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Karen Oliver, left, talks to a customer at My Redeemer Church's arts and crafts sale held Saturday at the former Christ Fellowship Church.

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AP

## Minorities donate little in prez race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans living in predominantly wealthy, white neighborhoods account for nearly all the sizable campaign contributions in this year's presidential election, according to an Associated Press analysis, even as the presidential candidates have aggressively courted

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# More than 5,000 vote early

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

With early voting in this year's general election completed, officials with the Howard County Elections Administration office are turning their attention to Tuesday, when area voters will have one last chance to cast their ballots.

According to Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom, her office has tallied nearly 5,600 ballots for early voting's two-week run, accounting for nearly 34 percent of the registered voters in Howard

County. "It was definitely a good run for early voting," Bloom said. "We opened really strong with 617 voters casting their ballots in person and another 18 received by mail the first day. The second day was also busy, with 580 ballots in person and 16 by mail. Things slowed down just slightly by mid-week, however, with 491 ballots Wednesday and 487 on Thursday. The end of the first week finished strong, however, with 534 ballots Friday and another 194 Saturday. By the end of the first week we had counted 3,355 ballots, both in

## Voting locations in Tuesday's election

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| Tuesday, polls open 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.  | FM 700.<br>County Election Precincts 32, 33, 34, 35 and 304 — First Baptist Church foyer, located at 705 W. FM 700.                       | 408 and 409 — First Baptist Church, located in Sand Springs at 8517 N. Service Rd.                      |
| County Election Precincts 11, 12, 12A, 13, 14, 16, 103 and 104 — Howard County Road and Bridge Office, located at 1000 N. San Antonio. | County Election Precincts 42, 45, 46, 404 and 405 — Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located on the Howard College campus at 1001 Birdwell Lane. | County Election Precincts 207 and 207C — Coahoma Community Center, located in Coahoma at 306 N. Avenue. |
| County Election Precincts 24, 25, 26, 205 and 208 — Big Spring Mall, located at 1801 E.  | County Election Precincts   | For more information on the election, call 432-264-2273.  |

person and by mail." Bloom said the second week of early voting was a bit more erratic than the first. "This past Monday opened somewhat slower than I expected, with 347 ballots cast." See **VOTE**, Page 3A

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## Nix reunion just a two-step away

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

While most guys are notorious for forgetting anniversaries, Crossroads area country and western musician Jody Nix doesn't have that problem. In his case, he has thousands of local residents and music lovers all over the country to remind him.

Nix — along with his band, the West Texas Cowboys — are poised to celebrate 66 years of what has

become a lengthy and distinguished time the Nix family has carried the torch for traditional country and western music with an anniversary celebration Saturday, Nov. 10, at the family's landmark venue, the Stampede.

"The tradition started with my dad, Hoyle, and my uncle, Ben, right here in Big Spring on Nov. 11, 1946," said Nix. "They both had long careers and left a legacy and

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The annual Nix family reunion is set for Saturday, Nov. 10.

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## Obituaries

## Richard Harold Parker



Richard Harold Parker, 75, of Knott, died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, in a San Diego, Calif. Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, at 14th and Main Church of Christ with Larry Marshall and Shawn Gary officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012, at the funeral home.

He was born Jan. 28, 1937, in Coahoma, Texas and married Miriam Jean Sample May 28, 1958, in Big Spring.

Richard farmed in the Knott community for 54 years. He was a member and elder at the Knott

Church of Christ and served on the Sands CISD school board.

Survivors include his wife, Miriam Jean Parker; two sons, Steve Parker and wife, Amy, and Clay Parker and wife, Karen; two daughters, Debbie Hardgrave and husband, Mark and Carla Blagrove and husband, Stan; one brother, Bruce Parker and wife, Joyce, all of Knott; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Thomas and Isabell (Lay) Parker.

The family suggests memorials be made to Foster's Home for Children, P.O. Box 978, Stephenville Texas 76401-0978.

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

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## Zachary Taylor Steward



Zachary Taylor Steward passed away at the age of 26 from complications from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Zach was born in Big Spring and moved to Lubbock when he was 4 years old. He went to Trinity Christian School until 1997, then went to Frenship Schools, where he graduated in 2005. He received his Associate's Degree from South Plains College and then received his Bachelor's

degree in graphic design from Lubbock Christian University in 2011. After graduation, he did freelance graphic design work.

Despite his life-long illness, Zach was always happy with a very positive outlook on life. He had a strong will and was determined to graduate from college. He loved being outdoors in the sun, he loved the lake, jet skiing and drag racing. But mostly he loved Cameron, Morgan, Michelle and his parents

and his Mimi. He was an advocate for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and served as an MDA ambassador when he was six years old. Zach was a joy and inspiration to his family and his many friends because of his zest for life and strong motivation to be independent.

Zach leaves behind a close and supportive family including his mother, Vicki Steward; his father Mike Steward; his grandmother, Pamela Crim; his brother Cameron; sisters Morgan Hyman and her husband Joey and Michelle Olson and husband Charles; and several aunts, uncles and cousins and many dear friends.

Two uncles, Tommie Samuel and Ira Joe, preceded him in death, both from complications of Muscular Dystrophy.

Family visitation will be Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012, from 4-6 p.m. at Resthaven Funeral Home.

Services are Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, at 1 p.m. at Resthaven Abbey Chapel. The family requests donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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## Take Note

Lalix Entertainment and Nutin But Entertainment are pairing up to help the less fortunate through music. We are reaching out to the community and local businesses to participate in food contributions for low-income housing areas such as the North Crest Apartments. This is a lunch event that will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. There will be a DJ playing music and appearances and performances by local artists.

An account for Bill Griffen has been established at the Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton. Griffen, a Big Spring resident, recently passed away and the family is in need of funds for funeral arrangements.

Adopt a Military Hero, Howard County's Christmas for the Troops, is accepting APO addresses for military members deployed to Afghanistan. Send APOs to adoptmilitaryhero@sbcglobal.net. All APOs should be turned in by Nov. 10. If you would like to "Adopt a Military Hero," boxes are available at 1606 E. Third or call 432-270-8554 for more information. All donations must be turned in by Nov. 21.

An account has been set up at Western Bank for Kristen Lasater and family, who lost their home to a house fire Monday afternoon. The account number, for those wanting to make a donation, is 1004597.

An account has been set up at Citizen's Credit Union for Emma Leos, who was recently diagnosed with colon cancer.

Jo Anna Bailey, an aide for many years at Washington Elementary School, has been diagnosed with cancer. A medical donation account has been established for her at the Big Spring Education Credit Union, located at 1110 Benton. Your generosity will enable her to have much-needed tests and treatment.

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.

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

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliances.

Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432-268-7535.

Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

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

Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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

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

## C. G. Griffin

C. G. Griffin, 89, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

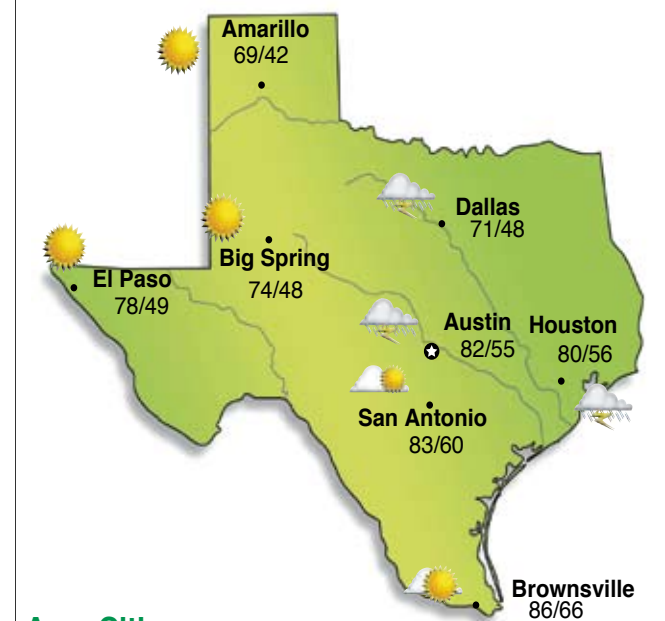
## Today's Weather

## Local 5-Day Forecast

| Mon<br>11/5   | Tue<br>11/6  | Wed<br>11/7  | Thu<br>11/8   | Fri<br>11/9   |
|---|--|--|---|---|
|   |  |  |   |   |
| <b>74/48</b>  | <b>77/52</b>   | <b>81/56</b>   | <b>82/52</b>  | <b>78/50</b>  |
| Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s. | Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s. | Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s. | A few clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s. | Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s. |
| <b>Sunrise:</b><br>8:07 AM                                    | <b>Sunrise:</b><br>8:08 AM   | <b>Sunrise:</b><br>8:09 AM                                       | <b>Sunrise:</b><br>8:09 AM                                  | <b>Sunrise:</b><br>8:10 AM                                    |
| <b>Sunset:</b><br>6:52 PM                                     | <b>Sunset:</b><br>6:51 PM  | <b>Sunset:</b><br>6:51 PM  | <b>Sunset:</b><br>6:50 PM                                   | <b>Sunset:</b><br>6:49 PM                                     |

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## Area Cities

| City           | Hi | Lo | Cond.     | City            | Hi | Lo | Cond.    |
|----------------|----|----|-----------|-----------------|----|----|----------|
| Abilene        | 75 | 49 | mst sunny | Kingsville      | 87 | 63 | pt sunny |
| Amarillo       | 69 | 42 | sunny     | Livingston      | 78 | 49 | t-storm  |
| Austin         | 82 | 55 | t-storm   | Longview        | 70 | 46 | t-storm  |
| Beaumont       | 76 | 54 | t-storm   | Lubbock         | 72 | 43 | sunny    |
| Brownsville    | 86 | 66 | mst sunny | Lufkin          | 76 | 51 | t-storm  |
| Brownwood      | 80 | 50 | pt sunny  | Midland         | 76 | 50 | sunny    |
| Corpus Christi | 84 | 65 | pt sunny  | Raymondville    | 87 | 64 | pt sunny |
| Corsicana      | 72 | 47 | t-storm   | Rosenberg       | 81 | 56 | t-storm  |
| Dallas         | 71 | 48 | t-storm   | San Antonio     | 83 | 60 | pt sunny |
| Del Rio        | 85 | 59 | sunny     | San Marcos      | 82 | 55 | t-storm  |
| El Paso        | 78 | 49 | sunny     | Sulphur Springs | 69 | 46 | rain     |
| Fort Stockton  | 78 | 50 | sunny     | Sweetwater      | 74 | 48 | sunny    |
| Gainesville    | 70 | 43 | pt sunny  | Tyler           | 72 | 48 | t-storm  |
| Greenville     | 69 | 44 | t-storm   | Weatherford     | 71 | 45 | t-storm  |
| Houston        | 80 | 56 | t-storm   | Wichita Falls   | 73 | 44 | rain     |

## National Cities

| City        | Hi | Lo | Cond.    | City           | Hi | Lo | Cond.    |
|-------------|----|----|----------|----------------|----|----|----------|
| Atlanta     | 62 | 47 | pt sunny | Minneapolis    | 46 | 40 | pt sunny |
| Boston      | 45 | 27 | sunny    | New York       | 47 | 33 | sunny    |
| Chicago     | 48 | 33 | pt sunny | Phoenix        | 88 | 59 | sunny    |
| Dallas      | 71 | 48 | t-storm  | San Francisco  | 79 | 58 | sunny    |
| Denver      | 61 | 40 | sunny    | Seattle        | 59 | 50 | rain     |
| Houston     | 80 | 56 | t-storm  | St. Louis      | 47 | 38 | rain     |
| Los Angeles | 89 | 61 | sunny    | Washington, DC | 50 | 36 | sunny    |
| Miami       | 82 | 62 | pt sunny |                |    |    |          |

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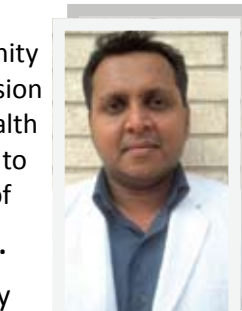
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Love,

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**VOTE**

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in person," Bloom said. "However, Tuesday it picked back up with 514 votes. Things slowed down again Wednesday, with only 277 ballots, but they picked back up Thursday with 542 ballots. Thursday's jump brought the total up to 5,098, 30.14 percent of the 16,914 registered voters in Howard County. Voter turnout is just one of those things you really can't forecast on a day-to-day basis."

