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## Triathlon starts swimmingly



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The fifth annual Comanche Warrior Triathlon began with participants taking a 500-meter swim in Comanche Trail Lake this morning. Other legs of the triathlon included a 30-kilometer bicycle ride and a 5-kilometer run.

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## Forsan mulls new campus

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

**FORSAN** — No one is using the words "bond election" just yet, but Forsan Independent School District officials are studying the very real possibility of asking voters to approve construction of a new elementary school.

When they meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration wing board room, FISD trustees will consider hiring a financial advisor to help them with details pertaining to a possible bond election which could

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## Make a bowl, help UW battle hunger

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Staff Writer

Let's make a bowl.  
 United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, with the help of Howard College and Big Spring Independent School District, is gearing up for the sixth year of Empty Bowls, which is set for Nov. 15 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.  
 Empty Bowls is one of the signature fund-raising events for the annual United Way campaign, officials said.

"This was something that got started because Ken McIntosh had an idea that he thought could benefit the people in the Big Spring community," UW Executive Director Sandy Stewart said. "It is a way to get involved, be creative, bring attention to the hunger issue while trying to find a



Stewart

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## Hearings Monday for county budget, tax rate

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are set to hold public hearings Monday morning concerning the proposed 2012-2013 tax rate and budget, as the county looks to move forward with its fiscal plan for the coming year.

According to County Auditor Jackie Olson, commissioners will propose a tax rate of 33 cents per \$100 valuation.

County records show 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.

Olson said the proposed rate — which is slightly less than the rollback rate — will generate \$753,000 more tax dollars for the county than last year's levy, which was 43.6720 cents per \$100 valuation.

County Judge Mark Barr said the difference between the 2012-2013 rate and last year's tax rate is due mainly to increases in mineral values in the Crossroads area.

"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 funding generated above the

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Barr

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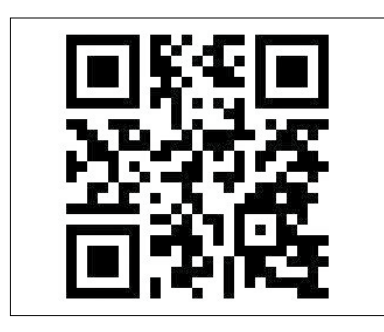
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**Emergency responders were called to the intersection of Goliad and 18th Street Friday afternoon following a traffic accident involving these two vehicles. According to witnesses at the scene, the driver of the silver sedan sustained minor injuries in the crash. Information regarding the other driver and the cause of the accident was not available at press time.**



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## Obituaries

## Anne Mary 'Ikee' Gray

Anne Mary "Ikee" Gray, or Mimi, 76, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, at San Angelo Community Medical Center in San Angelo, Texas. She was born June 24, 1936, in Garden City, Texas, to Young Claude "YC" and Helen Gray. Mimi was the eldest daughter of the family.

Mimi received her bachelors in speech therapy, masters in audiology and PhD in psycho-linguistics. She was a woman pioneer in the 1970s. She founded Audio Acoustics and brought audiology to the small towns of west Texas. Later in life, she worked as a counselor in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico.

Ikee had a great passion for life and love of travel. She was very active in Girl Scouts throughout her childhood and while her daughters were growing up. She also celebrated 31 years of sobriety and had a passion for helping others find their way.

She is survived by her two daughters, Dr. Kathy Cubine and husband Sam of San Angelo and Julie Kabel and husband Dr. David of Plano; granddaughters, CoCo Cubine, Kendal Cubine, Kacey Cubine, Lauren Kabel and Katherine Kabel; great-grandson, Johnny Rocket Cubine; sister, Helen Galbraith of Lindale; brother, Pat Gray of Midland; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial service will be held for the family and friends of Mimi at the residence of her daughter, Kathy Cubine, in San Angelo, Texas, on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012, at 1 p.m. The family can be contacted for directions and/or additional information at ikeegray@gmail.com.

The family would like to thank the outstanding staff at Senior Care Assisted Living for their love, support and care of Mimi over the years. They would also like to thank the hospital staff at San Angelo Community Medical Center for their exemplary care, love, help and especially the pecan pie and salmon.

*Paid obituary*

## Anacleto 'Junior' Casas

Anacleto "Junior" Casas, 56, of Knott, Texas, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with M. Shawn Gary of the Knott Church of Christ officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012, at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 10, 1955, in Rio Grande City, Texas and married Zulema Villarreal Jan. 19, 1982, in Rio Grande City, Texas.

Junior came to the Knott Community as a young boy. He farmed all of his life and the last five years he managed the Knott Co-op Gin. He loved all animals, but especially enjoyed training horses, and he loved hunting.

He was a member of the Knott Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife, Zulema "Sue" Casas of Knott; four sons, John Casas and wife, Karissa of Knott, Lee Casas and wife, Shelly of Lamesa, Jesus Casas and fiancée, Andrea and Jerry Casas all of Knott; two sisters, Agapita Blanco and Sara Montalvo, both of Rio Grande City; one brother, David Casas of Rio Grande City; his mother, Hazel Shockley of Big Spring; and four grandchildren, Ranen Wilson, Wyatt Casas, Kiley Casas and Averi Casas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Valdomero Casas and Ruben Casas; his adoptive father, J. B. Shockley; and a sister, Beverly Shockley.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Lung Association, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20004.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Take Note

- The local Boy Scouts of America will host a Fire and Emergency Service signup meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at Big Spring Fire Department Station No. 4, Northeast Eight and North Main. Fire and Emergency Service Career Exploring is open to young men and women ages 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of Fire and Emergency Services. For more information, call 432-212-3577.

- Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main.

Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.

- The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information,

## Mary Lou Morales



Mary Lou Morales, 67, died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2012, at her home. Visitation will be held from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Colorado City, with the Rev. Michael Udegbunam officiating. Burial will follow at Mitchell County Cemetery, Colorado City.

She was a long time resident of Mitchell County, having lived in Colorado City for many years and later moving to Loraine to her most recent residence.

Mary Lou is preceded in death by her parents, Esteban B. Rivera and Candelaria Rivera; her son, Fidel Silva Jr.; and great-grandson, Landon L. Herrera.

She is survived by her husband, Max Morales; children, Ricky Silva and wife JoAnn of Lone Oak, Texas, Gloria Davila and husband Luis of Loraine, Texas, Mickel Morales and wife Jennifer of Trophy Club, Texas, Beatrice Morales and fiancé Jeff Nunez of Abilene, Texas, and Johnny Morales of San Antonio, Texas; siblings, Alice Hernandez and husband Thomas of Sand Springs, Texas, Josie Harvey and husband Randy of Grand Prairie, Texas, Emily Utham and Rick of Colorado City, Texas, Estefana Selvera of Grand Prairie, Texas, George Rivera and wife Alice of San Antonio, Texas, Mary Helen Cervantes and husband Efrain of Snyder, Texas, Trini Rivera of Snyder, Texas, Esteban Rivera Jr. of Snyder, Texas, Doris Candelaria Reyes of Fort Worth, Texas, Margie Davila and husband Willie of Colorado City, Texas, Terry Cervantes and Elias of Snyder, Texas, Nelly Helms and husband Gary of San Angelo, Texas, Toni Wilson of Colorado City, Texas, and Jesse Rivera and wife Misty of Grand Prairie, Texas; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services are under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Online condolences to the family may be made at www.kikerseale.com

## Bonnie Griffis

Bonnie Griffis, 68, of Kerrville, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2012, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## L. C. Hurst

L. C. Hurst, 83, of Big Spring, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2012 at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Police blotter

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

- ANNIKKA MARIE TREJO, 24, of CR 104 El Toro Rd., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CANDIDA LYNN WHITEHEAD, 39, of 3706 Connally Street, was arrested Friday on charges of failed to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection certification and warrant other agency.
- JOHNATHON PAUL BUSTAMANTE, 23, of Odessa, was arrested Friday on a charge of no drivers license when unlicensed.
- LUCIA ROCHA RUBIO, 47, of 2515 Fairchild, was arrested Friday on a warrant from other agency.
- ADRIAN PATRICK VALENCIA, 24, of 1106 Ridgeroad Dr., was arrested Friday on charges of driving while license invalid, fail to appear and warrant other agency (x2).
- KENNETH BRITT HOOD, 48, of Louisiana, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 2900 block of E. I-20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 3300 block of Hudgins Memorial Drive. In the 400 block of Westover.

contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.

- 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.

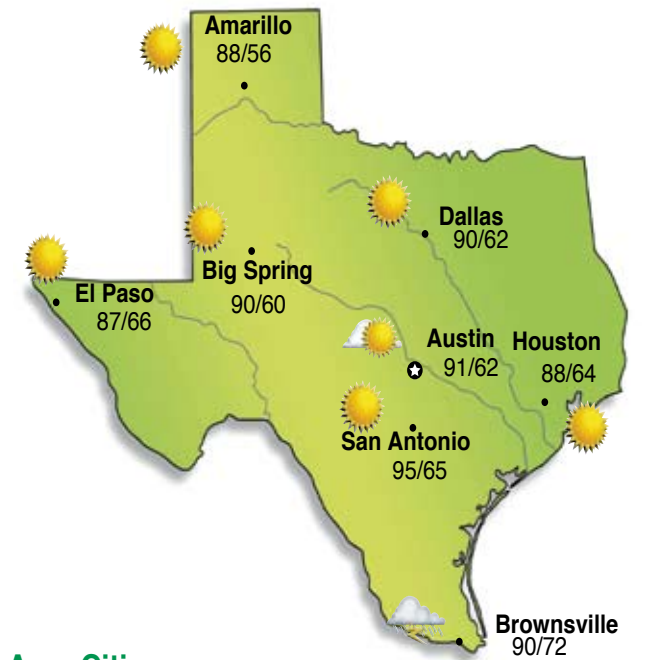
- The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines 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. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application.

## Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 9/9	Mon 9/10	Tue 9/11	Wed 9/12	Thu 9/13
<b>90/60</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>95/67</b> Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>98/69</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	<b>96/71</b> Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	<b>94/69</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:26 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:59 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:27 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:58 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:28 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:57 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:28 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:55 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:29 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:54 PM

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## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	90	60	sunny	Kingsville	94	68	t-storm
Amarillo	88	56	sunny	Livingston	88	58	sunny
Austin	91	62	mst sunny	Longview	87	58	sunny
Beaumont	84	62	sunny	Lubbock	87	55	sunny
Brownsville	90	72	t-storm	Lufkin	90	60	sunny
Brownwood	92	59	sunny	Midland	89	63	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	92	71	mst sunny	Raymondville	93	70	t-storm
Corsicana	89	59	sunny	Rosenberg	89	63	sunny
Dallas	90	62	sunny	San Antonio	95	65	sunny
Del Rio	98	68	sunny	San Marcos	92	62	mst sunny
El Paso	87	66	sunny	Sulphur Springs	88	58	sunny
Fort Stockton	88	62	sunny	Sweetwater	89	59	sunny
Gainesville	89	58	sunny	Tyler	89	61	sunny
Greenville	88	57	sunny	Weatherford	89	58	sunny
Houston	88	64	sunny	Wichita Falls	91	59	sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	58	mst sunny	Minneapolis	76	50	sunny
Boston	75	56	pt sunny	New York	77	60	mst sunny
Chicago	73	52	mst sunny	Phoenix	96	79	t-storm
Dallas	90	62	sunny	San Francisco	61	53	cloudy
Denver	85	58	sunny	Seattle	66	54	pt sunny
Houston	88	64	sunny	St. Louis	77	57	sunny
Los Angeles	84	68	pt sunny	Washington, DC	79	61	sunny
Miami	92	77	t-storm				

## Moon Phases



## UV Index

Sun 9/9	Mon 9/10	Tue 9/11	Wed 9/12	Thu 9/13
<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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# 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.
  - Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please 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.
  - Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320.



Two men begin the bicycle stage of the fifth annual Comanche Warrior Triathlon at Comanche Trail Park Saturday morning.

HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

# BOWLS

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solution.” Each year, before the Empty Bowls event, the community is invited to make a bowl to be used during the fundraiser. Making a bowl is free and can be done at the Howard College campus with Stacy Slaten or at Big Spring High School with Judith Terlefsky.

“This is one of the big fundraisers United Way of Big Spring and Howard County hosts each year and we are looking forward to it being another great event, but we are looking to the community for help creating the bowls once again,” Stewart said. For those wanting to make a bowl, there will be three classes held at Howard College from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Oct. 9, 11 and 18. The classes at the high school will take place from 5:30 p.m. until

7:30 p.m. Oct. 1, 4 and 15. Seats are limited at each venue and reservations must be called in to make a bowl. Since the idea was presented in 2006 by McIntosh, the program has continued to grow. The main goal of Empty Bowls is to help raise money to eliminate hunger through the use of local artistic talents. “Considering the United Way helps numerous agencies who help fight hunger, it just made sense to present

this idea to them,” McIntosh said earlier this year. “This has proven to be a great way to raise money to help fight hunger in Big Spring. Statistics show there are more than 9.5 million children world-wide die of hunger. Each year In previous years, the event was held at First Christian Church, but because of increased interest and participation, the venue has been changed to Dora Roberts Community Center this year.

Last year, there were 170 attending the event and nine local chefs provided the soups. For those wanting to attend, tickets will be \$20 per person and that will include the ability to take home a unique, handmade bowl. If you are interested in making a bowl, contact Stewart at 432-267-5201 to reserve a spot. Contact Staff Writer Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspring-herald.com

# COUNTY

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effective tax rate is necessary due to the poor shape county roads are currently 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

too and from well sites through out the county — has taken a heavy toll on the roadways. “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. 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 val-

ues, 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.” Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners are expected to set the salaries, expenses and allowances for the

coming year. 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.

# FORSAN

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be called for sometime in 2013. School district officials have been considering replacing Elbow Elementary for some time, Superintendent Randy Johnson said. “There are some issues with the building,” Johnson said. “The first is age — the original building was constructed in 1930, with additions being built in 1963 and in the 1980s.” Another issue factor-

ing in the district's discussions is distance — Elbow is located about 15 miles from Forsan. Johnson said locating the elementary adjacent to the junior high/high school campus and administration offices would result in much more efficient use of district personnel. Aside from talking with financial advisors, the district has taken other preliminary steps toward a possible bond election. Trustees recently authorized a facility study from the Texas Association of School Boards which identified several building deficiencies at the Elbow campus.

“We're also collecting nominations for in-district people to serve on a facilities committee,” Johnson said. “We're hoping to get between 10 to 12 people on the committee, which would meet on a regular basis ... and advise us during this process.” Another step will be taken in October, when trustees are scheduled to meet with architectural consultants. Johnson stressed, however, that all these actions are “very preliminary” in nature

and no decision on a bond election has been reached. If the school board does pull the trigger on a bond election, Johnson anticipates the official decision coming early enough in 2013 to allow the issue to be placed on the May ballot. In other business Monday, trustees will consider: • Reaching an adjunct faculty agreement with the Howard County Extension Office. • Local policy changes.

• Personnel matters.  
• Financial reports.

