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## Facing road woes, county to tackle budget

□ Convened at 10 a.m. Monday in commissioners courtroom.  
 By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer  
 Howard County commissioners are set to hold a special

meeting Monday morning to discuss — and possibly take action on — the proposed 2012-2013 tax rate, the foundation for the court's fiscal plan for the coming year.  
 According to County Auditor Jackie Olson, the effective tax rate — the rate which

would bring in the same levy as last year — is 30.9221 cents per \$100 valuation. The rollback rate, which is comprised of the effective rate plus an 8 percent increase in the levy, has been calculated at 33.1460 cents per \$100 valuation.  
 The effective rate comes as

a stark contrast to last year's adopted tax rate of 43.6720 cents — nearly 13 cents less — and is due mainly to a heavy increase in mineral valuations, according to County Judge Mark Barr.  
 "We had expected mineral valuations to be up, but we

never expected them to be as high as they are," Barr said. "It came as a bit of a surprise to the court."  
 Barr said the court is expected to discuss the proposed rate for the coming  
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# Moving along

*Renovations continue at Big Spring High School*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer  
 Despite a year of disruptions, distractions and noise, Big Spring High School officials are keeping their eyes on the finish line.  
 With construction wrapping up on four new elementary campuses, the last remaining part of Big Spring Independent School District's \$60 million bond project is renovation at the high school. As part of the bond package, the

school will receive a new roof, updated science labs and a remodeled fine arts wing.  
 Work began on the high school renovations this past school year and will continue for a good portion of the next one, which begins Aug. 27. Despite having to figuratively rub shoulders  
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## RADIO EXHIBIT OPENS



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat  
**McKenzie Schrecengost looks at part of the Zenith Transcontinental Radio exhibit during its opening reception Saturday at the Heritage Museum. The collection on display is owned by John Weeks of KBYG. The exhibit will be on display through Sept. 11.**

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## Life Church to hand out school supplies

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Staff Writer  
 School will begin in just a few more weeks and the Women of Life Church want to ensure students go back to class with the supplies they need.  
 From 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Monday, members of Life Church will be hosting a back-to-school outreach in the church parking lot.  
 "We want to share the love of Jesus by meeting the real needs of the community," A.J. Ibanez, communication director, said.

The outreach will include refreshments and a jumping house along with the school supply giveaway. According to Ibanez, all those in the community who are in need of assistance with the purchase of school supplies are encouraged to attend Monday evening.

"We invite anyone with a need to come out, but it is a first-come, first-serve basis since we are limited on supplies," he said.  
 There will be backpacks  
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## City budget workshops begin Monday

□ Council to meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday in city council chambers.  
 By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer


City administration and members of the Big Spring City Council will roll up their sleeves and delve into fiscal planning for the coming year during a special work session Monday evening, as the municipality looks to begin the process of nailing down its 2012-2013 budget.  
 Preparing the budget will mean much more than just crunching numbers, however, as the city will be facing a number of serious challenges in the coming years, a fact City Manager Gary Fuqua pointed out May 29, when the council and administration met during a preliminary budget work session.  
 According to Fuqua, employee turnover has reached a critical point as the

city continues to compete with the booming oilfield for much-needed personnel.  
 "So far this (fiscal) year, we've already had 55 turnovers — 20.3 percent of our workforce — which puts us on course for a record-breaking year when it comes to employee turnover," Fuqua told the council.  
 Fuqua said the city's pay scale —

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## Obituaries

### Otilia Alvarado

Otilia Alvarado, 84, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2012, at Baylor Medical Center of Grapevine. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Urena 'Judy' Loya

Urena "Judy" Loya, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 3, 2012, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 6, 2012, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

A prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Urena was born June 6, 1932, in Sonora, Texas, and married Octavio A. Loya. He preceded her in death July 23, 2004.

She was a lifetime member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and proudly served as a Guadalupana for many years. She had been in and out of the hospital several times this year and the family wants to thank friends and family who have made this journey with them. Special thanks to Rosa Mancha for her love and support.

Survivors include eight children, Sandy Parra of Big Spring, Octavio Loya Jr. and wife Theresa of San Jose, Calif., Urina Gomez and Raul Simental of Big Spring, Mary Helen Quiroz and husband Juan of Big Spring, Rosalinda Ramos and husband Javier of Grand Prairie, Robert Loya of Dallas, Cary Loya of Big Spring, and Sammy Loya and wife Hilaria of Mesquite; and one step-son, Sammy Lujan of Odessa; one brother, Prieto Martinez of Big Spring; 25 grandchildren; and 31 great grandchildren.

Urena was also preceded in death by her parents, Jose and Alejandra Martinez; one brother, Juan Martinez; and three sisters, Fina Soto, Goya Smithwick and Edith Soto.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Support Groups

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

• PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.

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

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

**TUESDAY**  
• Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

## Police blotter

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

• JOSE ANTONIO NIETO, 31, of 2403 S. Main St., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• CODY DEAN JAMES, 23, of Lamesa, was arrested Friday on charges of public intoxication and urinating in a public place.

• MARGIE GREEN, 29, of 711 S. Johnson St., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ISRAEL MIRAMONTES, 28, of 411 N. Scurry St., was arrested Saturday, on a charge of evading arrest/detention previously convicted SJF.

• SYLVIA HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ, 46, of 407 Sunset Blvd., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ARNOLDO CORONADO VELASCO, 43, of 300 Tulane Ave. 243, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 5100 block of N. Highway 87.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 700 block of Johnson Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of Main Street.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1100 block of N. Aylesford Street.

## Take Note

• Baptist Temple Church has set Vacation Bible School for Aug. 11. Sign ups will be from 8:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. Class will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided with the closing ceremony from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Parents and family are invited. Vans will run. Call 267-8287 and leave message with name and number for a call back.

• Northside Community Center will be offering after school program starting Sept. 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 263-2673.

• The Compassionate Friends is a grief support group for those who have lost a child. The local chapter will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Please use the doors on the southeast corner of the family life center.

• The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.

• Registration of students new to Big Spring Independent School District is being held Mondays through Thursdays at the Student Registration and Records office at the old Goliad Intermediate School, 2000 S. Goliad. Parents of students who were not registered as of May 25 must register their children before the start of the new school year Aug. 27. Required records include: Student's Social Security number, birth certificate and shot record, as well as parent's driver's license and proof of residency. Call 264-3622 for more information.

• An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

• Operation Back 2 School Drive, benefitting the children of Knollwood Heights, is in progress until Aug. 24. We are collecting backpacks and school supplies. Donations may be dropped off at Knollwood Heights office, 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. (across from the hospital), or Allan's Gallery Furniture, 202 Scurry. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, call Sharon Rich at 432-517-0723.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

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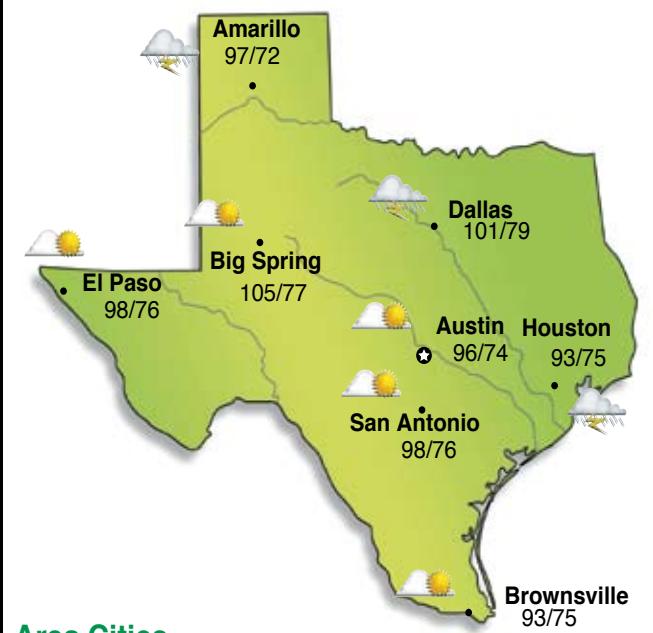
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Mon 8/6	Tue 8/7	Wed 8/8	Thu 8/9	Fri 8/10
<b>105/77</b> Partly cloudy. Highs 103 to 107F and lows in the upper 70s.	<b>98/77</b> A few clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 70s.	<b>97/74</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	<b>100/74</b> A few clouds. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the mid 70s.	<b>101/75</b> Sunshine. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:05 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:39 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:05 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:38 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:06 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:37 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:07 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:36 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:07 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:35 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	101	78	pt sunny	Kingsville	97	75	pt sunny
Amarillo	97	72	t-storm	Livingston	94	72	t-storm
Austin	96	74	pt sunny	Longview	97	75	t-storm
Beaumont	91	74	t-storm	Lubbock	100	74	t-storm
Brownsville	93	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	95	75	t-storm
Brownwood	102	76	pt sunny	Midland	103	80	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	94	77	pt sunny	Raymondville	97	75	pt sunny
Corsicana	99	76	t-storm	Rosenberg	93	74	t-storm
Dallas	101	79	t-storm	San Antonio	98	76	pt sunny
Del Rio	102	81	pt sunny	San Marcos	97	74	pt sunny
El Paso	98	76	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	100	76	t-storm
Fort Stockton	100	74	pt sunny	Sweetwater	103	77	pt sunny
Gainesville	100	76	t-storm	Tyler	100	76	t-storm
Greenville	99	75	t-storm	Weatherford	101	76	pt sunny
Houston	93	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	104	77	pt sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	71	t-storm	Minneapolis	86	68	sunny
Boston	85	66	t-storm	New York	85	70	t-storm
Chicago	84	64	sunny	Phoenix	105	86	pt sunny
Dallas	101	79	t-storm	San Francisco	64	54	pt sunny
Denver	92	65	pt sunny	Seattle	80	60	cloudy
Houston	93	75	t-storm	St. Louis	92	68	sunny
Los Angeles	87	67	sunny	Washington, DC	88	73	t-storm
Miami	87	79	rain				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Mon 8/6	Tue 8/7	Wed 8/8	Thu 8/9	Fri 8/10
<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts.

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year, which will likely be the rollback rate.

“Going into these types of discussions, it’s impossible to predict how they will go, so there’s really no way to know at this time which way the court will go on the tax rate,” Barr said. “Right now, however, the thinking is to go with the rollback rate. The extra funding is going to be needed in the coming year as we try to deal with the shape the county roads are in.”

The issue of wear and tear on county roads is one the court has struggled with for some time now, as the boom in the oilfield — and subsequent increase in truck traffic to and from well sites throughout the county — has taken a heavy toll.

“The damage to our county roads caused by the increase in truck traffic has been tremendous and it’s getting worse every day,” Barr

said. “Overall, the damage is estimated at approximately \$22 million right now. What we’re hoping to do is be able to spend approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000 a year to try to make repairs. This isn’t something we’re going to be able to fix all at one time, obviously.”

Commissioners have considered utilizing road use agreements — which would have the oilfield companies using the roadways paying for a percentage of the upkeep — during the past several months, however, Barr said little to no progress has been made on the issue.

“We’ve tried to get some of the oil companies to attend the commissioners meeting so we can get their take on the use of such agreements, but, so far, we haven’t been able to get any cooperation from them,” Barr said. “We’ve made several calls to different companies and we’ve yet to get a single call back from them. We’ve continued to study the issue; however, we haven’t been able to find any clear-cut answers.”

The rollback rate, which is still 10 cents lower than last year’s rate, could likely spell some relief for area taxpayers despite being higher than the effective rate, according to Barr.

“Because of the increase in mineral values, most taxpayers will see a decrease in their tax bill for the coming year,” Barr said. “It all depends on their valuation and how much it may or may not have changed since last year.”

According to Olson, the rollback rate would generate an additional \$806,000 over the effective rate.

Also Monday, the court is expected to consider purchase requests and hold a budget workshop.

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact the county judge’s office at 432-264-2202.

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

San Angelo man, 21, killed in rig accident

REAGAN COUNTY — Sources say a San Angelo man working on Robinson Drilling Rig 12 was killed in an on-site accident Friday, Aug. 27.

Peace Justice Patty Creech confirmed the death and ordered an autopsy for 21-year-old Chase Dillon.

Reagan County Sheriff Jeff Garner would not say that Dillon declined to comment on the cause of death, or, in fact, whether it took place at the rig site. He did, however, confirm that Dillon was transported by EMS to Reagan Memorial, where he was pronounced dead.

OSHA is investigating the death, but declined to release any information.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012, at Grape Creek Baptist Church.

SUPPLIES

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filled with basic school supplies for elementary students and zipper binders with school supplies for those in junior high and high school.

The giveaways taking place Monday were made possible not only by members of Life Church, but also from donations made by H.E.B. and Walmart.

For more information, call 263-7714, ext. 704. Life Church is located at 1004 Johnson St.

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with work crews, however, Principal Mike Ritchey said students and staff are dealing well with the situation.

The renovation of the science labs, in particular, caused quite a disruption during the past school year. While renovation was ongoing, the entire wing was sealed off, sending students and teachers scurrying for classroom space.

Classrooms and makeshift labs were set up across the campus, Ritchey said.

“We had science class-

es in the construction technology department, our multi-media room, just whatever we could find,” Ritchey said. “We had to be very creative in the utilization of our classroom space.”

The good news is this particular headache should be a thing of the past. Ritchey said he expects the remodeled science wing to be ready when the new school year starts.

“It’s going to be nice,” he said. “Some of the classrooms will be bigger and, instead of having classes and labs in the same room, we’ll have separate labs for biology, chemistry and

physics. And, of course, all the equipment and hardware will be up-to-date.”

Installation of the campus’ new roof also is winding down, although Ritchey expects work to bleed over into the new school year.

“There’s been quite a lot of noise (associated with the roof project), so we’ve had to deal with some disruptions in that regard,” he said. “But the staff has been pretty positive about it. They know what the end result will be — no more leaks.”

The final piece of the high school renovation puzzle — upgrading the

fine arts wing — began this summer and is expected to last until he spring semester. When complete, the wing will boast an expanded band hall and remodeled choir and theater department areas.

Until it is completed, however, music and drama instruction will have to be as flexible as it was in the science department last school year.

“The good news for the band, at least, is that in the fall, most of their focus will be on marching, so they’ll be outside a lot, weather permitting,” Ritchey said. “Once they have to go

inside, however, they’ll have to rehearse in the auditorium.”

Once all the renovations are complete, Ritchey believes the community at large will approve of the work done at the campus.

“I think it will naturally enhance pride in our school, not only from students and teachers, but the public,” he said. “When the public visits our school ... they’ll be able to see exactly what their money bought.”

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which falls short of comparable positions with Howard County and even shorter from the wages being offered by most oilfield companies today — is one way the municipality can attempt to compete with other employers and retain personnel, especially those with the police and fire departments, as well as heavy equipment operators, who are in high demand these days.

Another issue likely to find its way into the 2012-2013 budget proceedings is rising costs at the Big Spring Senior Center, which continues to take a healthy bite out of city coffers each year.

“The city took over operation of the facility in 2007-2008. Before that, the city contributed \$36,000 a year to the center,” Fuqua said. “This year, the city’s contribution to the center will amount to \$163,000 and next year, when the county anticipates no longer subsidizing the operation, it will cost the city \$238,000.”