Voters have only one local race to decide the fate of, as the Precinct 1 seat on the Howard County Commissioners is contested with long-time Democratic incumbent Emma Brown facing Republican challenger Oscar Garcia.

Brown defeated Howard County Jailer Larry Torres in the May primary, while Garcia defeated local resident Edwin Ware for the Republican nomination.

The only other local issue on the ballot is aimed at voters living within the Big Spring city limits, as the municipal government is giving voters the opportunity to do away with the existing 4A economic development in favor of a new 4B economic development corporation.

The council approved to send the issue to voters during its Aug. 14 meeting, doing so on a unanimous vote.

The EDC sales tax was adopted by Big Spring voters May 5, 1990, and designated solely for use on Type A projects, which is restricted mainly to attracting employers and businesses

to the Crossroads area and retaining jobs with existing employers.

However, a Type B corporation has looser restrictions placed on its spending, allowing for several other project types, including quality of life improvements such as professional and amateur sports and athletic facilities, related street, water and sewer facilities and affordable housing.

According to Texas law, however, Type A corporations can still approve Type B projects with voter approval. With a Type B corporation, no such vote from the public is required.

The move to change the corporation to a 4B comes on the heels of a Type B project to revamp the city's water treatment and wastewater facilities, approved in May.

**DONATE**

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Hispanics. Latino voters are widely viewed as pivotal for victories in some battleground states Tuesday.

The disparity in donating particularly affects Latinos. About 16 percent of the U.S. population is Hispanic, but not even 4 percent of the more than \$1.3 billion in 3 million-plus itemized contributions came from mostly Hispanic neighborhoods this year, the AP's analysis showed. More than 90 percent came from majority white neighborhoods.

Hispanics, by at least this important measure of contributing to a can-

didate whose views they support, are remarkably disengaged in the election yet represent a significant ethnic group for President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney.

"The hardest part is the economic sacrifice," said Roland Garcia, director of the Texas Future Fund, who helped raise money for Obama. "Latino families are busy trying to make ends meet."

Even among the poorest neighborhoods, non-Hispanics contributed far more regularly to the campaigns and the political groups that supported them. The trend similarly holds true for campaign contributions from mostly black, Asian or Native American neighborhoods.

**NIX**

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trail of music I've kept alive, and I plan to keep alive as long as I can.

"This has been a really big event for us the last several years. I started doing this in November of 1996 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of when this all started, and we've just kept it going through the years. We had several reunions of the former West Texas Cowboys, and it finally got to where so many of them had gotten older and couldn't come anymore, so we had to let that go. But we've asked Bobby (Flores) to join us and keep the tradition alive, and it's gone pretty well."

The show — which will feature past and present members of the band — along with Flores and the Yellow Rose Band, has become a Howard County mainstay.

Admission is \$20 per person, and while tickets will be available at the door, Nix said reservations for the celebration tend to go quickly.

"They come from all over the place to see this show, and we're more than appreciative of that fact," said Nix. "My fa-

vorite part is the nostalgia. Remembering how all of this started and where it's come to today. We've kept a tradition alive all these years, and people have supported us. And it honors the men that started the whole thing."

Hoyle and Ben Nix shared a long career in the music business, according to Jody, starting out at a place called Yell's Inn on the west side of Big Spring, owned by a family friend, Elliot Yell.

As the band grew more popular and began playing other towns — including the likes of Stanton, where the Stanton Stomp was held on Wednesday and Saturday nights, as well as Brownfield, San Angelo, Sweetwater, Abilene, Snyder, Colorado City and all points in between — they built the Stampede in 1954, which would go on to become a family legacy and a West Texas landmark.

"Hoyle wrote 'Big Balls In Cowtown' and recorded it the first time in 1949 on Talent Records out of Dallas Texas," Jody Nix said. "It has been recorded numerous times by big name entertainers such as Mel Tillis, Asleep At The Wheel and George

Strait. The West Texas Cowboys will long be remembered as one of the finest dance bands ever to play anywhere in West Texas and they had a following like no other. They also worked with the great Bob Wills many times at the Stampede and many other places in the area."

Jody has been in the music business for more than 50 years, starting professionally at the tender age of 8 with his father, playing drums five nights a week all over West Texas. At age 11, he began playing the fiddle, and at 16 he began singing with the band.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

No matter what happens, Lord, we can depend on You because You love us.

Amen

# Who hath God wrought?

World-class sports-writer Blackie Sherrod described columnist George Dolan thusly: "Before God made George, He broke the mold." In those few words, Sherrod pegged the late columnist whose 30 years of daily columns in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram are legendary.

Maybe the broken mold was used again later when another inimitable communicator was born. His name is Bob Lewis, but he's known by that moniker mostly by kinfolks, closest friends and Rotary buddies.

The rest of us know him as Tumbleweed Smith. He's now in his sixth decade regaling us with rich stories on his daily radio show, *The Sound of Texas*, and in his weekly newspaper column. His work is featured by dozens of Texas radio stations and newspapers; it invariably makes us smile. On top of that, he — as was Dolan — is a favorite lectioner personality throughout the Lone Star State.

Likenesses common to both Dolan and Smith are many. Suffice it to say both learned much from life's school called "hard knocks," but Tumbleweed has impressive academic credentials as well. He holds degrees from Baylor University (BA, English) and the University of Missouri (MA, journalism), with additional work at Drake University Law School and language study in two foreign countries.

"Every man" fits 'em both. They both put overalls ahead of tuxedos.

Lewis, as was Dolan, is a great listener, letting interviewees

"tell their stories."

I've known Tumbleweed casually — but extremely favorably — for more than four decades. (Once we were scheduled to address the same event on the same night in the same town, but that's another story.)

It was fun to interview him recently. When I thought we'd finished, he whipped out his recorder and I became the interviewee. Roles were seamlessly reversed!

We joked about the 750 or so words I'd write, and what he'd choose from a half-hour of my rambling to "fit" his 2.5-minute broadcast. (It was Lincoln, wasn't it, who apologized for writing such a long letter because he didn't have time to write a short one?) Indeed he "boils it down," spending about an hour in production for each minute of air time.

Nearly everything interests him and Susan, his wife of 49 years. She provides technical assistance at speaking engagements and is alongside for travels that measure some two million miles to date on Texas highways and byways. (Put another way, about four round-trips to the moon.)

In 1969, a narrow-minded radio boss in Big Spring gave Tumbleweed the heave-ho, one reason given was disapproval of Tumbleweed's mustache.

Bob, rich in experience in all areas of radio, had 23 job offers. Instead, he began *The Sound of Texas*, juggling it with 34 years of teaching at UT-Permian Basin. His instruction — like his radio productions — have garnered more than 120 awards at state, regional and national levels. His walls won't contain all the recognitions.

His website ([tumbleweed-smith.com](http://tumbleweed-smith.com)) is rich with Texas characters. He's retired from

teaching, but remains active with interviews and speaking engagements. (He and Susan also find time to visit their two sons and four grandsons.)

His more than 11,000 interviews and 1,000-plus columns provide fascinating material. A few weeks ago, for example, he interviewed an artist committed to "chicken art." (Yep, chickens with paint applied to their feet cavort over canvas placed in chicken pens.)

Tumbleweed's antenna is always on "high alert" for interesting stories, most of which are provided by bona fide characters. A skim of topics includes turtle wrestling, watermelon theft, radio station pranks, oatmeal and egg facials, oil patch humor, bobcat-kissing and air-conditioned hearses. The year of Texas' 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, he quit smoking and produced at least one radio program from each of the state's 254 counties.

Someone said Tumbleweed sounds like Paul Harvey with a Texas drawl. This causes a big smile on the friendly face of this Big Spring resident. (He's lived there mostly since his marriage; it's Susan's hometown.)

He supplied Harvey with numerous stories over the years, and they all were featured on Paul Harvey News.

Tumbleweed, like a few million more Americans, keenly misses Harvey, a radio giant who may also have been made in a broken mold. Luckily, we still have Tumbleweed Smith, who — molds aside — is cut from the same timber.

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## LETTERS

### Not in vain

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
The elephant has trumpeted, the donkey has brayed, over the land of the fee and the home of the betrayed. Nero fiddled while Rome burned, Obama campaigned while our consulate burned and four United States citizens, including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, were murdered. The president continued to claim that a trailer for an anti-Muslim movie made in the United States, long after departments of his administration acknowledged that the attack was pre-planned to coincide with the 9/11 anniversary. In the vice presidential debate, "laughing Joe" Biden stated that "we weren't told" of requests for more security at the consulate. What, the president and vice president weren't told? I would assume, erroneously, that this would be just a little more important than begging money from his rich (pardon, wealthy) supporters in Las Vegas.

Then here comes Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (an Obama appointee) stating that she has the final word on security at U.S. diplomatic posts overseas, not the president or vice president. One would think that if the president let his appointees make their own decisions, but would at least have them clear it through him.

Obama gave the order to kill a foreigner and boasts about it. Then

a Democratic senator calls Gov. Romney "a murderer" because a woman lost her insurance coverage when her husband was laid off. The national "noose media" immediately jumped on this as if the governor was John Dillinger.

Remember "clean energy?" You should, because the 2009 stimulus package set aside \$80 billion of taxpayer money to subsidize politically preferred energy projects. Twenty of these projects have filed for bankruptcy and 17 companies are faltering financially. Solar panel manufacturing company Solandra cost the taxpayers \$535 million, and now, according to a Wall Street Journal editorial, their future taxable income may be reduced as much as \$350 million.

By a vote of 23 to 17, Attorney General Eric Holder (another Obama appointee) was cited for contempt of Congress and later the Senate called for his resignation. Both were ignored. Mr. Holder has also filed a federal lawsuit against the state of Arizona for doing what the administration is neglecting to do.

