming."

Once baby Jesus made it to the planet, once he was introduced to humanity, once he grew up and explained who he was, people who had been otherwise doomed to live short, lackluster lives and die far short of the purity required by God began to call on the name of Jesus and be rescued.

At that point, the turning point had been reached in the battle, and not even the death of Jesus made it anything like a fair fight.

The battle was won even before the shepherds showed up. Even before the smell of frankincense hit the air.

So don't go telling me about this "war on Christmas," you fear-mongering politicians and commentators. There's no war here.

At best, it's just a few folks asking us Christians to hold it down a little while we celebrate our glorious victory over death, over despair, over all of our mistakes and shortcomings.

We are victors.

And we are having a very merry Christmas, thank you very much.

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## Military families celebrate bittersweet Christmas

PATRICIA WOLFE

Oshkosh Northwestern OSHKOSH, Wis. (AP) — Little Keira Wagner is happiest in her daddy's arms. And on his shoulders. And climbing up his legs at an impossible angle.

Roughhousing is their thing and it's going to be the thing Benjamin Wagner misses most when he heads overseas in a couple months. Staff Sgt. Ben Wagner, 30, isn't at all sure of the details of when he'll leave, but he does know it's going to be extremely tough to be away from his wife Jennifer, 29, and their 5-year-old daughter for an extended period.

As a team leader in the Oshkosh-based Wisconsin Army National Guard 1157th Transportation Co. he and the rest of the 130-soldier unit will head out, possibly in February, for pre-mobilization training before heading to Kuwait, where he'll help with the logistics of bringing troops home from Iraq.

The training will prepare the members of the 1157th to serve in a security mission providing base and convoy protection during the troop drawdown in Iraq and the removal of equipment from the country, said Lt. Col. Jackie Guthrie, director of public affairs for the Wisconsin National Guard.

Wagner will be deployed for a year. That means this Christmas

has to hold the family for two Christmases. They are doing their best to enjoy this holiday without getting maudlin about it. Both Ben and Jennifer are seasoned soldiers. Jennifer's mother was in the military. They know what this separation stuff is all about.

Both have served at various times in the National Guard and in the regular army in Iraq. In fact, that's where they met and married. Ben said it was hard for him to resist her. Not only is she an attractive woman, Ben said, but she served as a weapons specialist for the company and was in charge of the arms room. He is an avid collector of military guns.

Well, that combination did the trick. Wagner was a goner.

"The fact that she was the armorer and me being a gun enthusiast. Plus she is down-to-earth and fun to hang out with," he said.

On a recent Sunday afternoon they talked about the coming year and how they are preparing for it. Keira twirled and danced and chattered nearby. She pointed out their two lazy cats, Sha-ping and Rory, looking aloof while lolling on perches here and there. She showed pieces of the nativity scene, gingerbread men and their Christmas tree.

"This is the first time we've had our Christmas tree up this early,"

Ben said. The Wagner family isn't counting the days just yet, but they are trying to pack in as much as they can without making life hectic. There will be trips to Florida and Texas to visit grandparents before Ben deploys.

"I don't know if anyone can prepare for a separation like this but we are trying to enjoy every moment," Jennifer said.

The Wagners realize they can't really prepare for a lengthy separation. The longest they've been separated during the nine years of their marriage is three weeks. Nor can Keira understand what it means that she won't be able to climb all over her dad for a whole year.

Jennifer said she'll deal with it as it comes. Technology helps.

"We bought a new laptop, a must before deployment. And we've got Skype," she said, referring to the free video-calling service.

Ben is trying to focus on the benefits of the National Guard rather than the rough parts like deployment.

"I'm trying not to think about that. There are lots of benefits, like college paid for her," he said looking over at Keira.

Ben entered the National Guard at 17 for the rifle, the Humvee, the college benefits and "because I wanted to do something for my country," he said.

## LETTERS

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from Midland for playing the national anthem every morning about 6.

MARILLYN MIEARS  
BIG SPRING

### More local sports

To the Editor:  
I would like to see more local sports.

It seems to me the sports editor could at least put the scores of the high school Steers and Howard Hawks in the paper.

THANKS,  
W. H. SMITH  
BIG SPRING

### Christ in Christmas

To the Editor:  
Having been born in

1942 during World War II, I grew up with nativity scenes everywhere during Christmas. We sang Christmas carols and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

At the age of 5, my Christmas present of a little red truck made me very happy. I didn't realize that we were poor until I saw all the gifts that others received at Christmas. But, they couldn't have been any happier than I was. My little red truck was given to me with all the love my parents possessed.

Now, I am 69 years of age and I am fighting cancer. My life is in the hands of God. I am at peace with that.  
I do not understand

how nativity scenes are now banned and no one can greet you with a Merry Christmas in retail stores. The infamous group, Freedom From Religion, has more hate for Jesus Christ than He has love for us. According to Jesus, what I think about Him will determine my destiny for all eternity.

If you are one of those haters of Jesus Christ, I would sincerely like to talk to you.

CHARLES ARCHER  
BIG SPRING

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# Santa Claus is still flying high in a new poll

CONNIE CASS,

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Why do kids believe a chubby guy in a flying sleigh can deliver joy across America? Because their parents do. A whopping 84 percent of grown-ups were once children who trusted in Santa's magic, and lots cling to it still.

Things are changing fast these days, with toddlers wishing for iPads, grade schoolers emailing their Christmas lists and moms wrestling over bargain toys at midnight sales. Despite all the pressures on the rituals of the season, an AP-GfK poll confirms that families are sticking by old St. Nick.

"It's important for kids to have something to believe in," says great-grandmother Wanda Smith of Norman, Okla.

And so they do. Year after year, Santa Claus survives the scoffers and the Scrooges and the 6-year-old playground skeptics. He endures belittling commercials that portray him shopping at Target or taking directions from an iPhone. He shrugs off scolds who say his bagful of toys overshadows the reason for the season.

Two-thirds of parents with kids under 18 say Santa's an important part of their celebrations this year. Moms, especially, have a soft spot for the man in red — 71 percent of them say he's important, and that's a big jump from 58 percent just five years ago.

His overall popularity is up slightly from an AP-AOL poll in 2006, before the recession hit. In these bleaker times of homes lost to foreclosure and parents sweating out their next paychecks, the poll shows Santa riding high with families both wealthy and poor.

Maybe that's because the big guy's always known how to stretch a dollar to make a kid smile.

Smith, whose childhood gifts were mostly handmade by her mother — things like cookies and knit scarves — remembers that every year Santa Claus

managed to put one present under the tree for her to share with her two brothers (four more siblings came later).

"One year it was a bicycle, one year we had a sled. One year we got a puppy — his name was Jack and he was a border collie," recalls Smith, now 70.

"We didn't have a lot," she said, "but we didn't know it. Our mother and daddy made it a wonderful time for us."

In multicultural America, Father Christmas isn't just for Christians any more. Three-fourths of non-Christian adults say they believed in Santa when they were children. And half feel he's important to their holiday celebrations now.

Developmental psychologist Cyndy Scheibe, who's been interviewing kids about Santa since 1986, said lots of Jewish children told her that Santa Claus was real, even though he didn't stop at their houses on Christmas Eve.

And many non-Christian parents embrace Santa because they see Christmas serving as a secular as well as religious holiday in the U.S., she said.

"Santa Claus is more than someone who just comes and gives you a present, it's this whole spirit of giving and magic that you get to be a part of and celebrate," said Scheibe, an associate professor at Ithaca College in New York.

That's what keeps Santa going over the decades and across cultures, she said. "That, and there's almost nothing as much fun as getting to see your kid's face so completely excited."

Scheibe knows firsthand. She used to climb a ladder to the roof every Christmas, her daughter watching, to leave a key tied to a big red bow, because they didn't have a fireplace.

It's not all snowflakes and mistletoe in Santaland, however. Even among Christians, there's tension about how big a role, if any, a jolly old elf deserves in the celebration of Christ's birth.

Almost half of Americans polled said Santa detracts from the religious significance of Christmas

more than he enhances it.

When she was growing up, Naomi Stenberg's fundamentalist Baptist parents didn't want her mixed up with Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny or Halloween trick-or-treating.

"I didn't understand why everybody else got to believe in Santa, and me and my brother didn't," says Stenberg, 32, now a stay-at-home mom in Baxter, Minn. "I felt left out."

Her own three children have gotten the full Kris Kringle experience, but sometimes she feels ill-equipped to handle the tough queries from her youngest, 6-year-old Rylen.

"She's been asking questions like how does Santa fit through the chimney," she said. "I don't know how to answer things like that."

Matt Hoyt vividly remembers seeing Santa's black boots peeking out from behind his bedroom curtains when he was a boy. He froze. "I was just trying to pretend to be asleep," Hoyt said, "so I'd get my presents."

Only much later did he realize those were probably the black shoes of his dad, hanging his new "Star Wars" drapes. Now Hoyt, a 35-year-old computer engineer from Houston, is awaiting the birth of his first child in April, and wondering how long that child will believe.

In the poll, the median age when adults said they outgrew Santa was 8. Hoyt suspects his child's generation will turn away even earlier. After all, "They've got Google at their fingertips."

But Santa needn't worry. They'll come back someday ... when they're parents.

*The Associated Press-GfK Poll was conducted Dec. 8-12 by GfK Roper Public Affairs and Corporate Communications. It involved landline and cellphone interviews with 1,000 adults nationwide and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.*

## Nearly eight in 10 people believe in angels

JENNIFER AGIESTA,

Associated Press

Angels don't just sing at Christmastime. For most Americans, they're a year-round presence. A new Associated Press-GfK poll shows that 77 percent of adults believe these ethereal beings are real.

Belief is primarily tied to religion, with 88 percent of Christians, 95 percent of evangelical Christians and 94 percent of those who attend weekly religious

services of any sort saying they believe in angels.