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## YOUR VIEWS

### Grande Failure

TO THE EDITOR:

The Coahoma Bulldogs and Forsan Buffaloes met in the Annual ASCO Football Challenge on Thursday for bragging rights in 2012. Congratulations to the Forsan Buffaloes on a 30-27 victory over their Howard County counterparts. Now that being said, both school athletic directors should be embarrassed for agreeing with Midland directors to schedule the game for a 4 p.m. kickoff. You don't have to be a genius to figure out that air temps would hover at 100 percent, making field temperatures in excess of 110 percent causing countless heat cramps throughout the game.

We all know that after heat cramps come possibilities of players having heat strokes. Safety should always come first and when you risk lives of our kids over what Midland wants then we have a problem.

Finally, if you're willing to pay and invite schools to play in your million dollar nest egg, Grande Communications, you should make sure your scoreboard works and you have enough personnel to run both home and visitor gates and not make it so obvious that you prefer to save your Midland teams for 7:30 p.m. kickoffs.

RONNIE RUIZ  
BIG SPRING

### Covert operations

TO THE EDITOR:

At the Aug. 14, 2012, city council meeting, during the discussion concerning giving the city taxpayers the opportunity to express their opinions on having a 4B EDC in lieu of the present 4A, Bobby McDonald stated that should the 4B project be approved, it would become a "good old boy club." He evidently cannot see the forest for the trees, for the existing Type 4A EDC has seemingly been operating in this fashion for years. Members that were appointed by past city councils have operated in a very covert fashion, giving out very little information concerning their actions, under the guise that to do so would jeopardize their ability to attract business endeavors. The taxpayer was completely out of the loop.

Also, to my knowledge, there has never been an independent audit, issued to the taxpayer, showing the total money distributed to potential businesses, and the total actual value of these investments to the city. In other words, how much more money has the city coffer realized above the actual money given to the EDC. If this is a negative value, then why do we have an EDC Type 4A? The present EDC has, on occasion, mentioned some investments they

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we share Your interest in our life,  
Lord, with others.

Amen

# Tax-rate backlash not to be blamed on the media outlets

Imagine I'm not alone in my opinion the vast majority of politicians resemble snake-oil salesmen, sporting the kind of anti-social skills you'd normally find on a used car lot.

As citizens, we rely heavily on the idea our elected officials are intelligent, patient and mindful of what they say and do, both publicly and privately. Whether it's our congressman, president or city council members, we like to believe they won't absolutely embarrass themselves — and their constituents — by chucking a shoe at someone during a press conference, or worse.

Unfortunately, just like mama told you when you were growing up, we don't always get what we want.

Whether it's Missouri Rep. Todd Akin weighing in on "legitimate rape" — honestly, I'm still trying to understand what illegitimate rape is — or President Obama's gaff regarding who did or did not build small businesses in the U.S., it's pretty obvious our elected officials don't often think before they speak.

And, with those political boneheads in mind, this is the type of stereotype our elected officials must attempt to overcome, whether at the federal, state or local level.

While most politicians more than earn a wary eye from the public, sometimes — just sometimes — they are actually doing the honest deed.

Such is the case with the Big Spring City Council's current situation regarding the tax rate.

Without trying to overcomplicate things, here is what's gone down, at least to this reporter's understanding.

Before the city council ever received certified values from

the Howard County Appraisal District, they made it clear they wanted to see property taxes kept to a minimum. In this case, that means keeping the tax rate at the effective rate, which is the rate at which the city will collect the same amount in taxes as it did last year.

Since then, the appraisal district released its certified values, from which the effective tax rate is extrapolated. That rate — which was published by the municipality as its proposed rate for 2012-2013 — was 86.5043 cents per \$100 property valuation.

Now, this is where things get a little complicated.

To make a long story short, the appraisal district made a bit of a booboo. In putting together its certified values, the district inadvertently included several disputed valuations, which caused the values to be higher than they should have been and the effective tax rate lower than it should have been.

According to City Finance Director Peggy Walker, the effective rate should have been calculated at 88.8275 cents per \$100 valuation, a number Howard County Chief Appraiser Ronnie Babcock affirmed during the council's last meeting.

OK, so a mistake was made. Hey, we all know it happens. We all screw up from time to time. Unfortunately, this is one goof that can't be undone, according to officials, as the certified values released by the appraisal district cannot be altered, at least not in time for the city to adopt its tax rate in time to meet state mandates.

In short, the city has two options. First, they can adopt the effective rate published prior to the discovery of the muck-up and take a \$134,694 hit to the 2012-2013 budget. Second, the city can adopt the slightly higher 88.8275-cent rate, eliminate the immediate shortfall and worry local taxpayers will be up-in-arms.

In all honesty, this is a no-brainer. You go with the slightly higher rate, explain the situation to the public — although I'd imagine it's really the voters our elected officials are worried about — and call it a day. If making sure the budget works and the city doesn't have to begin trimming down on the services it offers, then this is the way to go.

However, Mayor Tommy Duncan and his supporters are absolutely wringing their hands over this situation. Why? Obviously, they don't think voters — the same voters they claim they want to get involved in all high-dollar city projects — are smart enough to understand someone made a mistake and they have to adjust the tax rate to fix it.

On more than one occasion, Duncan has thrown it in the face of current and former council members that Big Spring's voters are intelligent and capable of making the right decision for the future of this city. They should have a voice and that voice should never be questioned!

Unless, of course, that voice might get a bit peeved about the tax rate and not re-elect him. Then, well, we need to treat the voters like a bunch of kindergarten students chock full of sugary snacks and Ritalin. Is it just me, or does this seem like a monstrous double standard?

Of course, the scapegoat for this entire affair will once again be the media. Now, normally I'd be the first in line to agree. The media — most notably the national media — has become more a gossip mill than a source for news.

However, something District 5 Councilman Craig Olson said during the last council meeting is a prime example of the other side of the problem, a politician's need to blame bad things on someone — anyone — else.

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# Rachel, Rachel, I been thinking

Across the centuries, the name "Rachel" has fared well among favored first names. It currently ranks #79 among the top 4,200 most popular in the U.S., even though its literal meaning is "female sheep." It dates back to the saintly Old Testament figure.

Nowadays, individuals so named risk being besmirched in cataclysmic proportions.

"Rachel" could drop out of the top 4,200, perhaps even plummet into "worst of the worst" choices.

A robo-caller, "Rachel from Card Member Services," begins her canned, spam-inspired spiel, with assurance that I'm in no trouble with my credit card. If I will, but divulge credit card and Social Security numbers — ones I'd hesitate to share with next of kin — she can lower my credit card interest rate forthwith!

When she calls — as she does multiple times weekly to all of our numbers — my teeth grind, heart rate jumps and unchristian thoughts nudge me toward loss of religion. Oh, I can press one for this and two for that — theoretically ending forevermore the unwanted calls by entering my phone number after the beep or talking to a live person.

I've tried both without success. One can't enter numbers after the beep if it never comes, or talk to a live person when his/her voice mail box is full. I weep with the Feds who strive to dismiss Rachel and her minions;

if they're ever located, "dis-memberment" might be a more popular option.

In a recent dream, my last name was "Pilate." It was mine to name an infant son, and dubbing him "Pontius" seemed preferable to naming a girl "Rachel."

Speaking of names, my friend Jim Bob's moniker officially is "James Robert." But, he's been "Jim Bob" since before getting permanent teeth.

He, like the rest of us, is trying to cope in a world of fears — both real and imagined. He's got double locks, a home security system to discourage burglars and a fenced yard.

A yard sign at his San Angelo home warns, "GUARD DOG." Truth to tell, the guard dog is "Miss Lillie," a pampered 12-year-old Red Heeler/Poodle cross. She isn't up for much guard duty. She's diabetic — two insulin shots daily — has lost teeth and is slowed by arthritis. She's nearly blind and has minimal hearing.

Her exercise is limited to accessing her food and water bowls and traipsing outside to the "necessary yard."

Mostly, she sleeps in a comfy bed on Jim Bob's side of the master king.

A while back, Jim Bob was awakened at three in the morning by a human voice. He nudged his wife Jan, who also heard the sound.

Miss Lillie heard it, too, and crawled under the bed as far as she could burrow.

Jim Bob did what a man has to do. He grabbed his 9-MM firearm (fully licensed, as opposed to partially licensed), and tip-toed stealthily toward the kitchen. Miss Lillie crept with him, some 15 feet behind.

As he moved slowly down the hall, Jim Bob heard the voice grow louder. He lurched into the kitchen, ready to deal with whoever was "burgling."

Drat it all; no one was there. Aha, my friend was born at night, but not last night. The voice was coming from the adjacent hallway.

Firearm brandished, he entered boldly, feigning bravery a la Roy Rogers or Gene Autry. He so wanted his "stick 'em up" demand to sound manly and authoritative.

But no one was there! A broadcast-quality "voice" emitted from a super-modern smoke alarm. It was a verbal warning: "low battery, low battery."

"Super-modern" reminds that Carthage, Texas, has the "jumbo-est of all 'trons" at its football field, the biggest in the world of school boy stadia. Voters approved the \$750,000 monitor by a two-thirds vote last spring. They're mighty proud of their football team, thrice winners of AAA championships since 2008.

With dimensions of 26 feet tall and 44 feet wide, it can do many things with its 800,000 LED lights, including instant replays, animated graphics and faces in the crowd. Eight technicians use four cameras to keep Carthaginians entertained and statistically-enlightened about their Bulldogs.

What the 'tron likely won't be programmed to do, however, is show the movie, "Bernie."

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have made that have developed into additional jobs in the area. However, just adding employees by giving money to a company does not necessarily mean that the community will see an immediate return on the investment, if ever. The EDC should be required to show the actual payout of each donation so that the citizens can see just how their money can benefit them. The past track record of the EDC has not been very good.

Data that would be of great interest would be the total amount of tax money the EDC has received since its origin.

Also, recently the EDC has seemingly started a campaign to appear more overt. Prime examples are articles appearing in the Big Spring Herald doling a little information evidently to make them appear to be in touch with the taxpayer. I do not believe that this is incidental to the upcoming election, but is an effort to influence the voter. There is an old adage: "a leopard does not change his spots." This could apply to the present EDC.

ARDIS McCASLAND JR.  
BIG SPRING

Vote for jobs

TO THE EDITOR:  
If you look at just about any city in Texas these days you will find there are pro-growth and non-growth factions and disputes over what to do with public money. Big Spring is no different. I want to urge my fellow citizens to inform themselves about the recent, and in my opinion, ill-advised move to change our Economic Development Corporation (EDC) from a type 4A EDC to a type 4B EDC. There are important distinctions between the two choices you need to know about. It's important to know what's going on with this issue because it directly affects the future well being of our community.

- If you know about:
- Big Dog Rig Movers
- Western Container Corp.
- John Crane Production Solutions
- Boyce Galvanizing
- Weatherford A&M Composites
- The Settles Hotel project
- Fiberglass Systems
- The new Community Health Center on Gregg Street
- Desert Tanks LLC
- Lamen Lusk Sanchez Veterans Home
- Ceram-Kote
- Noltex Truss

Then you know about the types of endeavors our type 4A Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is involved with and how important they are to our community. The 4A EDC we currently enjoy provides not only loans to help businesses start in or move to Big Spring, but it does much more. The EDC helps obtain improvements to facilities, helps secure business locations and provides valuable expertise and advice.

Jobs, growth and property tax and sales tax revenues created by new businesses or businesses moving to Big Spring are what will bring taxes down for us all. Diversifying our local economy will bring stability and help insulate us from the "boom" and "bust" cycles of the oil industry. No business from out of town will ever see the new water treatment facility and it will not factor into a businesses decision whether or not to move to Big Spring.

As it stands today, under the type 4A Economic Development Corporation (EDC), projects like the water treatment facility we recently approved can still be done, they just must be voted on separately. Keeping the EDC as a type 4A EDC allows the citizens of Big Spring to continue to be able to decide what to do each time the need arises.

If a type 4B EDC is approved, then all the economic development money will be controlled by the Big Spring City Council and not by the board of the EDC and the voting citizens. With a type 4B EDC, control of the EDC money will be taken away from Economic Development Corporation. In practical terms, what that means is that tax revenues

we pledge to fund the EDC will cease to be used to persuade business and industry to move to Big Spring.

If the type 4B EDC is approved, then that tax money currently going to EDC will no longer be used for jobs and growth, it will only be used for other projects that members of the City Council want. If City Council members were really interested in letting the people decide, they would keep the type 4A EDC, because then the people would get to vote "up or down" on each community development project which is proposed.

Andrews, Snyder and Lamesa all have type 4A Economic Development Corporations (EDC) and not type 4B EDCs. These communities are our competition in trying to entice business to make our town their home. Not having a type 4A EDC will make it difficult for Big Spring to compete with these other area towns and cities in attracting businesses.

I believe not having a type 4A Economic Development Corporation will make Big Spring poorer in the long run. If you don't vote, you have no say in what happens. Please vote. Vote for more jobs. Vote for more growth. Vote against the ill-advised type 4B Economic Development Corporation.

WALTER L. SHIPMAN  
BIG SPRING

Give fifteen minutes

TO THE EDITOR:  
We are approaching Thanksgiving and Christmas, a time when most folks have families with whom to spend time. On the other hand, there are those who have no one and it's not uncommon.

There are elderly, especially the homebound, and folks in nursing homes, who would love to have a visit from anyone. Fifteen minutes. Don't worry about a gift. Your time would be precious to them.

Orand Carroll  
Big Spring

Buying of the President 2012

TO THE EDITOR,  
I am dumbfounded by the number of people who I converse with who do not know what a Super PAC is or how they work. Maybe this will spark an interest that can help modify or reverse Super PACs!

Super PACs are a new kind of political action committee created in July 2010 following the outcome of a federal court case known as Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. Citizens United won the case as the result of a disgraceful partisan Supreme Court ruling which essentially, they gave a First Amendment right to the ultra-rich to buy a President and Congress that will promote their greed at the expense of the human public well-being. The Supreme Court agreed with the saying that "money talks" and decided that money was to have free speech. They made a very serious free speech error in allowing unlimited political contributions by corporations and the wealthy. Citizens United is a conservative non-profit organization.

The Citizens United ruling was a fiasco that threatens the very nature of our republic. It leads us towards an oligarchy (rule by an elite group), which in our case will be a plutocracy, a rule by wealthy paper entities with money, with some level of foreign ownership influence.

This is NOT a matter of free speech as they asserted. It IS a matter of one-person, one-vote in a democratic form of government. By allowing unlimited contributions,

it the media and their spin which reported on your campaign sign that claimed the then-proposed municipal aquatic center was "history" once you were in office?

Don't bother buying that speedo, good citizen, Councilman Olson will put a stop to this water park nonsense. He'll simply not have it! Media spin? No, just cold, hard facts. Olson won the race, the water park was built and speedos — much to most park goers chagrin — were bought.

Hopefully, Olson and the rest of the city council will take responsibility for the tax rate gaff and do their best to reach out to the citizens and educate them. Sitting around and whining about "media spin" won't accomplish anything and I seriously doubt it will insulate them from any backlash from the taxpayers.