There is so much more I could write about our president, but if you are not aware of what he has wrought in the last four years (actually only three, as he has been campaigning for re-election for over a year) then my words are falling on deaf ears. Obama promises to

rebuild this country "from the ground up." Don't you have to destroy something before you can do that?

In closing, let me quote President Abraham Lincoln: "You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. you cannot lift a wage earner by pulling the wage payer down. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred. You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence. You cannot help people permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.

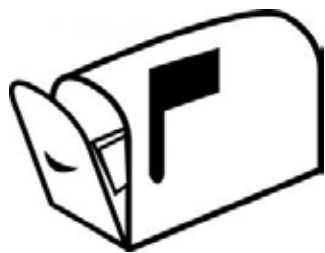
November 6 will be a day that will remember as a pivotal point in United States history. Will the "sheeple" vote to continue down a trail to destruction or will the U.S. citizens renounce socialism/worldism and vote to salvage and build upon the basics that have, although greatly diminished, kept our unique form of government alive for over two centuries?

The choice is really simple: Do you want a president who has wasted trillions of taxpayer money or a businessman who has generated billions of dollars?

Although not politically correct, let me say "God bless you" and especially our country for which so many sons and daughters sacrificed

their lives. Let it not have been in vain!

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### Misleading the voters

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
I support the Type B Proposition. Incorrect information is being spread in attempt to mislead the voters, even the *Big Spring Herald* in printing information they know is inaccurate. Example: Carlton Schwab, who recently spoke at the Hall Center, is not an employee, much less the head of any state agency. He is affiliated with the Texas Economic Development Council, a private company. He promotes Type A Economic Development. It's certainly not unusual for the newspaper industry, including the *Herald*, to be biased in their reporting. Please don't let all the hype and hysteria scare you. Find out the facts for yourself.

We finally have a mayor and council working for us, the citizens. Our taxes are down, we will have a new water treatment plant and our water rates did not go up a second time, by 40 percent, as Midland and

Odessa.

It looks like we might see a light at the end of the tunnel. Don't turn back to business as usual. Let's move Big Spring forward. Join me in voting for the Type B proposition. Please vote for Proposition 1.

TIFFANY FERNANDEZ  
BIG SPRING

**Editor's Note:** The *Herald* rarely comments on letters, but wants to set the record straight on this one. In the article in which Ms. Fernandez speaks of, the *Herald* referred to Carlton Schwab as "president and chief executive officer of the Texas Economic Development Council," which is a fact. The headline states "Not surprisingly, state EDC head lauds Type A set-up" which may have caused some confusion. It's correct that Schwab is not a state employee, but the "EDC" in the headline refers to the Economic Development Council, not the Economic Development Corporation. Schwab is president (head) of the Texas Economic Development Council. The article was not biased nor incorrect. Like Ms. Fernandez, the *Herald* would also encourage you to find out the facts for yourself and vote.

### Independent body

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
I believe that the existing EDC is getting a lot of bad press. The EDC board members are appointed to serve

staggering terms by the city council. They are selected to serve due to their knowledge and success in business and we have in the past had excellent board members. They serve as a semi-autonomous board to serve independently to bring business into Big Spring. They do report to the city council but are to act independently.

The new mayor and his cronies previously called for an election where 40 percent of the EDC funds were diverted for 20 years to do required city water improvement projects. The projects had been known to be needed for many years and the council did nothing about making plans for this work until the last minute as they had already spent all their available reserves for other projects. These projects included baseball fields, water park, major remodel of golf course with a new clubhouse and rebuilding the downtown streets with islands and etc. These projects are all good, but I feel Big Spring would have been better served to spend the revenues for the needed water improvements and keep the EDC fund available to help Big Spring grow.

The mayor now wants to get the remaining funds under his control by changing the EDC to 4B projects. I asked the mayor why he was not satisfied with the existing EDC makeup

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as the members are all appointed by the city council on staggered terms. He told me he wanted a complete new board because the original system had it where each of the new members are indoctrinated by the old members and they will not follow his suggestions.

The entire concept of the EDC is to act independently using their experience and expertise to bring new industry and help Big Spring improve. The change to a 4B would allow for projects that have nothing to do with industrial development or growth but to do things for the substructure of Big Spring in multiple areas.

We should all remember that to grow we must bring in new industry

which will bring in new revenue that can then be used for the improvements. Keep the EDC as a 4A. Vote no.

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BIG SPRING

Rumors rampant

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
Our community is facing a change endorsed by the city council to abolish our present 1/2-cent sales tax economic development 4A status which will cripple our chances to search for new opportunities for growth and bring jobs to this community. Rumors are rampant about secrecy and discrimination against this board.

It is a common response that what we don't understand, we criticize. Please know the facts and know that after over 20 years of local projects, our town has survived because this valuable board saw a need for our future.

Do not be convinced, as an informed voter, that this group or that group will win or lose ... The loser will be Big Spring. Keep our community a 4 A EDC. Vote against the proposed change.

D.H. CURRIE  
BIG SPRING

We have not moved forward

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
Regardless of the issue, there are those in Big Spring who don't want to change. Some say it's a select group who is afraid of losing control. I don't know. But I do know that whoever has controlled Big Spring in the past has not moved us forward.

I am not saying there was evil or even self-serving intent. I'm just saying it hasn't worked. It is time we made some changes to move Big Spring in the right direction.

We elected a new council because we believe they will lead us in a better direction. It is obvious to me the majority of our new leaders support a change to the Type B EDC. They believe it will give the EDC more options to improve Big Spring. I say we support them and continue this change for the better, so I will vote for Proposition 1, for Type B.

It seems that everyone who wants Big Spring to go forward would vote for the Type B EDC. Small towns like ours all across the state are making the change from the A to the B corporation. We can do so much more if we vote for Proposition 1.

A. C. "COTTON" MIZE  
BIG SPRING

Out of business

**TO THE EDITOR,**  
You've seen the editorials against the 4B corporation in *The Big*

*Spring Herald*. You've heard commercials against the 4B corporation on the radio. You've heard interviews on the radio and read letters to the editor against the 4B corporation. So, I won't bore you with any more facts and statistics about the election to eliminate the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation and replace it with a 4B corporation.

I am writing this letter to tell you in no uncertain terms that a 4B corporation will be bad for Big Spring. Plain and simple.

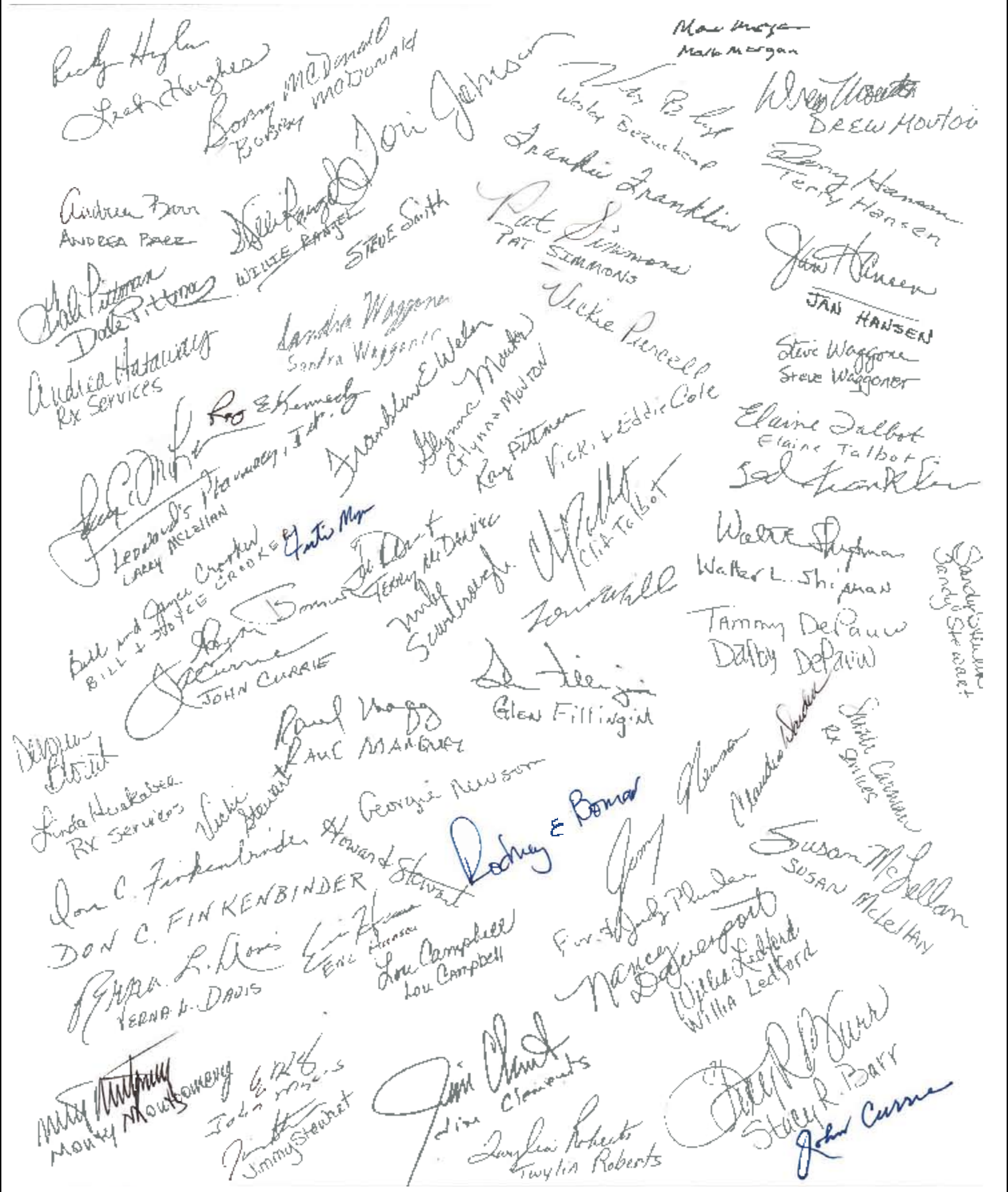
For cities our size, See **LETTERS**, Page 6A

there are no 4B corporations in west Texas. Andrews, Snyder, Sweetwater, Levelland, Brownfield, Slaton, Lamesa, Rotan, Monahans and Grandfalls are all 4A corporation cities. Bigger cities such as Midland, Odessa, Lubbock and Abilene all have 4A corporations. We simply won't be able to compete against them with a 4B corporation. Carlton Schwab, of the Texas Economic Development Council recently said that "Big Spring will be out of the

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Big Spring's Type 4A Economic Development Corporation has brought many jobs to Big Spring and has done a great job. We are the citizens that will vote AGAINST changing to a 4B Corporation. Let EDC continue to work with their money!

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Sandra Waggoner, Treasurer

# The dangers of over-regulation

Regulation has been a subject of some discussion this election, but it hasn't had the full discourse that the American people deserve. Our approach to regulation – of everything from healthcare to banking — fundamentally affects economic growth and job creation, and therefore is a matter of importance to all Americans.