Fuqua said problems with the building the center is located in — especially the facility’s dance floor — have also caused city officials to

look at other options, including moving the center to a new location or building a new center. However, Fuqua said either option would easily cost the municipality \$1 million or more, making it cost prohibitive.

While there’s certainly no shortage of challenges facing the city in 2012-2013, members of the city council also asked the administration to make a number of projects a priority in the coming fiscal year.

District 4 Councilman Bobby McDonald would like to see an emphasis placed on saving the drought-stricken trees at the Comanche Trail Park, as well as look at planting trees which need less water to grow.

District 5 Councilman Craig Olson asked the city administration to look at ways tax cuts — the city tax rate has been lowered several times

in the past few years — can come from non-constitutionally mandated services provided by the municipality.

Marcus Fernandez, District 1 councilman, asked that the city consider a number of changes for the 2012-2013 fiscal plan, including improvements at the cemetery, work on back alleys, a raise for city employees and improved garbage pickup.

District 2 Councilwoman Carmen Harbour asked that the budget focus on improving water quality in the coming year, as well as lowering the property tax rate.

District 3 Councilman Glen Carrigan said many of his concerns for the coming year’s fiscal plan lie in the state of the city’s infrastructure, as well as efforts to

save money on fuel for municipal vehicles and equipment.

Mayor Tommy Duncan said his main goal with the coming year’s budget is to come up with a fiscal plan that will lower the tax burden on local residents.

The city’s current tax rate is 94.95-cent per \$100 valuation, a drop of 5 cents compared to the previous year’s 99.95 cent rate. During the previous budget work session, Olson indicated the municipality will be considering a 2-cent reduction in the tax rate.

“I’ve spoken with the mayor and I think it has been indicated we’re going to look at a 2-cent (decrease in the tax rate). Now that’s not set in stone,” Olson said.

The budget work sessions will begin Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the

City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St. The city administration has set aside the same time and location for each following day, although city officials say they expect to have the proceedings wrapped up no later than Wednesday. For more information, call 264-2401.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Annie Pearl Blake, 74, died Friday July 27, 2012. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be in San Jose, California.

Otilia Alvarado, 84, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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MINUTES OF COUNTY FINANCES TREASURER'S REPORT

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF TERESA THOMAS TREASURER OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS IN REGULAR SESSION JULY TERM 2012

IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code, we, the undersigned, constituting the entire Commissioners Court of said County, certify that on the 23rd day of July, 2012 at the Regular term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for June 30, 2012, and finding the same correct, entered an order in the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other assets on hand as \$16,657,898.06.

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by Mark Barr, County Judge, and County Commissioners of said Howard County, each respectively, on this the 23rd day of July, 2012.

Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we work hard to preserve our valuable relationship with You, Lord.

Amen

# When gold finishes in third

Three centuries ago, poet Alexander Pope penned that “a little knowledge is a dangerous thing.”

If this be true, Americans are trapped squarely in the jaws of danger. We're in an election year when hundreds of millions of media dollars are spent to provide the electorate with boatloads of “knowledge”—or, loosely translated, what politicians would have us believe to be truth.

Gazillions of ad dollars go to clarify what is said, deny what is said and correct what is said. And that brings us back to “do,” drawing ever closer to “re” and “mi.”

Gored oxen bellow protests that claims are twisted from tiny roots, many “gnarls” away from structural roots in the tree of truth. Further, it's not unusual for reporters to churn out stories that they know will be challenged, thus assuring more stories for other days.

Sadly, when truth is lifted from context, it warps, waffles or withers. For example, a statement in Newsmaxmagazine's June issue begs to be contextually altered. In a piece about front-runners for the GOP's vice-presidential nomination, a “little-known” fact about Ohio Senator Rob Portman claims he “likes to hunt wild turkey in Ohio.”

Look for opponents to suggest that he hits the bottle, and “likes wild turkey.”

A few pages later, another possible nominee, Marco Rubio, says the Tea Party “hasn't gone anywhere.” His probable intent was to acknowledge that the

movement is still strong, remaining very much around. But some readers may deduce that his intent was to suggest that the party is now motionless.

This brings to mind the story of a candidate for a state office. His aide rushes in, urging him to change his schedule to accommodate a visit to a city where he says “they're telling lies about you.”

Unruffled by the aide's announcement, the politico proceeds to the next scheduled rally.

He explains that the scheduled stop is even more important, because “they're telling the truth about me there.”

Misleading information probably can be traced back to smoke signals, or maybe to cave markings.

Soviet citizens often joke about propaganda in the Russian newspaper, Pravda. One concerned a yarn about a car race between U.S. and Soviet drivers. The U.S. car won.

The next day, Pravda reported, “The car from the Soviet Union came in second. The U. S. car came in second to last.”

With only three months remaining before national elections, citizens will be barraged non-stop by both information and misinformation from political candidates.

We've reached the point that non-political news is preferable. Thank God for caller ID; now, Robcalls by phone can be ignored.

Let us be likewise thankful that the Olympics provide relief from ramped-up political coverage, athletes “tee-veed” from all angles.

One Olympic purist reveals a trivia nugget about the make-up of Olympic medals, revealing that the championship medals—pure gold in Olympics of 1904,

1908 and 1912—now contain less than 2 percent gold and more than 90 percent silver.

Second place medals are mostly silver, and, like gold medals, contain copper. The bronze medal is, uh, made of bronze, which is an alloy of copper and tin.

To be more nearly correct, maybe it should be silver for first place, copper for second and bronze for third. Nah, forget about it. The current system is too engraved in our minds.

We still smile about the athlete who was so proud of his gold medal that he had it bronzed.

Another story worth recalling casts an Aggie in the central role. Or maybe it was a Polish guy. Whatever, he watches Olympic athletes as they are waved through admission gates with minimal ID. One carries a javelin, saying, “Brazil, javelin,” and he's promptly admitted. Another carries oars, saying, “England, rowing,” and he, too, walks through.

Inspired to gain free entry as the others have done, he totes a roll of barbed wire through the gate, announcing, “Texas A&M University, fencing.”

Texas A&M brings cows to mind—the heavy-hitters in Chick-fil-A ads.

With the current strong feelings about patronage of the company, the ad execs may depend on the billboard bovines even more. However, signing up teens to wear cow get-ups in front of Chick-fil-A restaurants may be a tough sell.

In these days, though, what isn't?

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## YOUR VIEWS

backgrounds on candidates before voting. Did she stop and think that the voters may have run background checks on everybody and the necessary changes were made?

KENNETH CARSON  
BIG SPRING

### The rule

TO THE EDITOR:

The rule it used to be golden. How do we watch as the world, the nations, the family, a life does unto others before it can be done unto it?

Where we have come from, where are we going, is it from sanity to insanity?

There used to be value, it was attached to the world, the nations, the family, even a life. The world was created by One who declared it good! The nations were intended with freedom for all — which truly have it? The family was given the best of all, love instilled from the Creator of each individual life in its make-up.

The rule was put into print; it was inspired wit all good intent from where did come it's bent? Was it from the lust of the eyes or the pride of life — maybe both? It is also in print when lust is conceived it brings forth sin and when sin is complete it brings forth death. Are we a world of nations, of families and individual life straying from the golden rule of life — seems like. We can take a life so easily these days, throw it in a dumpster, pull tubes of life-sustaining nourishment, there is no usefulness to one who is restrained to a bed, to one created because of sexual recklessness or the use of its fetal stem cells.

We now have a government in place that oversees most of these atrocities, who put them in this place, you get one guess. How about the person who covets who commits adultery, fornication, who steal, who lies or even disobeys this rule to the point of killing their parents or their child, schoolmates, the unknown, who want what they want without any moral or ethical considerations

or consequences, you, me, we, maybe but which category and I in? One sin is all sin. Any aspect of the golden rule disregarded has the tendency to open the door for the next digression.

We have a government with a bent for the world's, the nation's and the families and, yes, individual life to be subjected to its total rule. How to stop this insanity, isn't this the question? This answer is also in print, inspired for all good intent; it's in 2 Chronicles in chapter 7, verse 14. Please turn to it in the book that is kept put upon a shelf or table top, it has a promise — no two from the Creator to hear and to heal.

It isn't the golden rule but tht is even still in print and it continues to instill its original intent when put into practice.

CHARLES NOBLE  
BIG SPRING

### Don't complain, do something!

In response to the letter last week complaining where was Keep Big Spring Beautiful and Code Enforcement people. Well, Keep Big Spring Beautiful is alive and well and works to make a difference in our city.

We have a population over 25,000, and it is difficult for a few volunteers to take care of many trash problems. Why aren't you and others out working with us? Yes, I know you have mowed your yard, and we say thanks! I wish everyone would do the same, but there are those who have the “don't care” and you “can't tell me” attitude. I wish is were as easy as waving a wand; if it were, we would have a beautiful city. You see, we have ordinances to abide by.

I am very aware of the appearance of our city and yes, sections are trashy and tacky, but sitting on the side lines and complaining is not the answer; we need help from everyone. KBSB volunteers try and we have committed volunteers in the attempt to turn

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LETTERS

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the appearance of Big Spring around.

At this time, we only have two code officers. One has been with us a little over two months and the other just two weeks, so, this is difficult times! You probably do not know our city has code ordinances with restrictions ... old buildings that cannot be torn down just because we don't like them and are not pretty. If it were that easy, all of the old buildings would be gone. I've reported many of them to code enforcement. First, they need to locate the property owner, which is not an easy task. It is not as easy as crossing the street. Locating the owner is sometimes a challenge. The owner could be living elsewhere or deceased, and finding the heirs is time-consuming and sometimes impossible.

Also, houses and building that are old and unsightly are protected as long as the roof does not leak and there are no broken windows or glass. That is a goal of KBSB — to make this a project in the near future.

Our citizens need to assist Keep Big Spring Beautiful instead of complaining and your eyes would be open to what can and cannot be done.

You see, I've been involved in Keep Big Spring Beautiful since its inception in 2003; in fact, I am the founder. I have worked since 1995 trying to get citizens involved in being responsible for their property, whether it be a business, residence, school, church or a vacant lot. It is the owner's responsibility to keep their property clean, free of trash and weeds and mowed should they have grass!

So, when people complain about a volunteer committee doing more ... why not step up to the plate and do your part? We would have less complaints if all the complainers knew the rules and regulations they are addressing. Did you know that property owners are responsible for taking care of their property from the middle of the street to the middle of the back alley, if they have one. Yes, and that includes grass clippings growing in the gutters. It is a "no-no" to put anything outside the dumpsters for the city to pick up, they only empty the dumpster. Help!

PAT SIMMONS, KBSB  
BIG SPRING

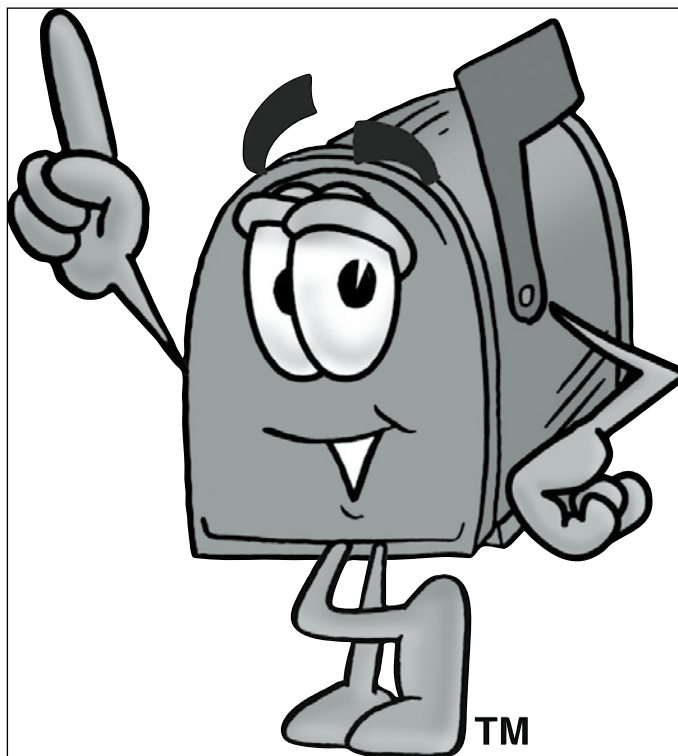
Salute you mayor

To the Editor:  
Mayor Tommy Duncan, I salute you for what you are trying to do for the city of Big Spring. Below is a quote from Theodore Roosevelt called "The Man in the Arena."

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where

the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat".

I for one, support and Thank You for lowering our



taxes, promoting Big Spring and rebuilding our infrastructure. Keep up the fight and doing what is right.

CHARLES SMITH  
BIG SPRING

Not talking trash

TO THE EDITOR:

I write to give attention to our city landfill department. Oftentimes, the trash does not get picked up on schedule and that can cause a problem.

I understand the oilfield's very successfully compete with the city for employees who would drive trash trucks, and the landfill department is doing the very best it can for sanitation for employees they can keep.

Last Wednesday morning, I was leaving Big Spring to drive to Colorado City to work at a part-time job and at 6:10 a.m., a city trash truck was

pulling into a gas station. Those trash truck drivers must be getting up at 5 a.m. to go to work.

I would like to encourage the retired elderly to consider acquiring a commercial driver's license and working a couple of days a week driving a trash truck. The extra monthly income would be very nice. I know. I have and love my part-time job in Colorado City.

Secondly, those trash trucks are as large as an aircraft carrier. I would never have the courage to drive one, especially if I had to pick up a dumpster when cars were parked in the street and were in the way. I therefore have a suggestion: Contract some of the city trash pick up to local folks who have a truck: An RFP. I'll bet there are some folks with a truck who could do an excellent job (The RFP could include a probationary section in its introduction.).

Finally, appreciation. Most of the time one's feeling appreciated in a job is more valuable than the salary. And I appreciate our landfill/sanitation department. There is a very nice lady who works at the landfill office. Angela. She is one of the sweetest, helpful people in the world and I believe that if anyone would be interested in any employment with the landfill/sanitation, one could simply ask this nice lady and she would assist.

For the last several years, my little lady friend and I have been attending the Houston Ballet each month. We oftentimes sponsor a barbecue luncheon for them and we furnish the cookies for their executive staff meetings. They are very sweet, talented people, and we dearly appreciate them. So should our sanitation/landfill employees feel appreciated by folks they serve and so it will be done.

Thank you Angela, all you trash truck drivers and staff in our sanitation/landfill department.

GRAND CARROLL  
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Notice of Public Hearing  
on Tax Increase

The Howard County Junior College District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 4.82 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 13, 2012 at 12:30 PM at Tumbleweed Rm., Howard County Junior College District, 1001 Birdwell Ln., Big Spring, TX 79720.

The second public hearing will be held on August 17, 2012 at 12:30 PM at Tumbleweed Rm., Howard County Junior College District, 1001 Birdwell Ln., Big Spring, TX 79720.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Dr. John Freeman Mr. Murray Murphy  
Mrs. Marie Ethridge Mr. Maxwell Barr  
Mr. Larry McLellan Dr. Charles Warren

AGAINST:  
PRESENT: and not voting:  
ABSENT: Michael Flores

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Howard County Junior College District last year was \$36,680. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.238507 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$87.48.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Howard County Junior College District this year is \$43,826. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.168502 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$73.85.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.176616 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$77.40.