But belief in angels is fairly widespread even among the less religious. A majority of non-Christians think angels exist, as do more than 4 in 10 of those who never attend religious services.

Beyond the religious gap, women are more likely than men to believe angels are real, and those over 30 are more apt than younger adults to think they exist.

The finding mirrors a 2006 AP-AOL poll, which found 81 percent believed in angels.

Previous polling has found the public a bit more likely to believe in God, but far less likely to believe in other other-worldly beings. In May, 92 percent of adults told Gallup pollsters they believed in God.

But just 34 percent in an AP-Ipsos poll in 2007 said they believed in ghosts or UFOs.

The AP-GfK Poll was conducted Dec. 8-12 and is based on interviews with 1,000 adults nationally.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

## John Chamberlain, made art from scrap, dies in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — An artist known for turning automotive scrap metal into sculpture has died in New York City. John Chamberlain was 84.

The Gagosian Gallery represented Chamberlain and says he died Wednesday in Manhattan.

Chamberlain's career spanned decades. He started working with junked car metal in the late 1950s, gaining admirers and critics. He also worked with materials as wide-ranging as paper bags, aluminum foil and foam rubber.

Chamberlain's work has been exhibited all over the world. His first retrospective was at the city's Guggenheim Museum in 1971.

The Guggenheim announced earlier this month another retrospective of his work will be on exhibit from February to May of next year. The exhibit will include 95 of Chamberlain's works from throughout his career.



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# Scrapbook tells how Rudolph went down in history

HOLLY RAMER,

Associated Press

HANOVER, N.H. — You know Dasher and Dancer and the rest of the gang. But do you recall, the most "Perfect Christmas Crowd-Bringer" of all?

That's how executives at Montgomery Ward originally described Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, who first appeared in a 1939 book written by one of the company's advertising copywriters and given free to children as a way to drive traffic to the stores.

Curious to know more about how Rudolph really went down in history? It's all in the pages of a long-overlooked scrapbook compiled by the story's author, Robert L. May, and housed at his alma mater, Dartmouth College.

May donated his handwritten first draft and illustrated mock-up to Dartmouth before his death at age 71 in 1976, and his family later added to what has become a large collection of Rudolph-related documents and merchandise, including a life-sized papier-mache reindeer that now stands among the stacks at the Rauner Special Collections Library. But May's scrapbook about the book's launch and success went unnoticed until last year, when Dartmouth archivist Peter Carini came across it while looking for something else.

"No one on staff currently knew we had it. I pulled it out and all the pieces started falling out. It was just a mess," Carini said.

The scrapbook, which has since been restored and catalogued, includes May's list of possible names for his story's title character — from Rodney and Rollo to Reginald and Romeo. There's a map showing how many books went to each state and letters of praise from adults and children alike.

The scrapbook also chronicles the massive marketing campaign Montgomery Ward launched to drum up newspaper coverage of the book giveaway and its efforts to promote it within the company.

Near the front of the scrapbook is a large colored poster instructing Montgomery Ward stores about how to order and distribute the book. An illustration of Rudolph sweeps across the page, his name written in ornate script. There are exclamation points galore. "The rollinckinest, rip-roarinest, riot-provokinest, Christmas give-away your town has ever seen!" "A laugh and a thrill for every boy and girl in your town (and for their parents, too!)"

Rudolph is described as "the perfect Christmas crowd-bringer," if stores follow a few rules, including giving the book only to children accompanied by adults. "This will limit 'street urchin' traffic to a minimum, and will bring in the PARENTS ... the people you want to sell!"

The response was overwhelming — at a time when a print-run of 50,000 books was considered a best-seller, the company gave away more than 2 million copies that first year and by the following year was selling an assortment of Rudolph-themed toys and other items.

But lest this become a story about corporate greed, it should be noted that in 1947, Montgomery Ward took the unusual step of turning over the copyright to the book to May, who was struggling financially after the death of his first wife.

"He then made several million dollars using that

in various ways, through the movie, the song, merchandising and things like that," Carini said. "I think it's a great story because it shows how corporations used to think of themselves as part of civil society and how much that has changed."

May eventually left Montgomery Ward to essentially manage Rudolph's career, which really took off after May's brother-in-law Johnny Marks wrote the song (made famous by Gene Autry in 1949), and the release of a stop-motion animated television special in 1964.

Both the song and movie depart significantly from May's original plot, however. In May's story, Rudolph doesn't live at the North Pole or grow up aspiring to pull Santa's sleigh — he lives in a reindeer village and Santa discovers him while filling Rudolph's stocking on a foggy Christmas Eve.

"And you," Santa tells Rudolph, "May yet save the day! Your wonderful forehead may yet pave the way!"

May's story is written in verse, similar to "The Night Before Christmas" by Clement Clarke Moore, and opens, "'Twas the day before Christmas and all through the hills/ The reindeer were playing ... enjoying the spills."

"It's lovely to hear it read out loud, it really comes alive," Virginia Herz, one of May's daughters, said in a phone interview this week.

As a small child, Herz, who declined to reveal her age, didn't think there was anything unusual about growing up in a house surrounded by Rudolph

merchandise. It wasn't until she was older that she realized her father's job of "taking care of Rudolph" was a bit different. She tells her grandchildren that their great-grandpa wrote a story about Rudolph, not that he created the character.

"As I child, that's how I felt. I knew my dad had written a wonderful book about Rudolph and now there were Rudolph toys and other things all around us," she said. "But it was no different than the guy next door who sold cars, or the guy down the street who was a painting contractor."

She acknowledges the myths that have become entwined in Rudolph's history — including the notion that May wrote the story as a Christmas gift for his older daughter, Barbara, when his wife was dying of cancer and that a Montgomery Ward manager "caught wind of the little storybook." In reality, Montgomery Ward assigned May to write a Christmas book around the same time his wife was ill, Herz said.

"What's out there on the Internet is a softer telling," she said. "My dad was aware of it and considered it appropriate. There's the softer, romantic version and the more fact-based version."

Herz said her father would be thrilled to see how his creation and its many incarnations have become part of American culture.

"I think he would be startlingly amazed," she said. "It really is an eternal part of Christmas. He would have been amazed."

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KATHY MITCHELL  
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Dear Readers: A Merry Christmas to one and all. Here's an interesting take on the following well-known song, figures courtesy of the PNC Christmas Price Index:

"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree (cost: \$184.99, an increase of 14.2 percent from last year).

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me, two turtle doves (\$125, an increase of 25 percent), and a partridge in a pear tree (another \$184.99).

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me, three French hens (\$150, no increase), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, four calling birds (\$519.96, those actually decreased 13.3 percent), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, five gold rings (\$645, believe it or not, a decrease of 0.8 percent), four calling birds (\$519.96), three

French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, six geese-a-laying (\$162, an increase of 8 percent), five gold rings (\$645), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me, seven swans-a-swimming (\$6,300, expensive to begin with, they went up 12.5 percent), six geese-a-laying (\$162), five gold rings (\$645), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, eight maids-a-milking (\$58, still at minimum wage), seven swans-a-swimming (\$6,300), six geese-a-laying (\$162), five gold rings (\$645), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, nine ladies dancing (\$6,294.03, no

increase in salary), eight maids-a-milking (\$58), seven swans-a-swimming (\$6,300), six geese-a-laying (\$162), five gold rings (\$645), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, ten lords-a-leaping (\$4,766.70, no increase), nine ladies dancing (\$6,294.03), eight maids-a-milking (\$58), seven swans-a-swimming (\$6,300), six geese-a-laying (\$162), five gold rings (\$645), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love

gave to me, eleven pipers piping (\$2,427.60, slightly higher at 3 percent), ten lords-a-leaping (\$4,766.70), nine ladies dancing (\$6,294.03), eight maids-a-milking (\$58), seven swans-a-swimming (\$6,300), six geese-a-laying (\$162), five gold rings (\$645), four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, twelve drummers drumming (\$2,629.90, also a 3 percent increase), eleven pipers piping (\$2,427.60), ten lords-a-leaping (\$4,766.70), nine ladies dancing (\$6,294.03), eight maids-a-milking (\$58), seven swans-a-swimming (\$6,300), six geese-a-laying (\$162), five gold rings (\$645),

four calling birds (\$519.96), three French hens (\$150), two turtle doves (\$125), and a partridge in a pear tree (\$184.99).

The total cost of these gifts would be \$101,119.84 -- even more for Internet shoppers with delivery costs. Have a happy holiday. Stay away from the swans.

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**Coma patient wakes after nearly dying**

PHOENIX (AP) — Only hours from being taken off life support at a Phoenix hospital, a 21-year-old University of Arizona student is recovering after waking up from a coma, officials said.

Sam Schmid was involved in a five-car crash in Tucson on Oct. 19 that left him with a brain aneurysm, among

other life-threatening injuries.

Schmid underwent brain surgery performed by Dr. Robert Spetzler at Phoenix's Barrow Neurological Institute.

With no responsive signs from Schmid, staff recommended taking him off life support.

But Spetzler recommended keeping him on life support for one more

week.

Doctors were shocked when Schmid began following commands to hold up two fingers.

Schmid is now walking and talking and is described as a miracle brain injury survivor.

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# Rodgers named Male Athlete of the Year

GREEN BAY (AP) — When Aaron Rodgers needs to rekindle the feelings that drove his rise from a junior college quarterback to Super Bowl MVP, he doesn't have to look too far.

Rodgers held on to the many rejection letters he received from marquee college programs as he was coming out of high school. Even today, he leaves a few of them sitting out at his house.

"I chose the couple that I thought were most demeaning to display in a space in my house that really nobody is able to see but myself," Rodgers said. "It's something that I think is important to

keep fresh on your mind. Maybe not every day, but once a week your eyes might pan across it and you have a little laugh about the journey you've been on — at the same time, remembering that there still are people out there that you can prove something to."