“The law of unintended consequences” is an economic principle that describes the effects of policy that were either unforeseen or ignored. Over-regulation of any industry is almost always responsible for a host of unintended consequences, often exacerbating the original problem or creating new problems that are bigger than the ones it was meant to correct.

A classic example was the aftermath of the Exxon Valdez spill. To prevent such a catastrophe from happening again, regulators implemented a policy of unlimited liability on tanker operators. But that posed too high a risk for oil companies and reputable operators. Instead of using their own fleets and risking fines that could debilitate the company, they were forced to contract out to the only companies willing to take on the risk: ones that were less capable – and less legitimate. The result was an increased risk of another spill and a decreased probability that damages could be collected



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if a spill did occur. Exactly the opposite of what was intended. Not to mention that post-Valdez regulation is one of the reasons that U.S.-flag tankers have all but disappeared.

Another example would be the President's healthcare law. In last week's Wall Street Journal, David Gamage – a law professor and supporter of the law – points out the costs to lower-middle class families: given the choice of a part-time job for \$36,000 a year versus a full-time, \$42,000-a-year position, someone supporting a family of four could actually lose more than \$10,000 a year in health-care subsidies if he or she were to choose the higher-paying job.

Today, Washington is attempting to over-regulate a number of industries, stifling those sectors as we try to get the American economy firing on all cylinders again. Part of the problem is levying one-size-fits-all regulation on industries that are diverse – which most are. Even major sectors like energy, finance and agriculture are made up of everything from small local businesses employing a handful of people to major corporations. To expect that regulations for Bank of America can be equally applied to Town and Country Bank in Stephenville, Texas is absurd.

I recently spoke to a group of community bankers who are in danger of just such over-regulation. Community banking is vital to any community: it supports local families and businesses, encourages entrepreneurship and, because it has local roots, has a stake in the good of the community. It is a strong

supporter of the high school teams, little league baseball and community projects. In short, community banking is both a business supporting the local economy and a public service.

But they are now facing requirements that make sense only for large corporate banks. I recently joined 52 of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle in signing a letter to Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, asking him to consider the effects of one-size-fits-all regulation on these important local institutions.

No one is asking that we abolish all regulation. But over-regulation is one of the reasons our economy is stagnant. It creates red tape, ignores the day-to-day realities of running a business and places tremendous burdens on small businesses at a time when we need them most.

Regulators and lawmakers in Washington must acknowledge that every industry has a range of institutions of varying sizes that operate in different ways. They must also remember that no company expects government regulators to mitigate all their risk – which means businesses have every incentive to take individual responsibility. Regulation should be flexible enough to let them do so.

What we need is smart regulation that protects the public while allowing American businesses to get on with the business of creating jobs. Our economy needs it now more than ever.

*Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican, is the senior U.S. senator from Texas.*

## Texas: Get your act together on school finance

Texas' school-finance system has been a hot mess for years: outdated, wackily convoluted, inefficient and unfair. And last legislative season only made matters worse: \$5.4 billion in budget cuts slammed schools that were already scrambling to serve ever more students with ever greater needs.

How bad is the situation? So bad that 600 school districts — about two-thirds of the districts in the state, including both rich ones and poor ones — have taken the state to court.

So bad that even school-finance experts have a hard time explaining how the system works.

And so bad that in court, the state was forced to argue that yeah, maybe the system has broken down — but it's not yet a full-boil crisis that requires court intervention. “I would suggest that we might have an impending crisis,” said Assistant Attorney General Shelly Dahlberg, “but today it is not a crisis.”

We disagree with Dahlberg. This is already a full-boil crisis. Yes, it may be years before Texas feels the full brunt of the damage now being done. But that's the nature of a long-term problem.

You don't let cancer spread until it reaches your brain.

Even now, we're in bad shape. According to the Houston Endowment, only 20 percent of Texas eighth graders go on to receive any kind of post-high school degree or training certification. For Hispanics, the fastest-growing segment of our population, that percentage is even more abysmal: 11.6 percent. Since education is the greatest predictor of future income, Texas is already heading for financial trouble. And with less money to educate ever more students, ever more of whom are in poverty, we're barreling in the wrong direction.

Critics will argue that money alone can't fix our education problems; we agree. And we agree, too, that educational efficiencies are worth pursuing.

But we also believe that the money matters, and that Texas schools are pitifully underfunded.

Per-student spending in Texas, roughly \$8,908 last year, was 45th in the nation for 2011-12 — a number that corresponds pretty well with our lousy rankings in most measures of student performance.

Inside Texas, from school dis-

trict to school district, per-student expenditures also vary a lot; there's roughly a \$2,000 gap between the top districts and the bottom ones. And according to the Texas Education Agency, that difference shows up clearly in student achievement. The average funding for students in school districts rated exemplary was about \$1,000 greater than the funding in school districts rated unacceptable. The best school districts in Texas are the best-funded ones.

Across the state, our public school districts need more money. Texas needs to distribute that money fairly and transparently, in a way that taxpayers and parents can understand. And that system needs to start working now.

Even as you read this, low-income four-year-olds without pre-K classes are growing into underprepared kindergartners who need expensive remedial work. And they grow up so fast! Soon they'll be an undereducated work force; soon our state's average income, education level and tax revenues will be dropping.

Unless, that is, Texas gets its act together now.

— THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE

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economic development business if the 4B election passes.”

It is your choice, but I can assure you that if you vote in favor of the 4B corporation, you will find yourself singing the words to Joni Mitchell's song, Big Yellow Taxi. “Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got until it's gone.”

Please vote against Proposition 1, the last item on your ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Sincerely,

JIM DEPAUW  
PRESIDENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### Don't give up control

TO THE EDITOR:

Do you really think Midland, Odessa, Fort Worth, Dallas etc. will mail us cash (to the Big Spring EDC) for the money we spend in those cities after we no longer have a business left in town — only the city and other non-tax producing entities, just those that receive state and federal tax money? I think not.

Come on now, do you really want to give up your EDC control by voting for Proposition 1 and give it to someone you can't trust now and in the future?

GORDON MYRICK  
BIG SPRING

### Must be miserable

TO THE EDITOR:

Did anyone read Thomas Jenkins' article in the BSH on Nov. 1? Mr. Jenkins is constantly maliciously attacking Mayor Tommy Duncan, the city council and the city of Big Spring. I for one am tired of it. I have known Tommy and Pam Duncan for over 25 years. They are a good Christian family.

I supported him for mayor as I support him today. He is trying to do what is best for Big Spring as he was elected to do. The city council was elected, not appointed or hand picked as you put it, sure he endorses a candidate, that is the political process.

I feel like these attacks go far beyond the EDC, for or against 4-B. In a recent article, Mr. Jenkins said the public needed to watch what we put on social networks which started me to wondering, so I looked into his Face Book page. Well, Mr. Jenkins, you said you did not trust Mayor Duncan or the city council, after viewing your FaceBook page, I don't trust you. Your likes, albums and favorites makes me really question your character. I am sure before this article is posted in the BSH, that your employer will give you time to change your Face Book page so that they can avoid any embarrassment.

The elections will soon be over and I wonder what issues you will attack the city government over next. If you don't like the way the city is run, move to another town. I mean, after all, you must be miserable living here — or better yet, run for the city council.

CHARLES SMITH  
BIG SPRING

### Legend in his time

TO THE EDITOR:

Russ McEwen, my friend for 50-plus years, was a blessing to Big Spring and all who knew him. I have never known an individual who loved Big Spring as much and it is my belief we should never fail to tell anyone what they mean to us.

Very often, I would pick up the phone to compliment him, because I know he received a lot of criticism about the many things he was trying to accomplish. I knew he had only one goal in mind, and that was to make Big Spring a better place for all of us.

Every time I took my grandkids to the water park, I called him and told him how nice it was and how proud we were of it. That was a fight for him to get it done and he needed to know it was worth it. When driving down Main Street after dark and seeing the beautiful effect of the median and lighting, we called and said “Russ, it's beautiful and you did good.”

Only a few weeks ago, I told him to mark his calendar for September 2013, for our 45th class reunion at the Settles Hotel, which is also a Russ accomplishment. And, many have forgotten, it was Russ who represented us in Washington and saved the VA hospital, which stands proudly today to care for our veterans. These are only a few of the things he did as our mayor — not to mention the many things he did for the children of Big Spring through his coaching gymnastics at the YMCA. For many years, he taught kids in that program, which, as was with everything he did for our town, all volunteer time.

He was always there, unselfishly giving of himself. Russ was a legend in his own time, and humbly, never realized how important he was.

I hope all of Big Spring realizes the full impact this remarkable man made on our town, and there will never be another one like him. In his honor, to make him proud, we should carry on in the dignified style his very presence brought to the world. That is evident in the work his wife, Laura, and his family are already continuing, as he would want them to do.

He had a way of bringing out the best in people and making them believe they could succeed, simply by the way he led his life.

Thanks, my friend, for the memories and for leaving our town a proud place to call home.

JEANIE KNOCKE  
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# Vegetable soup from scratch in 20 minutes

By **DANA JACOBI**

The American Institute for Cancer Research

Have you noticed that popular magazines repeat the same stories, simply giving them a new slant each time? Whether advising us on how to lose weight, gain a new love or stay on a budget, this repetition is no accident. It's because, for better or worse, the support is useful.

I know that quick and easy recipes are especially welcome now, when pre-holiday activities added to an already busy life can make meal preparation feel intolerable. Taking time to clean, chop and cook the vegetables essential to keep us healthy often takes the biggest hit.

Grabbing broccoli florets and spinach from the salad bar and a container of cut-up winter squash is the classic solution. But these time-savers also can be budget wreckers. And there are other options for good nutritional choices.

Hitting the freezer aisle can be smarter for three reasons. First, you save money when a package of frozen broccoli florets costs just ninety-nine cents or even a couple of dollars for multiple servings (with no waste from stems). Second, you may get better nutrition from veggies flash-

frozen within hours of picking than from the produce stores cut up and sell in a bulk bin or those distributors prep, pack and truck across country. Cook frozen vegetables correctly and you'll get better flavor, too (we will come back to that). Finally, when you reach into your freezer you can make several meals with everything needed on hand, whatever the hour.

This colorful soup containing eight vegetables is a perfect example. Add the frozen vegetables in steps and they all stay colorful, firm and flavorful. Canned beans provide protein, as does grated cheese, along with some Mediterranean flavor. Consider this: you have dinner in 20 minutes and enough ingredients to make this soup twice over. Then dig in.

## Quick Eight-Vegetable Soup

- 1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small chopped onion
- 4 cups vegetable broth or fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1/2 cup frozen baby lima beans
- 1 (15-oz.) can no salt added black, Great Northern, or navy beans



- 1 cup frozen mixed vegetables
- 1/2 cup frozen tri-colored bell peppers
- 2 tsp. dried oregano or thyme
- Pinch of dried red pepper flakes
- 1 cup frozen broccoli florets
- Salt, to taste
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In large saucepan, heat oil

over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook until translucent, 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add broth and bring liquid to boil. Add lima beans, reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 5 minutes.