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# Veterans Families Fund provides support

**Herald Staff Report**

A \$500 check from the Veterans Families Fund was recently presented to the BM2(SW) Daniel Pike U.S. Navy family.

What follows is a letter from Akacia Pike.

"My name is Akacia Pike. My husband is BM2 (SW) Daniel Pike of the United States Navy. I have two children, Nathaniel, 4 and Jayden, 2. Daniel and I are expecting our first child together in December. He deployed to Bahrain in April with Patrol Coastal Crew Lima, currently embarked on USS SIROCCO (PC-6).

"I am currently residing here in our hometown of Big Spring until he returns in October. We moved to Virginia Beach last October and were married shortly after in November. In January, he began his sixth year in the service when he re-enlisted again. This is his third deployment and we are all very proud of his accomplishments so far. He hopes to become a master chief like his father Larry, retired master chief in aviation.

"On deployments, to pass the time, Daniel likes working out and running with his good friend Bil-



Courtesy photos

The family of BM2(SW) Daniel Pike recently received a \$500 check from the Veterans Family Fund. Pike is a member of the United States Navy. The couple shares two children, Nathaniel, 4, and Jayden, 2.



ly Baldwin and likes to fish out at sea. Though he loves what he does, he loves being with his family more. He loves music, history and — most of all — skateboarding. He is really looking forward to being home and excited about being a new father. We all love and miss him very much!"

Said J. Gale Kilgore, who administers the fund, "This check from the local people is another thank you for the veterans and their families for their sacrifices during their service to our country. Thank you, Big Spring area."

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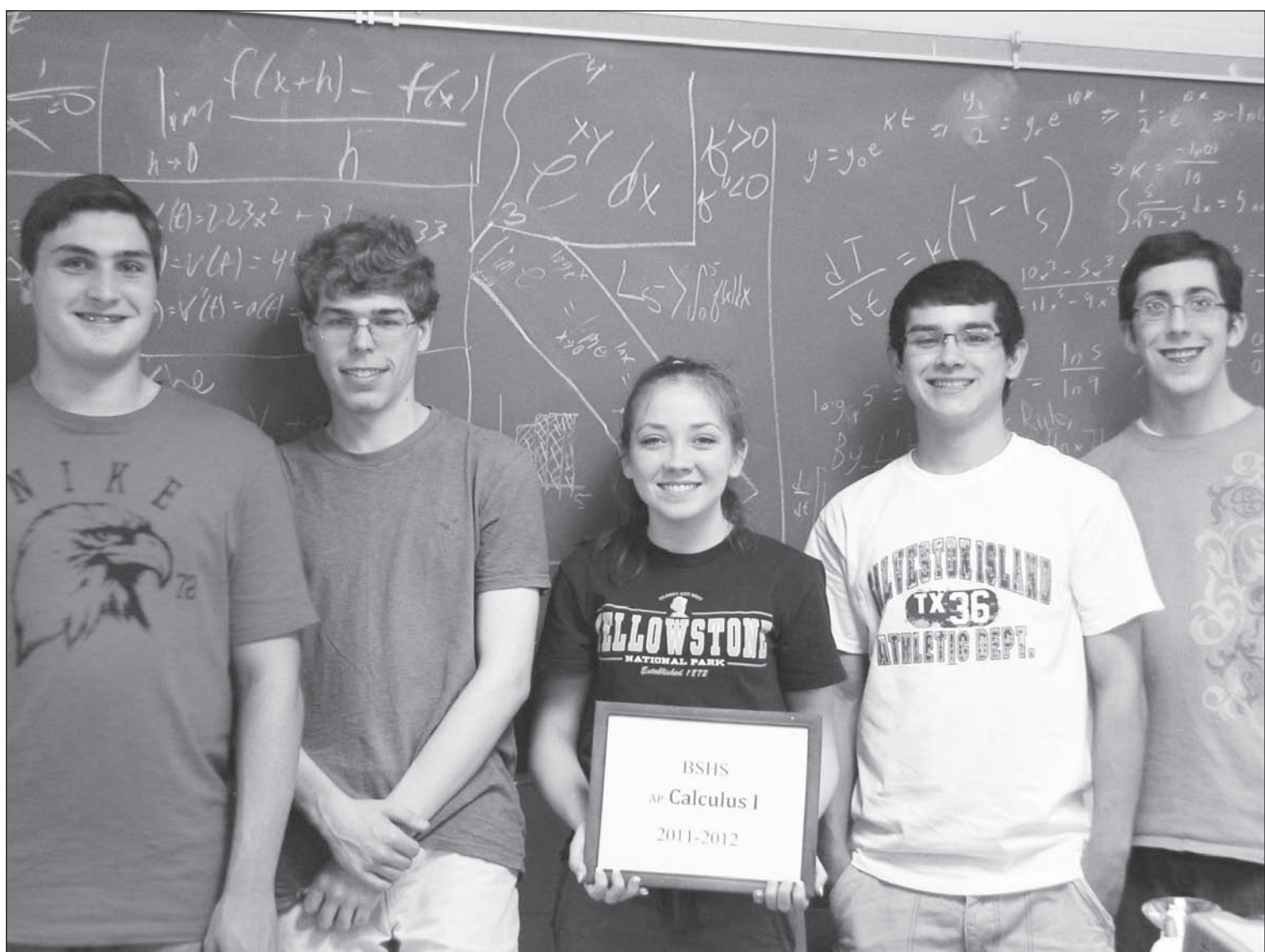
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# Calculus masters at BSHS

Five perfect scores received on AP calculus exam



These Big Spring High School students earned perfect scores on the recent College Board AP Calculus exam. They are, from left, Connor Furqueron, Charles Anderson, Anna Scott, Sebastian Hernandez and Carl Friddle.

Courtesy photo

## Hospice Tidbits

### Special to the Herald

The end of a journey may not be a pleasant one, but it can be something that is prepared for.

Local hospice agencies are not only in service to provide assistance when needed, but also to provide the community with education in order to prepare for times of sorrow.

When a person is nearing the end of life, there are certain milestones and tasks that occur, according to Dr. Ira Byock.

- A sense of completion with worldly affairs.
- A sense of completion in relationships with community.
- A sense of meaning about one's individual life.

- Experiencing love of self.
- Experiencing love of others.
- Sense of completion in relationships with family and friends.
- Acceptance of the finality of life — of one's existence as an individual.
- Sense of a new self beyond personal loss.
- Sense of meaning about life in general.
- Surrendering to the transcendent to the unknown — letting go.

However, upon finding the sense of completion and acceptance, there are also signs of withdrawal. A common sign is finding the patient withdrawing not only from family, but friends and the world around them as well. The timeline of withdrawal is not set

and can take place as early as a few weeks before the end of life approaches. A few signs to look for are:

- the person staying in bed and spending more time asleep than awake.
- less communication with others because touch and silence take on more meaning.
- unresponsive and difficult to arouse; they appear in a coma-like state.

Even though the signs start showing. There are still things that can be done to try and alleviate them for some time:

- plan activities, visits, etc., for the time of day when the person seems most alert.
- speak to the person in your normal tone of voice.
- identify yourself by name when you speak and tell them what you are doing before you do it.
- do not say anything in front of the person you wouldn't say if he or she were awake.

\* All information was provided by brochures and booklets from Home Hospice.

Home Hospice is located at 111 E. Seventh Street. Volunteers are always being sought.

For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett, volunteer coordinator, at 264-7599 or visit the website at [www.homehospicewtx.com](http://www.homehospicewtx.com).



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## 2012 Property Tax Rates in Glasscock County

This notice concerns 2012 property tax rates for Glasscock County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$4,215,844	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$4,215,844	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year's tax base	\$1,405,277,489	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year's total tax rate	\$.300000/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$4,215,927	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$3,033,765,251	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.138966/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.138966/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes and holds hearings.)

This year's rollback tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$4,215,927	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$3,033,765,251	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
= This year's effective rate	\$.138966/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.150083/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.150083/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.150083/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Glasscock County adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.138966 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$22,087.

### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
M&O	\$3,700,000.00

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at: Glasscock County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office/124 S. Myrl St., Garden City, TX  
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# Prepare Your Home Before You Travel

Use this easy checklist to be worry free while you're gone



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According to a recent national survey conducted by Harris Interactive, the vast majority of Americans (87 percent) are planning to take vacation trips this season.

"People travel, and in those days leading up to trips and vacations, a lot can be on your mind," says Toolbelt Diva and home improvement expert Norma Vally. "That's why Liquid-Plumr and I have put together a tried-and-true list that will help put your mind at ease."

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- Be a Garbage Disposal Guru: Look for products designed specifically for pesky disposals, like new Liquid-Plumr Disposal + Drain Foaming Cleaner. On the day you depart, drop a no-mess pack down your drain to eliminate lingering smells in your garbage disposal.

- Mind Your Thermostat: Don't let the temperature of your house exceed 85 degrees. Set the thermostat to about 85 or below before you leave. You should also make sure the filters on your central air system are clean. Having clean air filters will ensure that your air conditioning unit runs efficiently while you're away.

- Water Off and Power Down: Unplug all nonessential appliances and electronic devices, including turning off power strips. Shut off the water-main running to the interior of the house.

- Give Your Washing Machine a Break: Avoid a possible flood due to a burst washer hose by shutting off your machine's hot and cold water valves.

For more information about other household fixes, visit Liquid-Plumr's Tool School at [www.Facebook.com/LiquidPlumr](http://www.Facebook.com/LiquidPlumr).

# United, negotiators agree on labor deal

DALLAS (AP) — United Airlines says it has a deal with union negotiators on a new labor contract with its own pilots and those from the former Continental Airlines.

United Continental Holdings Inc. said Friday that the agreement is an important step in creating a single workforce at the company, which was formed by a 2010 merger.

The union called it an agreement in principle on economic issues and said some details still needed to be finished. It is subject to approval by governing boards of the two pilot groups and by rank-and-file pilots.

Details of the agreement were not immediately disclosed, but Jay Pierce, chairman of the Continental pilots' group, said it included pay raises and better job protection and benefits.

Fred Abbott, United's senior vice president of flight operations, called it "an important step forward for our company."

The sides have been bargaining for more than two years, with pilots seeking pay raises and limits on outsourcing of flying to other airlines.

A federal mediator was brought in to help with the negotiations, and a member of the U.S. National Mediation Board also weighed in.

Both the United and former Continental pilots are represented by the Air Line Pilots Association, but by separate groups within the union.

Just two weeks ago, pilots voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike against United, the world's biggest airline. While the vote was largely symbolic — federal law makes it difficult for airline workers to strike legally — it indicated the depth of the pilots' unhappiness over lack of a deal.

The pilots are still working under contracts approved last decade, when both United and Continental were in much worse financial shape. United went through bankruptcy proceedings, as Continental did in the 1990s.

The pilots, who are paid less than those at Delta Air Lines, were seeking pay raises and limits on outsourcing. United said last week that it would end a joint venture with Ireland's Aer Lingus on lucrative flights between Washington, D.C., and Madrid and which was a particular source of anger among its pilots.

United sells seats as if they are United flights, but the flying is done by Aer Lingus pilots. The union had proposed eliminating the Aer Lingus deal.

Hunter Keay, an airline analyst for Wolfe Trahan & Co., said the Aer Lingus flight amounted to just 1.6 percent of United's trans-Atlantic flying but was so despised by pilots that it "evolved into more trouble than it was worth to (United) management."

# Travel-Brief-Earns-International Airlines Group/405

LONDON (AP) — The owner of British Airways and Iberia has reported a second-quarter loss due to a fall-off in business at the Spanish carrier.

For the three months ending June 30, International Consolidated Airlines Group reported a loss of €5 million (\$116 million) compared to a profit of €8 million a year ago.

Revenue was up 14 percent to €9 billion, and fuel costs were up 25 percent to €1.6 billion.

Iberia posted an operating loss of €63 million in the first half, while British Airways managed an operating profit of €3 million.

IAG downgraded its full-year guidance from break-even on operating profit to a "small" loss.

The company added that industrial action by employees, higher fuel prices, the negative impact of exchange rates and economic weakness in Spain had all contributed to Iberia's losses, which are expected to continue for the rest of the year.

"Iberia's problems are deep and structural and the economic environment reinforces the need for permanent structural change," said IAG Chief Executive Willie Walsh. He said this is like to include downsizing in the short term and reshaping the network.

"Inevitably, we will not be able to avoid job losses as part of this process," he said. In a statement the company said that while British Airways had made an operating profit despite rising fuel prices, Iberia's losses deepened. "This is likely to include short term downsizing, network reshaping," IAG said.

The company also announced it had set up a euro-zone crisis management group to make contingency plans for any further economic shocks to the 17 countries that use the euro — up to and including a possible Spanish exit from the single European currency.

IAG shares were down 4.5 percent at 152 pence in morning trading in London.

"Although this is not a huge disappointment, we see clear downside risk to consensus estimate," said Gerald Khoo, analyst at Espirito Santo Investment Bank.

"The July traffic statistics were not particularly encouraging either, with premium traffic up 1.5 percent vs. non-premium up 5.6 percent and a flat passenger load factor," Khoo said.

In July, British Airways reported a 6.9 percent gain in revenue passenger kilometers while Iberia was up 0.9 percent. By the same measure, British Airways is 8.8 percent ahead for the first seven months of the year while Iberia is down 2.9 percent.

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# TJ Jackson emerges as Katherine's co-guardian

LINDA DEUTSCH

AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — TJ Jackson was one of Michael Jackson's favorite nephews. An heir to the family's musical talent and striking good looks, he is the son of Tito, one of the original Jackson Five. Largely unknown to the American public until now, he has been anointed as co-guardian of Michael's most prized treasures — his three children.

Suddenly, TJ is the chosen Jackson, the one designated to work beside Michael's mother to look after the welfare of his three cousins Prince, 15, Paris, 14 and Blanket, 10, who will inherit the King of Pop's fortune.

He's stepping into a sensitive situation just days after a family feud went viral. But he appears to have only one interest at heart — the children.

"He has been very dedicated to these kids since Michael Jackson's death and he was involved with them before that," TJ's lawyer, Charles A. Schultz, said at a Thursday court hearing.

Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff, who appointed TJ to work with Katherine Jackson, said there is a strong bond between the 34-year-old T.J. and the children.

"They have a very significant relationship with TJ Jackson and they love him very much," said the judge. "There are things about his past that the kids can relate to."

Schultz agreed, saying outside court: "He had a loss early in his life of a close personal relative and they can identify with that."

In 1994, six years after his parents divorced, TJ's mother, Dolores, died in a drowning at her home swimming pool. Her boyfriend was later convicted of causing her drowning and was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

When Michael Jackson died in 2009, Dr. Conrad Murray was accused of causing his death and was convicted of manslaughter. He is currently serving a four-year prison term.

Now, three years after his death, Michael's children are at the center of a familial battle and TJ's role has become even more important. Recently, Katherine Jackson was reported missing and Beckloff replaced her with TJ as the children's guardian. Now she's back, telling a story of having been held virtually incommunicado at a resort in Tucson, Ariz., unaware that she was the subject of a missing person's report.