Good luck finding those doubters now.

Rodgers is the 2011 Male Athlete of the Year, chosen by members of The Associated Press, after he turned in an MVP performance in the Green Bay Packers' Super Bowl victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers in February and then went on to lead his team on a long unbeaten run

this season.

Rodgers received 112 votes out of the 212 ballots submitted from U.S. news organizations that make up the AP's membership. Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander finished second with 50 votes, followed by tennis standout Novak Djokovic (21), Carolina Panthers rookie quarterback Cam Newton (6) and NASCAR champion Tony Stewart (5).

Rodgers is one of three quarterbacks to receive the honor in the past five years. The New Orleans Saints' Drew Brees won in 2010 and the New England Patriots' Tom Brady won in 2007.

Rodgers says it still feels "surreal at times" to be considered among the biggest names in sports.

"Those guys are household names, the best of the best," Rodgers said. "(It's) special to win the award, and something I'll remember."

Through 14 games this season, Rodgers has completed 68.1 percent of his passes for 4,360 yards with 40 touchdowns and six interceptions. The Packers are 13-1, and Rodgers' play is leaving people speechless — even his coach, Mike McCarthy.

"I'm running out of things to say about him," McCarthy said earlier this month, after

Rodgers drove the Packers into position for a last-second, game-winning field goal to beat the New York Giants.

Green Bay's 19-game winning streak came to an end at Kansas City on Sunday, but the Packers remain a strong favorite to repeat as champions. That's thanks in large part to Rodgers' knack for making big plays without major mistakes.

It has been a long and challenging journey out of obscurity for Rodgers, who wasn't offered a big-time scholarship out of high school and had to play a year in junior college.

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## A&M's Stripling named preseason All-American

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

COLLEGE STATION — The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) has re-



Stripling

leased its list of preseason All-Americans and one of the top performers has ties to Big Spring.

Ross Stripling, grandson of Big Spring resident Hayes Stripling Jr., was named as a first team pitcher on the list after an impressive 2011 season.

The crafty Texas A&M ace turned down an offer to play for the Colorado Rockies to finish his education.

Last season, Stripling was tops in the nation in wins, posting a 14-2 record, with a 2.29 ERA. His 14 wins was the all-

time third most by an Aggie.

The Southlake right-hander finished the 2011 season with 14 wins, 113 strikeouts, 125.2 innings pitched, an opponent batting average of .202, four complete games and a shutout. The shutout came in the season finale against Texas. Stripling pitched a four-hit, complete game shutout to clinch A&M's share of the Big 12 title.

Additional accomplishments for Stripling in 2011 include:

- Academic All-American
- First Team Coaches All-American selection
- First Team All-Big 12 selection
- National Player of the Week
- Winning Pitcher of Big 12 Tournament
- Winning Pitcher NCAA Regional Tournament
- Starter Pitcher at College World Series

Stripling and the Aggies will begin their 2012 campaign Feb. 17-19, when they host The University of Illinois Chicago in a three-game series at Olsen Field in Blue Bell Park.

## Penn State in no hurry to name a new head coach

STATE COLLEGE (AP) — Penn State may still be without a replacement for fired coach Joe Paterno by the time the Nittany Lions play in the TicketCity Bowl on Jan. 2

The six-person search committee is taking a "very deliberate and measured approach to the process in order to identify the coach that best fits the requirements of the position," acting athletic director Dave Joyner said Thursday in a written statement.

School president Rodney Erickson and Joyner had both said they hoped to have a new coach before No. 24 Penn State's bowl game.

But Thursday, Joyner said a new coach would be introduced "at the appropriate time," and the statement offered no specific timeline.

Erickson was out of town Thursday for

the holidays. Spokesman Bill Mahon said Joyner was providing Erickson with regular updates.

"I think they have both emphasized the most important element here is to get the right coach, not speed up the timing of the search," Mahon said. "There is no update on possible timing."

Longtime defensive coordinator Tom Bradley has been running the program on an interim basis since school trustees fired Paterno on Nov. 9 in the aftermath of child sex abuse charges against retired defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky.

Paterno is not a target of an investigation into the Sandusky case by the state attorney general's office, though he was dismissed

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## Baylor's Robert Griffin named the 2011 AP Player of the Year

WACO (AP) — Robert Griffin III played football for years simply because he was good at it.

Then Baylor's exciting dual-threat quarterback tore the ACL in his right knee and missed the last nine games of the 2009 season. While stuck on the sideline watching, he realized just how much he loved the game.

"After a knee injury like that, a lot of times you see guys come back and it's not the same," Griffin said. "So I didn't want that to be attached to me, great player,

got hurt, never was the same. ... My goal was to come back better, not only for myself, but for my teammates."

Goal accomplished for Griffin, who excelled while raising Baylor out of the Big 12 basement.

Already the winner of the Heisman Trophy and Davey O'Brien Award, Griffin won AP Player of the Year on Wednesday.

The aspiring lawyer, who arrived at Baylor nearly four years ago as a 17-year-old after graduating high school early, is the nation's

most efficient passer this season, throwing for 3,998 yards with a Big 12-leading 36 touchdowns and only six interceptions. He also ran for 644 yards and nine more scores.

Baylor (9-3) has a five-game winning streak, its longest in 20 years, going into the Alamo Bowl next week. With a win over Washington, the 15th-ranked Bears would match the school record of 10 wins set during Mike

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## Yankees happy with a \$13.9 million luxury tax

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees were hit with the \$13.9 million luxury tax bill Thursday, their lowest since 2003.

The fee, assessed by Major League Baseball under its labor contract, is down from \$18 million last year and \$25.7 million in 2009, when the Yankees won the World Series.

Boston, which missed the playoffs for the second straight season, is the only other team that will have to pay a tax. The Red Sox received a bill for \$3.4 million, up from last year's \$1.5 million.

Season-ending payroll information and the tax was sent to teams and obtained by The Associated Press.

According to the collective bargaining agreement, checks to pay the tax must be sent to the commissioner's office by Jan. 31.

New York has paid the tax in all nine years since it began, \$206 million of the \$227 million raised under the penalty for high payrolls. The only other teams to pay have been the Red Sox (a total of \$18.8 million), Detroit (\$1.3 million) and the Los Angeles Angels (\$927,000).

The Yankees pay at a 40 percent rate

on the amount of their payroll over \$178 million, a figure that includes the average annual values of contracts plus benefits. Boston, which exceeded the threshold for the second straight year, pays at a 30 percent rate. For purposes of the tax, New York's final payroll was \$212.7 million and Boston's was \$189.4 million.

Under the new labor contract, the Yankees' rate would increase to 42.5 percent next year and 50 percent in 2013 if they continue to exceed the threshold, and Boston's rate would go up to 40 percent next season.

But if in any year a team goes under the threshold, its rate decreases to 17.5 percent the next time it pays the tax.

As an added incentive for the high-spenders to decrease payroll, if they get under the threshold they will become eligible to get back some of the money they contribute in revenue sharing. The tax threshold stays at \$178 million through 2013, then goes to \$189 million in each of the following three years.

New York's payroll under the conventional method of calculation — salaries and prorated shares of sign-

ing bonuses — increased from \$215 million to \$216 million, still below its high of \$222.5 million in 2008.

Boston remained second and finished at \$174 million, an increase of \$3 million. Philadelphia stayed third at \$165 million, a rise of nearly \$20 million.

Even before adding Albert Pujols and C.J. Wilson, the Angels were fourth at \$143 million, followed by the financially troubled New York Mets at \$142 million, an increase of \$14 million and a figure that likely will drop by \$30 million or more next season. They were followed by the Chicago teams, who both missed the playoffs, with the Cubs at \$141 million and the White Sox at \$126 million.

World Series champion St. Louis was 11th at \$113 million, and AL champion Texas was 13th at \$104 million. Milwaukee (16th at \$93 million), Arizona (24th at \$66 million) and Tampa Bay (29th at \$45 million) made the playoffs from the bottom half of payrolls, while the 2010 champion San Francisco Giants (\$125 million) and Minnesota (\$115 million) were among the high-spending teams to miss the postseason.

The Marlins, who have added free agents Jose Reyes, Mark Buehrle and Heath Bell as they prepare to open their new ballpark, were 25th at \$62 million. The Los Angeles Dodgers kept their payroll steady at \$110 million as owners Frank and Jamie McCourt argued in divorce proceedings that helped cause the team to file for bankruptcy. The Dodgers' payroll had been \$132 million in 2009.

Kansas City dropped from \$77 million to last at \$45 million. Houston, sold during the season, fell to \$81 million from \$90 million last year and \$108 million in 2009.

Overall payroll was \$43,000 shy of the \$3 billion mark, up from \$2.91 billion last year.

Payroll figures are for 40-man rosters and include salaries and prorated shares of signing bonuses, earned incentive bonuses, non-cash compensation, buyouts of unexercised options and cash transactions, such as money included in trades. In some cases, parts of salaries that are deferred are discounted to reflect present-day values. The commissioner's office computed the average salary at a record \$3,039,161.



**RODGERS**

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Then came his agonizing wait on draft day, three seasons on the bench behind Brett Favre and a tumultuous first year as a starter.

If Rodgers' path to stardom had been smoother, he says he wouldn't be the player — or person — he is today.

"It's something that gives me perspective all the time, knowing that the road I took was difficult. But it did shape my character and it shaped my game as well," Rodgers said. "I try and keep that on my mind as a good perspective, but also as a motivator, knowing that it took a lot to get to where I am now and it's going to take a lot to stay where I'm at." Strangely, earning widespread respect throughout the sports world could become a challenge in and of itself for Rodgers, who draws motivation from proving himself to his doubters.

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amid mounting criticism that school leaders should have done more to prevent alleged abuse. Sandusky, who has maintained his innocence, is awaiting trial.