Add canned beans, mixed vegetables, peppers, oregano and pepper flakes and simmer, covered, for 5 minutes. Add broccoli, cover, and cook for 5 minutes. Add salt to taste. This soup keeps, covered in refrigerator, for 3 days.

Reheat in covered pot over medium heat.

To serve, divide soup among deep bowls. Top each serving with 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese, or pass it separately at table.

Makes 4 servings. Per Serving: 1 cup.

Per serving: 298 calories, 8 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 43 g carbohydrate,

17 g protein, 13 g dietary fiber, 237 mg sodium.

## HealthTalk HealthTalk

**Q: Is it true that eating more vegetables and fruit helps you lose weight? I've been trying, but my weight hasn't budged.**

**A:** Eating more vegetables and fruits is one great strategy to promote health both directly, through the nutrients and protective phytochemicals you get, and indirectly through help in reaching and maintaining a healthy weight.

However, adding more vegetables and fruits will only promote weight loss if it helps you reduce total calorie consumption. Here are steps you can take to achieve that goal: First, make sure you eat vegetables and fruits that are low in calories.

Most vegetables are naturally low in calories, but if they are deep-fried or served smothered in cheese or with high-calorie dips, they are no longer low-calorie. Select fiber-rich whole fruit — fresh or plain frozen — and limit fruit juice and dried fruits since they are more concentrated in calories.

Second, substitute these low-calorie vegetables and fruits for higher calorie foods. Do this by adding more vegetables to stews, soups, casseroles and stir-fries without adding more fat.

As you add more vegetables to these dishes, cut back on the amount of meat and rice or pasta you use. You can also serve larger side portions of vegetables that are steamed, microwaved or stir-fried with just a bit of oil and flavored with citrus juice, vinegar or a sprinkle of Parmesan cheese. If you add fruit to an already large bowl of cereal, cut back on the cereal portion.

Snack on vegetables or fruit instead of chips, not in addition to them.

If you're still having trouble, try tracking your calorie consumption with one of the website or smart phone apps, or see a registered dietitian to help you figure out why you are trouble losing weight.

**Q: I have read about something called crispbread as a healthy alternative to crackers. What is this?**

**A:** You may find crispbread in the cracker section of your grocery store, and sometimes varieties made in Europe are found in the international or ethnic food areas.

Crispbread is a flat, dry type of bread or cracker, usually baked with whole-grain flour, making it a good source of fiber and nutrients. Crispbread crackers can be a great choice to serve with lower calorie dip or reduced-fat cheese, or as an accompaniment for soup or salad because it's usually very low in fat.

A one-ounce serving (which may be two or three slices, but up to 10 of the thin wafers) usually contains about 70 to 120 calories.

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## News in brief

### 2nd official in week resigns over testing scandal

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — An administrator in a West Texas school district is the second person this week to resign over a scheme involving high-stakes standardized tests that landed the ex-superintendent in prison.

Myrna Gamboa resigned Thursday from the El Paso Independent School District and will receive no severance or benefits. She served under former superintendent Lorenzo Garcia, who was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in federal prison last month after pleading guilty to organizing a scheme that forced students to drop out to keep them from taking accountability exams.

Gamboa oversaw the district's Title I schools, which receive federal funding that's designed to improve tests scores for low-income students. When allegations of Gamboa's participation surfaced about six months ago, she was reassigned to administrative duties at the district's central offices.

Jesus Chavez, the former principal of Bowie High School, which played a key role in the scheme, also resigned this week.

On Friday, two assistant principals and the counselor at Bowie High School were placed on paid administrative leave. Interim Superintendent Vernon Butler said in an email that he made the decisions after looking at internal audit reports, statements and interviews "that warrant further review for possible violations of the State Educators' Code of Conduct."

The resignations and leaves come less than a month after the top education official in Texas handed the district an ultimatum: Punish the officials involved in the scandal or face harsh sanctions.

Such sanctions could include a conservator — who would have more power than the monitor already put in place by the agency — or install a board of managers to take over some of the functions of the board of trustees. The state could even install a new school board for the El Paso district.

Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams also called for the district to identify wrongdoers and conduct an "entire inquiry into the district, to know why this happened, who was involved

and the consequences for students and teachers."

### Lawyer: Bad stove sparked fatal day care fire

HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for a woman on trial for murder suggested Friday the fire at her home day care that killed four children was sparked by a malfunctioning stove, trying to raise doubt about Texas prosecutors' claims that she left a pan on a hot burner.

But a forensic electrical engineer told jurors that he found no problems with the stove in Jessica Tata's home in Houston.

Investigators allege that Tata had left several children alone at her home to go shopping when oil in a pan ignited on a stovetop burner that had been left on. The February 2011 fire also injured three of the children, who ranged in age from 16 months to 3 years old.

Tata, 24, is charged with four counts of felony murder but is currently being tried in the death of 16-month-old Elias Castillo. She faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Defense attorney Mike DeGeurin questioned whether there may have been a mechanical failure with a switch on the stove that controlled the burner. DeGeurin alluded to a recall of similar switches and complaints by customers who reported that stovetop burners were turning on by themselves or automatically shifting from a low to a high setting.

### Houston settles with man wrongly convicted of rape

HOUSTON (AP) — The city of Houston has reached a \$3.1 million settlement with a man who spent more than 17 years in prison for a rape he didn't commit.

George Rodriguez was wrongly convicted and sentenced to 60 years in prison on the basis of what the city now describes as a faulty analysis of DNA evidence by the city crime lab.

Rodriguez was freed on the basis of new DNA evidence in 2004. He was ineligible for state compensation, though, because the city was appealing a \$5 million federal jury verdict returned in 2009.

Friday's settlement ends Rodriguez's legal battle. Mayor Annise Parker says that "anyone with any

compassion has to offer a heartfelt apology."

### Woman seeking sex assault exoneration paroled

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — One of four San Antonio women seeking exoneration of their convictions from a 1994 sexual assault case has been released on parole.

Anna Vasquez served 12 years of a 15-year prison sentence for the sexual assault of two young girls, ages 7 and 9.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that the youngest accuser, who's now 25, has recanted the accusations publicly to the newspaper and a documentary filmmaker.

Also serving 15-year prison sentences are Cassandra Rivera and Kristie Mayhugh. Elizabeth Ramirez, who was tried separately, was sentenced to 37 1/2 years in prison.

Vasquez's attorney, Mike Ware of Fort Worth, is working with the Innocence Project of Texas to help the four in their fights for exoneration.

### Texas asks FBI to investigate helicopter shooting

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — Texas state police said Friday they have asked for a federal investigation of a chase in which a trooper fired on a fleeing pickup truck from a helicopter, resulting in the deaths of two Guatemalan immigrants who were hiding in the bed.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has said troopers believed drugs were hidden under a sheet in the truck's bed when the shots were fired during the pursuit. Instead, there were nine Guatemalans in the truck, including six under the sheet, and a 14-year-old driver.

DPS director Steve McCraw said in a statement Friday that he had asked the FBI and U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division to investigate the incident.

The Texas Rangers, an elite unit within DPS, had led the investigation of the shooting. McCraw said they will turn over their completed investigation and evidence to federal authorities.

The FBI did not immediately return a call for comment Friday.

## Mom campaigns against drug after sons' death

By **MARIA GONZALEZ**  
El Paso Times

EL PASO, Texas — Adam R. Hernandez, 28, had been in the U.S. Navy for eight years and planned on making a career out of it.

He was fearless and full of life, eager to go skydiving, scuba diving, or kayak shark fishing in Hawaii where he was stationed.

But on June 20, Hernandez took his life, likely the result of his smoking Spice, a product that is sold as incense but is becoming known nationally as a potentially dangerous drug that has some of the same effects as synthetic marijuana.

Spice paraphernalia was found in Hernandez's home in Hawaii. A groundskeeper found his body on a soccer field on base.

In spite of her pain over the loss of her oldest son, El Paso educator Ruth M. Rivas feels compelled to share his story and "a put a face" to her message about this dangerous product.

She has launched a website and campaign, "Spice is Not Nice," in memory of her son.

"Adam loved to live. I know Adam wouldn't have done this on his own. He was always reading books and giving advice to people. He always wanted to help people. This is my way of making sure he is still helping other people," said Rivas, with tears in her eyes. "I'm making sure that Adam didn't die in vain."

Diana Apodaca, public information officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration, is grateful that Rivas is willing to share her son's story. Apodaca and other DEA agents are incorporating his story into their

presentations for Red Ribbon Week this week.

"We're grateful that she's willing to bring a human aspect to it," she said. "We tell kids 'drugs are bad' and they know the agents are going to say that. But (through Adam's story) we have evidence. What she is doing is very brave and emotionally very hard. But she's willing to do this because of the love of her son ... devoting her life to telling others. She's a wonderful lady we have met through some unfortunate circumstances."

Rivas, a librarian at Robert R. Rojas Elementary, said the last time she talked to her son was on the phone a few weeks after Mother's Day.

"He was talking about wanting to re-enlist in the Navy and trying to be an officer," she said. "And he wanted to do it on a significant day like the Fourth of July."

Hernandez, a machinist's mate first class, had been trained at the Naval Nuclear Training Command in Goose Creek, S.C., and Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit in Ballston, N.Y., and wanted to continue in that line of service.

His calls home were less frequent over the past year and he sometimes seemed angry or agitated on the phone. But Rivas never suspected he was doing any kind of drug, much less that he was addicted to something like Spice.

"I know there's drug testing in the military," she said. "And I thought if he had been doing something, I would have heard about it."

The mother of three had only heard of Spice once before her son's death.

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# News in brief

## With marathon flap, NYC mayor tries for inspiration but ends up offending storm-stricken city

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg tried to sell the New York City Marathon as a symbolic victory for the city after a devastating storm, invoking two of the biggest symbols of them all — Rudy Giuliani and 9/11.

The former mayor, Bloomberg said, made the right decision by holding the marathon less than two months after the 2001 terror attacks: "It pulled people together, and we have to find some ways to express ourselves and show our solidarity with each other."

Then, he kept talking.

"You have to keep going and doing things, and you can grieve, you can cry and you can laugh all at the same time," he said.

And once again, the city cringed, hearing another false note that renewed familiar criticism that New York's billionaire businessman mayor is tone-deaf to suffering in a crisis. By the time the mayor changed course three hours later Friday and called off the world's largest marathon, he had already offended a passel of flood-weary New Yorkers.

## Superstorm Sandy was cruel to NYC's elderly; most drowned alone after refusing to evacuate

NEW YORK (AP) — Even with her Coney Island apartment squarely in the path of Superstorm Sandy, Loraine Gore was staying put. At age 90, she said, she had her reasons.

"I'm tired," she told a friend who urged her to evacuate. "I don't want to go."

After floodwaters subsided, Gore's body was found face-down in her home — one of nearly a dozen New Yorkers over the age of 65 who perished in the storm.

While Sandy claimed victims as young as toddlers, it was crueler to the city's elderly.