In the court hearing Thursday, with neither of the parties present, the judge ruled that TJ and Katherine will share guardianship on a temporary basis. The arrangement could be made permanent later.

Beckloff had appointed an investigator to look into the domestic situation at the suburban Calabasas mansion where the young Jacksons have been living with their 82-year-old grandmother.

The result was a glowing report: "It appears from the report that Katherine Jackson has done a wonderful job and cares about the children very much," the judge said. "I think the kids are in terrific hands."

No mention was made of the Jackson siblings who were at the center of a family dispute last week that broke into a public shouting match on the driveway of Katherine's home. What one lawyer called "the chaos" ended with Jermaine Jackson calling for a truce.

TJ, who is movie star-handsome and has a band with his brothers called 3T, is named Tito Joseph for his father and grandfather. Always known as TJ, he appears to have emerged as a welcome stable force in the family.

When Paris began tweeting messages of distress over the temporary disappearance of her grandmother and the battles among Michael's siblings, TJ tweeted to her: "I know it's completely unfair for them to do this to you and your brothers. We will keep trying. I love you." Added a second tweet:

**"You taught me how to smile. You taught me how to dream. You taught me how to live. Uncle Michael, I will always cherish all of our special moments and blissful time together. I love you so much."**

T.J. Jackson



Courtesy photo

**Michael Jackson's favorite nephew has come forward as a co-guardian for Jackson's three children, Prince, Paris and Blanket. T.J. Jackson will be assisting Katherine Jackson in raising the children at this point.**

"Make your life an act of love."

Thomas Mesereau Jr., the former attorney for Michael who knows the family, had high praise for TJ.

"I met him some time ago and he was a very nice young man, very mature and very sincere," said Mesereau. "It appeared to me that Katherine thought very highly of him."

But Mesereau said the current situation was unthinkable before Michael's death.

"Three years ago, these children had a father who loved them and gave them a wonderful upbringing," the attorney said.

"He wanted them to be highly educated, to learn about the world and the wonders of nature. It's very tragic."

TJ's devotion to his uncle, Michael, has been evident. At his funeral, members of the family provided loving tributes in a glossy program. TJ's entry read: "You taught me how to smile. You taught me how to dream. You taught me how to live. Uncle Michael, I will always cherish all of our special moments and blissful time together. I love you so much."

Michael's ties to TJ and his two brothers was confirmed by his will, which named them among "contingent remainder" beneficiaries, who usually gain if the main beneficiaries pass away.

Like most of the Jacksons, TJ has lived among celebrities.

The Internet was ablaze this week with reports that he was the first lover of Kim Kardashian when both were in high school. There was no comment from TJ but he has acknowledged that they were close and she consoled him when his mother died.

"We became extra close when my mom passed away," TJ told People magazine in 1995 of Kardashian. "She dropped everything to be with me."

TJ married his wife, Frances, in 2007 and has three children.

When he and his brothers, Taj and Taryll, formed 3T, they were encouraged by their uncle, Michael, who sang with them on their first records. The 3T group had significant success in Europe with three songs that reached No. 2 on British charts. Two of them, "Why" and "I Need You," released in 1996, featured Michael Jackson's voice.

In 2010, the 3T group reprised Jackson's "We Are the World" with various famous voices to benefit Haiti relief efforts. The brothers also have appeared on reality TV shows with other members of the Jackson clan and have toured overseas.

Last October, the family staged a tribute concert to Michael in Cardiff, Wales.

But typically, the Jacksons were divided over whether it was appropriate to hold such a tribute during the Murray trial in Los Angeles. Janet, Jermaine and Randy stayed away.

Jackie, Marlon, La Toya and Tito performed. So did TJ and his brothers.

## sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

	4		5		6	
		6	7	9	5	
1						3
6		8			3	7
			9	2		
9	4				2	1
4						2
		7	1	6	4	
	9			3		8

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Duck Soup

North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ Q 6  
♥ K 9 8 3 2  
♦ K J 8 4  
♣ A 5

**WEST**  
♠ 7 3  
♥ Q 10 7  
♦ A 9 7 3  
♣ Q 10 8 2

**EAST**  
♠ A 2  
♥ J 5 4  
♦ Q 10 6 5 2  
♣ K 9 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 10 9 8 5 4  
♥ A 6  
♦ —  
♣ J 7 6 3

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♦ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — two of clubs.  
The holdup play, whether it is used by declarer or a defender, is one of the most effective plays in bridge. It comes in a variety of forms and, properly applied, can completely alter the outcome of a deal.

Today's hand, from a national team championship, provides an unusual example of the holdup play. At both tables, declarer wound up in four spades, and both Wests led a club.

At the first table, declarer put up

dummy's ace and returned a club, planning to ruff one or two of his club losers in dummy. But East had no trouble diagnosing South's intention. He won the club with the king and played the ace and another spade. Declarer eventually lost two more clubs and finished South one.

At the second table, declarer anticipated that the defenders would switch to trumps if he played the ace and another club. So instead of taking the first trick with the ace, he played low from dummy. This simple maneuver rendered the defense helpless.

If East, after winning the club, returned anything but a trump, declarer would win and ruff two clubs in dummy to finish with 11 tricks. So East played the ace and another trump, just as his counterpart had at the other table — but this time, to no avail.

Declarer won the second trump, cashed the A-K of hearts and ruffed a heart. When the opposing hearts divided 3-3, South had the rest of the tricks, using the still-present ace of clubs as an entry to collect dummy's two good hearts.

Withholding dummy's ace of clubs at trick one, inconsequential as it might seem, thus made a two-trick difference in the outcome.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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## UIL changes rules governing two-a-day football practices

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

In light of recent incidences involving heat-related illness, the University Interscholastic League has implemented new guidelines that must be followed by high schools statewide, specifically football programs and how two-a-day practices are governed.

According to Big Spring High School Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Phillip Ritchey, the coaching staff at BSBS will follow the UIL's mandates "As best as we can."

"It's a safety deal," Ritchey explained.

Though not earth-shattering, the changes are profound enough to force Ritchey to adjust how he runs his preseason drills.

Traditionally, two-a-days would begin with the first day of practice. UIL rules state that there must be a four-day "acclimitization" period.

"It's the transition from summer to football," Ritchey

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HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

**BSBS senior offensive guard Joseph Morelion pumps some iron during a summer workout. Practice will begin for area schools Monday, with new UIL guidelines in place. Head Football Coach Phillip Ritchey is uncertain how the changes will effect the Steers.**

## Local briefs

### Youth Soccer registration now open

Want your child to get involved with the fastest growing sport in America? The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association signups began Saturday at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. If you didn't make it this week, registration will be open Saturday, Aug. 11 as well as Saturday, Aug. 18, also from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Additional times include Monday, Aug. 13-Friday, Aug. 17 from 5:30-7 p.m., at the Big Spring Mall. Age groups are 4-U, 6-U, 8-U, 10-U, 12-U and 14-U. The cost per child is \$70. A full uniform is included. Business sponsorships are available for \$200.

### Youth Football League signups open

The popular Crossroads Youth Football League is

holding open registrations at the Big Spring Mall on Monday-Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Registration will close Saturday, Aug. 18. The cost per athlete is \$75 for the 5-7 year old division and \$160 per child for Division 1 (8-9 years) and Division 2 (10-12 years).

Payment arrangements are available, but must be paid in full by Aug. 18. Any businesses wishing to sponsor a team for \$200 will receive an advertising spot at the field at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. For more information, contact Manuel Baeza at 517-0225.

### Benefit Ragball tourney slated for Aug 10-11

Ragball will be played for a good cause Aug. 10-11 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. The tournament's proceeds will be donated to Alexia,

a four-year old girl battling acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Registration will begin Friday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. at the registration complex and play will begin that evening at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Randy at 816-5487.

### Country club to host Over 80 Scramble

A tournament benefiting the Big Spring Shrine Club will be held at the Big Spring Country Club on Aug. 18-19. The tourney will be a 2-person scramble format. The combined age of the two players on each team must be 80 or more. Entry fee is \$100 per player plus cart fees. Private carts are welcome. A shotgun start will kick off each day at 1 p.m. Entry fee includes barbeque on the course Saturday and mulligan. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

## Big Spring Girls 8-Under softball squad making presence known at tourneys



Photos submitted by Tara Green

The Big Spring United Girls Softball Association 8-Under team has been enjoying success at tournaments this summer, most recently, placing 7th out of 24 teams in the West Texas all-star tourney and going undefeated in the 8-Under Class C state tournament, earning a state championship and qualifying them for the national tournament at a place to be determined.

Top: the 8-Under team: (Back row, from left) Smilla Stephens, Aubrie Smith, Brianna Solis, Reagan Phillips, Sarah Wood, Kenzie Canales and Kaylor Green. (Bottom row, from left) Hailey Grant, Shae Lang, Alex Enriquez and Maddie Scott.

Left: Alex Enriquez tags out a runner at third base during a recent tournament.





# Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association News

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association held its weekly ladies play-day Monday. Mary Gilbreath shot low gross and Jo Ann Hillger earned low net. Ramona Harris took the fewest putts.

The team comprised of Ron and Daury Booth and Donnie and Shirley Long placed first at Thursday's couples play with a score of 4-under par. Coming in second with 3-under par was Jerry Roach, Annie Ward and

George and Betty Murphy. Rounding out the top three was Bobbie Holden and Vaughn Martin and Ray and Sue Russell with 2-under par.

Ray Russell landed closest to the pin on Hole No. 3 and Betty Murphy took the honors on Hole No. 6.

The Ladies Golf Association is always looking for more members. Interested parties may call the Comanche Trail Golf Course Pro Shop at 264-2366.

# Usain Bolt advances to Olympic 100 semifinals

LONDON (AP) — After overcoming a sloppy start to his London Olympics, Usain Bolt looked into a TV camera, held up his right index finger and declared: "No. 1, baby. All day, every day."

Well, on this day, he was merely OK.

Hardly dazzling after so much anticipation, Bolt was pedestrian out of the blocks — his reaction time ranked sixth of the eight runners in his heat — then insisted all that mattered was that he made it to the semifinals by shrugging off that poor beginning to win his race in 10.09 seconds Saturday.

"I stumbled on the start," the 25-year-old Jamaican said. "I really didn't do a lot of executing."

At Beijing in 2008, a showboating Bolt ruled track and field, winning golds in world-record times in the 100, 200 and 4x100 relay — something no man had ever done at an Olympics. At the 2009 world championships, he lowered his 100 mark to 9.58, which still stands.

But he's been less than outstanding more recently. A false start knocked him out of the dash at last year's world championships, and he lost to training partner Yohan Blake in the 100 and 200 at the Jamaican Olympic trials. Bolt blamed his poor showings at home on back and hamstring issues.

"My legs are great. My

training has been great," Bolt said Saturday. "I'm feeling better."

That might very well be true. Still, another rough reaction to the starter's pistol could make things tough Sunday night, when the 100 semifinals and final are scheduled.

Blake, whose intensity in practice led Bolt to nickname him "The Beast," looked quite good in his Olympic debut, really coasting at the end while winning his heat in 10 seconds flat.

Asked to assess his showing, Blake said: "It's not the finals."

The other main event of Saturday's morning session was the heats of the men's 400, with South Africa's Oscar Pistorius becoming the first amputee to compete in track at an Olympics. Not only did he finally make it to the starting line at a Summer Games — smiling right before settling into the blocks — after a prolonged fight to be allowed to race with carbon-fiber prosthetics, but he qualified for the next round.

"I've worked for six years ... to get my chance," said Pistorius, whose legs were amputated below the knee before he was a year old because he was born without fibulas.

The defending Olympic champion in the 400, LaShawn Merritt, will not join Pistorius in Sunday night's semifinals. Merritt, who served a

21-month drug suspension after his Beijing title, pulled up halfway through his heat with a tender left hamstring.

If Saturday is any indication of what's to come with the 100 medals at stake, fans could be in for a treat.

As expected, all five top contenders won their opening 100 heats: Tyson Gay, Asafa Powell and 2004 Olympic champion Justin Gatlin, in addition to Bolt and Blake. It's worth noting that Bolt was the least impressive of that bunch. Then again, he didn't really have an opponent to threaten him even the least bit in Heat 4; none of the other entrants ever has run 9.9 or better.

If Gay was looking for a solid test of his surgically repaired right hip, he got it. Pushed by Richard Thompson of Trinidad and Tobago, who left Beijing with two silver medals, Gay did not have the luxury of letting up while winning Heat 1 in 10.08. Thompson was next in 10.14.

Afterward, Gay leaned over, hands on his knees, and watched a replay of his race on the stadium scoreboard.

"Start felt good. Everything felt pretty good," Gay said. "I didn't feel any pain. ... I really didn't want to run (any) faster. I did what I wanted to do."

Moments later, it was Gatlin's turn to push it, and he did.

He did voice some concerns.

"I am not sure if it going to be good or bad," Ritchey added. "There is no clear-cut plan that everyone has to follow. And when you put kids through a three-hour practice, it's usually a more grueling three hours than the two-a-days would be."

Two-a-day practices can run no longer than five hours total between the combined sessions.

Steer football practice begins Monday at Memorial Stadium. Athletes in grades 10-12 are to report at 8 a.m. And will practice until 11 a.m.

Freshmen are to be on the field at 7:15 p.m. and practice will be held from 7:45 p.m. until 9:45 p.m.

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said.

After four days of practice, two-a-days can begin, but there are stipulations. Two-a-day practices can no longer be consecutive. For instance, if two practices are held on Monday, only one, three-hour practice may be held on Tuesday.

On days when two practices are held, there must be a two-hour break in between them.

"It used to be only one hour," Ritchey said. "Now they require two hours with nothing at all going on in between."

Ritchey is unsure whether the changes will help or hurt his squad.

# Howard County Teen Court Director

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# Reeling Astros fall to Hudson, Braves 4-1

ATLANTA (AP) — The losses are starting to accumulate at an unprecedented pace for the woeful Houston Astros.

Tim Hudson gave up four hits and no earned runs in 7 1-3 innings to remain unbeaten in his career against Houston, and the Braves stayed hot with a 4-1 win Friday night that left the Astros with their worst 32-game stretch in franchise history.

The Astros are 3-29 in their last 32 games. Houston's worst 32-game stretch before the 2012 season was 5-27, most recently from June 26 to July 29, 1962 as the Colt .45s, according to STATS LLC.

"It's not a lot of fun, honestly," Houston outfielder Jordan Schafer said.

"The reason you play the game is to win. When you just continue to lose and you lose in different ways, you lose by 10, you lose by four, you lose by 15, you lose by one, it's all the same.

"It gets tiring and annoying after a while. It's not a fun situation to be in."

The Astros stranded two baserunners in the first inning, one in the second and two more in the fourth.

"We had some scoring opportunities early," manager Brad Mills

said. "We weren't able to do much with it."

Hudson kept battling against the Astros, who are last in the NL Central, 10 games behind fifth-place Chicago before the Cubs' late game at the Dodgers.

"Every time he pitches, we expect that from him," Atlanta's Martin Prado said of Hudson. "He was so fired up, it was sort of contagious."