Making a good hire, and soon, is generally seen as a critical step to secure the future of Penn State's storied football program. A couple of recruits have already revoked their verbal commitments to the school in the wake of the Sandusky scandal.

Erickson said earlier this month one of the top criteria in the coaching search is "how that person would fit into the value system of Penn State, which clearly has to be honesty, integrity and commitment to excellence in academics."

According to Joyner, the school "is continuing to talk with individuals that we're interested in and work through the interview process." He called it a "very important hire for Penn State."

Bradley and defensive line coach Larry Johnson are among those who have been interviewed.

Green Bay quarterbacks coach Tom Clements was scheduled to have a phone interview last week, USA Today has reported. At Packers practice Thursday, Clements declined comment on whether he was interested in the job.

**GRIFFIN**

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Singletary's senior season in 1980.

In his comeback from injury last year, after getting a medical red-shirt that means he's now a fourth-year junior, Griffin helped lead the Bears to their first Top 25 ranking since 1993 and their first bowl game in the Big 12 era. Baylor hadn't even had a winning season in the first 14 Big 12 seasons.

That year on the sideline was the toughest for Griffin and the Bears, who went from big expectations to another losing record without their star quarterback.

"You miss out making plays and doing great things," Griffin said. "I missed playing, I missed practicing, but you really just miss your teammates."

By time Griffin played his first game for the Bears in 2008, when at 18 he was the nation's youngest FBS starting quarterback, he was al-

ready a Big 12 champion and NCAA All-American in the 400-meter hurdles. He set an FBS record by throwing 209 passes to start his career before his first interception.

Griffin passed for 2,091 yards and 15 TDs with 843 yards and 13 more scores rushing as a freshman. But then he got hurt on the opening series of the third game of his sophomore season. He finished the first half of that game against Northwestern State on a gimpy leg, throwing for 226 yards and three touchdowns to push the Bears ahead 41-10.

He didn't take another snap that season.

"When you don't have something and it's taken away from you, then all of a sudden you appreciate it more," coach Art Briles said. "Everything had come real fast for him, from seventh grade on up, so what it did, it let him slow down. It let him appreciate the game and understand the game, get a different feel for the game, from a spectator."

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**A Rash Decision**

South dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠ —			
♥ J 6			
♦ J 10 9 2			
♣ 10 9 7 6 5 4 2			
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠ Q 10 7 6 4		♠ A K J 9 8 5	
♥ 5 4		♥ K 3 2	
♦ 8 7 6 5 3		♦ A K Q	
♣ 3		♣ J	
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠ 3 2			
♥ A Q 10 9 8 7			
♦ 4			
♣ A K Q 8			

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♥ Pass Pass 2 ♠  
 3 ♣ 4 ♠ 5 ♣ Dble  
 Pass 5 ♠ 6 ♣ Dble

Opening lead — six of spades.

**This deal occurred in a duplicate pairs event. The results varied widely at the many tables where the hand was played, running the gamut from a plus of 790 points to East-West for making four spades doubled, to an assortment of plusses for the North-South pairs.**

**At one table, the bidding went as shown, with South ending up in six clubs doubled. West led a spade, and South had no trouble making the slam with an overtrick for a score of 1,190 points. He ruffed the spade lead in dummy, played a club to the ace, ruffed another spade in dummy and led the jack of hearts. Whether East covered or not, declarer would score six heart tricks and discard all four diamonds from dummy to win all the tricks. Not a bad result, considering that East-West held 23 high-card points!**

**The key to South's success was his three-club bid over two spades. Had South simply bid three hearts, which happened at many tables, East might well have become declarer at four spades, which could not be defeated.**

**The most bizarre result came from a table where the bidding went:**

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
1 ♥	Pass	Pass	2 ♥
3 ♥	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 NT
Dble	Pass	Pass	Pass

**East's decision to bid six notrump with no club stopper was, to put it mildly, somewhat rash. He apparently did not like the prospect of a heart lead by North through dummy's king, and so elected to make himself declarer. This decision did not turn out well when North-South collected seven club tricks and six heart tricks to register a 3,500-point set!**

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# Nun famous for kissing Elvis prays for miracle

BETHLEHEM, Conn. (AP) — In the little town of Bethlehem, a cloistered nun whose luminous blue eyes entranced Elvis Presley in his first on-screen movie kiss is praying for a Christmas miracle.

Dolores Hart, who walked away from Hollywood stardom in 1963 to become a nun in rural Bethlehem, Conn., now finds herself back in the spotlight. But this time it's all about serving the King of Kings, not smooching the King of Rock and Roll.

The former brass factory that houses Mother Dolores and about 40 other nuns cloistered at the Abbey of Regina Laudis needs millions of dollars in renovations to meet fire and safety codes, add an elevator and make handicap accessibility upgrades.

Like 73-year-old Mother Dolores, the order's nuns have taken a vow of stability with the intent to live, work and die at the complex. The order was established in 1947 in Bethlehem, a small burg in Connecticut's rolling western hills.

Now, the historically self-supporting nuns have launched a fundraiser for the \$4 million renovation project dubbed "New Horizons." They don't have much money, but they have Mother Dolores: a starlet-turned-suppliant whose unique story might lure the attention and donations of generations of movie fans, particularly those who adore all things Elvis.

"This work may not be in my lifetime that it's finished, but we're sure trying," Mother Dolores said of the upgrades, which are budgeted to run about \$2 million for the fire code and accessibility compliance work and another \$2 million for improvements to the housing and other facilities.

They hope to break ground in January.

They're not in imminent danger of needing to move out, but many of the older nuns can no longer navigate the narrow steps to the main building's third floor and must live in another

building. And without adequate fire escapes, the monastery has caught the eye of local inspectors, though they've worked closely with the nuns on the improvement plans and haven't ordered them to close the building.

For Mother Dolores, the monastery has been home since she was a 23-year-old actress in 1963 and walked away from Hollywood for a life of contemplation and prayer as a postulant.

The abbey's chapel, workshops, livestock pastures and other features are part of her soul now, and its wood-paneled monastery is the only home she's known for 50 years. Its theater holds a special place in her heart, harkening to the former career that landed her on talk shows, in magazines and twice as Elvis Presley's co-star.

Dolores Hart was a vivacious, quick-witted blond starlet when she charmed Hollywood in the 1950s and early 1960s. She shared a kiss with Presley in the 1957 Paramount film, "Loving You" — a modest liplock over which Mother Dolores still fields frequent questions about whether the King was a good kisser.

"I don't know why they ask me. It's right there on the screen to see; it's right there for the looking," she said Thursday.

Hart acted in 10 movies alongside stars including Montgomery Clift, Myrna Loy, Connie Francis and Anthony Quinn.

She said she was engaged to be married before joining God's service and leaving the acting world behind. She broke off her engagement, though her fiancé remained a close friend and was a frequent visitor and supporter of the abbey until his recent death.

The nuns also received support and help over the years from Mother Dolores' longtime friend and fellow actress Patricia Neal, who was buried at the abbey after her death in August 2010.

Mother Dolores is still a voting member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, receiving

copies of movies to watch in her small room — or cell, as they're known in the order — to help select yearly Oscar winners.

Her own movies, including the highly popular "Where the Boys Are," were made before stars routinely could negotiate to collect later royalties, she said, so that's not a potential source of income for the upgrades to the abbey.

The abbey is financially independent from the Archdiocese of Hartford and supports itself through the sale of everything from artisan cheeses and hand-crafted pottery to recordings of its choir. Mother Dolores even recently signed autographs at a New Jersey convention, a rare foray out of cloistered life as a favor for a friend, and one that helped boost the fundraising efforts.

Sister Angele Arbib, a coordinator of the New Horizons renovation and fundraising efforts, said the order is applying for grants and the nuns are trying to spread the word among the abbey's supporters, but are not disclosing publicly how much they've raised so far.

Unlike some orders, the Abbey of Regina Laudis has retained a steady number of nuns and new postulants, including two starting in the next few weeks — but that can't continue if the housing and other facilities keep eroding with age.

"We have focused on building our community, which has been wonderful, but now it's time that we really have to address our space," said Sister Angele, 63, who left a thriving career of managing opera singers when she was 50 to join the order.

"None of this, not one single thing we're doing, is an extravagance," she said of the upgrades. "It's to make it possible for us to grow, for the elderly

among us to live with as much independence as possible and to allow us to live together in surroundings that let us continue our service."

Sister Angele said the nuns are not in any imminent danger of needing to move out, though she acknowledges they'd be in dire straits if they had not anticipated the problems early enough to prepare the upgrade plans and launch the fundraising efforts.

As word has spread of their needs, supporters of the nuns and those who've visited the abbey, prayed in its chapel and picked up items in its gift shop have tried to help in ways of their own.

Liz Carpenter, a Watertown resident who owns the Children's Dance Workshop, said its children have raised \$600 to help through a raffle. She's been a grateful supporter since the nuns helped her through a cancer battle about 10 years ago and now volunteers to clean the church once a week.

"I wanted to teach the kids that it's important to give back," she said of their fundraiser, "especially for a place that does as many wonderful things as this one does."

*Tax-deductible donations to New Horizons may be sent to the Abbey of Regina Laudis, 73 Flanders Road, Bethlehem, Conn., 06751. The order also plans to soon offer online donation services through its website, [www.http://www.abbeyofreginalaudis.com](http://www.abbeyofreginalaudis.com).*

## Elf on the shelf, hot item this Christmas season

ATLANTA (AP) — There is one hot item this holiday season that won't be resting under the Christmas tree. It will be on a shelf — watching you.

In a few short years, the "Elf on the Shelf" picture book and accompanying elf doll has been transformed from a phenomenon known mostly around the Atlanta area to a national sensation sold in 12,000 stores.