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they have essentially given the ultra-rich as many votes as they can afford. It is the equivalent of saying that votes can be had for every x number of dollars, or that only landowners can vote; a concept proposed and rejected by our founders. In addition, they have ignored the laws that prohibit political contributions by foreign interests because almost all publicly held corporations have some stock owned by non-citizens. It should be violations to let corporations with foreign ownership decide who is going to be a U.S. public servant.

Both parties use Super PACs; here is an extreme case as to how criminals or alleged criminals can influence the election process:

Sheldon Adelson has a net worth of 25 billion dollars, which makes him the seventh wealthiest man in the U.S. and the 14th wealthiest man in the world, owning casinos around the world. Sources say Adelson plans to spend a remarkable \$100 million (He has already spent \$45 million!) on Republican candidates in this fall's national election. He is under criminal investigation for alleged bribery of foreign officials; criminal charges against his company due to its handling of financial transactions with a Mexican businessman who was later indicted for drug trafficking, money laundering and prostitution. Is this the type man who we want to influence our elections?

In 2010, Sands fired Steve Jacobs, then CEO of its Sands China subsidiary, for what Adelson described as breaking company policy and pursuing unauthorized deals. Jacobs later retaliated, suing Sands for breach of contract and alleging he was let go after refusing orders from Adelson to break the law. He has since accused the Sands of promoting prostitution, working with mafia figures, bullying banks and potentially violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act by putting a government official on its payroll. Jacobs is reportedly seeking \$100 million in damages.

As of Aug.17, 2012, 781 groups organized as Super PACs have reported total receipt of \$319,919,767 and total independent expenditures of \$196,737,014 in the 2012 cycle. A Time magazine projection for federal election spending in 2012, which includes campaigns, parties and outside groups for presidential and congressional races, will be \$5.8 billion — which will be mostly spent on negative advertisements.

Today, the billionaires not only want to firmly control our economic life, they want to make sure that they are able to elect people to the White House, the House and the Senate who serve their interests.

We must amend the constitution to make Super PACs illegal! They will destroy our democracy!

Auriel LaFonda  
Big Spring

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## NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

The \_\_\_\_\_ County of Glasscock  
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 conducted public hearings on Aug.27,2012 and Sept. 4, 2012 on a proposal to increase  
 the total tax revenues of the \_\_\_\_\_ County of Glasscock \_\_\_\_\_ from properties on the  
 tax roll in the preceding year by 58.31 percent.  
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 The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \_\_\_\_\_  
4,215,844  
 for each \$100 of taxable value was \_\_\_\_\_.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 220000  
 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax  
 roll this year, is 6,674,283.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of 220000  
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 roll this year, is 6,709,692.

The \_\_\_\_\_ County of Glasscock \_\_\_\_\_ is scheduled to vote on the tax  
 rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 17, 2012  
 at \_\_\_\_\_  
 Glasscock County Courthouse 117 E. Currie Garden City, TX 79739  
 at \_\_\_\_\_  
 9:00 a.m.

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"How this thing is going to be received is not dependent on how it's published or reported to the public," Olson said. "I see two of our local media people here and if they choose to ignore the facts and spin it the way they want to, it doesn't matter what we say or what (Ronnie) Babcock says. I think how this is going to be received and how it is reported to the public correctly is dependent upon them (local media)."

Nice. So, regardless of how this whole thing turns out, it's the media's fault. That's a stellar idea, councilman.

Unfortunately, it's not very original and, judging by elections held during the past decade — from local to federal contests — I seriously doubt those voters you're pandering to at this point are buying it. Besides, was

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# Soup's On: Campbell Soup looks beyond iconic cans

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — If your lunch still consists of a bowl of Campbell's tomato soup and a grilled cheese sandwich, chances are you grew up using a typewriter.

Generations of Americans have moved on from Campbell's condensed chicken noodle and tomato soups in search of heartier varieties with more sophisticated flavors. Now, the world's largest soup company is racing to do the same.

Campbell Soup Co. last year began a quest that led executives to a diverse group of cities including Portland, Ore. and London to figure out how to make soups that appeal to younger, finicky customers. In the year ahead, the 143-year-old company plans to roll out 50 products such as Moroccan Style Chicken and Spicy Chorizo. The ingredients may surprise those used to a plain bowl of chicken soup: tomatillos, coconut milk and shitake mushrooms.

The new soups also won't look like the big, gelatinous chunks that came in the steel cans that built Campbell into an iconic brand. These soups come in plastic pouches that are easy to open and heat up in a microwave in less than three minutes.

The remake could be a do-or-die task for Campbell. Overall canned soup consumption is down 13 percent over the past decade, according to the research firm Euromonitor International, as fresh soups have become more widely available at supermarkets and restaurants. And Campbell now has about 53 percent of the market, down from 67 percent a decade earlier.

Campbell's changes also illustrate how difficult it is for brands that appeal to older customers to become relevant to Millennials. This group, defined as those ages 18 to through early 30s, is heavily sought after by companies and marketers. But Millennials have little in common with their parents, whether it's their tastes, eating habits or cooking methods.

"I grew up with salt, pepper and ketchup," said Chuck Vila, who heads Campbell's customer insights division, which surveys the marketplace for trends. "These guys are playing around with really interesting spices from around the world."

George Veszpremy, a 32-year-old music director at a radio station in Boston, has fond memories of his mother sending him to school in the morning with a thermos of Campbell's chicken noodle.

"As a kid, you eat it and it's great. It served the purpose at the time," said Veszpremy, noting that the soups were a cheap way for his single mother to give him a quick, comforting meal.

But looking back, he said he realizes that the soup wasn't the best quality — the noodles were

soggy and thin, the chicken pieces were minuscule and there were no vegetables. Veszpremy said his tastes have evolved: He sticks to homemade or the soup bar at the supermarket.

## THE ELUSIVE MILLENNIALS

To understand what makes Millennials like Veszpremy tick, Campbell executives turned into anthropologists.

The company dispatched executives to London, Nashville, Portland and other designated "hipster hubs" to meet with younger consumers face-to-face. Dozens were recruited to participate in "live-alongs," in which executives ate meals with them in their homes, peeked in their pantries and tagged along on trips to the grocery store.

In other cases, couples were invited out to "eat-alongs" at trendy restaurants to talk about food in a casual atmosphere. They were asked to bring their favorite pantry items for discussion. Participants responded by bringing a mix of spices and sauces typically found at ethnic grocery stores.



A staff of about a dozen Campbell chefs traveled for inspiration as well. In New York City, the group browsed in spice shops, bakeries and ethnic grocery stores. In Boston, they even ducked into an Urban Outfitters clothing store, just to get a better sense of the overall mindset of Millennials.

After a tour of New York City's food trucks, Campbell's executive chef Thomas Griffiths even began toying with the idea of incorporating kimchee — the pungent pickled vegetable dish from Korea — into a soup. But he knows that will be an acquired taste.

"With something like kimchee, well, that might take a little while," Griffiths said.

The field work led executives to two seemingly divergent conclusions: First, cuisines once considered exotic — Thai, Indian, Brazilian — have become the norm. At the same time, years of dining out mean younger consumers aren't as skilled at making meals from scratch, particularly when it comes to those very ethnic flavors.

"They can't replicate the foods they enjoy when they go out," said Darren Serrao, who heads innovation for Campbell.

That realization in-

spired Campbell's Go plastic soup pouches, which come in flavors such as Coconut Curry, Creamy Red Pepper and Golden Lentil. Consumers tear open the pouch, stick the bag in the microwave for about two-and-a-half minutes then pour the soup into a bowl.

For older Millennials who may just be starting families or advancing in their careers, the company created Skillet sauces in flavors such as Green Thai Curry and Creamy Chipotle. The directions are simple: Heat up some protein and vegetables. Mix in the sauce. Serve with rice or pasta.

The idea is to give consumers the sense that they're creating their own dishes, without them having to shop for hard-to-find ingredients or do too much tedious prep work.

And then there's the can. Red and white with the distinctive cursive lettering — immortalized by Andy Warhol — it has become a piece of Americana.

"For many millions of people, the can is a very sensible package," said Mary Gregg, who heads packaging for North America. "It's been around for years and people are very comfortable with it."

But executives say with younger consumers, a can just doesn't convey freshness. So the new Go soups come in white pouches featuring colorful fonts and photos of expressive, young faces. The Skillet sauces are meant to be a bit more sophisticated; they come in black pouches designed to evoke the chalkboard menus at sidewalk cafes.

But the new looks come with a price. A can of Chunky soup costs about \$2.30 and has a shelf-life of about two years; the new pouches will cost about \$3 and are good for about half that time.

## HEATING UP SALES

Campbell is counting on its new soups to keep its brand relevant. While the company makes other products like Pepperidge Farm baked goods and V8 vegetable juices, soups account for half its revenue.

Still, executives remain cautiously optimistic about the fate of the new lineup. When the company reported its quarterly results earlier this week, Campbell executives said they expect sales growth in fiscal 2013. But that increase is expected to come from Campbell's recent acquisition of a premium juice company, not from its soups, broths and sauces unit.

In the latest quarter, the Camden, N.J.-based company's profit increased 27 percent as soup sales rose for the first time in two years. But that was partly the result of grocers running promotions and stocking up on low inventories as Campbell prepares to raise prices.

The company was also up against an easy comparison: in the year-ago period, soup sales had fallen by 9 percent and the results were weighed down by restructuring charges.

As for the new products that are expected to be widely available at stores later this month, CEO Denise Morrison said the company should have a better read on how they'll fare after its fiscal first quarter.

"The consumer will let us know if we can be more exuberant," she said.

Executives are pushing on in the meantime.

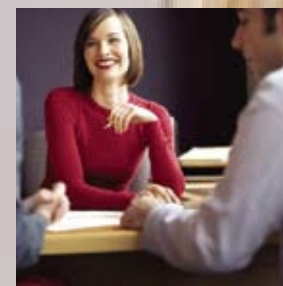
When the company embarked on its revival efforts about a year ago, Vila, head of the company's insights division, said they wondered if they had lost an entire generation of consumers. It turned out it wasn't that simple; he said that consumers are still open to giving Campbell another chance, but that it's up to the company to deliver.

"We haven't captured them in terms of food, but we've hung onto them," Vila said. "They have memories of Campbell. They're outdated, but they're there."

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## Dine Out Days kicks off Monday

### Special to the Herald

Good food and a good cause— nothing makes for a better combination.

Howard County and Big Spring residents will have an opportunity to support the United Way — and local restaurants — while enjoying food around town.

Dine Out Days will begin Monday and continue through Nov. 30.

Papa Chons will be the first featured restaurant. Their supporting week will run from Monday through Sunday, Sept. 16.

The following week, Sept. 17-23, Cowboys Steakhouse will be the featured restaurant with KC Steakhouse following them Sept. 24-30.

Each supporting restaurant will have a United Way Dine Out banner located in front of their building to help community members identify them. When the week is over, the restaurant will donate a portion of their earnings from that week in support of the 2013 United Way campaign.

For those wanting to support the United Way, head out to the participating restaurants and show your support.

If you own a restaurant and would like to be one of the featured Dine Out Day restaurants, contact Sandy Stewart, executive director, at 432-267-5201.



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# Steers stomp Mustangs

Big Spring improves to 2-0 after defeating defending 4A Tapps state champs

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

Two down, eight to go — that is the official count after Big Spring Head Football Coach Phillip Ritchey's bold, preseason prediction of taking the Steers from an 0-10 team to a 10-0 team in just one season.

Last week, Big Spring throttled Fort Stockton 49-0 in the season opener. The comeback continued on the new turf recently laid at Memorial Stadium on Friday as Big Spring upset Midland Christian — reigning TAPPS 4A state champions — 17-12.

Again, Ritchey was surprised at the fortitude displayed by his team.

"We really didn't know what to expect going in," Ritchey said. "We know we have a good defense and we know the offense has the potential to be really good. We showed a lot of mental toughness. Physical toughness, too. We have pushed the guys hard to prepare them for these tough situations."

After the Mustangs intercepted quarterback Tobby Tannehill — who passed for 158 yards and rushed for 58 — in the end zone on the Steers' opening drive, the squad kept its composure. A 47-yard field goal attempt by Devin Roberson was foiled by a bad snap, as neither team could put together a scoring drive in the first quarter.

The stout Steer defense kept MC on its heels throughout the second quarter of



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Steers swarm on a Midland Christian kick returner during the opening play of the game Friday at Memorial Stadium. Big Spring earned a hard-fought 17-12 victory, redeeming last year's 34-9 loss to the Mustangs. The Steers are now 2-0 for the season and will meet San Angelo Lake View on Friday.

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## Forsan downs Plains 14-0

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

PLAINS — The Buffaloes have improved their record to 2-0 on the season after taking down the Plains Cowboys 14-0 on the road.

It was a strong defensive showing, notes Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips, but the running game — the pinnacle of the Buffs' offense — was lacking a bit.

"We will definitely focus this week on the running game," Phillips said. "It wasn't awful, but we have some work to do. We need to control the ball on the ground to establish our passing game."

Led by quarterback Marcus Cervantes, Forsan managed to put enough points on the board to come away with the victory.

A touchdown in each of the first two quarters was all it

took for the Buffaloes, as the Cowboys failed to breach the end zone all evening.

"We didn't play as well — we threw the ball well — and the defense got after it, but we had a hard time adjusting to their offense. You live and learn. Hopefully we can take this experience and learn from it and give a good showing next week against Stanton," Phillips added.

Scoring for the Buffs was Trevor Burchett in the first quarter on a pass from Cervantes. Kaleb Stanley scored in the second quarter — also on a Cervantes pass.

The first game of the year for the Buffs was a rivalry game against Coahoma. The next challenge for Phillips and the Buffs will be Stanton — another rival — whom they host Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

## Bulldogs redeem opening loss, bash Coleman 27-8

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

COLEMAN — The Bulldogs suffered a season opening loss to rival Forsan last week, but Coahoma evened up its record at 1-1 Friday after beating the Coleman Bluecats 27-8.

Using four quarterbacks and rotating running backs to keep them fresh, Coahoma Head Coach Trey Gardner's scheme kept Coleman off-balance throughout the second half after the Bluecats turned in a strong first half showing.

Coleman scored first and converted for two points in the first quarter to take an 8-0 lead. The Bulldogs tied the game at 8-8 when senior Tanner Ruiz ran for a 7-yard touchdown which waqs completed by a Ruiz pass to Eddie Hagins to complete the two-point conversion.

The 'Dogs held the Bluecats scoreless for the rest of the game.

Coahoma came out with a renewed fervor at the start of the second half.

"We went out there and played well," Gardner said.

"We took total control of the game. We played a physical game and that's what we have been working on. It was a much better performance

than the first six quarters we played this year."

Joe Melendez added a 2-yard run for another TD in the third quarter.

The explosive Ruiz followed suit, marching down the field for a 91-yard touchdown return with just over two minutes left on the clock. In the fourth quarter, Ruiz found the end zone again, this time on a 5-yard run.