Right-hander Armando Galarraga (0-1) gave up four runs, five hits and a career-high seven walks in 5 1-3 innings. He made his second start with Houston following his recall from Triple-A Oklahoma City on July 28.

"Galarraga got his pitch count up by being behind in the count and all the walks," Mills said.

"But he seemed for the most part to pitch around them. It just got his pitch count elevated."

The Braves improved to 7-1 on their 10-game homestand and gained ground in the NL East. Atlanta trails first-place Washington by 2 games in the division after the Nationals split a doubleheader with Miami on Friday.

Hudson (11-4) improved to 5-0 with a 1.24 ERA in seven career starts against the Astros. He allowed one

unearned run, four hits and two walks and has won five straight decisions.

Hudson, 192-101 overall, earned his 100th win with the Braves. He won 92 games with Oakland.

The right-hander gave Atlanta's bullpen a needed break by throwing a season-high 116 pitches.

"I'm glad I was able to go out there and pitch into the eighth and get my pitch count up a little bit," Hudson said.

Chipper Jones had a two-run double in Atlanta's three-run third inning.

The 40-year-old Jones is batting .357 (40-for-112) with 19 extra-base hits and 23 RBIs since June 19, lifting his average to .315.

"I don't think he's human," Hudson said of Jones. "He's a machine."

Prado had two doubles, including a run-scoring hit in the fourth.

Craig Kimbrel struck out the side in the ninth to earn his 31st save. Schafer took a called third strike to end the game.

"I don't even know how people hit (Kimbrel)," Schafer said. "Good luck."

Jones' third-inning double drove in Prado, who doubled.

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# Harrison, Moreland lead Rangers over Kansas City, 5-3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jeremy Guthrie delivered a quality start for the Kansas City Royals on Friday night against the potent Texas Rangers offense.

Guthrie limited the Rangers to six hits and three runs in six-plus innings, but it was not enough for him to pick up his first victory in more than two months.

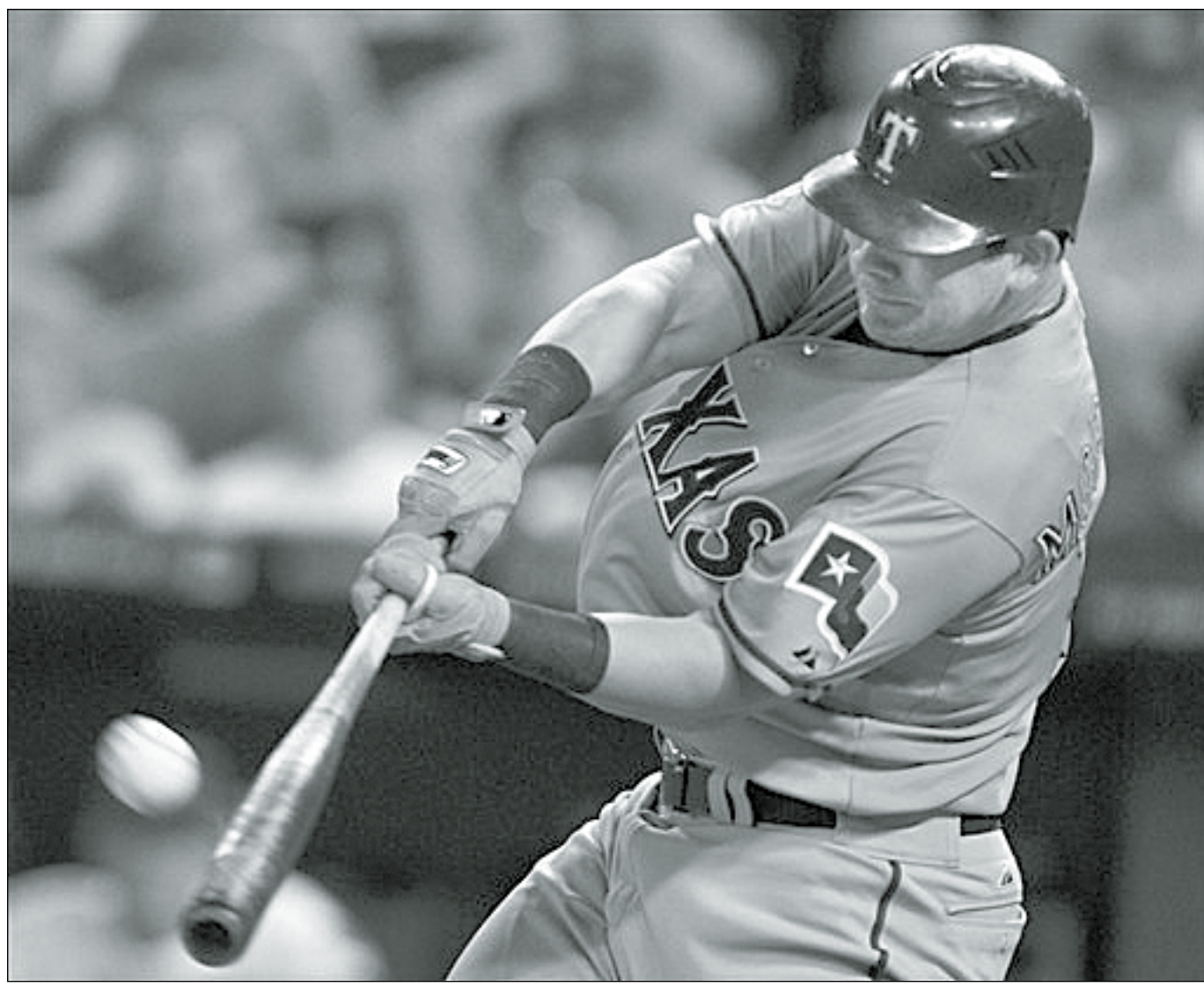
Matt Harrison gave the beleaguered Texas pitching staff a strong start, Mitch Moreland hit a three-run homer and the Rangers defeated the Royals 5-3.

Guthrie (3-11) is winless in three Kansas City starts since being acquired in a July 20 trade with the Colorado Rockies for Jonathan Sanchez and has not won since May 31 against Houston.

"That's the best start we've seen from him," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "It was great to see him get on track. He was getting his fastball up to 95 and executing pitches.

"He kept the ball down and he really matched Harrison pitch for pitch. That's a difficult task against their lineup and Jeremy almost did that. He kept us in the ballgame; he kept us one swing away."

The Rangers loaded the bases with one out in the first on a single by Ian Kinsler and walks to Elvis Andrus and Adrian Beltre, but scored only one run. Nelson Cruz's fly ball to Jeff Francoeur



Texas' Mitch Moreland hits a three-run home run off of Royal's relief pitcher Jose Mijares in the seventh inning of the Rangers' 5-3 victory over Kansas City

AP photo

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## Cowboys looking for Offensive line reinforcements

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are already bringing in reinforcements for a banged-up offensive line.

With four interior linemen hurt and not available for practice less than a week into training camp, the Cowboys worked out three of their former guards Friday.

They signed two of them, Derrick Dockery and Daniel Loper, to one-year deals.

Montrae Holland, the other guard who had worked out, tweeted Friday night that he was unable to work out a deal.

Dockery and Holland started games for the Cowboys last season, when Loper was also in the organization. All three watched practice Friday.

"Each of those guys have been with us. They've started a lot of games in this league," coach Jason Garrett said before practice. "We need to bring some guys in. We like these veteran guys."

Guard Mackenzy Bernadeau, who because of knee and hip surgeries hasn't taken a snap in any organized workout since signing as a free agent in March, started camp on the physically unable to perform list. So did center Kevin Kowalski (ankle).

Then guard Nate Livings, another free agent signed by Dallas, sustained a hamstring injury this week. Center-guard Bill Nagy has a high left ankle sprain.

On his Twitter account, Holland wrote, "Well I don't think it will

work out being back in Dallas right now. Would love to be a Cowboy, but couldn't find middle ground."

To clear room on the roster for the two returning guards, the Cowboys released tight end John Nalbone and placed receiver Cole Beasley on the exempt-left squad list.

There were numerous reports that Beasley, a rookie free agent, has decided not to play. He took part in the walkthrough Friday morning, but wasn't at the afternoon practice.

Nalbone had already left camp to attend to what Garrett, without elaborating, called "a family situation."

Jones said he didn't know there was an issue with Beasley until the owner got to practice Friday. Garrett said he expected to have an update Saturday.

On top of all the interior line inju-

ries, the Cowboys have a new offensive line coach in Bill Callahan and their starting tackles have switched sides. Tyron Smith has moved to left tackle and Doug Free has gone back to the right side.

Even with their familiarity with the Cowboys, Dockery and Loper will be in store for some new wrinkles with Callahan.

"There's no question that's a negative factor for those guys," Garrett said. "Because Bill has really emphasized how he wants to do things technically and there are some changes in what we're doing with our protections and our run game, so some of that stuff, they're not familiar with, but I think more than anything else, it's snaps in NFL games that's a real advantage for those guys."

## Hamilton clarifies comments

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Texas Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton has tried to clarify his recent cryptic comments about being disobedient.

Hamilton, who has been in a prolonged slump, talked about disobedience in a pregame interview with reporters last weekend. But Hamilton, whose past

struggles with drugs and alcohol are well known, didn't get into specifics. He said then it was frustrating not to be able to share everything.

On Friday, he released a statement in response "to the speculation" since his earlier comments.

"I felt it was important to clarify what the issue was to which I was referring, both personally and professionally. The issue is discipline," his statement read. "Professionally, it's been plate discipline. Personally, it's been being obedient to the Lord in quitting chewing tobacco."

Hamilton is hitting .201 since June 1, dropping his average 84 points to .284 overall going into Friday night's game at Kansas City. He had 29 home runs and led the majors with 88 RBIs in 96 games.

In late June, Hamilton said he was trying again to stop using tobacco. He said that habit began when he was about 20, about the same time he tried drugs and alcohol for the first time after being the first overall draft pick.

"I was hesitant to address the tobacco once again, because it's an area that I've struggled with trying to quit in the past," Hamilton said in his statement. "I wanted to have some time of success under my belt before addressing again publicly, but feel I haven't been given that option."

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# Report: TCU QB Pachall told police he failed drug test, smoked marijuana

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — TCU starting quarterback Casey Pachall admitted to police that he smoked marijuana and failed a drug test in February, two weeks before his roommate was arrested during a drug sting.

The revelation was in a Feb. 15 police report obtained Friday by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and first reported by TCU360.com, the university's student media website.

In an e-mailed statement to the Star-Telegram, TCU coach Gary Patterson said he was aware of Pachall testing positive Feb. 1. There was no indication if Pachall had or would be punished.

"I have always taken a very strong stand on student-athlete health and welfare. We have policies and educational programs in place to help guide our student-athletes," Patterson said in the statement.

"We are committed to helping them make healthy choices and have moved forward. We have had 25 drug tests in the last 18 months, including one by the NCAA at the Rose Bowl. We've had six drug tests since February."

TCU players are scheduled to report to campus Sunday for the start of fall practice. The Horned

Frogs are preparing for their first season in the Big 12 Conference.

Tanner Brock, then Pachall's roommate, and three other TCU football players were among students arrested Feb. 15 by Fort Worth police after a six-month drug sting. All four arrested players were kicked off the team, and have received probation after pleading guilty to marijuana delivery charges.

Melody McDonald, a spokeswoman for Tarrant County prosecutors, said last month that linebacker Brock, defensive tackle, D.J. Yendrey and offensive lineman Tyler Horn, all 21, had pleaded guilty. McDonald said the convictions would be cleared from their records if they complete probation, which is common for first-time offenders.

Brock got four years' probation while Yendrey and Horn each got three years.

The Star-Telegram said cornerback Devin Johnson pleaded guilty Friday to three charges of delivery of marijuana and received three years' deferred adjudication probation, according to the Tarrant County district attorney's office.

In a supplement that is part of the Feb. 15 police report, an offi-

cer wrote of details of his interview with Pachall on the night that Brock was arrested at the Fort Worth house they shared.

When the officer asked Pachall if he had ever used narcotics, the report said the player replied that he had, and had smoked marijuana as recently as a week or two prior to that night.

"Due to Casey being a student athlete at TCU I asked if they receive any drug test," the report read. "Casey replied they do and that he failed their most recent one which was right after he had smoked marijuana last. Casey stated that he smoked marijuana maybe a day or two prior to the test."

The report said that Pachall also stated that he used cocaine and ecstasy in the previous year, but said "Both were just a one-time thing and (he) hasn't done either since."

Police released Pachall while Brock was taken away from the residence in a police car.

Pachall set school records with 2,921 passing yards and 228 completions as a sophomore last season.

He also threw 25 touchdowns in his first season as the starter replacing Andy Dalton, who started last season as a rookie for the Cincinnati Bengals.

# U.S. men survive first test, defeat Lithuania

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. men's basketball team survived its first test of the Olympics Saturday, beating Lithuania 99-94 after trailing in the fourth quarter.

Two nights after beating Nigeria by 83 points and scoring an Olympic-record 156 points, the Americans didn't take the lead for good until Chris Paul's 3-pointer with 5:38 remaining.

LeBron James took over late, scoring eight of his 20 points in the fi-

nal four minutes to help the Americans remain unbeaten and avoid their first loss in the Olympics since falling to Argentina in the 2004 semifinals. Carmelo Anthony also scored 20 and Kevin Durant had 16.

The U.S. could never gain control of the game, leading just 55-51 at half-time after a poor defensive effort and yielding 58 percent shooting for the game.

Linus Kleiza led Lithuania with 25 points.

# Canseco signs with Texas team

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — Jose Canseco has signed with the Rio Grande Valley WhiteWings of the North American Baseball League on Friday, and is expected to play Saturday night against McAllen.

The 48-year-old Canseco hit 462 home runs in 18 seasons in the majors and was the 1988 AL MVP. He later admitted using performance-enhancing drugs.

Earlier this season,

Canseco played in 20 games for the Worcester Tornadoes in the Canadian-American Association. Last year, he hit .256 with eight home runs and 46 RBIs as a player-manager for the North American Baseball League's Yuma Scorpions.

The signing comes three days after Canseco filed for bankruptcy protection in Nevada. The filing lists less than \$21,000 in assets.

# RANGERS

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at the wall in right field brought home Kinsler.

"We caught a break there on Cruz," Yost said. "In Texas that ball is out of here. It's in the seats. He gave up the second run on a curveball up just a little bit. It wasn't a hor-

rible pitch, just a little up. He went after them."

Guthrie threw only 11 strikes in 25 pitches that inning.

"The first inning I was up in the zone a little," Guthrie said.

"After that I was getting that feeling, making better pitches. I was trying to make close pitches and make the best pitches. In the first, I didn't really have the feel to

make the best pitches. I just need to locate better."

The Royals tied it in the second when they loaded the bases with no outs. Salvador Perez started it with a single, Francoeur walked and Eric Hosmer beat out an infield single. Yuniesky Betancourt, however, grounded into a double play with Perez scoring.

The Rangers took the lead in the fourth, which Beltre

opened with a single, advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored on David Murphy's single. Murphy is hitting .396 with 32 RBIs in 53 at-bats with runners in scoring position.