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Carol Aebersold and her daughters Chanda Bell and Christa Pitts, creators of "Elf on the Shelf," say it has its roots in their family tradition dating to the 1970s. An elf would appear every year after Thanksgiving only to vanish each evening, the children were told, on a journey to the North Pole with reports for Santa on who had dared to pout, misbehave or cry.

In 2005, Aebersold and Bell wrote the book to

encourage others to adopt the tradition in their families. All major publishers rejected it.

Undeterred, the family founded CCA and B Publishing in Marietta, Ga., to put out the \$30 book and the 10-inch elf doll by themselves.

Some think its sweet, and some think it's just creepy. Undisput-

ed: It's been a massive success since the company's founding in 2005.


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# Christmas in Big Spring 2011



**By Amanda Moreno**  
Staff Writer

Christmas celebrations happen all over and in many different ways.

Several families have received early Christmas presents due to generous donations from area organizations, businesses and Secret Santas.

One thing is certain, Santa Claus had a lot of help this year and Christmas spirit is far from lacking.

Coahoma resident Odis Franklin, has noticed the good deeds done by local organizations during the holiday season.

"I think there are several places in town that offer great services at Christmas, such as the Salvation Army and Toys for Tots," Franklin said.

However, the opportunities to give don't end there and don't only exist at Christmastime.

"I volunteer at the VA Medical Center and it always makes me smile when I see the older veterans," Franklin said, "because I know we would not be here without their sacrifices. I hope my volunteering helps them have a smile in some way. Many of them are alone and need someone to just come by and say hello to them and spend a few minutes to make them feel better."

For Franklin and many others, family is important priority all year round, but especially so at Christmastime.

"It's a time when family can come together and see each other more than any other time of year," Franklin said. "We always have a huge family get together on Christmas.

We hang out, visit with each other, play games and eat tons of food."

For another local resident, Dana Baker, growing up in a family of legal immigrants from Lithuania, the meaning of Christmas has been shaped even more so as far as religion is concerned.

According to Baker, Lithuania is one of the Baltic States that was occupied by Germany and Russia. Celebrating religious holidays was not always an option for her parents.

"It was important when the country was going through its freedom fight that a few of our family members go and experience Lithuania," Baker said.

Baker, along with her older sister and father, visited Lithuania during the 1991 Revolution. They visited the Hill of Crosses.

"Just being at a place so peaceful and sacred was amazing. The story goes, bulldozers would flatten the hill of crosses and right after, the crosses would come back, time and time again," Baker said. "Those who believe and those who worship, not always openly, would show an outward sign of faith. It is sad that folks lived in a place fearful of showing their faith and fearful of speaking out against their government."

For Baker, having grown up and experiencing what she did, family history has become a big importance.

"I now have step-children and find it important to share my family history and how many folks celebrate Christmas," Baker said.



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## Births



**Misa Herrera Magallanes**

Misa Herrera Magallanes, daughter of Britney Winters and Ramon Magallanes of Big Spring, was born Dec. 16, 2011. She was born at ORMC Odessa. Misa weighed 3 pounds 15 ounces and measured 16 inches.

Her maternal grandparents are Jennifer and Thomas Mendez. Paternal grandparents are Ramon Sr. and Priscilla Magallanes.

### Gabryel Lee Pittman

Gabryel Lee Pittman, son of Samuel and Jessica Pittman of Big Spring, was born Dec. 15, 2011, at 6:45 p.m.

He weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and measured 19 1/4 inches.

His maternal grandparents are Michael and Jo-sette Kuriger of Aberdeen, Md.

His paternal grandparents are David and Patricia Pittman of Big Spring.

He was welcomed home by his siblings, Sage, Lynne and Liam Pittman.

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## Weddings

Shari Lee Ingram and Matthew Thomas Reyna were united in marriage at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Wellington, Texas. Pastor Kenny Lee Tunstall of Mangum, Okla. performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Arnie and Janee Ingram of Wellington. She is the granddaughter of the late Glen and Vonnie Taylor of Wellington, and the late Clyde Ingram also of Wellington and the late Betty Vines of Ft. Worth. She is the great granddaughter of Mary Sanderson of Clarendon.

The groom is the son of Nick and Lisa Reyna of Big Spring and the grandson of Nelda and the late Tommy Carstensen of Garden City and Donna and the late Gilbert Reyna of Big Spring.

Guests were greeted and registered by Jordan Langford of Marshall, friend of the bride and Megan Villafranco of Midland, cousin of the groom.

Guests were escorted to their seats by Lance Kane of Wellington, brother-in-law of the bride, Lane Taylor of Canyon, cousin of the bride, and Chris Ramirez of Amarillo, friend of the groom. Musical selections chosen by the bride and groom played before the ceremony.

Pews of the church were marked with six-

foot cast iron candelabras, ivory candles, gray silk bows accented with purple hydrangeas. The alter featured various sizes of cast iron candelabras, ivory candles accented with purple hydrangeas, greenery and Boston fern.

Kyla, Presley and Taytum Kane of Wellington, nieces of the bride, served as flower girls. Nicholas Munoz of Fort Worth and Dylan Villafranco of Midland, cousins of the groom served as ring bearers.

Aaron Shaffer of Big Spring, friend of the groom, served as best man. Jarrett Reyna of Addison, Cory Reyna of Austin, brothers of the groom, and Zack Johnson of Denton, friend of the groom, served as groomsmen.

Diedre Kane of Wellington, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Colby Heflin of Wellington, cousin of the bride, Lindsey Beggs of Amarillo, cousin of the bride, and Shayla Kinworthy of Perryton, friend of the bride, served as bridesmaids. The bridesmaid attendants wore purple straight line strapless dresses with a sweetheart neckline; ruhe bodice accented with a rosette at the waistline and carried a bouquet of green roses and purple hydrangeas.

At 7 p.m. the sanctuary doors opened. The bride and her father entered as she was escorted down the aisle to the song "Marry Me." Chae Hart of Wellington, friend of the bride sang "God Gave Me You" as the unity sand was poured by the couple.

Given in marriage by her father with "her mother and I avowals," the bride chose for her wedding a stunning confection of ivory organza. From her sweetheart neckline to the closely fitted and ruched bod-



**Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Reyna**

ice, the bride was an elegant vision in a full a-line skirt sweeping beautifully into a chapel length train. The gown was adorned with a dramatic side feature of cascading ruffles in chiffon, organza, tulle and an overlay swirled in diagonal folds across the train. Added to the elegant simplicity of her gown was a dazzling belt of sumptuous crystals and beads. The bride wore a fingertip length veil accented with silver beads. Keeping with the tradition of something old, the bride carried her Nana's handkerchief, something borrowed was the headpiece from her sister's wedding, something blue was her garter and something new was her dress. She carried a bouquet of white roses and purple hydrangeas.

Immediately following the exchange of wedding vows, the couple and their guests were honored at a reception and dance at the Wellington Country Club. Guests were served a buffet of selected finger foods, shrimp cocktail, chicken Dijon wontons, tortilla pinwheels, barbeque meatballs, beauti-

ful fruit towers and vegetable towers accented with silver and crystal appointments. Tables were covered with white linen tablecloths with dark purple rose petals, centerpieces were glass vases filled with purple hydrangeas and crystal clear ice cube lights. Chairs were covered in white linen accented with purple bows on each chair. Three foot glass containers filled with lights also accented the room.

The bride and groom's table was covered with white linen tablecloth accented with purple bows, greenery and twinkling lights. The wedding cake was a six tiered ivory cake accented with purple hydrangeas. The groom's cake held the traditional two tiered chocolate cake with dark chocolate drizzle running down the sides with a replica of a Texas Longhorn ball cap on top with the name "Bubba" in burnt orange color lights. Wedding cookies made by the groom's grandmother were also served. Silver and crystal appointments were used. Guests were served by Traci Stegall of Wellington, Keri Jo Cummings of Lubbock, friends of the bride and Kelsie Dreyer and Bailiegh Rhoads of Garland cousins of the groom. Lewis Perkins, uncle of the bride and friends played an assortment of music during the reception and dance.

The bride is a graduate of Wellington High School, a graduate of Amarillo College and a graduate of Tarleton State University. The groom is a graduate of Forsan High School, a graduate of Howard College and a graduate of Amarillo College. The couple will make their home in Austin.

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Guadalupe was born in Lockhart, Texas and Simona was born in Buda, Texas. They reside in Coahoma.

The couple has five children; Yolanda Gonzales, Lorenza Martinez, Irma

Hewtty all of Big Spring and Charlie and Jerry Martinez of Coahoma. They have 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

They enjoy spending time with family and friends.

*"He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord." - Proverbs 18:22*

Hometown Christmas



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Verna Davis and Clyde McMahon Jr. wrap presents for Hometown Christmas which provides gifts for needy families.

► Menu

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Wednesday: green chili stew, Span-

ish rice, cornbread, tossed salad, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday: baked chicken, butter potatoes, peas and pearl onions, rolls, lime gelatin with pineapple, milk.

Friday: chicken spaghetti, caribbean vegetables, garlic bread, salad, tapioca pudding, milk.

Dear Molly: Living together

DEAR MOLLY,

I've been dating my boyfriend for a year. We are both professionals and have very demanding jobs. We love each other a lot and have fun so we decided to move in together. I was still living with roommates, and him with his mother. We are in our late 20's. So I gave him 20,000 to put down on "our" condo because he lacked the 20% we needed. Three weeks ago we moved in and it's been a disaster! I come home and his clothes are all over the place, food on the counters and dishes stacked. I'm like in disbelief! So I feel like we are in an episode of the "Odd Couple" and I'm terrified. When I talk to him about it he says I've changed and I'm acting like his mother! He also says it's his condo and if I want I can just move out. I put down money and feel it's mine also but he didn't put me on the deed. I didn't think it was a big deal. I know he loves me. What do I do?