"It was a very big step for us," Gardner added. "They played with a lot of heart. I knew we were capable. After last week, we wanted to go out there and prove what we could do and we did it."

Also taking snaps under center for Coahoma were T.J. White, Braxton Iden and Melendez.

"We want to use the guys in the right situations," Gardner said.

Next up for the Bulldogs will be Colorado City in Coahoma on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

### Other scores:

Stanton def. Morton 34-14

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Grady's Brandon Lucas tackles Lance Morris of Ira during Friday's game in Lenora. The Wildcats lost 62-12. In other Six-man action, Garden City fell to Water Valley 54-6 and Sands defeated Hermleigh 69-20 Thursday.

## Serena Williams easily reaches U.S. Open final

NEW YORK (AP) — The latest woman to absorb a lopsided loss against Serena Williams thinks the 14-time Grand Slam champion should take on a new challenge.

"Given that men are always quick to say women are a lot worse ... I'd love to see her play in a (lower-level) men's tournament and see how they deal with her. It's easy to talk. On the court, it would be different," the 10th-seeded Sara Errani said.

"I've practiced with a lot of guys ranked 400th or 500th," Errani explained. "I've never played with a man

who hits as hard as she does."

Williams wasted little time or energy while overwhelming Italy's Errani 6-1, 6-2 on Friday night to reach the final and move one victory away from a fourth U.S. Open championship. With a 38-6 edge in winners and nine aces to raise her tournament-leading total to 50, Williams needed only 64 minutes to dismiss Errani, the runner-up at the French Open.

Not only has Williams won every set she's played, she's dropped a total of only 19 games across six matches.

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# Statewide football scores

**Class 5A**  
Abilene 26, Duncanville 8  
Abilene Cooper 17, Cedar Park 14  
Alief Hastings 35, Conroe 16  
Allen 37, Cedar Hill 20  
Amarillo 48, Amarillo Tascosa 0  
Arlington 20, Lewisville Marcus 14  
Arlington Lamar 67, Irving Nimitz 17  
Austin Westlake 49, Temple 42  
Beaumont West Brook 26, Beaumont Central 19  
Belton 15, Round Rock Stony Point 14  
Bryan 19, Magnolia 7  
CC King 52, CC Moody 26  
Channelview 20, Humble 13  
Cibolo Steele 42, Converse Judson 35  
Coppell 31, McKinney Boyd 6  
Copperas Cove 43, Waco 7  
Cypress Creek 24, Klein Oak 21  
Dallas Jesuit 34, Keller Fossil Ridge 21  
Dallas Skyline 37, Arlington Martin 34  
Donna 28, Weslaco 14  
Eagle Pass Winn 23, Laredo Martin 16  
Edinburg Economedes 24, McAllen Memorial 21  
Edinburg North 21, Brownsville Rivera 0  
EP Americas 21, EP Burges 17  
EP Bel Air 46, EP Ysleta 14  
EP Coronado 41, EP Hanks 7  
EP El Dorado 14, EP Del Valle 10  
EP Montwood 35, Canutillo 0  
Fort Bend Willowridge 31, Houston Sterling 6  
Galena Park North Shore 56, Manvel 28  
Garland Lakeview Centennial 58, Dallas Adams 7  
Garland Sachse 57, Richardson Pearce 34  
Georgetown 56, Round Rock McNeil 27  
Grand Prairie 53, Irving 45  
Haltom City 42, Burseson 8  
Houston Bellaire 33, Fort Bend Travis 27  
Houston Jersey Village 49, Tomball 24  
Hurst Bell 30, Midland Lee 21  
Justin Northwest 28, Grapevine 7

Katy 23, Alief Taylor 9  
Katy Cinco Ranch 28, Cypress Ridge 24  
Katy Seven Lakes 45, Clear Brook 42  
Klein 49, Katy Taylor 14  
Klein Collins 35, Aldine Eisenhower 32  
La Joya 21, Brownsville Porter 19  
La Marque 34, Texas City 21  
La Porte 55, Pasadena South Houston 21  
League City Clear Creek 34, Humble Kingwood 14  
Leander 35, Pflugerville Hendrickson 0  
Lewisville Flower Mound 28, South Grand Prairie 21  
Lewisville Hebron 33, Mansfield Timbervue 19  
Longview 30, North Little Rock, Ark. 14  
Los Fresnos 31, PSJA 28  
Lubbock Coronado 7, Lubbock 0  
Lufkin 41, Tyler Lee 31  
Mansfield 35, Keller 0  
Mansfield Legacy 41, Kennedale 10  
McAllen 34, Edinburg 14  
Mesquite 34, Arlington Bowie 20  
Midlothian 42, Keller Timber Creek 34  
Mission 13, Brownsville Hanna 7  
New Braunfels 41, Seguin 29  
Northside Brandeis 30, SA Johnson 13  
Northside Holmes 28, SA Lee 27  
Northside Warren 59, SA Churchill 21  
Pearland 24, Fort Bend Kempner 0  
Plano 27, Irving MacArthur 20  
Plano East 60, Garland Naaman Forest 38  
PSJA Memorial 25, Harlingen South 22  
Richardson Lake Highlands 34, Plano West 19  
Round Rock Westwood 24, Austin Bowie 7  
SA East Central 50, Northside Marshall 0  
SA Highlands 55, Uvalde 19  
SA Reagan 49, Northside O'Connor 42  
SA Southwest 44, SA Central Catholic 7  
Saginaw 24, Carrollton Creekview 7  
San Angelo Central 40, Scotts Valley, Calif. 7


San Benito 7, Harlingen 3  
Southlake Carroll 63, Midland 3  
Spring Westfield 38, Houston Memorial 28  
The Woodlands 30, Fort Bend Hightower 7  
The Woodlands College Park 35, Huntsville 12  
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Amarillo Caprock 50, Borger 47  
Amarillo Palo Duro 34, Plainview 8  
Angleton 69, Clute Brazoswood 28  
Austin McCallum 48, Austin Akins 34  
Azle 43, Joshua 7  
Barbers Hill 58, Lumberton 8  
Bastrop 28, Gonzales 27  
Baytown Lee 31, Pasadena Rayburn 13  
Boerne Champion 29, Dripping Springs 20  
Brenham 44, Katy Pope John 14  
Buda Hays 35, Austin Anderson 7  
Canyon 44, Pampa 20  
Canyon Randall 33, Hereford 0  
Carrollton Smith 21, Little Elm 7  
CC Calallen 21, Weslaco East 7  
CC Flour Bluff 22, CC Carroll 14  
CC Tuloso-Midway 50, CC Miller 21  
Cedar Park Vista Ridge 39, Austin LBJ 0  
Cleburne 52, Weatherford 30  
Clint Horizon 18, EP Eastwood 7  
Conroe Caney Creek 49, New Caney Porter 25  
Crosby 63, Willis 13  
Dallas Adamson 33, Dallas Sunset 5  
Dallas Highland Park 34, Monterrey Tech, Mexico 23  
Dallas South Oak Cliff 28, Mansfield Summit 27  
Dayton 28, Livingston 13  
El Campo 55, Bryan Rudder 26  
Elgin 48, Kyle Lehman 8  
Ennis 30, Lewisville 26  
EP Bowie 15, EP Riverside 14  
EP Chapin 29, Rio Rancho, N.M. 22  
EP Chapin 29, Cleveland, N.M. 22  
EP Irvin 55, Chaparral,


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EP Parkland 21, Fabens 7  
Friendswood 49, Dickinson 28  
Frisco Liberty 30, Wylie East 10  
Frisco Wakeland 61, Richardson 24  
FW Arlington Heights 41, FW Paschal 9  
FW Southwest 35, Everman 21  
FW Trimble Tech 23, Dallas White 22  
FW Wyatt 44, FW Dunbar 37  
Galena Park 35, Tomball Memorial High School 3  
Gregory-Portland 41, Alice 21  
Hallsville 38, Van 13  
Hewitt Midway 34, A&M Consolidated 27  
Houston Furr 52, Houston Davis 7  
Houston Reagan 35, Houston Jones 18  
Houston Spring Woods 34, New Caney 33  
Houston Washington 49, Houston Lee 0  
Killeen 23, Austin Vandegrift 17  
Kingsville King 21, Rockport-Fulton 14  
Lake Travis 49, New Braunfels Canyon 7  
Lancaster 26, Tyler 21  
Leander Rouse 28, Round Rock Cedar Ridge 10  
Manor 39, Killeen Ellison 12  
Mercedes 20, Hidalgo 16  
Mesquite Poteet 61, Arlington Seguin 22  
Mount Pleasant 35, Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 20  
N. Richland Hills Birdville 48, N. Richland Hills 7  
Nederland 45, Baytown Goose Creek 20  
North Dallas 31, FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 0  
Pearland Dawson 28, Montgomery 17  
Pflugerville Connally 24, Del Valle 21  
Pharr Valley View 42, Brownsville Lopez 17  
Port Lavaca Calhoun 56, La Vernia 40  
Red Oak 34, Corsicana 31  
Richmond Foster 35, Houston King 19  
Rio Grande City 14, Brownsville Memorial 13  
Rockwall 41, Garland Rowlett 37  
Rockwall-Heath 34, South Garland 21  
SA Brackenridge 41, Floresville 14  
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SA South San Antonio 21, SA McCollum 20  
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Frisco Lone Star 34, Whitesboro 33  
Gatesville 33, Waco University 21  
Geronimo Navarro 36, SA Christian 34  
Giddings 31, Wimberley 26  
Gladewater 35, Pittsburg 34  
Glen Rose 35, China Spring 28  
Goliad 21, Yorktown 6  
Graham 28, Brownwood 7  
Hamshire-Fannett 31, Anahuac 12  
Henderson 26, Nacogdoches 14  
Hillsboro 28, Hamilton 14  
Huffman Hargrave 59, Houston Worthing 25  
Ingleside 22, George West 14  
Jasper 55, Orangefield 7  
Kirbyville 31, Buna 16  
La Feria 35, Rio Grande City Grulla 28  
La Grange 46, Columbus 7  
Lampasas 33, Austin Travis 27  
Levelland 26, Denver City 23  
Liberty Hill 61, Hondo 16  
Llano 50, Bangs 23  
Lorena 43, Salado 6  
Lubbock Cooper 35, Snyder 21  
Lucas Lovejoy 38, Forney 16  
Lytle 35, Natalia 33  
Mathis 35, Skidmore-Tynan 19  
Midland Greenwood 35, Brownfield 0  
Mineral Wells 27, WF Hirsch 22  
Mount Vernon 53, Lindem-Kildare 0  
Navasota 36, Coldspring-Oakhurst 8  
North Forney 34, Royse City 3  
Orange Grove 28, Raymondville 14  
Palacios 49, El Maton Tidehaven 6  
Palestine 37, Jacksonville 8  
Palestine Westwood 20, Huntington 18  
Paris 18, Denison 6  
Paris North Lamar 28, Bonham 13  
Pearsall 14, SA Burbank 6  
Pecos 31, Kermit 16  
Perryton 10, Bushland 3  
Pilot Point 33, Lindsay 24  
Pleasanton 27, SA Jefferson 6  
Port Isabel 22, Lyford 18  
Princeton 54, Carrollton Ranchview 16  
Prosper 31, McKinney North 10  
Quinlan Ford 41, Nevada Community 6  
Robinson 42, Groesbeck 21  
Rockdale 24, Burnet 17  
Rusk 35, Crockett 13  
Shallowater 28, Littlefield 18  
Silsbee 40, Little Cypress-Mauriceville 37  
Smithville 40, Marble Falls 32  
Somerset 54, Fischer Canyon Lake 35  
Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson 26, Splendora 20, OT Taylor 33, Brookshire Royal 3  
Vernon 55, Breckenridge 12  
Waco Connally 37, Marlin 14  
Waco La Vega 35, Hutto 9  
West Columbia 28, Needville 0  
West Orange-Stark 34, Port Neches-Groves 13  
Wharton 70, Houston Scarborough 8  
Wills Point 23, Mabank 22  
Wilmer-Hutchins 24, Kaufman 15  
Yoakum 34, Sinton 20

ry Rains 20  
Gladewater Union Grove 49, Tyler All Saints 21  
Godley 32, Grapevine Faith 0  
Grand Saline 28, Scurry-Rosser 8  
Groveton 47, Alto 21  
Hallettsville 49, Shiner 28  
Harper 20, Eldorado 14  
Hearne 35, Caldwell 29  
Hempstead 39, Stafford 12  
Henrietta 14, Paradise 12  
Hico 40, Rio Vista 0  
Holiday 35, Windthorst 13  
Howe 40, Paris Chisum 14  
Hughes Springs 55, Hooks 27  
Idalou 27, Seminole 10  
Ingram Moore 21, Center Point 14  
Jefferson 21, Elysian Fields 20  
Joaquin 38, Shelbyville 14  
Karnes City 13, Marion 7  
Kountze 40, Hull-Daisetta 11  
Krum 35, Farmersville 33  
Malakoff 64, Italy 36  
Maypearl 20, Itasca 0  
McGregor 48, Moody 7  
Melissa 42, Van Alstyne 0  
Merkel 40, Wall 29  
Muleshoe 64, Portales, N.M. 0  
Newton 64, Liberty 13  
Nocona 18, Muenster 13  
Odem 41, Taft 14  
Ozona 33, Iraan 13  
Pattonville Prairiland 33, Whitewright 24  
Ponder 42, Alvord 20  
Post 40, Lamesa 33  
Poth 21, Falls City 15  
Pottsboro 34, Gunter 6  
Queen City 41, De Kalb 24  
Redwater 35, Quitman 14  
Refugio 56, Edna 0  
SA Cole 20, Universal City Randolph 0  
San Saba 20, Early 17  
Schulenburg 30, Victoria St. Joseph 15  
Spearman 30, Wheeler 0  
Stanton 34, Morton 14  
Stockdale 20, Jourdanton 6  
Sunnyvale 37, Dallas Life Oak Cliff 7  
Tatum 22, Winnsboro 14  
Teague 47, Buffalo 37  
Thorndale 54, Somerville 16  
Three Rivers 43, Nixon-Smi-ley 14  
Tolar 33, Comanche 19  
Trinity 41, Grapeland 16  
Troup 40, New London West Rusk 0  
Troy 43, West 31  
Tulia 44, New Deal 22  
Wallis Brazos 25, Louise 0  
WF City View 34, Archer City 0  
Woodville 30, Shepherd 22

**Class 1A**  
Agua Dulce 30, Bloomington 26  
Albany 56, Tuscola Jim Ned 32  
Barksdale Nueces Canyon 34, Charlotte 6  
Ben Bolt 14, Hebronville 0  
Big Lake Reagan County 20, Junction 13  
Big Sandy 33, Winona 32  
Booker 55, Turpin, Okla. 0  
Bosqueville 35, Hubbard 9  
Bovina 21, Boys Ranch 14  
Bremont 16, Jewett Leon 0  
Bruni 49, Monte Alto 6  
Burton 29, Chilton 21  
Chico 59, Rockwall Christian 24  
Clarendon 22, Vega 19  
Clarksville 42, Lone Oak 27  
Claude 26, Beaver, Okla. 14  
Collinsville 30, Sadler S&S Consolidated 28  
Colmesneil 45, Burkeville 20  
Crosbyton 35, Memphis 14  
Cumbo 26, Celeste 14  
Detroit 19, Simms Bowie 0  
Era 20, Blue Ridge 13  
Evant 58, Kopperl 8  
Farwell 10, Olton 7  
Flatonia 22, Hallettsville Sacred Heart 0  
Frost 29, Alba-Golden 16  
Ganado 40, Vanderbilt Industrial 9  
Granger 28, Holland 14  
Hawkins 41, Malakoff Cross Roads 7  
High Island 48, Alvin Living Stones 14  
Honey Grove 16, Leonard 16 (tie)  
Iola 20, Bartlett 13  
Kenedy 30, Pettus 19  
Kerens 42, Dawson 0  
La Villa 21, Santa Rosa 14  
Lingleville 70, Moran 25  
Lockney 35, Amarillo Highland Park 6  
Loveland 26, New Waverly 12  
Marfa 55, Sanderson 42  
Mason 31, Goldthwaite 14  
Medina 47, Menard 6  
Milano 20, Normangee 12  
Mount Enterprise 34, Cayuga 24  
Munday 34, Stamford 27  
Overton 28, Beckville 21  
Pineland West Sabine 72, Hemphill 47  
Quinlan Boles 66, Gilmer Union Hill 19  
Ralls 27, Tahoka 13  
Runge 52, CC London 0  
Sabinal 35, La Pryor 0  
Santa Maria 49, Pharr Oratory 0  
Santo 37, Meridian 14  
Saratoga West Hardin 26, Sabine Pass 16  
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# Panel vacates bounty suspensions

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Jonathan Vilma, Scott Fujita and Will Smith are back in the NFL. For now.