"I was surprised (Murphy) took a swing at it, it was such a bad pitch, but I made my own mess by leaving the ball up in the zone," Guthrie said.

The Royals chased Harrison in the seventh. Chris

Getz and Alex Gordon had two-out infield singles. After Alcides Escobar's run-scoring single, Tanner Scheppers replaced Harrison, who held the Royals to two runs and eight hits.

Betancourt's two-out double in the eighth scored Francoeur with the final Royals run.

Alexi Ogando worked a 1-2-3 ninth for his second save in five opportunities.



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Top: Judge Sylvia Chavez sworn in four new CASA volunteers this week. She is shown presenting Rachel Rogers with a certificate recognizing her as a CASA volunteer.

Above: One of the 40 hang glider pilots that were in town last week for the U.S. National Hang gliding Competition is shown taking off on one of the daily tasks at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Left: Seniors in the community are now able to take advantage of a low impact water exercise at the Big Spring Family Aquatic Center each Tuesday from 11 a.m. until noon. Admission is \$4.

Bottom left: Several kids took part in the recent Kid's Klub — Flight School at Hangar 25 Air Museum. Students learned about the Hangar's history, pilots and were privileged to hear three guest speakers.

Below: Nick Reyna and Fred Rubio perform annual maintenance to the symbol of Big Spring, the lighted poinsettia, to which the state of Texas awarded Big Spring the title as the Capitol of Texas Lighted Poinsettia. The poinsettia, a welcoming symbol along Interstate 20, is placed under the white water tower and can be seen illuminated after dark.



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## Wedding

Ms. Larissa Gail Adkins and Mr. John Francis Fletcher were united in marriage June 22, 2012, at 5 p.m. in Wailea, Hawaii on the island of Maui. The ceremony was on a hill above the Pacific Ocean located outside of Gannon's Restaurant. Leslie Adkins, brother of the bride, officiated at the ceremony. There were twenty-two guests in attendance and numerous close friends and family were able to watch the ceremony via the restaurant's live feed through their web-camera.

The bride is the daughter of Lila Adkins of Big Spring and the late Larry Adkins. She is the granddaughter of Evelyn Adkins of Stanton. Other grandparents are the late Lawrence Adkins of Stanton and Floyd Williams and Ima Dell Williams of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Shirley Fletcher of Lillian, Ala. and the late James Fletcher. He is the grandson of the late Ernest and Mary Fletcher and Lester and Flossie Milk, all of New York state.

Matrons of honor were Kellie Adkins of Houston and Sara Adkins of Carrollton. Both are sisters-in-law of the bride. Gerald Milek of Houston was Best Man and an usher. He is the best friend of the groom. Landon Adkins of Carrollton was a Groomsman and an usher. He is a brother of the bride.

The bride wore a champagne and ivory slim silhouette gown with a beaded lace bodice and pleated tiers of tulle that merged to create a timeless look with a chapel train. She wore white orchids in her hair. She carried a bouquet of pink, purple and green tropical flowers with peacock feathers as accents.

A hometown wedding reception was held Saturday afternoon, July 28, 2012, at the fellowship hall of Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas. Tables were decorated in the bride's colors of black and turquoise with centerpieces of hot pink flowers and peacock feathers.

Larissa is a graduate of Big Spring High School. She completed her Bachelor's degree at Texas A&M University, her MBA at Texas Tech University, and her Medical Degree at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Medicine. In June 2012 she



Mr. and Mrs. John Francis Fletcher

completed pediatric residency in the UT Medical System in Houston and will begin her Pediatrics practice in Houston.

John is a graduate of Whitney Point High School in Whitney Point, New York. He completed a Bachelor's and Masters of Accounting at Auburn University in Auburn, Ala. He is employed by Ascend Performance Materials of Houston, Texas, as an accountant in charge of Financial Information Technology Development.

After a honeymoon to Kauai, Hawaii, the couple made their home in Houston, Texas.

## 45th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs.  
Jones



Then

Hebrew Jones Jr. and Vivian (Bledsoe) Jones quietly observed their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary July 28, 2012, at Moss Creek Ranch.

The celebration was attended by all of Hebrew and Vivian's children, grandchildren, as well as several other members of their families and friends.

Their grandsons are Da'Mareon and Sareem; granddaughters are Megan Jones of Arlington,

Brittany Thompson of Arlington, Lamesaha McDowell of Elizabeth Town, N.C. Justice and Jazmine Jones of Big Spring.

Their daughters Minnie Jones of Carrollton, Monique Thompson of Arlington and Marquel Jones of Big Spring.

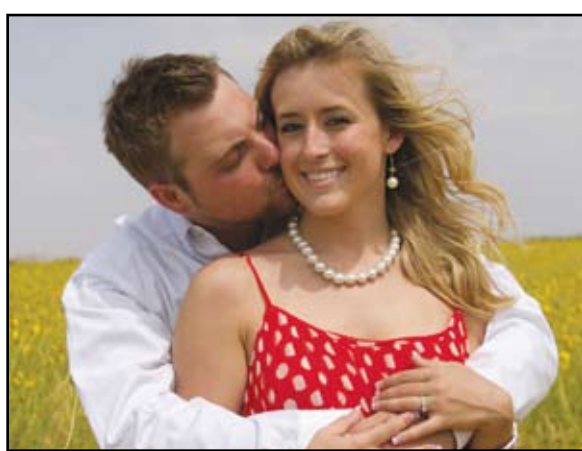


Now

Their son Bruce and his wife Kimberly Jones of Arlington. Grandchildren, Justice, Da'Mareon and Jazmine attend Marcy Elementary.

Hebrew and Vivian were married July 28, 1967 in Big Spring. Hebrew retired from Alon USA in 2001 and Vivian retired from Big Spring State Hospital in 1997 and MHMR in 1999. They continue to spend retirement traveling and enjoying families and their church ministry.

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Here are my questions for those female readers: How big is your rear end? Do you have numerous health issues that make your partner think he is living in a nursing home? Are you out of shape and overweight because you sit, eat and watch TV all day? Do you snore, keeping your partner up most of the night?

I could go on, but I think you get the point. In my opinion, 80 percent of females over the age of 30 are overweight, and a good percentage are obese. Let's face it. They are not sexy.

So, after 30-plus years of marriage, you look at your spouse, and what else can I say? I know men have issues, too, but we don't all need to have our testosterone checked if we are not intimately excited by our mate. This does not mean we don't still love them. — Bob (*Location Secret for Obvious Rea-*



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sons)

**Dear Bob:** Well, you are certainly frank. But the majority of our sex-deprived male readers have let us know that they would rather be intimate with their 50-plus wives than with anyone else. They want the affection that intimacy provides, regardless of body shape or age. But we are certain you will have provoked our readers, who will be eager to set you straight, so ... let the games begin.

**Dear Annie:** I have a very close family. We are not perfect, but we try to be there for one another when it counts. My in-laws are a different story. They are very self-absorbed.

In my family, when someone is seriously ill or hurt, we call and visit and try to help. But when I had surgery, and again when my husband was sick, my in-laws didn't even phone. In the 20 years that I have known them, they have never done anything remotely thoughtful for us.

When we first married, I tried to be positive by saying they are simply different. I told myself that I owe them my respect because they are my husband's family. I never complained about them. However, as the years passed, it's become harder to tolerate their behavior, and I can no longer hold in my feelings. My husband still thinks we should have his parents over for dinner and holidays, but

it's hard to be around them for an hour, much less an entire evening.

Am I being unfair to my husband? I'm trying to follow your advice and find something to like about my in-laws, and I simply cannot. Could you help me handle it better? — N.Y. Wife

**Dear Wife:** The only thing you need to like about your in-laws is that they raised your husband, whom you love. And it's possible that their lack of consideration is less about not caring and more about not knowing how to behave appropriately. Please continue to invite them for holidays and an occasional dinner out of respect for your husband, and work on finding a calm place in your head.

**Dear Annie:** Here's a tip for "J," who asked whether she had to tip the grocery store clerk for help while shopping with her two small children.

Our daughter solved this problem by parking next to the cart return. When she comes out of the store, she can put the kids into the car and return her cart without worry. — Grandma in Illinois

*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.*

Who's Who



Chase Billings

Chapel.

Chase has earned 21 merit badges and the Order of the Arrow.

He has served in many of the positions in Troop 5. His Eagle project consisted of retiring of the American flag.

Chase and his troop members collected flags that were worn out and prepared them for retiring and had a ceremony at Camp Thomas in Big Spring.

He has recently moved to Cotulla from Big Spring. He was a member of Steer Band, football and track.

He went to state for UIL math and science fair project.

He was an active member of the College Baptist youth department.

His other interests

include computers and computer games, camping and sports.

Chase will be a member of the Cotulla High School Band and a trainer for the Cotulla Football team in the new school year.

Chase is the son of Kevin and Karin Billings of Cotulla.

He is the grandson of Jim and Robbie Billings, Vonnie and Dorothy Downey of Big Spring.

Chase Billings of Troop 5 has earned his Eagle Scout Award, the highest award given by the Boy Scouts of America.

The 14-year-old Cotulla freshman will be honored with a court of honor and reception Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012 at First Baptist Church



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# McKay named to serve on social workers board

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring resident G. Arthur McKay was recently named to one of 11 positions on the Texas Chapter of National Association of Social Workers board.

McKay was named as the Region 9 board member and will serve in that position for the next three years. According to Vicki Hansen, executive director of NASW/Texas, McKay is the first resident of Big Spring — to her knowledge — to be nominated and placed in the position.

“We are very delighted to have a person with his experience and integrity who will be helping provide guidance for

the next three years,” Hansen said.

McKay is retired from the Office of Dispute Resolution and has served in several other leadership positions. Some of his experience includes VA team leader at the Vet Center for four years, member of the Department of Defense for the United States Army, clinical director of Hanau military community and VA retired annuitant.

“The nominations go through a process and McKay was chosen due to his vast experience in clinical practices, involvement with the veterans administration and his reputation in the local community,” Hansen said.

In his nomination re-



McKay

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Some of the focuses of the National Association of Social Workers/Texas Chapter include:

- raise reimbursement rates for clinical social workers; establish pay levels of public sector entry-level baccalaureate social workers that are comparable to public sector entry-level baccalaureate teacher pay levels.
- establish social work center for workforce studies.
- create social worker loan repayment program.
- fund research and expand programs at Texas schools of social work.
- include social workers as providers of any and all services for which they are trained.
- establish status and protections for school social workers in the Texas Education Code and for social workers/victim's services providers in the Texas Penal Code.
- work with our partners and coalitions to ensure appropriate funding for health and human service programs in the state budget.
- hire and protect licensed professionals in state agencies and non-profits; employ effective retention strategies for social workers in Protective Services entry-level positions.
- enact liability protections for social workers who serve as volunteers during a disaster.

sponse statement, McKay stated his experienced as a social worker since 1967 would be applied in the position if selected.

“I have supervised

and trained personnel in social work since 1973,” McKay said. “The conclusion drawn is that ethics is the ‘spinal

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# Energy Watch



**Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wells Fargo Advisors Midland office.**

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



We are reaching the end of July and the summer is beginning to wind down. Many in the U.S. financial community take much of the month of August as vacations. The Europeans take the entire month off. In most years, the prevailing theory is that markets will be quiet as few decision makers are actually in the office. The junior staff will be running most of the big trading desks in New York and London and they do not want to make any costly mistakes; they will mostly just be filling customer orders.

But is August always quiet? Will this August be different? Thin trading volume and a lack of interested participants can easily add up to unexpected large moves in the financial markets when headlines hit the tape. And if recent history is any indication, there is a high probability that breaking news could come from any number of areas around the globe. But the timing of market moving headlines is tough to predict. We can make an educated guess that the funding crisis in Spain or Italy will get worse over the next six weeks or that the building civil strife in Syria might spill over into a more regional problem in the Middle East. Or we could guess that economic reports coming out of China will improve in the very near term.

Also keep in mind that the campaign season will be kicking into high gear next month. The Republican convention will be held at the end of August, followed by the Democrat's convention the first week in September. This promises to be a bloody and contentious election season and the financial markets are bound to swing to some extent based on the media polls.

But the S&P 500 Index has been trapped in a tight trading range for the last six weeks. It seems likely that over the next month or so some news item or a group of new headlines will push the Index toward either the early April highs or the more recent early June lows. We continue to believe that any push down toward those lows should be viewed as a buying opportunity. The economic recoveries in the United States and for most of the world, based on our work, should continue at a modest pace. We expect inflation to stay subdued. Stock can move higher under those conditions. We would not advise traders to chase the market on any rally toward the highs seen earlier in the year but those investors with a 9+ month outlook can continue to build positions in quality companies. We are comfortable with our year end target range of 1400-14500 for the S&P 500.

So while many investors will be spending the month of August at the beach, the financial markets will not necessarily wait for vacations to end and the kids to be back in school before making a material move. We look for volatility to increase as we move into the fall and buying opportunities to be created. Do not get too complacent, the summer doldrums could suddenly come to an end when most market participants least expect it.

*Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was produced on July 25 by Scott Wren, Wells Fargo Advisors senior equity strategist, and provided courtesy of Bhupen Agrawal, managing director - branch manager of Wells Fargo Advisors' Midland office, at 432 684-7335. The material has been prepared or is distributed solely for informational purposes and is not a solicitation or an offer to buy or sell any security, or instrumental to participate in any trading strategy. Additional information is available upon request.*

# Collision Center a top UHAUL dealer

Herald Staff Report

Crossroads Collision Center, located at 1609 E. Fourth St., took over the UHAUL authorized dealership in Big Spring three months ago.

The center, owned by Matt Dahmer, was awarded as one of the top 100 dealerships in June. Only two percent of dealers reach that accomplishment with

UHAUL and are more than 15,000 dealers in North America.

Overseeing the UHAUL operations is Vicki Dahmer, who directly assists those who are moving in and out of the area.

Crossroads Collision Center has been a locally owned business for almost two years.

For more information on UHAUL or the center, call 432-264-1490.

# Routine business for EDC

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Staff Writer

It was all business at the recent Big Spring Economic Development Corporation board meeting.

The board met Monday after having rescheduled its meeting which was to be held last Tuesday, the same evening as the city council meeting regarding the possibility of the removal of board members and the discussion of changing the EDC from a 4A to a 4B organization.

Discussion items and action items included usual housekeeping, approval of minutes, May and June financials and investment reports and consideration

of goals for 2012-2013.

Rodney Bomar, secretary/treasurer, presented the financials, reporting the April sales tax at \$145,830.32, a 17 percent increase over last April and \$164,387.68 for the month of May which put the numbers a shade higher with 18.8 percent of a year to date increase.

The net income, after the expenditures, for May was reported at \$123,668.61. The net revenue was sitting at \$43,414.68 for the period running from Oct. 2011 through May 2012.

“The bulk of that net revenue was made from expenditures made on behalf of economic developments,” Bomar said.

A short update on the progress of Leading EDG was provided by Matty McLain and delivered by BSEDC Executive Director Terry Wegman.

“Matty is always getting new clients, but he also spends a good portion of his time with previous clients he has worked with,” Wegman said.