LIVING WITH A SLOB IN AUSTIN

DEAR LIVING WITH A SLOB,

WHAT! You are not on the deed and you gave 20,000 to this guy? I'd be more concerned about that than any amount of laundry and dishes darling. First, my advice is to address your legal options with an attorney. I hope at the very least you have a promissory note, if not please don't wait to seek legal advice. You have to protect yourself first and cannot be threatened by him! You have an ethical right to be there but may not be protected by law. I don't like the idea that he tells you to go if you don't like his behavior. He must realize that you have established and invested in a home together. This needs to be discussed as you are now trying to build on a deeper foundation. That includes trusting each other to not leave, and working together on the challenges that will come your way.

As for the cleaning issues: this is a classic tale of two people coming from two very different ways of managing their home life. Believe it or not this can be worked out; many of unions have come before you!

First and foremost you must sit down and have a discussion about expectations.

Does he expect you to clean up after him? I would also make it clear that you will not be compared to his mother, however there may be a reason why his mother was apparently complaining about his personal habits ... no harm in pointing that out. As for his clothes, why not buy a few cute baskets and make sure they are placed in the areas where he takes his clothes off and can easily get to. Then I would have laundry day where you both do your laundry and make it fun. Turn on music, watch sports, have a cocktail and eat pizza, whatever will turn the dreaded task into something you look forward to.

Next have a rule about dishes, whoever uses them cleans them ... simple. You can distribute other household chores the same way. I have a feeling that he may need some prodding and depending on the level of participation by his mother, you may need to instruct him. If this is the case it can be unspoken. Do housecleaning day together, room by room. Then maybe after each

room is completed there is a reward for one or both of you? He will learn by example so he doesn't feel like you are telling him what to do. Rewards and compliments go a long way ... but do not thank him. Cleaning is an adult expectation. I'm a huge advocate for shared responsibilities when two people work outside the home. This is a huge change for you both and one of the top stressors in life. So take it slow, have an open mind and be happy. Aside from that please get the legal advice you need.

~Molly



MOLLY MASON

Molly is a writer and business professional with years of experience in finance, business development and management. Her lifelong passion and learning has been focused on the understanding and complexity of relationships as well as effective communication. Originally from Texas she has lived in many cities including St Louis and Portland finally settling in Boston where she raised her family and received her education in Business Administration. She is now living in Texas with her family and is excited to be home. Catch her daily relationship and advice column "Molly Mason- Let's Talk Love" on www.austin.com and "Straight Talk" in print. You can contact Molly at mollymasonst@gmail.com.

~ Molly

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Paul Smith, Joe McCright and Frank Sickles from Isaiah 58 were on hand to receive a \$1,000 grant from Wal-Mart Store Manager Tim Walsh and Community Involvement Coordinator Manny Negron on Friday afternoon.

## Energy Watch



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Merry Christmas!

We hope you have a safe, happy and peaceful holiday. Thank you for reading our column throughout the year, and we wish you all the very best of the season.

2011 has been a turbulent year for the stock market. The number of days has been too big to count when the Dow Jones has been up hundreds of points or down hundreds of points, or has swung by hundreds of points in between the opening and closing marks. With all this continuous churning, it might be interesting to know where we stood as of the end of November.

For the year through Nov. 30, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 4.04 percent, not counting the dividends paid by the companies in the index. The S&P 500 average was down 0.85 percent through the end of November — again not counting dividends. And the Nasdaq Composite was down 1.23 percent from January to November of 2011.

If we include dividends in these performance numbers, the picture obviously improves. Specifically, the Dow Jones average is up 6.70 percent including dividends through the end of November. The S&P 500 is up 1.08 percent through November, and the Nasdaq Composite is down only 0.28 percent through Nov. 30 when including dividends.

While this review of the year so far shows we've indeed had some forward progress (mostly just in the Dow, though, compared with both the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq), it also illustrates that much of the year has truly been spent in taking one step forward and one step backward. It has hardly been a banner year for the stock market, but it is a small consolation that even with all the churning that went on, we still have had some modest growth and movement in the upward direction.

In contrast to all this churning and turbulence, we hope our readers' lives have been as tranquil and joyous as possible. The stock market's ups and downs remain a metaphor for life's positives and negatives, but hopefully not to the extent or degree that we experienced this year.

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## Business Briefs

### Student leaves \$172,000 violin on Philly-bound bus

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A student at a Boston conservatory left a rare violin worth \$172,000 on a bus after arriving in Philadelphia, and police are asking for the public's help in getting it back.

The New England Conservatory student got on a Megabus in Boston with the 176-year-old violin but got off without it late Tuesday, police said.

Muchen Hsieh told investigators that she left the instrument in an overhead bin and only realized she had forgotten it after she had been picked up.

The violin was lent to her by the Chi Mei Culture Foundation in her native Taiwan while she studies in the U.S.

"I'm a violin major, so I really hope that the person that took it can give it back to me so I can continue my studies because right now, I can't do anything," she told KYW-TV.

Hsieh said she called the bus company to see if the instrument had been found, but she was told it wasn't on board.

Megabus offers low-cost express bus service to more than 70 cities in the U.S. and Canada.

The violin, made in 1835 by Vincenzo Jorio in Naples, was in a reddish case with two straps on the back, police Lt. John Walker said.

"We believe that somebody may have grabbed the item without realizing its value," he said.

### Crowd seeking newest Nike sneaker damages mall

TAYLOR, Mich. (AP) — Minor damage to a suburban Detroit shopping mall is being blamed on customers waiting to buy Nike's \$180 Air Jordan XI basketball shoes.

Police in Taylor say about 100 people forced their way into Southland Mall about 5:30 a.m. Friday, damaging decorations and overturning benches.

More than 300 people were lined outside the mall southwest of Detroit.

A 21-year-old man was arrested. Four other police departments were called in to disperse the crowd.

Crowds also gathered outside sports apparel shops in other parts of the state.

The Kalamazoo Gazette reports that about 300 people waited at The Crossroads mall in Portage in southwest Michigan.

Police were called to disperse the crowd.

About a dozen people sat in lawn chairs Thursday night outside one shop in Southfield, north of Detroit.

### 11 crocodiles, alligator seized from Belgian villa

BRUSSELS (AP) — Police carrying out a search discovered 11 Nile crocodiles — five of them squeezed into a small shower — and an alligator at a house in northern Belgium.

Police were searching the villa of a German man suspected of fraud in the village of Lapschoure Thursday when they came across the reptiles, said Frederik Thoelen, a biologist at the Nature Rescue Center where they are now being kept.

Five of the crocodiles were found squeezed into a small, dirty shower; five others were kept in an aquarium made for only two, Thoelen on Friday.

The alligator, meanwhile, was rolled up in several blankets.

"They were really kept in horrible conditions," said Thoelen.

He said the owner told them the crocodiles were about 5 years old, but they were far too small for their age, most likely because of their restrictive caging and

insufficient food. Instead of measuring more than two meters (6 feet), the newcomers at the rescue center in Opglabbeek, eastern Belgium, have grown only to a little over one meter (3 feet).

But things are bound to get better for the 12 reptiles, once they get released from the rescue center's intensive care unit.

The owner gave up his rights to the animals once it became clear that he did not have the necessary papers, said Thoelen.

"That is very good news because now we can look for a new place for the animals," he said.

An animal shelter in Germany, which has more experience with reptiles, has already expressed some interest, but for the coming weeks, they will stay in Opglabbeek, said Thoelen.

The biologists at the center have already started preparations for new living quarters — water pool and underfloor heating included.

Thoelen said the animals most likely won't get a special treat for Christmas, because, "they got their biggest present yesterday" when they were rescued.

### Gulf oyster industry eyes electronic tracking

HOUMA, La. (AP) — The oyster industry in the Gulf of Mexico is developing an electronic system needed to track oysters for new food safety regulations.

The Courier reports that Gulf states are developing the system, required under measures passed by Congress last year to make it easier to track food-borne illness by tracing food from harvest to table.

The Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, a board representing the five Gulf states on fisheries issues, wants to replace the paper tracking process in use today with electronic technology.

## Economist predicts strong prices for 2012

BRYAN — Farmers will need to manage margins closely in 2012 as commodity prices fluctuate with U.S. and European economic developments, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Dr. Jason Johnson, AgriLife Extension economist from Stephenville, told producers at the recent Texas Plant Protection Association conference in Bryan that fundamental data suggests strong prices for agricultural commodities in 2012.

Drought, which cut back storage stocks of many major commodities, coupled with rising demand for food to feed a growing global population, suggest a continued bull market for crop prices heading into the new year.

Johnson said U.S. corn stocks are the tightest since 1996.

"This bodes well for supportive prices going into 2012," he said. "What happens is scarcity brings out the fear and greed factor in everyone. There's high volatility right now with regards to the commodity."

During 2011, Johnson said, the December corn futures contract price fluctuated from approximately \$4 per bushel to above \$7 per bushel.

"Managing that variability becomes the challenge," he said.

To manage risk, Johnson said, the real safety net for farmers is crop insurance. Producers need to look at what is the guaranteed dollar per acre with various crop insurance alternatives and determine "the upside

potential from there."

"Managing input prices is so important since fertilizer prices have tripled over the last 10 years," Johnson said. "You need to manage margins. Marketing the commodity is only half of the equation. Rising input costs can eat away any expected profits if equal attention is not paid to controlling them."

Johnson also focused on the outlook for energy heading into 2012. He said West Texas Intermediate crude oil prices are projected at \$98 per barrel and natural gas prices are forecast to increase by 3 percent.

"Ultimately, the forecast for agricultural commodity prices translates into real estate values," he said.

Johnson said the Dallas Federal

Reserve Bank conducts a survey of agricultural lenders. Recent data indicated Texas cropland increased by 5.3 percent over the previous year "in terms of value," he said.

"There is lots of investment going into crop real estate," he said. "Hedge funds are putting money into this because of increasing commodity prices and diversification away from other asset classes like bonds, stocks and precious metals."