The suspensions of those players, plus unsigned free agent Anthony Hargrove, for their roles in New Orleans' pay-for-pain bounty scandal were lifted Friday by a three-member appeals panel.

The league reinstated them all a few minutes later.

The Saints' Smith and Fujita, now with the Cleveland Browns, probably will play in Sunday's season openers. Vilma can at least rejoin teammates and coaches in New Orleans — and get paid — even if the linebacker is not yet ready to play because of knee problems.

And Hargrove can start talking to NFL teams about giving him another shot, after he was cut by the Green Bay Packers.

Still, there's no telling how long the reprieve will last.

Coming just two days before the first full slate of NFL games this season, the ruling is a setback for Commissioner Roger Goodell and the league. But while the decision allows the players to rejoin their teams, it does not permanently void their suspensions.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Goodell would "make an expedited determination of the discipline imposed" for violating the league's bounty rule.

"Until that determination is made, the four players are reinstated and eligible to play starting this weekend," Aiello said.

Vilma, who had been suspended the whole season, tweeted: "Victory is mine!!!! -stewie griffin"

Added Fujita: "I'm overwhelmed with all the support. Thank you so much everyone. Can't tell you how much it means to me."

The ruling does not affect New

Orleans coach Sean Payton, suspended for the season, interim coach Joe Vitt (six games) or general manager Mickey Loomis (eight games).

While the panel did not address the merits of the NFL's bounty investigation, it found that Goodell overstepped his authority in hearing the players' appeals of their punishments for participating in the Saints bounty program, which paid cash bonuses for hits that injured opponents.

The panel's decision states that Special Master Stephen Burbank, not Goodell, should discipline players for receiving money from a pool that paid for big plays. Goodell's role, the panel said, should be limited to whether he can prove the players intended to injure opponents, which would fall in the category of conduct detrimental to the game. Players and coaches implicated in the bounty pool have testified under oath in a related federal court case they never intended to injure opposing players.

"Whether the commissioner tries to readdress the situation or not is his call," said Peter Ginsberg, Vilma's attorney. "We are certainly hoping the appeals board has made it clear the commissioner tried to grab jurisdiction and impose penalties over an area he does not have oversight. ... The factual record in the court makes it clear he has acted in a biased and inappropriate manner."

In a memo sent to all 32 NFL teams after the ruling and obtained by AP, NFL legal counsel Jeff Pash emphasized that "nothing in today's decision contradicts any of the facts found in the investigation into this matter, or absolves any player of responsibility for conduct detrimental. Nor does the decision in any way

suggest what discipline would be appropriate for conduct that lies within the authority of the Commissioner."

The league's investigation found that Saints coaches and players, led by former defensive coordinator Gregg Williams, ran a program from 2009-11 that offered cash payouts for hits that injured opponents. It said specific bounties were placed on quarterbacks Kurt Warner and Brett Favre in the 2009-10 playoffs.

The Saints open their season at home against Washington on Sunday, while the Browns host Philadelphia.

The NFL granted roster exemptions to the Saints for both of their suspended players and to the Browns for Fujita, meaning New Orleans could carry up to 55 players and Cleveland 54.

Vilma's status was not as clear. His season-long suspension began before training camp and he has been trying to work his way back from offseason surgery on his left knee.

Saints players had just finished practice when they received word of the panel's ruling.

"It's huge," said Saints safety Malcolm Jenkins, a defensive captain. "Those are two huge leaders we've got. They're great players. We've got a talented team, but you add Will Smith and Jonathan Vilma, our talent level goes up that much. For our team, it's a break."

Even if Vilma could not play right away, Jenkins said his presence in the locker room and meetings would be valuable.

At Browns headquarters, linebacker D'Qwell Jackson was sure the 33-year-old Fujita would be able to come back and have an immediate impact.

"I'm confident Scott has been keeping his conditioning up."

# STEERS

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play. Brett Brorman recovered a Mustang fumble and Big Spring capitalized, turning the error into seven points with a time-consuming drive by Tannehill and company which was capped by a one-yard run by Michael Oliva (29 carries, 76 yards) to put the Steers on the board. Roberson kicked the extra point and with four minutes left in the half, BSHS led 7-0.

Drawing first blood, Ritchey said, set the tone for what would prove to be a nailbiter of a game.

"(Midland Christian) played really well," Ritchey said. We were up against an explosive offense and I think we did a good job of containing them. We created turnovers, which I think was the key to the

game. It was the most physical our defense has played in a long time."

Roberson made it a 10-0 affair after kicking a 24-yard field goal in the third quarter.

Big Spring's defense — which held opponents scoreless through the first seven stanzas of play on the season — allowed its first touchdown of the year after MC connected for a 5-yard touchdown pass. The point after was no good and the Mustangs cut the Steers' lead to four points.

After another long drive commanded by Tannehill, Oliva ran for 9-yards and the second Big Spring touchdown to make it 17-6 with the Steers on top.

Answering back were the Mustangs with a 2-yard run, but they failed to convert, leaving a five-point gap in the score that MC

couldn't overcome.

Keeping the Mustangs and its capable offense in check was part of Ritchey's plan for the evening.

"That was one of our goals," Ritchey added. "To not give up a big touchdown play. We wanted to force them to play another down — maybe we could get a turnover — that's what happened a couple of times and that kept us in the game.

Dual threat receiver and safety Roberson — who caught seven passes for 107 yards — was sidelined with a potential ankle or lower leg injury in the

fourth quarter after he was hit by a Mustang defender during the extra point attempt.

"(Roberson) will be x-rayed (Saturday) morning," Ritchey said. "It's just a precautionary measure. We are hoping for the best."

The Steers will try to continue their monumental turnaround Friday on the road against San Angelo Lake View. Game time is slated for 7:30 p.m.

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# 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.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## First Things First

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♦ Q J 10  
♣ 9 4

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♥ 6  
♦ K 7 5 4  
♣ Q J 10 8 3

**EAST**  
♠ Q 7 6 3  
♥ K 10 8 4 2  
♦ 3  
♣ 6 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 9 4  
♥ 7 5  
♦ A 9 8 6 2  
♣ A K 7

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass  
3♦ Pass 3NT

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

When there is a sure way to make the contract, declarer should not adopt any approach that might jeopardize it. This principle is self-evident, but the fact is that players occasionally violate it without intending to do so.

Take this case where West led a club against three notrump. Declarer took the queen with the king and tried a heart finesse, losing the jack to East's king. Back came a club,

won by West with the ten, and another club forced out the ace.

South led a heart to the queen, and West showed out. Forced by the bad heart split to turn his attention to diamonds, declarer played the queen from dummy and finessed, whereupon West took the king and cashed two club tricks to put the contract down one.

South was certainly unlucky, but, even so, the outcome was entirely his own fault. He could have ensured nine tricks at the start by attacking diamonds instead of hearts, and he should not have allowed himself to be distracted by an alternative, but uncertain, line of play.

All declarer had to do was to lead a spade to the ace at trick two, return the queen of diamonds and finesse. Win or lose, he would make at least nine tricks against any distribution.

The early heart finesse opened the door to defeat if East had the king and the suit was unfavorably divided, and therefore should have been avoided.

In effect, South allowed himself to be diverted from his goal because he happened to be in his hand at trick one, making it more convenient to take a heart finesse than a diamond finesse. Declarers must learn to reject such luxuries.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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# OPEN

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Indeed, Errani found some satisfaction in forcing Williams to stay on court for more than an hour.

"My objective," Errani said, "was to prolong the match as much as possible."

In Saturday night's final, the fourth-seeded Williams will face top-ranked Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, who beat Maria Sharapova in three sets earlier Friday. Williams is 9-1 against Azarenka.

"Obviously, Victoria wants to win, too," Williams told the crowd in Arthur Ashe Stadium. "But I'm American, guys. Last one standing. Go USA!"

It was 12 months ago that Williams was stunned in straight sets in the U.S. Open final by Sam Stosur of Australia. Facing a break point at the start of the second set, Williams pounded a forehand she celebrated with her familiar yell of "Come on!" But she screamed as Stosur was reaching to return the shot.

The chair umpire awarded the point to Stosur, setting Williams off on a series of insults directed at the official, including, "You're just unattractive inside."

In the 2009 semifinals in New York, Williams launched into her infamous foot-fault tirade and was docked a point on match point, ending a loss to Kim Clijsters.

When a reporter mentioned to Williams, who won the U.S. Open in 1999, 2002 and 2008, that nothing of that sort has happened this year, she replied: "Hey, it's not done yet."

"Well, I did grunt once today, and I thought, 'God, I hope I don't lose the point,'" Williams said. "Like I said, my goal this year was not to get in any fights."

Everything has gone so smoothly these two weeks.

It's part of a stretch of dominance that has carried her to a 25-1 record since a shocking first-round exit at the French Open in late May, the only time in 49 Grand Slam appearances that Williams lost her opening match.

Her recent surge includes titles at Wimbledon and the London Olympics.

"It's really awesome," Williams said in an on-court interview. "That is what I wanted, and what I dreamed of, all year."

In many ways, her semifinal was a complete mismatch.

Errani had never been past the third round at the U.S. Open — and never past the fourth round at any major tournament — until this year. She reached the quarterfinals at the Australian Open in January, then made it all the way to the final at the French Open, losing there to Sharapova.

So Friday's match was only her second major semifinal, Williams' 22nd, and that disparity showed right from the outset.

Errani did not even come within a point of winning a game until she already trailed 5-0.

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## Astros rally, beat Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — As soon as the ball cleared the wall in left field, left-hander Aroldis Chapman went to the back part of the mound, squatted and looked down at the dirt.

Yep, his record streak had ended on one pitch. Matt Dominguez hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning Friday night that broke Chapman's streak of 27 consecutive saves and powered the Houston Astros to a 5-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Chapman (5-5) hadn't blown a save chance since June 24, putting together a club-record streak. He had it broken by a player who was out

of the starting lineup because of a sore left wrist.

Shockingly, the 95-loss Astros were the last ones celebrating.

It was the sixth time the Reds' bullpen — the best in the NL — failed to close out a win for Homer Bailey, leaving him stuck at 10 victories. Bailey pitched into the seventh inning, giving up two runs on a first-inning homer by Justin Maxwell.

Although Votto was back, the Reds were missing the other side of the infield. Third baseman Scott Rolen had an MRI that found inflammation in his lower back.

## Rangers fall to Rays in 11 innings

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — In another time or situation, Ben Zobrist might have dropped down a bunt.

Instead manager Joe Maddon told the Rays shortstop to swing away, and Zobrist delivered a two-run walk-off home run in the 11th inning of Tampa Bay's 3-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Friday night.

"I've never had a walk-off home run before in my life, regardless of whether it was Little League or high school or college," Zobrist said. "I thought about if it was ever going to happen, but when you're in the moment you just try to have a good, quality at bat."

Zobrist's 16th homer came off Mark Lowe (0-1) after a leadoff walk to B.J. Upton.

Maddon reminded Zobrist not to bunt because with Upton on second base, the Rangers prob-

ably would have walked Evan Longoria, the Rays' next hitter.

"If (Upton) stole a bag, then I would have (bunted)," Zobrist said.

For Zobrist, the home run was a perfect finish to a night that started with his wife, Julianna, singing the national anthem.

"That may be the first time in Major League Baseball history that happens, where the wife sings the national anthem and the husband hits a walk-off homer," Maddon observed. "Maybe Honus Wagner and his wife, back in the day. Whenever amplification came on board, you'd have to check that out."

Wade Davis (3-0) got the win after striking out five of the six hitters he faced in the 10th and 11th innings.

The Rays' fifth win in six games featured a total of 29 strikeouts after a duel between starting

pitchers Derek Holland of the Rangers and the Rays' Jeremy Hellickson.

Holland struck out a career-high 11 while giving up only two hits and two walks in eight innings.

He threw a season-high 116 pitches, retiring five Rays in a span of seven pitches at one point.

Longoria's fourth-inning homer, his 11th, was the first hit off Holland, who was trying to win a fourth straight start for the first time in his career.

"I'm definitely pleased, but at the same time I'm pretty upset," Holland said. "A win is what we really want."

It was the second straight extra-inning game for the Rangers, who arrived at their hotel at 4:40 a.m., Friday after a 5-4, 10-inning win at Kansas City on Thursday night.

## World cycling considers doping amnesty

BRANDS HATCH, England (AP) — World cycling's governing body is considering an amnesty for riders and officials to confess to doping offenses, and says there is no plan to challenge the decision to strip Lance Armstrong of his seven Tour de France titles.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Friday, UCI President Pat McQuaid said he will propose an amnesty at a meeting this month in a move to help clean up cycling after an era tarnished by doping.

"I think there's room for it and I think the

UCI could do well to (introduce it)," McQuaid said. "It's a subject I will bring up myself at the management committee of the UCI and it's something which we would look into possibly doing."

The meeting on Sept. 19 and 20 will consider whether offenders would respond to any amnesty.

"It would need to be examined as to how it could be introduced, what would be the parameters of it, what would be the framework in which it's worked, what would be the results afterwards," McQuaid said. "We have to

work in the world anti-doping rules and sanctions."

The UCI is still waiting to receive the evidence that resulted in the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency stripping Armstrong of his Tour titles, a move the American is not challenging.