Some were vulnerable because of poor health. The power failure cut off the oxygen supply for an ailing 75-year woman living in Manhattan's East Village. Her grandson rushed to a nearby hospital to get a manual tank, but by the time he returned, she had died from an apparent heart attack.

## Obama, Romney enter last weekend of their contest looking for a final edge

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — Three days. Nine states — give or take. A magic 270 electoral votes. For President Barack Obama and rival Mitt Romney, the final touch-and-go stretch of campaigning is down to the numbers.

New hiring reports or a new jobless rate. Spending totals or early vote totals. Percentage points and rhetorical points. Frequency of stops or size of crowds. In a game of metrics, each camp is looking for that last measure that will separate them at the finish line.

After holding mostly small and mid-size rallies for much of the campaign, Obama's team is planning a series of larger events this weekend aimed at drawing big crowds in battleground states. Still, the campaign isn't expecting to draw the massive audiences Obama had in the closing days of the 2008 race, when his rallies drew more than 50,000.

Obama's closing weekend also includes two joint events with former President Bill Clinton: a rally Saturday night in Virginia and an event Sunday in New Hampshire. The two presidents had planned to campaign together across three states earlier this week, but that trip was called off because of Superstorm Sandy. And, of course, there is always Ohio, the top battleground of them all.

## Obama's non-secret weapon: Bill Clinton, still talking policy and wowing the crowds

PALM BAY, Fla. (AP) — Republican Mitt Romney has millionaire backers, a huge staff and years of campaign experience, which may be enough to win the White House. President Barack Obama has one asset Romney can't match, however: Bill Clinton.

The former president is sprinting through battleground states, delivering more speeches than Obama himself and, arguably, carrying much of the president's re-election hopes on his 66-year-old shoulders.

There's nothing secret about this campaign weapon. If it's a competitive state, Clinton is there — and there and there — picking apart Romney's proposals in the folksy yet detailed style he unleashed at the Democratic convention in Charlotte, N.C. Many party activists left there wondering why Obama can't make his own case as compellingly.

Friday was typical for Clinton. He made five stops in Florida, stretching from Palm Beach in the southeast to Fort Myers on the Gulf Coast to Tallahassee in the panhandle.

Romney had hoped to lock down the mega-swing state long ago. But he will return Monday because of its uncertainty.

## Report: Border agents in radio contact before deadly shooting

PHOENIX (AP) — A new report into a shooting that left a U.S. Border Patrol agent dead says three agents responding to an alarm were apparently in radio contact as they approached from opposite directions before opening fire on each other in the Arizona desert.

A sheriff's report released Friday says it was a clear night and the agents were on patrol separately

when the call came in at about 1:30 a.m. Oct. 2 that an underground sensor aimed at detecting smugglers and illegal immigrants had been tripped.

Agent Nicholas Ivie, 30, approached on foot from the north. The two other agents walked in from the south when Ivie apparently opened fire, eliciting a deadly barrage of return fire from his colleagues.

Ivie was killed. Another agent was wounded. The third wasn't injured.

## California grandmother steps forward just in time to claim \$23 million lottery jackpot

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — For more than five months — while Julie Cervera struggled to pay a \$600 electrical bill, feed her family and keep the cable company from shutting off her service because she couldn't pay — she was a millionaire without knowing it.

Meanwhile, her \$23 million lottery ticket languished forgotten in the glove compartment of her car.

On Thursday, someone texted her a photo of her daughter, Charliena Marquez, buying the winning ticket for her at a Palmdale Liquor store. The photo had been released by lottery officials searching for the mysterious winner of the May drawing.

"I put my 99-cent glasses on, and I had to put two pairs on to see it," said Cervera, 69, of Victorville. She recognized her daughter in the grainy photo,

but she still couldn't read the caption.

## 4 on Japan nuclear plant safety government team took utility and industry money

TOKYO (AP) — Members of a Japanese government team assigned to set reactor safety measures received funding from utility companies or atomic industry manufacturers, raising questions about the experts' neutrality in the wake of last year's tsunami-triggered nuclear disaster.

The Nuclear Regulation Authority said Friday that Nagoya University Professor Akio Yamamoto received 27.14 million yen (\$339,000) over the past three years for research on reactors. That includes 6.28 million yen (\$79,000) from a subsidiary of Tokyo Electric Power Co., the utility that runs the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant sent into meltdowns last year.

The authority said Friday that three others on the six-member standards team received industry funding. Getting such money is not illegal, but it could call the neutrality of the team into question, since the industry would benefit from laxer standards.

The commission had asked the team members to voluntarily disclose such funding, including grants and donations, in an effort to boost transparency.

Akira Yamaguchi, a professor at Osaka University, got 10 million yen (\$125,000) in such money.

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# Steers fall short against Rangers

*Big Spring battles, but loses fourth straight district outing*

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

After losing three straight district games, Big Spring (5-4) looked fired up against Greenwood (6-3) at Memorial Stadium on Friday, but the Steers fell victim to explosive Ranger quarterback Kam Williams' dominant running game and couldn't pull out a win, as Greenwood went away with a 34-20 victory.

The Rangers scored first, but missed an extra point, taking a 6-0 lead over the Steers early in the first quarter. It remained a defensive stalemate until two minutes into the second stanza when Big Spring QB Tobyn Tannehill — who played while dealing with an astrained groin — hit Devin Roberson for a 42-yard touchdown reception. Roberson's extra point gave BSHS a one-point advantage.

On the Rangers' next possession, Steer Ty'Ral Menefield intercepted a pass, but a personal foul penalty gave the Steers a 6-6 tie. On the same drive, Tyler Wigington picked off a pass from Williams and fell on the ball at the 41-yard line, but the Steers were unable to manufacture any points and were forced to punt it away.

With a long pass of their own and a two-point conversion, Greenwood took a 14-7 lead on a pass from Williams to Colin Sullivan with 3:40 left to play in the half.

The Steers had a chance to gain some much-needed momentum and even the score in the third quarter. Tannehill connected with Roberson for a 57-yard gain, then Jared Doport caught one from Tannehill to give the Steers another first down. It looked like Big Spring was mounting a touchdown drive when a bad snap got past Tannehill and a Ranger defender jumped on top of the ball, taking possession at the Steers' 39-yard line.

The Steer defense — who despite a handful of



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**Big Spring's Max Pappajohn sacks Greenwood quarterback Kam Williams during Friday's 34-20 home loss against the Rangers. The Steers play their final game of the season on the road against Monahans this week.**

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# Forsan falls to 8-0 Anson, Coahoma bested by Reagan County

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

**FORSAN**

ANSON — If Anson's 9-0 record doesn't convince you the Tigers are for real, take Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips' word for it.

"Anson is a good football team on both sides of the ball," Phillips said of the Tigers, who defeated the Buffs 49-7 Friday night in Anson. "They are real physical up front."

Forsan held a 7-6 lead headed into the second quarter after senior running back Brendan Roman scored a rushing touchdown, but Anson — who went 0-10 last year — pulled away from the Buffaloes by scoring 43 unanswered points through the remaining three quarters of play.

Though Phillips cited Anson's ability as part of the reason for such a lopsided defeat, he also admits his squad experienced a bit of a breakdown as well.

"We didn't execute well," Phillips said. "Offensively, we didn't really

get anything going. Defensively, we executed early, but couldn't keep it going."

Forsan (5-4), still has a chance to break into the postseason with a win over the Winters Blizzards on Friday. Winters beat Haskell, forcing the Buffs into a must-win game to end the season to keep their playoff hopes alive.

"Winters is a young team, and they are a bit different than what we have seen so far," Phillips said of Winters' wishbone offensive scheme. "But maybe that will be a good thing for us, to not be so spread out. I think if we go out there and play the way we are capable, we can beat them."

**COAHOMA**

BIG LAKE — Coahoma (2-7) traveled to Big Lake to take on the Reagan County Owls (5-4) on Friday. It was a crucial game for the Bulldogs, as a win coupled with some good fortune as far as how other district teams fared may have opened up a playoff spot, despite the injuries and adversity Coahoma

has faced throughout the season.

Unfortunately, as Head Coach Trey Gardner put it, "It wasn't in the cards." CHS lost 21-12, eliminating the Dogs from playoff contention.

The Bulldogs found themselves in an early, 14-0 hole, but thanks to senior Tanner Ruiz, Coahoma put together two scoring drives, pulling to within two points heading into halftime.

The second half, however, was all Owls, as they managed to find the end zone once more, while Coahoma's offense sputtered.

The season may not have turned out the way Gardner and his team had hoped, but says the experience as a while may serve as a consolation to his players.

"It was the same story," Gardner explained. "The kids played hard for four quarters. We got started kind of slow, but they played hard until the tail end. The effort was definitely there. The senior set a pretty good example as far as what to do. Though it didn't help in the win column, the older kids may have learned more

about themselves this season than they did in the season before when we had success. I can't fault the way the kids have played this year. Obviously, we would have liked to be in the playoffs."

Gardner is now focused on ending the season on a positive note in front of a home crowd as the Bulldogs welcome Alpine on Friday.

"We are going to go out there and try to win," Gardner added. "We want the seniors to look back and have something they can be proud of."

**Other area results:**

- Sonora (6-3) def. Stanton (3-6), 48-14.
- Garden City (3-6) def. Fort Davis (3-6), 58-24.
- Borden (8-2) def. Grady (6-3), 80-38.
- Dawson (8-1) def. Sands (4-5), 76-30.

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# Rangers make qualifying offer to Hamilton

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas — The Texas Rangers made a \$13.3 million qualifying offer Friday to Josh Hamilton, ensuring them draft-pick compensation if the slugger signs with another team.

It was an expected move by the Rangers, who are sure Hamilton won't accept the one-year offer. That doesn't change the offseason plan for both, with the 2010 AL MVP exploring free agency and likely to deal with Texas.

The Rangers didn't make qualifying offers to All-Star catcher Mike Napoli or five other free agents.

General manager Jon Daniels said there is mutual interest in Napoli returning for a third season with Texas. Talks will continue with his agents, but the Rangers weren't willing to commit \$13.3 million to Napoli, who made \$9.4 million this year when he hit .227 with 24 homers and 56

RBI's in 108 games.

"We'd like to have Nap back, but at the predetermined figure we weren't comfortable there," Daniels said. "We're going to continue to talk and the door's very much open."

The fixed \$13.3 million is the average salary of the 125 highest-paid players in baseball by average annual value.

Texas didn't make offers to right-handers Mike Adams, Scott Feldman, Mark Lowe, Yoshinori Tateyama or Koji Uehara. The team can still negotiate with those players, but would receive no compensation if they leave for other teams.

Hamilton hit a career-high 43 homers and drove in 128 runs this season, his fifth in Texas. He batted .285 despite a two-month slump in the middle of the season, and is one of the top free agents on the market.

Hamilton and other players who got qualifying offers have until next Friday to accept them. Assuming that Hamilton rejects

it, the Rangers will receive an extra selection immediately following the first round of next June's amateur draft if he signs somewhere else.

"If Josh were to accept that — there should be no chance of that realistically if you're him, it's actually a cut of what he made," Daniels said. "It's an easy decision to offer. It doesn't preclude us from continuing to talk."