Leading EDG — formerly known as Entrepreneur Alliance, a business consulting program aimed at helping people turn their dreams into reality — is a free service to the community through funding by the BSEDC. The program started in Feb-

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# Anthrax case confirmed in sheep in Irion County

AUSTIN — A yearling female sheep in West Texas has been diagnosed with anthrax. This is the second confirmed case of anthrax in a Texas animal for 2012 and the first in livestock this year. The infected sheep was located near Mertzon, Texas (Irion County), approximately 26 miles southwest of San Angelo. The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) has quarantined the premises. TAHC regulations require vaccinations of exposed livestock and proper disposal of carcasses before a quaran-

tine can be released. Anthrax is a bacterial disease caused by *Bacillus anthracis*, a naturally occurring organism with worldwide distribution, including Texas. It is not uncommon for anthrax to be diagnosed in livestock or wildlife in the southwestern part of the state. Basic sanitation precautions such as hand washing, wearing



TOMMY YEATER

long sleeves and gloves can prevent accidental spread of the bacteria to people if handling affected livestock

or carcasses.

Acute fever followed by rapid death with bleeding from body openings are all common signs of anthrax in livestock. Carcasses may also appear bloated and appear to decompose quickly. Livestock or animals displaying symptoms consistent with anthrax should be reported to a private practitioner or TAHC official.

“The TAHC will continue to closely monitor the situation for possible new cases across the state. Producers are encouraged to consult with their veterinary practitioner or local TAHC office about the

disease and about preventative measures such as vaccination of livestock,” Dr. Dee Ellis, state veterinarian, said.

For more information regarding anthrax, contact your local TAHC region or 1-800-550-8242 or visit [www.tahc.state.tx.us](http://www.tahc.state.tx.us).

The Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals and exotic livestock.

*Tommy Yeater is an AgriLife extension agent for Howard County. He can be reached at 432-264-2236.*

**Dr. Steele sole finalist**

Dr. Doug Steele has been named sole finalist for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service director position.

Texas A&M University regents may consider approving Steele for the position after the 21 days required by state law for public notice of the appointment with the Texas Secretary of State.

“Dr. Steele returns to his roots in Texas with a wealth of experience that comes from his varied roles in education and administration across the nation,” said Dr. Mark Hussey, vice chancellor and dean of agriculture and life sciences. “His proven leadership and communication style will be critical to future success in securing funding, creating partnerships and growing collaborations for A&M AgriLife efforts.”



**Public Records**

**Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:**

Amanda Nicole Bair, 1103 E. 15th St., Big Spring  
Jessica Lynn Banks, CR 1200, Lubbock  
Nancy Ramirez Banuelos, 1515 A Sycamore, Big Spring  
Johnny Barraza, 429 Westover, Big Spring  
Bobby Gene Bricker, 1909 Alabama, Big Spring  
Vanessa Malu Calderon, 1506 Kentucky Way, Big Spring  
Charles Campanella, 2511 Fisher St., Big Spring  
Charles Elvis Carroll, 529 Westover Apt. 11, Big Spring  
Donald Cervantes, 1211 Lloyd, Big Spring  
Trystan Taelor Cevallos, 3912 E. Hwy. 350, Big Spring  
Crisleda Chavera, 1601 Grand Ave., Sweetwater  
Melissa Crawford, 1207 Mulberry, Big Spring  
Julie E. Davis, 5202 Bangor Ave. Apt. K301, Lubbock  
Stefan Deal, 102 Casie Ln. Apt. 1, Fort Worth  
Manuel Delosrios, 707 Lorilla, Big Spring  
Delores Dohnalik, 1500 Stones Throw, Horseshoe Bay  
Virginia Louisa Duenez, 6412 N. Co. Rd. 25, Big Spring  
Josepy James Eckert, 1123 Newhaven Trail, Pearland  
Maria Luisa Elizondo, 603 S. Second, Meadow  
Kristi L. Elliot, 603 E. 12th St., Big Spring  
John Randall Evatt, 4301 W. 49th St. Apt. 329, Amarillo  
Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa  
Joey Lee Garcia, 3102 Ave. C, Snyder  
Joe Nick Garfias Jr., of 1309 Runnels, Big Spring  
Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second, Stanton  
Joseph Blake Gist, 3500 Cedar Run, Abilene

Roxanne Deanda Gonzales, 539 Westover Apt. 211, Big Spring  
Eunice Torres Gonzalez, 7311 Westmoor, Odessa  
Robert Earl Green II, 2512 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Kimberly Hargrove, PO Box 1985, Big Spring  
Gloria Annette Henry, 100 Ash, Coahoma  
Ruby G. Hernandez, 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 48, Big Spring  
Ashley Rae Hodge, 3214 Drexel, Big Spring  
Danny Holt, of 125 Farney Rd., Lorena  
Kenneth Lloyd Hopper, 2011 W. Highway 80, Big Spring  
Bradley Ryan Horton, of Linda Lane, Big Spring  
Dana Michelle Hudgins, P.O. Box 837, Coahoma  
Regina Hunt, 804 Longhorn, Welch  
Ashley Nicole Islas, 1104 Wood, Big Spring  
Justin Lee Jernigan, 2302 Lynn, Big Spring  
Lonnie Malcolm Johnson, 1211 Ridgeroad, Big Spring  
Terry Lee Johnson, 4802 S. Co. Rd. 1200, Midland  
Donald Jones, 3718 Ave. V, Snyder  
Jesse Campbell Lockett, 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 141, Big Spring  
James Elijah Marlow, 2001 Runnels, Big Spring  
Todd Vincent Martin, 409 Woodcrest, Midland  
Joe Martinez, 2525 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Manuel Martinez Jr., 702 NE Iowa, Lamesa  
Ronnie Trevino Martinez, 1109 E. 11th place, Big Spring  
Cory James Michalewicz, 1106 Briscoe Cove, Hutto  
Chelsea Kristyne Millspaugh, 7403 N. Service Road, Big Spring  
Agustine Mendez Moreno, 1303 Mulberry, Big Spring  
Jose Munoz III, 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 7, Big Spring  
Tammy Jean Newton, 600 E. 17th, Big Spring

John Randall O'Harrow, 107 S. Main, Big Spring  
Abigail Lynn Ortega, 700 E. 17th St., Big Spring  
Arealle Ortega, 1902 S. Main, Big Spring  
James Michael Perez, 626 Tulane, Big Spring  
Fred Allen Perry, 1425 E. Sixth, Apt. 107, Big Spring  
Joshua Plaia, 1401 E. 18th, Big Spring  
Jarum Renee Pryor, 802 N. Plaza, Big Lake  
Bobbie Ann Ritchie, 803 St. Francis, Stanton  
Michael Neal Roberts, 538 Westover, Apt. 103, Big Spring  
Mary Lopez Rodriguez, 1518 Kentucky Way, Big Spring  
Olivia Rosa Rodriguez, 1201 Settles, Big Spring  
Roberta Garza Rodriguez, 1103 Stanford, Big Spring  
Lisa J. Rubio, 1303 Sycamore, Big Spring  
Melissa Rodriguez Ruiz, 303 N.E. 11th St., Big Spring  
Anastasia Clarice Sanders, 1401 Culpepper Ave., Wilson  
Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 E. Davis Rd., Big Spring  
Kennedra Wynell Shelton, 400 N. Fourth, Corsicana  
Amy Leigh Shifflett, 209 N. Main, Coahoma  
Charles Ray Smith, 2911 W. Highway 80, Apt. 155, Big Spring  
Tiffany Katherine Stokes, 1407 E. 19th St., Big Spring  
Desiree Marie Thompson, 406 E. Marcy Dr., Big Spring  
David Wayne Turner, 3204 Irving, Snyder  
Abram Unger, 503 NE Fourth, Seminole  
Brittania Kay Upchurch, 4303 Princeton, Midland  
Alonzo Vasquez, 306 W. Seventh St., Iraan  
Anthony A. Vasquez, 710 Willia, Big Spring  
Timothy Shea Wargo, 624 State, Big Spring  
Charles Watson, 804 W. I-20 Apt. 127, Big Spring  
Thomas Weeks, P.O.

Box 110891, Anchorage, Alaska  
Linda Cortez White, 400 College, Coahoma  
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 28, Big Spring  
Calvin Williams, 1313 Mulberry, Big Spring  
Frances Elena Yanez, 1610 Cardinal, Big Spring  
Dennis Anthony Zaragoza, 4534 Sinclair, Big Spring  
Mary Esther Zubiate, 1103 S. 11th Place, Big Spring  
**District Court Filings:**  
In Re Patton Inez Marie Permenter, family.  
In Re Kinsley Rae Kirby, family.  
In Re Ayden Christopher Barnes, family.  
Ex Parte Jon Lloyd McLeod, bail reduction.  
James Clinton Turney vs. Jane Ellen Turney, divorce.  
Guadalupe Calderon Garcia vs. Francisco Garcia, divorce.  
Devoun Blount vs. Jeremy Blount, divorce.  
Jo Ann Franks vs. Erik Sherod Franks, protective order.  
Krystle Lopez vs. Joe Albert Canales, protective order.  
**Marriage Licenses:**  
Keith Ray Fontana, 39, and Isabel Vitela, 41, both of Big Spring.  
Nathaniel Devon Lang, 18, and Brooke Lynn Rios, 23, both of Big Spring.  
Terry S. Webb, 51, and Karry L. Alberts, 55, both of Big Spring.  
Dean Paul Camden, 22, and Amanda Leigh Taylor, 24, both of Big Spring.  
Danny O. Isbell, 36, and Karissa N. Denton, 28, both of Big Spring.  
Ronald Lee Moncado, 47, and Delilah Librada Soto, 40, both of Big Spring.  
**Warranty Deeds:**  
Grantor: Jesilin Rigano and Hayward Rigano  
Grantee: Carol Ste-

phens Rev. Trust  
Property: The W/40 feet of Lot 5, Block 14, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: May 8, 2012  
Grantor: Advantage Equity Funding LLC  
Grantee: Luis C. Flores and Audrey Freitag  
Property: Lot 2, Block 1, North Side Addition  
Date: May 8, 2012  
Grantor: Peggy Christian  
Grantee: Alberta Martinez  
Property: A 1.65-acre tract out of Section34, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: July 17, 2012  
Grantor: Jacques Roy  
Grantee: Big Spring ISD  
Property: Lot 11, Block 5, Monticello Addition  
Date: July 16, 2012  
Grantor: B&B Investment  
Grantee: Bobby Baker  
Property: Lot 14, Block 1, McEwen Addition  
Date: May 1, 2012  
Grantor: Ruth G. Murchison  
Grantee: Murchison-Guitar Family LP  
Property: Sections1-30, Block A, B&C Survey  
Date: April 30, 2012  
Grantor: Rosendo Franco  
Grantee: Jose Bustamante  
Property: Lots 4-5, Block 4, Lakeview Addition  
Date: April 30, 2012  
**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:**  
Grantor: James Lingnau  
Grantee: Karl Wayne Platte  
Property: Lot 10, Block 1, Harvey's Subdivision  
Date: July 19, 2012  
Grantor: A.J. Pirkle and Debie Pirkle  
Grantee: Joel DeLaGarza and Kelli DeLaGarza  
Property: Lot 11, Block

7, Highland South Addition No. 6  
Date: June 15, 2012  
Grantor: Patti King  
Grantee: Heather C. Keesee  
Property: Lot 8, Block 16, Kentwood Unit No. 2  
Date: June 26, 2012  
Grantor: Claven C. Larson  
Grantee: Sammy Rodriguez Sr. Augustina Rodriguez  
Property: The N/13 feet of Lot 9 and all of Lot 10, Block 8, North Belvue Addition  
Date: June 22, 2012  
Grantor: Johnnie Leon Hobbs and Frances Hobbs  
Grantee: David Burris and Kandi Burris  
Property: Lot 10, Block 37, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: May 1, 2012  
Grantor: Belarmino Gonzalez and Willy Gonzalez  
Grantee: Hugo Hildago and Anna Morales  
Property: Lots 3-4, Block 44, town of Forsan  
Date: April 30, 2012  
Grantor: Stanley S. Phillips and Verlinda Phillips  
Grantee: Matthew Radzavich  
Property: Lot 6, Block 8, Coronado Hills  
Date: April 30, 2012  
Grantor: Amy Leggett and Ronnie Osborn  
Grantee: Ray Deleon and Victoria Deleon  
Property: Lot 10, Block 5, Parkhill Addition  
Date: July 19, 2012  
Grantor: Donnie Reid  
Grantee: Chad Kemper and Ashley Kemper  
Property: A tract out of Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: July 19, 2012

**U.S. hiring picks up in July with 163,000 jobs added**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers added 163,000 jobs in July after three months of sluggish hiring, a pleasant surprise that could signal the U.S. economy may be resilient enough to shake off a midyear slump. The economy has added an average of 151,000 jobs a month this year, although that's not been enough to drive down the unemployment rate, which ticked up to 8.3 percent from 8.2 percent in June. The Labor Department's

July employment report did little to settle the political debate about the economy, with Obama administration officials and Gov. Mitt Romney seizing on the latest data to bolster their campaigns with less than four months to go until Election Day. Before Friday's report, economists were increasingly worried that a slowdown in hiring and growth from April through June could get worse and develop into something more long-lasting. Now

they are breathing easier. "After a string of disappointing economic reports ... we'll certainly take it," said James Marple, senior economist at TD Economics. Stocks rose sharply in midday trading. The Dow Jones industrial average added 247 points to 13,126, while the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 28 points to 1,393. The government uses two surveys to measure employment trends. Hiring is measured through a survey of

businesses. The unemployment rate comes from a survey of households and is calculated by dividing the number of people who say they are unemployed by the size of the labor force. In July, more people said they were unemployed, while the size of the labor force shrank. Economists say the business survey is more reliable. A better outlook on hiring could make the Federal Reserve reluctant to take more action to spur growth. The Fed, which ended a two-

day policy meeting Wednesday, signaled in a statement a growing inclination to take further steps if hiring doesn't pick up. But some economists say the job gains need to be greater for the Fed to hold off. Paul Ashworth, senior U.S. economist for Capital Economics, said July's job gains were a "vast improvement" over the past four months. Still, they were well below the average 252,000 jobs a month added from December through February.

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February and has since helped more than 50 clients, with several new businesses being the result. "I do believe this has been a great investment of the board's money," Wegman said. "He (Matty) really nurtures

and takes care of his clients." Before entering into executive session to discuss prospect activity and the executive director's annual evaluation, Wegman delivered the director's report. One of the bigger projects currently in the progress of coming to fruition is the Big Spring Rail Line through Transport Han-

dling Specialists. "I know I have said this a lot, but the locomotive is coming very soon. It is sitting on the tracks and waiting for a few small details to be taken care of and then will be attached to another locomotive and brought to Big Spring," Wegman said. "There have been a few unforeseen setbacks which have cause the arrival to be pushed

back, but THS said they are expecting it soon. "There has been a lot of activity and a lot of interest this past year and I think with this rail line coming that is going to remain consistent," he added. Contact Staff Writer Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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cord' in the profession of social work, this is followed by the necessity to obtain the resources to serve our clients/patients. We must focus our efforts with these concerns fixed in our minds."