In a related matter, a senior IOC member told The Associated Press that Armstrong could keep his bronze medal from the 2000 Sydney Games even if he is stripped of his Tour victories. Denis Oswald said the matter could turn on different interpretations of the eight-year statute of

limitations stipulated in the World Anti-Doping Code.

Also Friday, the Lance Armstrong Foundation announced that Armstrong will not be allowed to run in next month's Chicago Marathon. Marathon organizers have little choice, given that the race is sanctioned by USA Track and Field and Armstrong's ban prevents him from entering any events organized, authorized or sanctioned by federations that follow WADA rules.

Ironman France barred Armstrong for similar reasons.

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- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped

Prepare rice according to package directions.

In a large microwave-safe bowl, combine pasta sauce, cream and basil. Cover loosely and microwave on HIGH for 5 minutes, or until heated through. Stir in prepared rice.

#### Tips:

- If a thinner soup is desired, add 1 cup heated chicken broth.
- Serve with cheese crostini and olive tapenade.
- Top with shredded Parmesan cheese.

#### FAMILY FEATURES

**D**on't think you have time to make a delicious meal for your busy family? Think again; with these handy tips and easy recipes — which call for just four ingredients — you can get a satisfying supper on the table in no time. Make it even easier by including Minute® Steamers into your family's favorite meals, for wholesome, hearty, time-saving dishes everyone will love.

Use these tips to make meal prep easier during busy nights:

**STOCK UP** — Always keep some basic ingredients on hand to make last-minute cooking a lot easier.

- **Frozen vegetables** — Can be served as a side or added to soups and rice dishes.
- **Broth** — Beef, chicken and vegetable broths can be used to make soups and sauces, and to add flavor when cooking vegetables and rice.
- **Add-ins** — Nuts, sesame seeds, parsley, dried fruit and cheese can be added to main dishes, sides and salads to make them even more flavorful and nutritious.

**TIME SAVERS** — Take advantage of grocery items that do some of the work for you.

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- **Pre-cut vegetables** — Save some prep time by using pre-cut vegetables. Give them a quick wash and they're ready to use.
- **Pre-seasoned ingredients** — Look for canned, diced tomatoes with garlic and onions, cheese made with jalapeño, or marinated chicken or pork cuts. These are all ways to add flavor without adding time.

**PLAN AHEAD** — If you have more time on the weekend, you can do some prep work to cut down on your weeknight cooking time.

- **Prep ingredients** — Chop vegetables and shred cheese, and keep them in storage containers or resealable bags in the fridge. You can also brown ground beef and cut any meats into recipe-ready pieces.
- **Herb cubes** — Put a tablespoon of chopped herbs in each well of an ice cube tray. Fill with either water or olive oil, then freeze. Once frozen, pop them out and store in a freezer bag — you'll have fresh herb flavor in a flash.
- **Cook once, eat twice** — Double up on a recipe, then freeze one half for later. Or, plan a second meal around leftovers. For example, use Monday night's taco meat for Tuesday night's taco salad.

For more delicious ways to get a speedy supper on the table for your family, visit [www.4ingredientmeals.com](http://www.4ingredientmeals.com).

### Simple, Time-Saving Solutions to Spruce up Rice

Don't get caught in a dinner-as-usual rut — here are some quick and easy ways you can add a little flair to the family meal, without spending hours preparing dinner:

- **Citrus Rice** — To hot cooked white rice, add grated orange, lemon or lime zest for a fresh, lively taste.
- **Nutty Rice** — To hot cooked brown rice, add peanuts, cashews, pine nuts or sunflower seeds; stir in dried cranberries or cherries for added flavor, texture and color.
- **Portobello Mushroom Rice** — To hot cooked brown rice, add sautéed chopped portobello mushrooms and toasted chopped pecans. Top with crumbled feta cheese.



### Easy Arroz con Pollo

Serves: 4

- 1 bag Minute® Steamers Spanish Rice
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots, thawed
- 1 small tomato, diced
- 6 ounces (about 1 cup) cooked, diced chicken
- 1/4 cup sliced Spanish olives, sliced
- 1 green onion, sliced

Prepare rice according to package directions. In medium microwave-safe dish combine rice, peas and carrots, tomato and chicken. Microwave on HIGH for 2 minutes.

Add olives.

- Tip:**
- Garnish with green onions.



### Cheesy Chicken Broccoli and Cheese Casserole

Serves: 4

- 1 bag Minute® Steamers Broccoli and Cheese Rice
- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) cream of chicken soup
- 6 ounces (about 1 cup) cooked, diced chicken
- 1/2 cup milk

Prepare rice according to package directions. In medium microwave-safe dish, combine soup, chicken and milk. Microwave on HIGH for 2 minutes. Stir in rice.



### South of the Border Turkey Dinner

Serves: 4

- 1 bag Minute® Steamers Brown Rice
- 1 pound ground turkey, cooked and crumbled
- 1 can (11 ounces) southwestern corn blend
- 1 cup prepared salsa

Prepare rice according to package directions. In medium microwave-safe bowl, combine turkey, corn and salsa. Microwave on HIGH for 2 minutes. Stir in rice.

#### Tips:

- Add 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese.
- Use as filling in tortillas and top with shredded lettuce and chopped tomatoes.
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Births



Tristan Gage Arpin

Tristan Gage Arpin, son of Lauren Arpin of Big Spring, was born Aug. 30, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland, Texas. He weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and measured 22 inches long. His grandparents are Janette Clark and Bill Clark, both of Big Spring.



Kynzie Kae Tilley

Kynzie Kae Tilley, daughter of Stephen and Camie Tilley of Big Spring, was born Aug. 28, 2012, at Midland Memorial West Campus in Midland, Texas. She weighed 7.1 ounces and measured 19 inches. Maternal grandparents are Donna Marlow, Tom Marlow, Albert Carlile and Gayla Carlile. Paternal grandparents are Saletta Tilley and Tommy Tilley. Kynzie was welcomed home by her sibling, Keeley Tilley.



Aries John Lastat Clayton

Aries John Lastat Clayton, son of Christina Garza of Big Spring, was born Aug. 23, 2012, at 8:01 p.m. He weighed 5 pounds and 15.7 ounces measuring 21 inches. His maternal grandparents are Terrie Hobbs of Midland and Wayne Paul, also of Midland. Paternal grandparent is Steven Jay Clayton. Aries was welcomed home by his siblings Kage and Xander Garza and Alazay Clayton.

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**Dear Annie:** My husband and I have been married for 30 years. We each have adult children from previous marriages. One, "Luella," only wants a relationship when it suits her. We don't hear from her on Father's Day, but if you miss something for her, she's "hurt." She's a taker, not a giver.

A year ago, Luella had a baby. We asked about visiting, but Luella simply didn't respond. We offered to help when the baby came home from the hospital, but were told they wanted to "bond as a family," and we respected that. Finally, in desperation, I put the ball in her court. She didn't like it one bit, but after a particularly vitriolic email, she finally gave us a date to come visit.

Luella lives across the country, and it's not easy to get there, financially and physically. We would be willing to go if we felt we were welcome. So should we go or wait until she is more eager to see us? We don't want to be labeled as disinterested grandparents, nor do we want to be resented. The joy of meeting our new granddaughter has been diminished by Luella's attitude. What would you do?

*The Undoubtedly Wicked Stepmother*

**Dear Stepmother:** Go. Luella will never be "more eager." Yes, her hand was forced, but you arranged that, so take advantage. Don't make this about Luella. It's about seeing your grandchild. Stay in a hotel if you can manage it. Bring a house gift for the parents, as well as a gift for the baby. Be sweet and pleasant. Some children are simply difficult, and you must deal with them as they are in order to stay in their lives.

**Dear Annie:** I have been married for 25 years. My



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He has a lot of interests that keep him busy, so we don't spend much time together. I hate feeling like a nag by asking him to cut back on his hobbies, even though I have mentioned to him that I would appreciate it. Am I being too sensitive? — *Feeling Insecure and Unappreciated*

**Dear Insecure:** Your sensitivity is perfectly understandable, but after 25 years, you need to decide what you can tolerate. Your husband is never going to be Mr. Romance. You might get him to spend more time with you if you schedule activities that interest him. The fact that he comments on other women doesn't mean he finds you less attractive, only that it's easier to express these things about strangers than about someone he is close to. If his other qualities make up for these deficiencies,

husband is a wonderful father and provider. The problem is, he never compliments me or shows affection in public, such as a kiss on the cheek or an arm around my shoulder. I can count on one hand the number of times he has told me I look nice, yet he will say that other women are gorgeous. This hurts my feelings and makes me feel insecure. Other people have told me that I am attractive, but apparently not enough for my husband.

please accept his limitations. Otherwise, consider counseling.

**Dear Annie:** I disagree with your suggestion to "Old in Indiana" that the division of her estate "should be relatively equal." She has every right to divide her estate as she feels proper and deserving. The ones who give the least always expect the most.

— *Reward the Deserving*

**Dear Reward:** Yes, some children deserve more, and parents can do what they like. Our concern is what happens to the sibling relationships when the parents die and one child inherits more than the others. It's a recipe for lifelong estrangement, and parents should take this into consideration when making out their wills.

Annie's Snippet for Grandparents Day (credit Alex Haley):

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Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children.

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## Dear Margo

## When something is not yours to tell

**Dear Margo:** This is a tough one. My BFF, "Vera," recently found out that her hubby of 12 years was having an affair with her own sister, who is married with two kids. Vera has no kids and was never really close to her sis. Hubby begged for forgiveness, but she is divorcing him anyway.

Now comes the hard part: Sis begged her not to disclose the reason she is divorcing to their family because that would mean divorce for her, too, and great suffering for her lovely, well-mannered little boys. Vera says sis has always been a loving, caring mother who now says she is deeply sorry and that she must have been mad during the whole mess. I am wary of giving my friend advice, but she clearly hopes for some. I have no sympathy for sis, whose behavior is responsible for the boys' happiness being in jeopardy, but I think she may have a point. What is the right thing to do? — *On the Fence*

**Dear On:** I believe Vera should say nothing if she can control herself and her anger. People being people, you are not the only one who knows, so my hunch is that someone will blow the whistle on the husband-snatching sister. Encourage Vera to take the high road -- and let someone else fall into the ditch. Considering the little boys is a valid -- and admirable -- guideline. I feel certain that, down the line, Vera will feel better about herself, and if the duplicitous sister behaves herself, maybe it will prove to be a one-time transgression. -- Margo, decently

## Relatives and Money

**Dear Margo:** My 23-year-old stepsister (10 years younger) recently married a 37-year-old man who is unemployed. As far as I know, he has never held a "real" job but takes temporary work. Since they eloped last year, she

has been paying the bills. I am not sure when or how much money he has brought in since they married.

They recently wanted to move into a new house and asked me to be their guarantor because neither of them has a stable job. (Sister is a part-time waitress and sells stuff on eBay. She insists she earns enough to pay rent.) Conferring with my husband, I told her that she could use a paid service that will guarantee her payment.

When I first moved out of my parents' house for college, they had just declared bankruptcy. I had no older sibling to call, and it never occurred to me to ask someone else to become liable should I fall back on payments. It meant I didn't have the range of apartments to choose from, and I had to pay about 1 percent of my rent to the service. I paid my way through college and built a professional career, so now I have a comfortable life.

I believe that since they are adults and neither one has a steady job or an education (their choice), they should live within their means and within the range of choices available. Now my stepsister is not talking to me. — *Elder Sister*

**Dear El:** A silent sister is a small price to pay for not becoming financially responsible for a couple who, let us say, do not have their act together. I think you did the prudent thing and dodged a bullet. Alas, there are people who would not be overly upset if someone else got stuck. Carry on. — *Margo, cautiously*

*Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via the online form*

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# South Plains Implement acquires Porter Henderson

SEMINOLE, Texas — South Plains Implement, Ltd. has announced the acquisition of Porter Henderson Implement Company, bringing together two established and well-known John Deere dealers in West Texas.

“South Plains Implement will strive to continue the proud legacy of Porter Henderson and expand upon the excellent service the West Texas community has come to expect,” the company said in a press release.

Existing Porter Henderson Implement Company locations will operate under the name of South Plains Implement Ltd. Store operations in San Angelo, Ballinger

and Big Spring will continue with the same personnel, but with the added support and resources of South Plains Implement.



### Porter Henderson

Porter Henderson Implement Company has been the authorized John Deere Dealer in the Concho Valley since 1943. With facilities in San Angelo, Ballinger and Big Spring. Porter Henderson has provided support

to the surrounding communities with all types of farm equipment and lawn and garden equipment, as well as parts and service support.

**South Plains Implement**  
South Plains Implement has been a John Deere Dealer since 2001. The company operates in two states with five store locations in Seminole, Denver City and Tornillo, Texas, and in Deming and Mesquite, N.M. South Plains Implement also carries a full line of compact tractors, ATVs and lawn and garden equipment. For more information visit, [www.southplainsimplement.com](http://www.southplainsimplement.com)

# Energy Watch



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As the summer comes to an end, many investors are wondering what the rest of the year will bring. Most are anxious and more than a bit nervous. Others have been lulled to sleep by low stock trading volumes and a lack of any meaningful market movement in recent weeks.

But before we get too far ahead of ourselves, we need to think about what lies ahead over the next four weeks. There are several important events that will occur next month. Some involve the state of the domestic or international economy while others are more political in nature. But rest assured, depending on the outcome, these events have the potential to rile the U.S. stock market.

Early in the month, we will be paying close attention to the ECB (European Central Bank) monetary policy meeting Sept. 6. Then, Friday Sept. 7, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will release the employment report covering August. The market is anticipating the ECB will be in the market buying the sovereign debt of Spain and Italy in the near future. Investors are looking for further hints as to the timing and are hoping that something will be announced beyond just a cut in the overnight lending rate.

The next day, the BLS will release the August employment data. Investors are not anticipating a positive surprise. In fact, many are expecting some deterioration in the labor environment in the near term. While we would argue that in most recoveries monthly U.S. labor data is the most critical economic news investors hear, events in Europe this September will most likely have a bigger effect on the markets.

But what investors really need to think about is what will happen in the middle of September and how the stock market may react. September 12 is stacking up to be an interesting day for two reasons; the German constitutional court will decide whether or not the country can participate in the permanent euro-zone bailout fund and the Dutch will hold elections. The ECB may wait until after the German court decision to announce any sort of bond-buying strategy. The euro zone needs the Netherlands to participate in any new bailout scheme. The party trying to gain control in the Dutch election is not keen on getting deeper into a community bailout of problem member nations. We think the stock market will largely be on hold until the outcome of these two events is known.

So the current calm in the market could turn into a storm next month as events in Europe either satisfy investor demands for aggressive ECB action and cohesive agreement between key governments or fall short of expectations.

We look for an increase in market volatility in coming months as investors start to worry about the impending “fiscal cliff” and uncertainty surrounding the elections in the United States. But first, the stock market needs to deal with the month of September, and specifically, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

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# Surge? What surge?