The Rangers and Hamilton put contract negotiations on hold earlier this year with the expectation that the outfielder would test the free-agent market.

During a conference call with reporters, Daniels said the Rangers would be focused on catching and the bullpen during the off-season. He then said the Rangers planned to put Alexi Ogando back in the starting rotation next spring.

Ogando was a 13-game winner and an All-Star in 2011 after making the transition from the

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# Return of Williams headlines Bills-Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Mario Williams is still fuming about how the Houston Texans let him go.

Their up-and-down history began with the 2006 draft, when the Texans shocked everyone by making Williams the top overall pick and passed on Reggie Bush and former Houston prep star Vince Young. It looked like the wise choice after Williams set the team's single-season sacks record in 2007 (14) and was chosen a Pro Bowl starter after the 2008 and '09 seasons.

Williams' next two seasons were cut short by injuries, and his contract expired after last year. Instead of breaking the bank to

keep him, the Texans let him walk and signed running back Arian Foster to a long-term extension. Williams, meanwhile, signed a six-year, \$100 million contract with Buffalo.

With J.J. Watt emerging as the dominant force many thought Williams would become, the Texans (6-1) have gotten along just fine without "Super Mario," still their career sacks leader. Williams, meanwhile, has failed to live up to his contract with Buffalo (3-4), producing all of 16 tackles with 3½ sacks.

He's expecting to hear nothing but boos on Sunday when he and the Bills face his

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former team at Reliant Stadium. But he also wishes the Houston fans would consider his explanation of why he no longer plays there.

"It is a decision that the general manager (Rick Smith) made," Williams said. "Opened the door and pretty much gave me a one way exit. That was it. At the end of the day it is what it is. It is part of the business. People do not realize what really happened at that point in time. That is fine. The fans can only go off of what they hear everybody else say. It is part of the game. I am here now and just have to make the best of it."

Williams felt like the Texans weren't even willing to negotiate when free agency began.

He said Houston never even made him an offer.

"It is the simple fact of everybody looks at it like you just up and left," he said. "You do

not know the fact of basically being told, 'We are not giving you anything as far as an offer or anything like that.' Your hands are tied in that aspect. Everybody else looks at it like that you just went into free agency and left.

"Obviously there was plenty of time for things to be done and it was not," he said. "That is fine with me. I just wish everybody else that runs their mouth, says this and that knew the whole story about it before making a decision about me — just abandoning the fans, the team and everything else like that — that is not my role. I am not that type of guy."

A Texans spokesman said Smith would not respond to Williams' comments.

All Williams can do now is have a big game against his former team. He said his left wrist feels fine after minor surgery during the Bills' bye week.

"I have something extra to prove in general," Williams said. "Definitely, with every-

thing going on, it has not been the way I really wanted it — going out, making an impact and just being better to help the team win. It is just a coincidence (that) it is this week after the bye week. Everybody has time off to kind of regroup and look at things. Just happened to be against this team."

Houston coach Gary Kubiak says the best way to neutralize a fierce pass rusher is to run the ball effectively, which means there's big game potential for Foster, the AFC's second-leading rusher.

Buffalo ranks 31st in total defense (424.1 yards per game) and last against the run (176.9 yards per game), while Houston is averaging 141 yards rushing per game.

Foster has topped 100 yards by himself three times this season, but the Texans are averaging only 3.98 yards per rush, 18th in the league.

"We need some more big plays," Kubiak said. "We had one big play

out of Arian down in New York on the Monday night, but we've got to find him some more space and some big plays. If we do that, all that takes a couple big plays and your average goes up."

Ben Tate is questionable with a hamstring injury and Justin Forsett will move into the backup role behind Foster, who leads the league with 168 carries.

The Bills' best hope may be controlling possession with running backs C.J. Spiller and Fred Jackson. Buffalo ranks fourth in rushing offense (150 yards per game).

"That is just part of us and our identity," Bills quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick said.

"I think we have two real talented tailbacks and two guys that we need to get the ball. They are explosive players. That is something we try to do all of the time, just get them their touches. We expect them to make big plays for us."

Tannehill's Miami, Luck's Indy vying for playoff spot

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A few weeks ago, the Miami-Indianapolis game was being billed as a simple contest between two high-profile rookie quarterbacks.

Now it's all about the playoffs.

Nine months after Indianapolis hosted the league's biggest party, the Super Bowl, Lucas Oil Stadium will be the center of attention again — as host of this weekend's biggest NFL surprise party.

"I wouldn't say it's weird," running back Vick Ballard said. "Like I've been saying all day, we work hard. It's just the fruits of our hard labor."

Players and coaches on both teams insisted all along they could win this season, regardless of what the doomsayers expected.

When training camps opened in late July, Miami was 27th in The Associated Press' Pro32 power rankings. Indy was 32nd.

It was understandable. Both teams struggled

mightily in 2011, hired new coaches in the off-season, drafted quarterbacks in the first round, started them right away and entered the regular season with the second and ninth youngest teams in the NFL. Normally, that's no combination for success.

Seven games into 2011, the Dolphins and Colts were winless.

Seven games into 2012, they're both 4-3 and have turned the talk about Sunday's game into a discussion about playoff positioning — really.

Indy has relied on the strong right arm of Andrew Luck, the first No. 1 draft pick to win four of his first seven games, and the veteran leadership of Wayne and others to get the offense jump-started.

The biggest question will be whether that highly hyped battle between Luck, the No. 1 overall draft pick, and Tannehill, the No. 8 overall selection, will actually happen.

Tannehill returned to practice Wednesday,

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bullpen to the rotation at the end of spring training that season because of injuries to others.

When the Rangers signed Yu Darvish and closer Joe Nathan

last winter, and decided to move Neftali Feliz to the rotation, they moved Ogando back into a setup role and he had a 3.27 ERA in 58 appearances. Now, he will get another chance as a starter.

"He earned that a year ago and then some of the moves we made with Joe (Nathan) and

how that affected Neftali and with Darvish, Alexi agreed to go back to the bullpen," Daniels said. "I thought he handled that extremely well, team first. This guy's an All-Star starter in essentially his rookie debut in that role. He's a strike thrower and he wants to do that."

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big plays, were solid throughout the evening — stopped the Rangers from scoring on that drive.

Greenwood would capitalize on its next possession, however, as Williams ran in a 10-yard run, then later in the period, picked up 83 yards on the keeper to increase its lead to 28-14.

Big Spring scored in the same quarter when Wigington blocked a punt return and ran 51-yards for a touchdown. Roberson again kicked the extra point.

The game wasn't out of the Steers' reach, until Williams — who rushed for nearly 250 yards — scored on a one-yard run to make it a three possession game. In the fourth quarter.

BSHS senior Joseph Morelion rushed for two yards and scored the final points of the game as time expired, but it was the deficit was too much for the Steers to overcome.

BSHS Head Coach Phillip Ritchey was disappointed after suffering a fourth straight

loss, but gave his athletes credit for playing with heart.

"They played hard last night," Ritchey said. "We came close on some big plays that might have turned things around, but I was pleased with the effort they gave. They played better than some other teams against Greenwood. (Friday) night, it came down to big plays. They made more of them and we missed some."

The quarterback matchup was a concern for Ritchey, as Tannehill wasn't 100 percent.

"(Tannehill) being hurt didn't help," Ritchey said. "He still threw the ball well. Our running game is successful because he runs the ball so well, but playing with a strained groin, we knew we would be throwing the ball more. (Williams) is a big kid. We were hoping he wouldn't have a big game, but we anticipated it was possible. He's a three-year starter and he's a big guy. He looked like a grown up (Tannehill), is what I thought."

On the positive side of things, Big Spring has won five more games than they had at this point last season and still have a chance to upset Monahans on the road Friday in the final game of the year. With the amount of young talent in the Steer squad, the next couple years look promising.

"We have played eight good games. We played well against a senior-heavy team. The future is bright. The younger guys are getting so much experience."

As for Big Spring's seniors, they played their last game in front of a home town crowd Friday.

"We've got some good seniors," Ritchey added. They play hard for us and always give us their best effort. That's all you can ask for. Hopefully next week we can send them off with a win."

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The wedding will be held June 1, 2013, in Indianapolis.

# Births



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Gabriella's maternal grandparents are Howard and Gloria Bain of Big Spring. Her paternal grandparents are Gene Garcia Sr. of Clute and Donna Leija of Angelton.

Gabby will be christened the 10:30 a.m. service, Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 S. Goliad, Big Spring, Texas.



Avery Jewell Simon

Roddy and Jann Caffey announce the birth of their granddaughter, Avery Jewell Simon, on Sept. 11, 2012, at Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge, La. She weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was 18 inches long.

She is the daughter of Mike and Kori Simon of Addis, La. Her paternal grandparents are John and Connie Simon of Port Allen, La.

Her maternal great-grandparents are Joanne Forrest and the late Dean Forrest of Big Spring and Robert and Patty Caffey of San Angelo. Her paternal great-grandparents are Floyd and Lucille Simon and Mary Ann Brunetti, all of Frontenac, Kan.

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Thursday: Breakfast/snack: Buttered toast, apple slices, milk, fruit cocktail, graham cracker; Lunch: Pizza, broc-

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Friday: Breakfast/snack: Fruit bar, orange halves, milk, Animal Cookies; Lunch: Beef tacos, salad, refried beans, milk.

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Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sliced apples, cornbread, milk.

Thursday: PJB uncrustable, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken fajitas, tortilla, ranch beans, corn, strawberries, grapes, lettuce/tomato, salsa, milk.

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Tuesday: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Taco salad, corn, fruit, milk.

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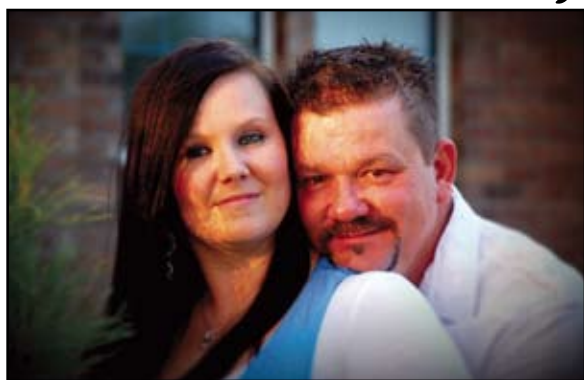
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# For Minn. gay couples, marriage vote is personal

**PATRICK CONDON**

Associated Press  
MINNEAPOLIS — Barb Weller and Marg France finish each other's sentences the way longtime couples do, and after 19 years together it's no surprise how they feel about commitment and next week's vote on whether enshrine Minnesota's gay marriage ban in the state constitution.

"If the amendment is passed ..." said Weller, "... we won't be able to get married in this lifetime," finished France. Both women are in their 60s.

For most gay Minnesotans, particularly those who would like to marry longtime partners, passage of the constitutional amendment would put that dream further out of reach. Defeat of the measure would by a welcome but largely symbolic victory for gay couples because the state's current gay marriage ban would still be in effect, denying same-sex couples who consider themselves married in all but name the same protections and privileges as legally married couples.