McKay said he will strive to promote the "professional advancement" of social workers in West Texas. He is hoping it will afford him the opportunity to not only represent social workers, but also help improve their positions in order to help them better serve their clients. "One of those ways is

to try to promote and bring the social workers to a more equal pay grade," he said. According to McKay, 60 percent of mental health services are rendered by social workers. Those served are often times voiceless, such as children, disabled and the chronically ill. "If we don't improve, then you won't have

the needy public served in an adequate way," he said. "We are losing valuable people because they have obligations and they can't stay in this profession and fulfill those obligations." Contact Staff Writer Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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**Legals**

**Public Notice**

The County will list larger surplus items as they become available online at [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com). Please check the website periodically as the County will not advertise each item.  
#7362 August 5, 2012

**Legals**

**Small Taxing Unit Notice**

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 16, 2012 at 708 W. St. Peter Street, Stanton, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2012. The proposed tax rate is 0.007023 per \$100 of value.  
#7452 August 5 & 12, 2012

**Legals**

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#7453 August 5 and 8, 2012

**Legals**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Frances Jean Duncan Thomason, Deceased, were issued on July 26, 2012, in Cause No. P-14092, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Shirleen Brown and David Martin.

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.  
c/o **Shonda K. Folsom Attorney at Law**  
P.O. Box 2211  
Big Spring, Texas 79721  
DATED the 27th day of July, 2012.  
Shonda K. Folsom  
Attorney for Shirleen Brown and David Martin  
State Bar No. 24060918  
P.O. Box 2211  
Big Spring, TX 79721  
Telephone: (432)264-1800  
Facsimile: (432)264-0785.  
#7454 August 5, 2012

**Legals**

The Big Spring State Hospital Governing Body will convene an Executive Governing Body meeting at 8:30 a.m., Aug. 16, in the Big Spring State Hospital Professional Library Conference Room, 1901 N. Highway 87. Any citizen wishing to address the Governing Body must schedule an appointment through the Superintendent's office by calling (432)268-7222. Appointments must be scheduled no later than Aug. 13. Public comments are limited to three minutes and are scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. If you require special accommodations, please advise the Superintendent's office when scheduling your appointment. Written comments also may be submitted to Lesa Jaired, Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Highway 87, Big Spring, TX, 79720, or e-mailed to [alisa.jaired@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:alisa.jaired@dshs.state.tx.us). BSSH complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Titles VI and VII; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.  
#7459 August 5, 2012

**Legals**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LEVI PEARSON, Deceased, were issued on July 31, 2012, in Cause No. P-14093, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: BETTY L. PEARSON.

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.  
c/o: **BETTY L. PEARSON**  
1317 East 11th Place  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
DATED the 31st day of July, 2012.  
GLYNNA MOUTON  
Attorney for  
BETTY L. PEARSON  
State Bar No.: 14606500  
MOUTON & MOUTON, PC  
200 West Third Street  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Telephone: (432)263-8397  
Facsimile: (432)263-8686  
#7455 August 5, 2012

**Legals**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be considered from banking corporations incorporated under the laws of this state or the United States or a savings and Loan Association in this state, whose deposits are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, desiring to serve as depository for public funds for the calendar years of 2013 and 2014. The Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 5:15 P.M. in the District Board Room, 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas to open and consider awarding bids.

Applications submitted should be in accordance with Section 6.09, State Property Tax Code, and it is desired that same stipulate the percent of interest to be paid on time deposits.  
The Appraisal District Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
**BON BAKER, CHAIRMAN**  
#7458 August 5 & 12, 2012

**Dear Margo**

**A judgment call**

**Dear Margo:** I am a 74-year-old man; my wife is 71. Our children are married, and my wife and I thought our remaining years would be comfortable and quiet.

About a year ago, my 57-year-old niece was left homeless when my sister, her mother, with whom she lived, passed away. My sister's home was on a reverse mortgage, and the bank took it back.

I fixed up our basement as a small living area for her, and she seems comfortable and happy and is no trouble at all.

I have another niece, her sister, who has three late-teenage children, a girl and two boys. The younger boy she threw out of the house more than a year ago. He

now lives with her ex, his father. Her other son, 20, she has thrown out on several occasions. I don't know the circumstances. She knows how to push his buttons, and when he responds negatively, she throws him out. He currently is out again.

With the recent eviction, he had no place to go. His father declined getting involved, which meant leaving him on the streets. My live-in niece asked whether it would be OK if the young man could sleep at my home for one night, rather than being on the streets.

Needless to say, I agreed. Now it seems he has planted his roots for a long stay. To top it off, his mother has contacted him and told him she would still like to have a relationship with him, but she continues to push his buttons.

I don't know what my responsibility is regarding the young man. Should I let him stay, get him back to his mother, try to get them some type of counseling?

— *Confused*

**Dear Con:** You sound like a saint to me, and certainly you are more than gracious about having your quiet golden years made less quiet. The one thing I am sure of is that the mother is nitroglycerin for her sons, so forget about trying to fix that up or getting her into joint counseling. And I am wondering what the issues are with the kid you've got living there that made his father bow out.

If having this nephew in your house does not throw everything into a cocked hat, there must be rules. Counseling should be one of them, along with a job or school. For myself, I would be unhappy if a request for "just one night" turned into forever. Do what you feel you can for this young man, but do not sacrifice your life in the bargain. — *Margo, ambivalently*

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

The day gets off to a slow start as the Pisces moon goes void-of-course inducing a spacey, ethereal mood. Those who have the luxury of staying in the cozy warmth of dreams and bed for as long as possible will get the most out of the morning.

The arrival of the Aries moon later in the day brings a fresh infusion of vigor.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Today is mostly



HOLIDAY MATHIS

strengthening certain relationships while distancing yourself from the ties that either don't add much to — or seem to subtract something from — your life.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Wherever you go, you will long to feel at home. It may take more than the usual efforts to get comfortable. An excellent host will earn a place in your heart.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). When your problems get pushy, instead of pushing back, take a break to visit dreamland. Your dreams will float you above the situation, and from that aerial view, you will see options you couldn't see from the ground.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). If you're having fun, why cut yourself off? Let the fun play out to its natural conclusion. Who says success has to be all suffering, sweat and sacrifices? If you're enjoying yourself, you're winning.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Relationships get complicated temporarily. Writing about people you know will help you to understand them better and put you in touch

with your own feelings about them.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll enjoy an increased amount of control over people's perception of you. You'll hold back instead of rushing forward. You're building a mystery with all you keep in reserve.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's always fun to know what you want and go for it in a big way. The object of today's journey has a glittery appeal, and yet it will quickly wash out against the brightness of the journey itself.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll relate cautiously to others, partly due to your mood and partly because you sense that there is more to some people than they want you to know. Proceed observantly.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Fame and power are not your goals now, though they may come as a byproduct of your passion and dedication to the goal. You're more appealing because you don't care to whom you appeal.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll learn quickly because you're not worried about having

to get things right the first time. Nothing is forced. You simply allow your mind to absorb new knowledge.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you are engaged in what interests you the most, and that interest continues to feed you, it's love. Right now, this kind of love could be a stronger force in your life than romantic love with another person.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Drive is not a function of I.Q. Acquiring wealth has less to do with intelligence than it does inspiration. You will be as wealthy as you are inspired.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Aug. 5). It's your time to shine, and the truly supportive people in your life will encourage you not to back down or hide your light. Your interest changes in response to a soul awakening that occurs within 10 weeks. You'll have more attention than you know what to do with in October. Invest the gift you're given in November. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 6, 14, 38 and 22.

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**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**  
1 Musical that includes "The Ballad of Booth"  
10 "Ditto!"  
15 Emphatic rejection  
16 Joint tenant  
17 Annoying  
18 Guitar effect  
19 *Radiant Baby* artist  
20 Black \_\_\_  
22 E. Germany, to E. Germans  
23 Product of fusion  
24 Bose iPhone app  
27 Cologne turndown  
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31 Downhearted  
33 It has a head and hops  
34 Elf's transportation, in fantasy novels  
35 They're often stuffed at dinner  
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44 Book before Obadiah  
45 As Mencken might  
46 Name on the cover of *Favorite Haunts*  
47 King of Italy, 1805-1814  
49 Aspects  
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53 Possible substitute for "or"  
55 One who binds

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60 Where ice skates meet the ice  
61 Alley availability
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It's just a few drinks with dinner, or some wine to unwind at the end of the day — that's not a problem, right? For some women, it's not. But it's estimated that 5.3 million women in the U.S. drink in a way that threatens their health, safety and general well-being. It's a significant women's health issue that more people need to be made aware of.

### Women and Alcohol

When it comes to how the body responds to alcohol, men and women are decidedly different. Women are at greater risk for developing alcohol-related problems, and some of that is due to simple biology.

When alcohol passes through the digestive tract, it gets dispersed in your body's water. The more water available, the more diluted the alcohol gets. Alcohol also gets stored in body fat. Pound for pound, women have less water and more body fat than men do. So even with equal consumption, women's brains and other organs are exposed to more alcohol and more of the toxic byproducts formed when the body breaks down and eliminates alcohol.

This means that women get intoxicated faster than men do. Women also develop alcohol-related problems, as well as alcohol-related physical health problems, at lower doses and in less time than men.

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) says that women who develop alcoholism have death rates nearly 75 percent higher than male alcoholics. Death from alcohol-related accidents, heart disease, stroke, cirrhosis of the liver and suicide happens more frequently in women.

### Barriers to Getting Help

Even with such high risk factors and such dire consequences, fewer women than men are in alcohol treatment programs. While 75 percent of alcohol clients in U.S. treatment centers are men, only 25 percent are women, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Prevention (NIAAA).

"Women face some significant barriers to getting treatment," said Molly O'Neill, president and CEO of First Call, ([www.firstcallkc.org](http://www.firstcallkc.org)) an affiliate of NCADD based in Kansas City. "Lack of child care and limited financial resources are two of the biggest practical issues women face. They have a harder time paying for treatment costs and the child care they need in order to attend. And as the primary family caregivers, women have added responsibilities that make it harder to participate in regular treatment sessions."

The stigma of alcoholism is a unique barrier to women seeking help. "There are different social expectations for women," said O'Neill. "Women with substance abuse problems are treated much more harshly than men. If a drunk-driving accident is caused by a man, it's seen as unfortunate. But if it's caused

by a woman, particularly a mom, people tend to think, 'How could she do that? She's a mother!' One way we can help these women is to make sure people understand that alcoholism is not a character failing — it's an addictive disease that can be treated."

### Getting Help

The good news is that once in recovery, women are more likely to stick with it. There are plenty of opportunities available through organizations such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and the NCADD, which offer programs in most cities across the country. And many women take their first steps toward recovery by talking with their healthcare providers.

Addiction to alcohol doesn't just affect the user — it affects their families, significant others and friends. "Children of alcoholics have greater physical, emotional and behavioral problems than children of non-alcoholics, said O'Neill, "and they're three to four times more likely to abuse alcohol or other drugs themselves. That's why at First Call we offer programs for family members and friends impacted by a loved one's abuse, in addition to help for the one who is addicted."

To make getting access to help easier, and to help other human services agencies manage client care, First Call developed Community CareLink. This online program helps people connect with substance abuse professionals in a safe, secure way, and helps them stay on track with treatment plan goals and get the help they need. "We've found that women and children have trouble getting coordinated care," said O'Neill. "Community CareLink helps facilitate referrals and evaluations, and it gives people access to care they might not otherwise receive. We're very excited to share this program with agencies all across the country." (Learn more about Community CareLink at [www.mobilecl.org](http://www.mobilecl.org).)

Alcohol addiction is a serious health issue, particularly for women. If you even suspect a problem, don't wait to reach out. There is hope, help and healing for you and the women you love.

### What is a drink?

Do you really know how much you're drinking? You may think you only have a little wine with dinner, but you could be drinking more than what is recommended. Here is how the NIAAA defines "a drink":

- One 5-ounce glass of wine
- One 12-ounce bottle of beer
- 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits

### Ask yourself ...

- Do I drink when I feel depressed or stressed, hoping that it will make me feel better?
- Do I need a drink to feel more sociable?
- Am I more permissive with my children because I feel guilty about how I behaved while drinking?
- Do I ever wonder if anyone knows how much I drink?
- Have I tried to cover up when I couldn't remember promises, or felt ashamed when I have misplaced or lost things?

Answering yes to these types of questions can indicate you have a problem with alcohol.



### Where to Get Help

- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — Visit [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org), or call 212-870-3400. You can download the Steps Away smartphone app to help you find an AA meeting no matter where you are. Find it at [www.aastepsaway.com](http://www.aastepsaway.com), or [www.appbrain.com](http://www.appbrain.com).
- Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters — Offers support groups for spouses and other adults in an alcoholic person's life. Visit [www.al-anon.alateen.org](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org) for the free "Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism" magazine, or call 888-4AL-ANON.
- National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) — Visit [www.ncadd.org](http://www.ncadd.org), or call 800-NCA-CALL to find a local affiliate near you.
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism — Visit [www.RethinkingDrinking.niaaa.nih.gov](http://www.RethinkingDrinking.niaaa.nih.gov) to assess your drinking pattern and get tips for cutting down on drinking.



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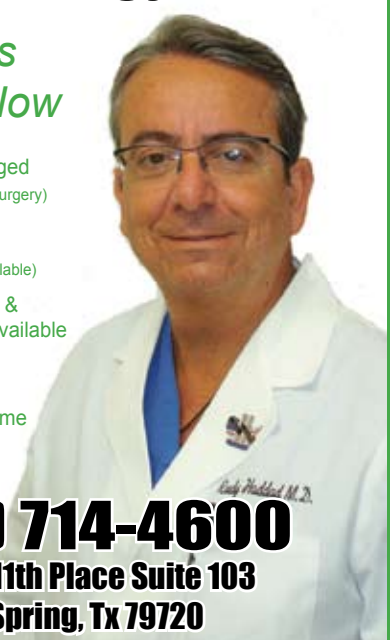
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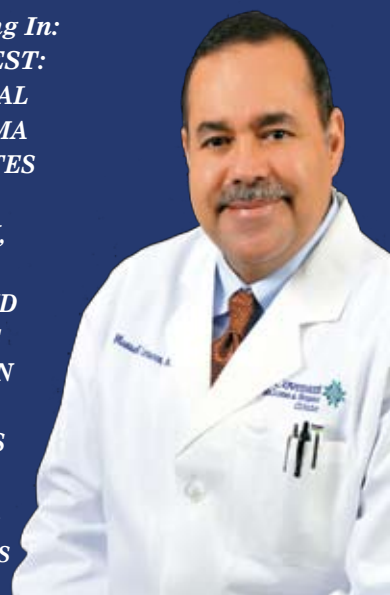
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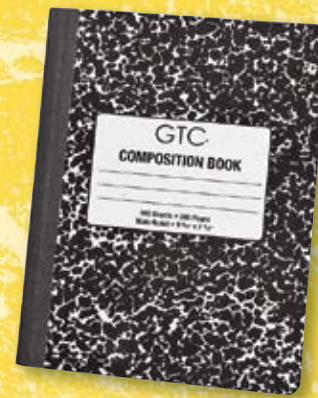
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