## Oncor manager Clements explains a few things

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Staff Writer

The lights come on and the lights go off, but how?

Members of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club received a brief explanation of how electric current flow is controlled by Oncor.

An often heard question is, “Why are the lights always going off?” Often times, reports are made about surges, but in reality, there are no surges.

“There is no such thing as a surge. There is no way to have a spike that is going to blow a major appliance such as a refrigerator because generators can’t speed up and slow down that fast, which doesn’t allow for a surge,” Oncor Area Manager Jim Clements said. “What you see a lot of times is the voltage changing. When someone turns on something or turns off something big there is a noticeable change.” Average voltage runs



**HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat**  
**Jim Clements, Oncor representative, speaks with James Bell after the Friday Rotary meeting about how electricity works. Clements was the featured speaker at the weekly meeting.**

from 116 to 124, which is the span the voltage must be kept in. There are 60 cycles in a second, often referred to as 60 hertz, which means a generator has run 60 times in that second, ac-

ording to Clements. “Voltage and current have a relationship; the more things that are turned on, the more the voltage goes down. The more things that are turned off in the house,

the more the voltage goes up,” Clements said. “Which means something has to happen when everyone turns everything on.”

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# Intel warns 3Q revenue will drop on PC weakness

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Intel’s sales are falling at a rate that blindsided the chip-maker’s management, amplifying Wall Street’s worries about the slumping personal computer market and the frail economy.

The foreboding news came out Friday in revisions to Intel Corp.’s financial guidance for its current quarter.

The world’s largest maker of computer chips now expects to

post third-quarter revenue of \$13.2 billion. That would represent a 7 percent decline from the same time last year when Intel’s revenue totaled \$14.2 billion.

The projection also is well below a management forecast in July that envisioned third-quarter revenue ranging from \$13.8 billion to \$14.8 billion.

Investors punished Intel for the miscalculation, driving down the company’s shares by

98 cents, or 4 percent, to \$24.11 in late afternoon trading.

Intel blamed its sliding sales on lackluster demand for new PCs among businesses and a “challenging” economic environment.

Similar ailments are probably plaguing other companies whose fortunes are tied to PC manufacturing and sales. Intel chips are

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# Drought could cause shift in 2013 cotton crop

COLLEGE STATION — High grain prices as a result of continuous drought in the Midwest could cause a potential shift in some Texas cotton acreage looking ahead to the 2013 crop year, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economists.



**TOMMY YEATER**

Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife-

Extension cotton economist in College Station, said you would have to look back six years to when the Lone Star State last saw a significant change in cotton acres.

Cotton prices are predicted to be in a tight range in the near term, although changes in world supply projections could trigger fluctuations. Producers can rely on options contracts to take advantage of price swings in both an up or down market.

“The last time we had a major reduction was more than 20 percent in 2006-2007

as a result of higher grain prices,” he said. “Even though we don’t grow a lot of soybeans, I hear stories of high sorghum prices that will tempt a lot of growers. I wouldn’t be surprised to see our acreage drop down 20 percent to about 5 million cotton acres.”

“There is the possibility, but it is limited,” said Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension economist in College Station. “Grain sorghum in the High Plains is secondary if they have a failed cotton crop. Overall, cotton farmers

are cotton farmers.”

The outcome of the 2013 wheat crop is the biggest question, Welch said, as prices continue an upward trend over the past three months.

“If we get a bunch of rain, this could lead to a lot of opportunity,” he said.

Texas plants approximately 6 million wheat acres. If the state receives ample rain this fall, there could be an increase in harvested acreage and possibly an increase nationwide. This is in response to wheat following the recent

run-up in corn prices, eclipsing more than \$8 a bushel, Welch said.

“We are certainly setting ourselves up for a very large grain crop in 2013,” Welch said.

Robinson said cotton prices will “pretty much stay in a sideways channel.”

“They’ve been just under 70 cents a pound to most recently 77 cents a pound,” he said. “I’m expecting a continuation of a range, sideways action pattern bouncing

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Equipment is spread throughout the system to adjust the voltage constantly. What people will see when a big load goes off is the lights will come up, which draws people to believe there was a surge.

"People think seeing those lights come up means there was a surge, but it's not. The thing is we can't adjust as fast as it does that and we can't adjust it every time it happens," Clements said.

Another misconception is that lights only are caused to go off when storms are in the area. According to Clements, although it may be one of the reasons, it is not the only reason.

"I wish the only time our lights went off was because of a storm, but it's not," Clements said.

The system protects itself. The 2 amp fuses are meant to blow when a problem is detected in order to ensure the least amount of impact and

danger.

"We don't want everyone burnt out at the same time if we don't have to. Our system is broken down in order to ensure the problem is isolated with little interruption to our customers," he said.

The instantaneous trip occurs when a problem is detected on the line. From there, it will take 30 cycles, half a second, to close and clear the line. During that time, people tend to think a surge has occurred, but in reality the power has gone completely off and back on.

"It stays on that setting normally, especially if there is a storm. Sometimes it is left on clear days because they operate so quickly that the fuse won't have time to blow. If something gets into the line and just burns out we don't want the fuse to blow and take everyone out if we don't have to," Clements said.

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used in about 80 percent of PCs and a vast number of servers as well, making it a bellwether for spending on computers.

Taking their cue from Intel, investors bailed out a wide range of PC-related stocks. Companies whose shares fell during Friday's trading included Microsoft Corp., Hewlett-Packard Co., and other chip-makers, such as Advanced Micro Devices Inc. and Nvidia Corp.

The slowdown in PC sales will be the worst for the second half of a year in the industry's history, said Citigroup analyst Ken Yeung.

The weakening PC sales in the corporate market are the latest sign of a technological shift driven by the growing popularity of smartphones and tablet computers.

Consumers already have been buying fewer desktop and laptop computers as they embrace sleeker, more convenient mobile devices to surf the Web. That shift hasn't been good for Intel because its chips aren't used in a lot of cellphones and tablets.

Businesses typically are slower to adopt the latest trends, but more companies are allowing their employees to rely on their own personal devices to get work done as the lines blur

between the office and home. That movement also could reduce the need for companies to buy more PCs.

Analysts also suspect that the business executives overseeing technology budgets are becoming more reluctant to buy new PCs because of concerns that the wobbly economy might topple into another recession.

PC makers have been adjusting to the uncertainty by ramping down production and reducing orders for more chips, according to Intel.

Earlier in the year, PC makers were hoping for a sales life from the long-awaited release of Windows 8, a dramatic overhaul of the Microsoft-made operating system that has powered most PCs for decades.

But it's now looking like the Oct. 26 release of Windows 8 won't cure the ailing PC market.

Intel's business trends won't likely recover in the short term given the weak PC market, said BMO Capital Markets analyst Ambrish Srivastava wrote.

Most corporate buyers are expected to stick with the current versions of Windows until they get a better handle on how the new version works. Some analysts believe it's going to be tough to sell PCs running on Windows 8 amid an onslaught of recent tablet releases from Google Inc., Amazon.com Inc. and Samsung Electronics.

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around with some outside news. I'm expecting prices to trade anywhere from 80 cents to the low 70s."

Robinson said prices could react accordingly to some type of world supply news, such as India, which hand harvests its cotton and could possibly come up a million bales short of expectations.

"That might generate a market rally," he said. Marketing strategies for cotton producers this late in the season are limited.

"There is not much in the options world you

can do at the moment," Robinson said. "I think right now just getting the best cash offer you can is the main thing. If you are shopping around for call options you might be able to catch any upside surprise."

Robinson said producers could take advantage of any possible volatility on the December 2013 futures by buying options "way in advance, so it may be worth shopping and thinking about what is affordable and what the price direction is."

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

**Public Records**

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

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Robert Paul Newton, 715 Dealy, Big Spring

Melissa Nieto, 615 Tulane, Big Spring

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**District Court Filings:**

Toni Renee Casey vs. Johnathan Monroe Casey, divorce.

In Re Mekhi Fabian Castillo, family.

In Re Layla Eva Soliz, family.

In Re Larry M. Ybarra, family.

In Re Kynsela Myla Mata, family.

Excel Energy Co. vs. Howard County Appraisal District, civil.

Brenda Rodriguez Cataneda vs. Matthew Castaneda, divorce.

Rebekah Butler vs. Alan Caton, family.

Molly E. Rupard vs. Lyndsay R. Wagner, family.

Raquel Rangel Martin vs. Larry Don Martin, divorce.

Rosa Bustamante vs. Tina Calderon Williams, injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.

Alison L. Herm vs. Eric L. Herm, divorce.

State of Texas vs. Niraj Pande, expunction.

Ricky Lee McCoy vs. Sarah Marie McCoy, family.

Erin Marie Buzbee vs. James Edward Buzbee, divorce.

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Grantor: Peggy Christian  
Grantee: Alberta Martinez  
Property: A 1.65-acre tract out of Section 34, 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

**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:**

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Grantee: Lucy Flores  
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Sunset Place Addition  
Date: July 9, 2012

Grantor: Billy Maurice Roper  
Grantee: Joe Dudley and Debbie Dudley  
Property: Lot 5, Block 6, Western Hills Addition  
Date: July 9, 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  
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Date: April 30, 2012

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Grantee: Virginia Pherigo  
Property: Lots 7-8, Block 1, Hilldale Addition  
Date: July 2, 2012

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Grantee: Coby Levi Landis  
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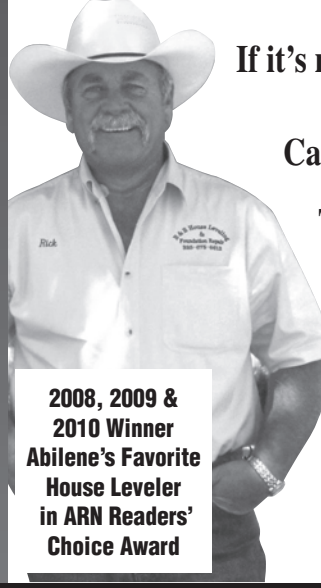
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Date/Time: Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., for the following  
Bid #13-001 Aluminum Sulfate (Alum)  
Bid #13-002 Anhydrous Ammonia  
Bid #13-003 Chlorine  
Bid #13-004 Polymer  
Bid #13-005 Sulfur Dioxide  
Bid #13-006 Sodium Hydroxide  
Bid #13-007 Fleet Fuel Services  
Bid #13-008  
Dora Roberts Community Center Janitorial Services  
Bid #13-009 Radio Tower Maintenance  
Bid #13-010 Uniforms  
Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s).  
The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.  
#7491 September 2 & 9, 2012

**Legals**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of FREDRICK JAMES, Deceased, were issued on August 30, 2012, in Cause No. P-14098, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: RAELA EDWARDS.  
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: RAELA EDWARDS  
4208 Callahan  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
DATED the 4th day of September, 2012.  
Joshua Hamby  
Attorney for RAELA EDWARDS  
State Bar No.: 24034471  
107 W 4th St.  
PO Box 2199  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Telephone: (432)263-8395  
Facsimile: (432)263-4798  
#7500 September 9, 2012

**Legals**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOYCE ANNETTE HOWARD, Deceased, were issued on September 4, 2012, in Cause No. P-14101, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: ANDREA MAE HOWARD.  
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: ANDREA MAE HOWARD  
2202 Morrison  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
DATED the 4th day of September, 2012.  
GLYNNA MOUTON  
Attorney for  
ANDREA MAE HOWARD  
State Bar No.: 14606500  
MOUTON & MOUTON, PC  
200 West Third Street  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
Telephone: (432)263-8397  
Facsimile: (432)263-8686  
#7495 September 9, 2012

**Legals**

**COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM Public Notice**  
Effective September 1, 2012  
**The Howard County Indigent Health Care program is based on the rules and procedures mandated by the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.**  
An Application Form can be obtained from the County Indigent Health Care Office located at:  
**Howard County Courthouse**  
300 Main Street, Room 310  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
(432)264-2219  
Howard County follows the rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Health. To Meet the criteria for the County Indigent Health Care Program, the following is required by verification:  
**Residency Resources**  
**Household Compensation Income**  
Howard County will only accept and pay the Standard Payment rates as determined by the Texas Department of Health. Howard County will pay all inpatient hospital bills by interim percentage rate.  
**Irene Dominguez**  
County Indigent Health Care Director  
P.O. Box 2205  
Big Spring, TX 79721  
#7497 September 9, 2012

**Legals**

**Public Notice**  
The Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on September 18th, 2012 at Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District's Office located at 132 N. Main St. in Garden City, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2012. The proposed tax rate is 0.006221 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District by 12%.  
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#8 Eric Seber  
Miscellaneous house items  
#13 Arnold Terry  
Miscellaneous items  
#30 Juan Guzman  
Miscellaneous items  
#20 Michella Cuellar  
Miscellaneous items  
#7496 September 9 & 16, 2012

**Legals**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of URENA LOYA, Deceased, were issued on September 5, 2012, in Cause No. P-14099, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: ROBERT LOYA.  
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: ROBERT LOYA  
2515 Pinebluff Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75228  
DATED the 7th day of September, 2012.  
Joshua Hamby  
Attorney for ROBERT LOYA  
State Bar No.: 24034471  
107 W 4th St.  
PO Box 2199  
Big Spring, TX 79720  
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<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>55</b> Pokémon	<b>7</b> Reveal one's gullibility	<b>32</b> Cry over spilt milk?
<b>1</b> Rhyming tequila brand	<b>Rumble platform</b>	<b>8</b> Joe DiMaggio mentor	<b>34</b> Caesar subordinate
<b>9</b> Palette user of old	<b>56</b> Chalk user	<b>9</b> Aaron Spelling alma mater	<b>35</b> Piquancy
<b>15</b> Tick, for example	<b>58</b> Black and Tan ingredient	<b>10</b> Fathers of cygnets	<b>36</b> Sri Lankan export
<b>16</b> Was lost in thought	<b>60</b> Simple life	<b>11</b> Name on the cover of <i>My Life as an Explorer</i>	<b>37</b> Vista
<b>17</b> Crash	<b>61</b> Academic rank	<b>12</b> Opposite of "persona"	<b>38</b> Bug
<b>18</b> Part of the border between the two Congos	<b>62</b> Had great inspirations	<b>13</b> Take it easy	<b>43</b> Boarding announcement
<b>19</b> Broad band of a sort	<b>63</b> Salt flats, formerly	<b>14</b> Group paid to strike?	<b>45</b> It's quick to mature
<b>20</b> Make easier to drive	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>21</b> Leader of some parades	<b>47</b> Sophisticated
<b>22</b> It makes it harder to drive	<b>1</b> Vespucci contemporary	<b>24</b> Part of a field hockey uniform	<b>48</b> Finished a wall, maybe
<b>23</b> Cup of Champagne	<b>2</b> Vespucci landfall of 1499	<b>26</b> Cordon Bleu specialization	<b>49</b> Rankings
<b>25</b> Sphere of responsibility	<b>3</b> Grounds	<b>29</b> Quixote's real first name	<b>51</b> Cape kin
<b>27</b> Screen villain in a Nehru jacket	<b>4</b> National Fire Prevention Mo.	<b>30</b> <i>La Bohème</i> hero	<b>53</b> Quarter
<b>28</b> Bulge in a trunk	<b>5</b> Audible mask		<b>54</b> "Crocodile" Dundee's other nickname
<b>31</b> Sound around the ears, perhaps	<b>6</b> Queenly in-law of William of Orange		<b>57</b> Surf speak approval
<b>33</b> Orchestration abbreviation			<b>59</b> Propeller center
<b>34</b> Wait			
<b>37</b> Lab fixture			
<b>38</b> Eschews			
<b>39</b> 1099- (form prepared by banks)			
<b>40</b> YMCA class			
<b>41</b> Time called her the "soul of romantic comedy"			
<b>42</b> Mop the floor with			
<b>44</b> "... apparel ___ proclaims the man": <i>Hamlet</i>			
<b>46</b> Kurt's role in <i>Tombstone</i>			
<b>50</b> Slip			
<b>52</b> Only Indonesian-speaking President			

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# More pets missing, but Web comes to the rescue

By SUE MANNING

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — More owners are reporting lost or stolen pets, but the online nation is coming to the rescue.