"What I encourage is developing and sticking to a marketing plan. Pick some times of the year that would be advantageous to market insured crops to protect yourself from rising input costs and other variability in the marketplace."



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Kaleb Anthony Headrick vs. Shelly Leann Headrick, divorce.  
Daniela Campos Zamorano and Claudio Fernandes Duarte Leite (intended parents) and Carman Jackson Wommack (gestational mother) and James Wommack (gestational mother's husband), civil.  
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Jimmy Joe Sanchez, 34, and Alana Dianne Zamora, 35, both of Big Spring.

**County Court Decisions:**  
Probated Judgment: Sergio Azdar, criminal mischief - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Alfonso Baca III, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 20 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Jordan Allen Mcleod, evading

arrest or detention, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: George Scott Emerson, possession of tobacco product where tax due - \$50 or less, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs.  
Judgment and Sentence: Alana Diane Zamora, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 30 days in jail.

**Warranty Deeds:**  
Grantor: Johnny Neufeld and Anna Neufeld  
Grantee: Fidela Rivera de Aguinaga  
Property: A tract out of Section 19, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Nov. 11, 2011

Grantor: Jo A. McDaniel  
Grantee: Trustees of the Roger E. McDaniel and Jo A. McDaniel Living Trust  
Property: Lot 4, Block 8, Original City of Coahoma  
Date: Nov. 10, 2011

Grantor: Jo A. McDaniel  
Grantee: Trustees of the Roger E. McDaniel and Jo A. McDaniel Living Trust  
Property: Lot 26, Block 4, Original City of Coahoma  
Date: Nov. 10, 2011

Grantor: Neal Roberts and Kay Roberts  
Grantee: Mike Nairn  
Property: Lot 1, Block 1, Buckner Place  
Date: Nov. 10, 2011

Grantor: Jamie D. Park  
Grantee: Desert Tanks  
Property: Lot 17, Block 15, Kentwood Unit No. 2  
Date: Nov. 10, 2011

Grantor: John M. Ryan and Laurie M. Ryan  
Grantee: J.C. Wall and Dorothy Wall  
Property: Lot 10, Block 2, Lahoma Addition  
Date: Nov. 15, 2011

Grantor: Cynthia Anderson  
Grantee: D.F. Stanley and LaRhonda Stanley  
Property: Lots 13-16, Block 10, Original Town of Coahoma  
Date: Nov. 15, 2011

Grantor: Marty A. Rice

Grantee: Deborah Rice  
Property: Lot 6, Block 4, Park Hill Addition  
Date: Nov. 15, 2011

Grantor: A.C. Cotton Mize  
Grantee: Johnny Mize  
Property: The W/40 feet of Lot 8 and the E/20 feet of Lot 9, Block 35, Cole & Strayhorn Addition  
Date: Nov. 16, 2011

Grantor: Jordan Bernal and Tony Bernal  
Grantee: Marcellous Weaver  
Property: Lots 3-4, Block A, Forest Addition  
Date: Dec. 19, 2011

**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:**  
Grantor: Franklin D. Jenkins and Shirley Jenkins  
Grantee: Lucia Yanez  
Property: Lot 20, Block 9, Kentwood Unit No. 1  
Date: Nov. 14, 2011

Grantor: Gary Nieman  
Grantee: Wiley L. McMillan and Pamela McMillan  
Property: Two tracts out of Section 41, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Nov. 15, 2011

Grantor: Jody D. Roberts and Ross Roberts  
Grantee: Zachary Wayne Angel and Summer Angel  
Property: Lot 32, Block 5, Coronado Hills  
Date: Nov. 16, 2011

Grantor: Curtis W. White  
Grantee: Denise White  
Property: Lots 16-17, Original Town of Coahoma  
Date: Nov. 16, 2011

Grantor: Jeffrey T. Elliot and Jacqueline Elliot  
Grantee: Hawley Pfluger and Patricia Pfluger  
Property: A 4.7-acre tract out of Section 105, Block 29, W&NW RR CO Survey  
Date: Nov. 18, 2011

Grantor: Shari J. Beall  
Grantee: Glenn C. Blaskey and Sarah Blaskey  
Property: A tract out of Section 5, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Nov. 18, 2011

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MARGO HOWARD

My problem is that my parents rarely want anything to do with my family or me. They often do things with my other siblings (their biological children), yet I'm rarely invited. I used to contact them to initiate get-togethers, but it was never reciprocated, so I stopped. I recognize that they raised me, but I just can't help feeling hurt and disappointed that they don't want to spend any time together. Should I

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continue to make an effort and take whatever little bit of a relationship I can squeeze out of them, or should I give up, focus on my immediate family and accept that I lost my parent I may have had when my biological mother died? — *Stepdaughter*

**Dear Step:** This is a sad situation, and the meaning is that not everyone has a big heart. The reality is that you were young when you lost your mother, and she was married to a man who no doubt felt burdened by a youngster he "inherited," and real emotion never jelled. When he remarried, the woman he chose was a quart low in the compassion department, as well. So that's the situation.

I would indeed stop the overtures and let your friends be your family. With luck, you might stumble onto an older couple who could fill the position of grandparents for your kids. Therapy might help you integrate the situation and understand that there is nothing wrong with you and what happened was just a bum break. For whatever it's worth, some biological kids experience this situation — and worse. I wish you well. — *Margo, forwardly*

*Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via the online form at [www.creators.com/dearmargo](http://www.creators.com/dearmargo). Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.*

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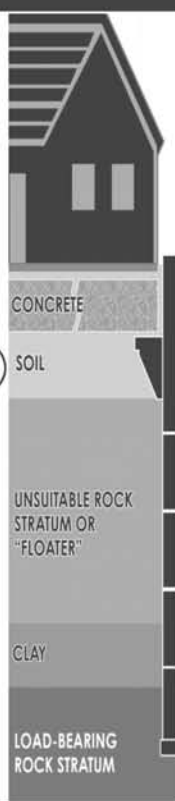
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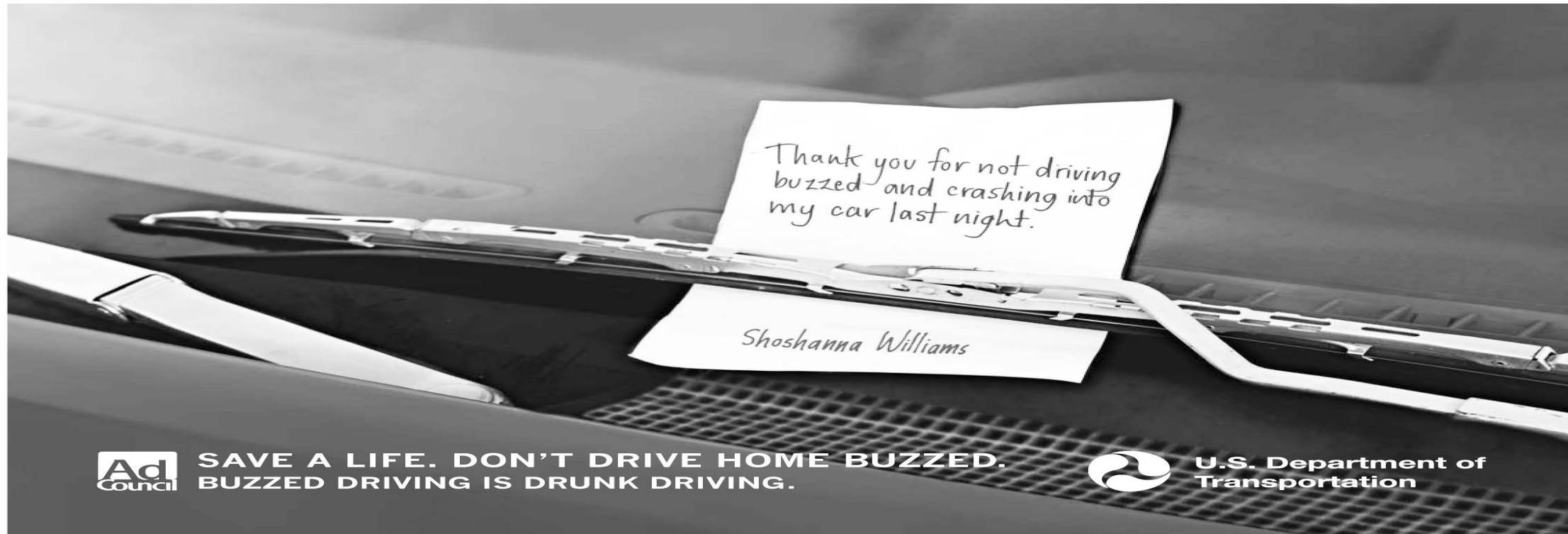
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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,466.26, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against LOUIS SILVA AND ALICE WEAVER SILVA and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on December 20, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LOUIS SILVA AND ALICE WEAVER SILVA, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5911 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up

to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 23rd day of January, 2012 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 5th day of December, A.D. 2011.

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

West 46 feet of Lt 5 and the West 46 feet of Lt 6, Bk 15 "D", Fairview Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$919.13, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against EDWARD ANDREW MERRICK and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on June 29, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. EDWARD ANDREW MERRICK, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5834 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 23rd day of January, 2012 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.

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Legals

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

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

A one acre tract or parcel of land out of the W/2 of Sec. 43, Blk 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,124.65, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against HENRY BACKES AND AMY BACKES and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on September 28, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. HENRY BACKES AND AMY BACKES, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5447 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property

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

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

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## Legals

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

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

Lts 3 & 4, Bk 2, Wrights Airport Annex Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value- \$6,606.00 Amt. owed-\$4,498.50

N/2 of Lt 12, Bk 17, Boydston Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value-\$3,393.00 Amt. owed-\$1,825.96

Lt 8, Bk 5, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value- \$3,393.00 Amt. owed-\$2,118.97

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$8,443.43, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against COSTATEX, INC. DBA TEXAS TITLE CO. and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on September 14, 2004, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. COSTATEX, INC. DBA TEXAS TITLE CO., for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4744 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove de-

scribed, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 23rd day of January, 2012 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 5th day of December, A.D. 2011.

Brandie Boswell  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#7210 December 18 & 25, 2011

## Legals

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TO: Jose J. Olivares and Diana Olivares

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

The N/50' of the NE/4 of Bk 27, College Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$13,743.74, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JOSE J. OLIVARES and DIANA OLIVARES and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on February 28, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOSE J. OLIVARES and DIANA OLIVARES, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4644 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 23rd day of January, 2012 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 5th day of December, A.D. 2011.

Brandie Boswell  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#7206 December 18 & 25, 2011

## Legals

## PRE-INVITATION TO BID

The Colorado River Municipal Water District and Garney Companies are soliciting General Contractor, supplier and subcontractor participation including those that qualify as SWMBE's for the following: Bid Package 7, Big Spring Pump Station's Below and Above Slab Construction for the Ward County Water Supply Expansion Project. Bid Deadline is January 19th, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Bids will be received at CRMWD 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, TX 79721-0869 For more information contact Marcus Grace at (816)536-6485 or email mgrace@garney.com. Inc is an Equal Employment/Opportunity Employer.

#7213 December 21, 22, 23, 25, 27 & 28, 2011 and January 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, & 10, 2012

## Legals

## PRE-INVITATION TO BID

The Colorado River Municipal Water District and Garney Companies are soliciting General Contractor, supplier and subcontractor participation including those that qualify as SWMBE's for the following: Bid Package 6, Above Slab Construction for the Ward County Water Supply Expansion Project. Bid Deadline is February 23, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Bids will be received at CRMWD 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, TX 79721-0869 For more information contact Marcus Grace at (816)536-6485 or email mgrace@garney.com. Garney Companies, Inc is an Equal Employment/Opportunity Employer.

#7214 December 21, 22, 23, 25, 27 & 28, 2011 and January 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, & 10, 2012

## Legals

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GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Christine Banks Bolden and Joe Louis Banks

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

Lots 5 & 6, Blk 2, Banks Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,431.57, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against HOSEA BANKS, HOLSTON BANKS, SR., CHRISTINE BANKS BOLDEN AND JOE LOUIS BANKS and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 30, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. HOSEA BANKS, HOLSTON BANKS, SR., CHRISTINE BANKS BOLDEN AND JOE LOUIS BANKS, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5530 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 23rd day of January, 2012 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 5th day of December, A.D. 2011.

Brandie Boswell  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#7205 December 18 & 25, 2011

## Legals

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of VERA TURNER, Deceased, were issued on December 13, 2011, in Cause No. P-14027, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: CLETA SATTERWHITE.

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

to: CLETA SATTERWHITE  
3102 N. Dixie  
Odessa, Texas 79762  
DATED the 14th day of December, 2011.

Joshua Hamby  
Attorney for  
CLETA SATTERWHITE  
State Bar No.: 24034471  
107 W 4th St.  
PO Box 2199  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Telephone: (432)263-8395  
Facsimile: (432)263-4798  
#7219 December 25, 2011

## Legals

## LEGAL NOTICE:

This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on January 6, 2012. You have until July 4, 2012, to redeem any tickets for this game: #1332 Money Tripler (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.68. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on January 16, 2012. You have until July 14, 2012, to redeem any tickets for this game: #1337 \$100,000 Fortune (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.59. These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on February 29, 2012. You have until August 27, 2012, to redeem any tickets for these games: #1269 Break the Bank (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.99, #1329 Scorching 7's (\$7) overall odds are 1 in 3.42, #1334 \$50,000 Player's Club (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.78, #1340 \$5,000 Winnings (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.33. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$1,000,000 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at [www.txlottery.org](http://www.txlottery.org) for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery Supports Texas Education.

#7212 December 25, 2011

## Legals

## Notice of Public Sale

Sale of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale to be held at R2 Storage, 1506 E. FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720 on January 4 at 3pm. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the properties at any time before the sale. Unit items sold for cash to highest bidder. The space contains the following: Chairs, TV, toys, lights, leap frog game, car seat, clothes, post hole digger, speaker box, socket set, light fixture, electronic equipment for tenant: David Gandara.  
#7198 December 18 & 25, 2011

## Legals

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. will receive proposals for Big Spring High School Phase 2. Proposals are due by 3:00pm, January 5, 2011. No proposals will be accepted after this time. We specifically invite Small Business Concerns and Women Owned Business Concerns Owned/Controlled by Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals.

Plans are available from: Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. 7810 Orlando Ave. Lubbock, Texas 79423 806-797-8400

Plans are available for viewing in the following locations:

AGC Plan Room - Lubbock  
Dodge Plan Room - Lubbock  
Dodge - Scan  
LLCI Virtual Plan  
Room Contact -  
PDM@leewis.com

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted on December 20, 2011 at 11:00AM at the Big Spring High School.  
#7196 December 18 & 25, 2011

## Legals

## Notice of Application for Brine Mining Injection Well

Wichita Water, L.L.C. P.O. Box 847, Levelland, Texas 79336 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit for a Brine Mining Injection Well.

The applicant proposes to inject into the Salado Formation, in its Lomax Brine Well No. 1. The proposed brine mining well is located 13.5 miles southwest of Big Spring, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, Howard County, Texas. The proposed injection and brine mining interval will be from 1200 to 1900 feet below the ground surface.

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

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).  
#7221 December 25, 2011

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

Scientists speculate that if more mass were added to planet Jupiter, it would become smaller because it would pull in on itself. The lucky giant moves forward today, beginning a wave of cosmic generosity. Dare to be as big as you want to be, but remember that adding more to your life doesn't always make it bigger and better.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). This is as much your day as it is anyone else's, so just ease into it. No one is keeping score, so you can relax and have a wonderful time, no pressure. Enjoy yourself.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll handle the details of a project while others work in broad strokes. Work with those who have different skill sets and strengths. You'll create something beautiful together.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Knowing what is essential and what is superfluous is a kind of talent in and of itself. Also, importance is subjective, so don't let anyone else tell you how to prioritize. If it's important to you, it's important.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're careful to give credit where credit is due. But don't be overly concerned with spreading the attention and praise evenly, because what happens naturally will be quite fair in some odd way.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll make events more special with your reaction to them. Everyone will want to know your opinion, and you'll state it in such a way that others will remember your words and take them to heart.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A light bulb goes on, but not above your head or even inside it. It's as though your heart has the idea instead. All will be illuminated when you act on this loving impulse.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You never have to worry about being without resources. You have a knack for finding people who can and will help you accomplish what you want to do. Attracting good people is your special brand of luck.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There will be some solemn aspects to your day, but you'll also be joyful as you take part in spiritual or religious practices that you'll either pursue on your own or as part of a like-minded spiritual community.

## Legals

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mattie Lee McDaniel, aka Bobbie McDaniel, Deceased, were issued on December 20, 2011, in Cause No. P-14030, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Roy Lee McDaniel and Betty Gail Snider.

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

Estate of Mattie Lee McDaniel  
c/o Roy Lee McDaniel  
P.O. Box 178  
Garden City, Texas 79739  
DATED the 20th day of December, 2011.

THE LAW OFFICES OF  
R. SHANE SEATON  
R. Shane Seaton  
State Bar No. 24060918  
SHONDA KAY FOLSOM  
State Bar No. 24066591  
P.O. Box 2211  
Big Spring, TX 79721  
Telephone: (432)264-1800  
Facsimile: (432)264-0785.  
#7220 December 25, 2011

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The funding for your future will show up right when you need it most, as if by magic. You don't have to believe in magic for it to happen to you, but it certainly helps.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your self-control is truly amazing. You'll hold back input that is unnecessary or tension-provoking, and you'll set a tone for others to be on their best behavior, as well. It's because of you that things go well.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be feeding people in some way that may or may not be food related. You'll stir love and appreciation into everything you make, and the results will feed people on many levels at once.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll feel so much better than you did yesterday. You'll have the peace of knowing you've done all you can. Your job now is to relax and witness the lovely unfolding.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 25). You'll be in full bloom. You'll surround yourself with the people you want to resemble in more ways than one, and you'll pick up the qualities you desire. January brings more money and something important to invest in, as well. February and April are most romantic. You'll sweat for a cause in March. Sagittarius and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 14, 39, 19 and 6.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** As big as Jupiter is (so big that all the other planets in the solar system could fit inside it two and a half times), the Mack Daddy of planets moves fast. One whole day on Jupiter lasts just under 10 Earth hours. Right at the start of the week, Jupiter reminds us once again that luck depends on timing. Opportunities are like revolving doors, opening and closing. You have to step in at the right time. If you hesitate, you'll miss it — or worse, you'll get caught in an awkward or painfully pinched situation. Sure, things will come around again. But it will never be the same twice. So when you see what you want on the other side of the glass, go in and get it.

This week Jupiter goes direct on Christmas Day, suggesting there will be some generous surprises. The giant planet has been retrograde since August 30 in the sign of the bull. Taurus relates to finance and luxury. If you've felt like you can't afford what you really want or even what you need, things will turn around. Attitudes about money — and more specifically about value — are shifting. Channels open up to accommodate a fatter flow of abundance in the weeks to come.

**CELEBRITY**  
**PHILEAS:** Christmas baby Jimmy Buffett is the king of Margaritaville. What was once a state of mind the artist captured in song has now become a lifestyle, not to mention a brand that covers shirts, drink blenders and even furniture. Buffett's sun, moon and Mars in powerhouse Capricorn suggests that in spite of his laid-back artistic style, Buffett is hardworking and highly competitive.

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