The number of dogs being stolen in the United States has gone up dramatically in the last few years, the American Kennel Club says. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says thefts skyrocket in New York every summer when residents combine walking the dog with running errands.

Police will take a report if there's a witness or if a pet is extremely valuable. But animal-loving social media bloodhounds have jumped to help, alongside any number of dog-finding companies, devices and apps.

Nearly 70 percent more dogs were stolen across the country in 2011 than a year earlier, said AKC spokeswoman Lisa Peterson.

"It was the largest jump since we started keeping track in 2007," she said.

The club collects media reports about stolen pets and retrieves data from the AKC Companion Animal Recovery database, a mix of microchip filings and customer calls, she said. In 2011, the AKC recorded 432 stolen dogs, compared with 255 in 2010.

The numbers only skim the surface, she said. Facebook and Twitter are flush with lost or stolen pets.

Better records are impossible because the law defines pets as property, so even if a police report is filed, it won't be flagged just because a dog was taken, explained Los Angeles Police Department spokesman Kevin Maiberger. If an animal is valued at more than \$950, the crime will be bumped up to grand theft, but it still won't mention pets except in the list of stolen items, he

said.

A lack of records doesn't mean a lack of tears though, said Cora Bennett of Somerset, Ohio.

Marissa Banik, her daughter, didn't stop crying for hours after pugs Chloe and Pugsy were stolen from their yard on Aug. 20.

Bennett and Banik called animal shelters, put up fliers, posted the theft on Facebook and other sites, called police, searched the neighborhood, talked to neighbors, posted a reward and followed several leads, Bennett said. "They are her babies," Bennett said.

Joanne McGonagle of New Lexington, Ohio, a friend of Bennett's, helped spread the word about Chloe and Pugsy on Facebook.

She also relayed the happy ending. A utility employee who saw the poster on Facebook called Banik and said he saw two pugs tied up at a service station. A service station employee watched surveillance footage and got the license plate of the car the pugs were in, McGonagle said. That employee saw the car outside a market, confronted a couple and threatened to call police so they gave him the pugs, she said.

There was a joyous reunion at the Banik home. "We had a big party. Everybody was coming over and giving them treats and loving on them and it was awesome," said Bennett, chief sitter for her "granddogs."

Peterson said pet thefts are all motivated by economics. "Some may want a dog but can't afford the adoption fees. Some are stolen directly out of stores because they don't want to pay the price. Some are stolen to sell and make money on the Internet or on a sidewalk. Some are held for ransom or given as gifts," she said.

To prevent loss or theft of your pet, Peterson recommends:

- Don't leave a dog unattended in a yard, especially if it's visible from the street.
- If a stranger approaches to admire your dog, don't answer questions about the pet's value or where you live.
- Never leave a dog alone in a car. Thieves in search of GPS systems or laptops may let a dog out.
- Don't tie your dog outside a store. If you have errands, use pet-friendly stores or leave your dog home.
- Use a collar tag and a microchip with updated online information.

If a dog goes missing, an owner should contact local animal shelters and neighbors. If anyone saw the theft, police will get involved. Some local newspapers, radio and TV stations put missing pets on their websites.

Digital services like petamber-alert.com, lostpetcards.com and findtoto.com are growing, too. Each year, there are 10 percent to 15 percent more callers to petamber-alert.com, said founder Mark Jakubczak.

For a fee (starting at \$99.95), the service will call neighbors with a computer-generated message and fax posters to pet-related businesses. Jakubczak said recovery ranges from 62 percent to 84 percent, he said.

"Every year we find more and more pets, so it's very rewarding," Jakubczak said.

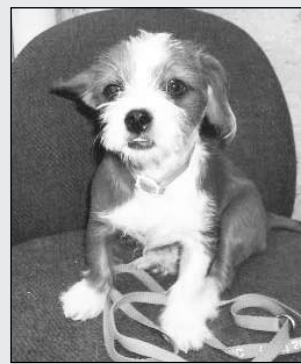
HomeAgain offers a free app called petrescuers, which taps into a network of 900,000 people nationwide. You have to be a member to report a lost pet, but there is no charge to those who find pets, said company spokesman Ryan Smith.

Other petfinding companies include ipetalert, lostpetusa and lostpettracker.

"Losing your dog creates anxiety, panic. It's devastating, you don't know where your best friend is," Peterson said. "Time is of the essence. The longer you wait to get the word out, the farther away they could be

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

When a person says, "Can I have your opinion?" often what is really wanted is something else entirely — for instance, your attention, business, love or approval. As the moon slips from expressive Gemini into intuitive Cancer, use your deeper emotional faculties to understand the true meaning of personal exchanges.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You have many wonderful friends you do not see regularly for the simple reason that your schedules do not easily mesh. Happily, that's about to change.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The child's mind watches a daring feat and believes without a doubt, "I can do that." The adult's mind recognizes a paradox: It takes a lot of effort to appear effortless.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your attitude is upbeat and confident. You show that you care as much or more about others as you do about forwarding your own interests. Socially, you can do no wrong.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Something comes up, and there will be a slightly urgent reason to get immediate answers. Pursuing the subject will connect you with interesting new friends.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When you're learning something new, it's totally normal to get worse at it before you get better. But if the trend continues, put some space between you and the project. Perspective is needed. A Libra can help.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll gain fans. The tangible results of your work are not the only reason people will follow you. People will become fascinated by anything you give, including your support.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's amazing to you that some people quit just when they should be trying harder because the goal is close at hand. When something is not working, you change your strategy and give it another go.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Stay confident, even if you see the competition and it scares you. Don't disqualify yourself in your own mind before the game has begun. You have an edge, which you'll only realize when you stay to play.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be in charge in some way. You may have to deliver some criticism because of your role, but you'll do this in good humor. The kindness in your voice makes people understand that you're on their side.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There was that one time — and it stands out in your mind now — when you sabotaged your own success. Today you'll have a chance to right the situation or, more likely, a similar situation.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Unfortunately, for many people, it's not having love but getting love that's exciting. You enjoy a good chase as much as the next person, but you will wisely cherish your catch.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). If you let someone validate you, that means you're also giving them the power to invalidate you. If anyone is going to give you points for good behavior, let it be you.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 9). You'll have crystal mental clarity this month. You'll see what needs changing for your ultimate health and happiness. You'll put those changes into effect in October and November. You'll be learning new skills through the end of the year. Your lack of pretense endears people to you. Romantic offers abound in 2013. Aries and Gemini people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 12, 4 and 18.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** Scientists who study human brain function may use an electroencephalograph to monitor and measure the electrical charge maintained by billions of neurons in the brain. The device is a perfect symbol for the energy of Virgo: a precise analytical tool designed to bring enlightenment to one of the most mysterious and complex systems of the universe, the human brain. And though we may never fully understand our own minds, the drive to analyze our thought processes and habits is ever-present during this Virgo solar phase. One gleaming cosmic gift of the week is a conjunction of the sun and Mercury that promises to focus us on only the most useful information. We may seek knowledge, but we should not lose sight of what really matters: how it's applied. The sun/Mercury conjunction will be exact on September 10 and strongly felt until the 13th.

In order to get the most out of this week, take copious notes and save them. Measure your time. Record how you spend your days. Don't concern yourself with drawing conclusions; you can always do that later. The accurate data you collect now will be instrumental to your future happiness.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Adam Sandler is best known for comedy, but he has achieved that which but a few comedians have: critical acclaim for dramatic work. Sandler is also a writer, producer and musician. So how does this Hollywood mogul keep it all rolling? The Virgo planets in his natal chart reveal his two-part secret: hard work and a love of entertainment. Sandler was born under five Virgo luminaries and with Mars in Leo.

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**▶ Menus**

**Coahoma ISD**

Monday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, sausage with gravy, fruit or fruit juice, milk. Lunch: corn dog, grilled cheese, baked beans, tomato and cucumber cup, apple-pineapple D'Lite, milk.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: blueberry mini waffles, syrup, fruit or fruit juice, milk. Lunch: nacho grande, crisp taco, refried beans, garden salad, orange smiles, milk.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: sausage roll, fruit or fruit juice, milk. Lunch: grilled chicken sandwich, hamburgers, oven fries, fresh veggies cup, fruity gelatin, milk.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast burrito, fruit or fruit juice, milk. Lunch: beef macaroni, chicken nuggets, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes, corn bread, milk.  
 Friday: Breakfast: cinnamon french toast, fruit or fruit juice, milk. Lunch: pepperoni pizza, ravioli, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk.

**Sands ISD**

Monday: Breakfast: hot pockets, juice and milk. Lunch: hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, tater tots, carrots with ranch, cookie and milk.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: cinnamon roll, juice and milk. Lunch: golden fish strips, mac and cheese, tossed salad, Texas toast, fruit and milk.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: sausage and biscuit, juice and milk. Lunch: burrito, Spanish rice, seasoned corn, cake and milk.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: muffins, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken alfredo, green beans, bread stick, fruit cup and milk.  
 Friday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice and milk. Lunch: barbecue on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, grapes and milk.

**Big Spring ISD**

Monday: Breakfast: cocoa krispies, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: ham and cheese sandwich, baby carrots, ranch dressing, peaches, green peas, orange smiles, milk.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: sausage/gravy pizza, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Asian teriyaki chicken, brown rice pilaf, broccoli, pineapple chunks, roll, milk.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: breakfast burrito, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, sliced apples, cornbread, milk.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: mini maple pancakes, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken fajitas, tortilla, ranch beans, corn, strawberries, grapes, lettuce/tomato topping, salsa, milk.  
 Friday: Breakfast: breakfast quesadilla, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: crispy tacos, sweet potatoes sticks, ranch dressing, salsa, lettuce/tomato topping, pears, milk.

**Elbow/Forsan ISD**

Monday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: hamburger, hamburger salad, potato tots, western beans, diced pears, milk.  
 Tuesday: Breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: tangarine chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, snowball salad, milk.  
 Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuit and sausage, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, milk.  
 Thursday: Breakfast: pancake on stick, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: stuffed barbecue potato with cheese, baby carrots, crackers, fresh fruit bowl, cherry fruit bar, milk.  
 Friday: Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: chicken parmesan, savory green beans, garden salad, fresh apple slices, breadstick, milk.

**Senior Center**

Monday: barbecue sandwich, onion slice, pinto beans, squash medley, melon cubes, V8 juice/milk.  
 Tuesday: baked chicken breasts, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend veg, Texas toast/chocolate pudding, milk.  
 Wednesday: pork tenderloin patty, baked potato, green beans, rolls, lime gelatin with pineapples, sugar cookies/milk.  
 Thursday: ham salad, macaroni salad, pea salad, crackers, spice cake, V8 juice/milk.  
 Friday: hamburger, french fries, angel cake with strawberries, milk.

**Reader's Corner**

**Fall**

Life sometimes put so many burdens and problems on our backs  
 That we think if just one more thing goes wrong we will fall because our loads are already too heavy to carry.

But we don't fall because there is one we can't see but his loving hands are wrapped around us, holding us up

That someone is Jesus Christ our Savior.  
 Cast your burden on the Lord and he shall sustain you. Psalm 55:22

—Lana F. Anguiano

**Men Can't Hear**

I bet there are many women who agree with me.  
 Men can't hear, when they are watching T.V.  
 That is the only time my husband agrees on everything I say with me.

Then, he will say why don't you ever tell me?  
 Come to think of it, my husband never does hear me.  
 He goes to sleep watching T.V.

—Fannie Price

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**FIRE SERVICES CAREER EXPLORING SIGN MEETING**

**When:** Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Where:** Big Spring Fire Department Station #4: Northeast 8th & North Main

**Time:** Meeting is from 6:00-7:00 PM each week

Fire & Emergency Service Career Exploring is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) through 20 years old with an

interest in learning more about careers in the field of Fire & Emergency Services. The sponsoring organization is the Big Spring Fire Department. Fire & Emergency Services Exploring is a hands-on program put on by the Boy Scouts of America that exposes participants to many career experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within fire and emergency services and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and country.

You get to experience firsthand what it's like to be a volunteer or full-time Fire fighter & Emergency Service provider through firefighting training & ride a long during actual fire calls with the Big Spring Fire Department.

**If you are unable to attend or would like more information contact:**  
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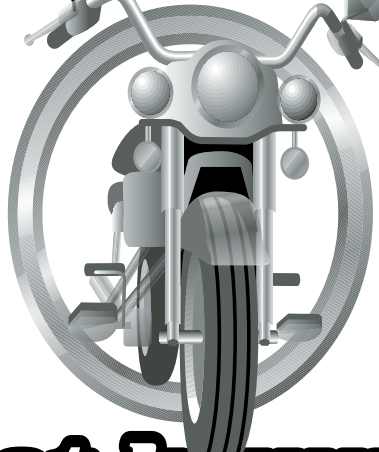
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# Firefighters go back to school at Marcy Elem.



Courtesy photos  
Left: Firefighters went to visit students at Marcy Elementary Wednesday. Firefighters from Station 5 spent time reading to the students and having lunch. Pictured are Jordan Barron, Derreck Ratcliff and Josh Pardee.  
Above: Firefighter Chad Perderson also enjoyed lunch and story time with the students.

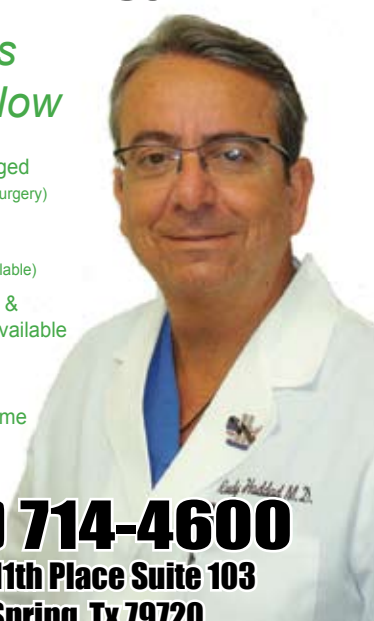
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