That means worrying about things like being denied hospital visits to an ailing partner; being unable to honor a loved one's wishes after death; or being excluded from parenting rights in cases where an unmarried person adopts the child of a partner. Gay rights supporters say

those are just a few of the legal privileges they are denied or may have to fight to assert because of their inability to marry.

During the long campaign over the constitutional amendment, the group working to pass it has stressed that it's not trying to hurt gay couples. "Everybody has a right to love who they choose," says the narrator in a commercial from Minnesota for Marriage, a coalition of religious and socially conservative organizations.

The group contends that male-female marriage is a centuries-old societal building block that benefits children, and that redefining it in law could lead to intrusions on religious liberty and the right of parents to control influences on their children.

Gay couples say that rationale ignores the realities of the lives they're already living. "We have taken on all the responsibilities of marriage, but we don't get the rights," said Rebecca Hostetler, who lives with her partner of 19 years, Julie Redpath, in Chisago City.

Hostetler, a librarian, and Redpath, a retired state worker, got married this summer in Iowa, which legalized gay marriage via a state Supreme Court ruling in 2009. Since Minnesota doesn't recognize their marriage, they have drawn up wills and taken other legal steps,



AP photo

**Louise Pardee calls fellow senior citizens from a Shoreview, Minn., phone bank to urge them to vote against a proposed constitutional ban on gay marriage on Minnesota's statewide ballot.**

including granting each other final say in making end-of-life decisions, to mirror the rights automatically conferred upon opposite-sex married couples.

But both women fear the documents won't be enough since they don't have a marriage contract that grants them next-of-kin status.

"We know that these are our wishes, but by law they don't have to be honored," Redpath said.

Weller and France, both retired social workers who live near Duluth, say they have seen what can happen. In 2002, France's brother Rick France — who was also gay — died suddenly of a heart attack while sitting in his car outside a Minneapolis

grocery store. Weller and France were living in the Minneapolis area at the time, and they got the first call from the county medical examiner, who was legally required to notify the next of kin in cases of unexpected death.

"There was a card in Rick's wallet that said to notify Bob in case of emergency, but they said 'we can't do that,'" said France, referring to Bob Hedin, her brother's partner of 18 years. She had to go with Hedin so that he could claim Rick's body from the morgue and have it cremated, claim his and Rick's car from the impound lot, and make other arrangements.

"We learned the hard way that all the legal preparation in the world

doesn't matter when it counts," France said. Bob Hedin, her late brother's partner, confirmed the account via email. "I was immersed in the love of our friends and family, but ran into walls whenever legal relationships came into play," wrote Hedin, who now lives in Arizona.

France and Weller have taken many of the same legal steps as Redpath and Hostetler. However, as they age and deal with health issues they say they occasionally encounter resistance or refusal from hospitals when they request medical information about one another.

"You're reminded that you're not, under the eyes of the law, your partner's next of kin,"

France said.

Project 515 is a Minnesota nonprofit that takes its name from what it says are 515 instances where Minnesota state law extends rights to married couples that are not accessible to gay couples. Many of those rights, the group says, can't be duplicated with legal contracts or other arrangements; and even those that can often require the expense of hiring an attorney.

The organization has compiled gay couples' stories of hardship, including a woman's account of being denied medical information about her partner's newborn, even though she legally adopted the girl. Another woman told of losing her home to a medical assistance lien after her partner's death, which the state would not have been allowed to enforce had they been allowed to marry.

"Absolutely you want the rights and benefits," said Gary Anderson of Duluth, who's been with his partner, Gary Boelhower, for three years.

"But more than that, you want to be recognized for the responsibility you are willing to take for this other human being. I'm here to take care of him 'til death do us part, but without a marriage license that's not something we can take for granted."

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pizza, salad, veggie cup, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake wrap, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, black beans, baby carrots, dressing and salsa, orange smiles, milk.

Friday: Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, apple-pine-apple D'Lite, milk.

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- Nov. 8 - Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.  
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Faye's Flowers co-owners Mary Schuelke and Heather Schafer (with scissors) are joined by employees and Chamber of Commerce representatives at a ribbon cutting ceremony denoting the business' 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Friday morning.

## Energy Watch



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



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

As the markets wade through a period of uncertainty that is likely to last for at least a few more months, we want to encourage investors to take advantage of what the stock market gives them. What do we mean by that? We want to rely on our analysis and outlook. That outlook helps guide the investing process and allows one to make decisions based on rational thought and analysis rather than paralyzing fear.

Events move at a fast pace in today's world. One week the U.S. stock market rallies because Spain secures a lifeline for its troubled banks, and a couple of weeks later we see a big selloff as one of the bond rating agencies downgrades various Spanish "states" due to their high debt levels — as if this was something that took investors by surprise.

Likewise, as third quarter earnings reporting season approached the midway point last week, some pundits were blaming the market pullback on poor third quarter earnings results. Whether or not earnings are up a percent or two — or down two percent — really is not going to affect the stock market in a major way. Why? Let's be honest, strategists have been expecting a bad earnings reporting season for some time. Companies have simply delivered on those poor expectations. Note that, overall, the results are in line with consensus estimates so far.

We want to examine the current market downturn and ask ourselves if this presents an opportunity. Let's review our outlook. We look for the economy to grow 2.5 percent in 2013, above the rate we expected for this year but still below the long-term average. Earnings growth is also expected to be modest next year, near 5 percent. Based on our earnings projection for next year, valuations are well below the longer-term average. We look for a continuation of the economic recovery in the U.S. and abroad. We see Chinese economic growth bottoming near current levels and we think there is a reasonable chance that Europe's debt crisis is "less bad" next year. In addition, the Federal Reserve and virtually every major central bank on the planet is ready, willing, and able to continue to provide mountains of liquidity and low interest rates to the financial system for the foreseeable future. We think the S&P 500 is going to be noticeably higher than current levels by year-end 2013.

So, it comes down to having faith in your outlook and executing when opportunities arise. We have been expecting (and hoping) for an opportunity to accumulate stocks at lower levels before this year came to an end. The pullback in the market from the early-October high has been minimal so far, but it could easily get a bit more "interesting" in coming weeks. Are we hoping for more of a pullback? Yes, indeed. We have faith in our outlook. We like to buy stocks in favored sectors when prices are down. As in the game of life, cards, or the market, you need to play the hand you are dealt. We have not seen all our cards at this point, but the stock market appears to be dealing us a good hand.

*Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was produced on Oct. 23 by Scott Wren, Wells Fargo Advisors senior equity strategist, and provided courtesy of Bhupen Agrawal, managing director - branch manager of Wells Fargo Advisors' Midland office, at 432-684-7335. The material has been prepared or is distributed solely for informational purposes and is not a solicitation or an offer to buy or sell any security, or instrumental to participate in any trading strategy. Stocks offer long-term growth potential, but may fluctuate more and provide less current income than other investments. An investment in the stock market should be made with an understanding of the risks associated with common stocks, including market fluctuations.*

## SWCD concerned over landfill sitings

Special to the Herald

TEMPLE, Texas — Planning and constructing a landfill over any aquifer recharge zone is a big "no, no" according to Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs).

SWCD directors representing 216 Texas SWCDs attending their 72nd Annual Meeting October 29-31 in Bastrop approved a resolution to seek legislation that would bar the construction of a landfill over an aquifer recharge zone.

"To place a landfill over an aquifer recharge zone is not only

negligent and irresponsible, but it increases the risk of contamination to major regional sources of water," said Russell Bading, Chairman of the Comal-Guadalupe Soil and Water Conservation District that sponsored the resolution.

"The problem we are dealing with is that an aquifer is most at risk within its recharge zone when rainwater recharge pathways carry contaminants which might escape the landfill containment systems into the deeper aquifer. Remediation of a leak which introduces pollutants into an aquifer might prove to be

technologically and economically impractical once landfill construction is completed," added Bading.

The catalyst that brought the issue to the forefront of Texas SWCDs is that the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer to the south and east of San Antonio provides water to 60 counties including Bexar County.

According to Bading, a proposal to build a landfill on a 1,125 acre tract of land in eastern Guadalupe County near Seguin should be of major concern to all Texans

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Just Us Salon and Boutique owner Brandi Rodriguez, with scissors, is joined by fellow employees and Chamber of Commerce representatives at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the business' grand open. The salon is located at 406 E. Marcy.

## Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:  
Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring  
Amanda Nicole Bair, 1103 E. 15th St., Big Spring  
Jessica Lynn Banks, CR 1200, Lubbock  
Nancy Ramirez Banuelos, 1515 A Sycamore, Big Spring  
Johnny Barraza, 429 Westover, Big Spring  
Tiffany Burke-Mendoza, 1503 Robin, Big Spring  
Vanessa Calderon, 1504 Kentucky, Big Spring  
Charles Campanella, 2511 Fisher St., Big Spring

Emerlinda Chavarria Cano, 215 N.E. Ninth St., Big Spring  
Donald Cervantes, 1211 Lloyd, Big Spring  
Trystan Taelor Cevallos, 3912 E. Hwy. 350, Big Spring  
Crisleda Chavera, 1601 Grand Ave., Sweetwater  
Kimberly Gayle Conaway, 1800 N. Birdwell, Big Spring  
Melissa Crawford, 1207 Mulberry, Big Spring  
Jennifer R. Crow, 1714 Fort Worth, Brownwood  
Stephen Cruz, 12222 Blanco No. 1605, San Antonio  
Julie E. Davis, 5202 Bangor Ave. Apt. K301, Lubbock  
Stefan Deal, 102 Casie Ln.

Apt. 1, Fort Worth  
Manuel Delosrios, 707 Lorilla, Big Spring  
Teana Demeny-Roberts, 5601 N. Service Rd., Big Spring  
Delores Dohnalik, 1500 Stones Throw, Horseshoe Bay  
Josepy James Eckert, 1123 Newhaven Trail, Pearland  
Maria Luisa Elizondo, 603 S. Second, Meadow  
Kristi L. Elliot, 603 E. 12th St., Big Spring  
John Randall Evatt, 4301 W. 49th St. Apt. 329, Amarillo  
Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa

Joey Lee Garcia, 3102 Ave. C, Snyder  
Joe Nick Garfias Jr., of 1309 Runnels, Big Spring  
Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second, Stanton  
Allen David Gilbert, 1507 Johnson, Big Spring  
Joseph Blake Gist, 3500 Cedar Run, Abilene  
Becky Lynn Gonzales, 2201 Runnels, Big Spring  
Roxanne Deanda Gonzales, 539 Westover Apt. 211, Big Spring  
Eunice Torres Gonzalez, 7311 Westmoor, Odessa  
Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd., Abilene

Robert Earl Green II, 2512 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Kimberly Hargrove, PO Box 1985, Big Spring  
Tracy Lenn Haynie, 503 Kylie Lane, Wylie  
Gloria Annette Henry, 100 Ash, Coahoma  
Ruby G. Hernandez, 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 48, Big Spring  
Ashley Rae Hodge, 3214 Drexel, Big Spring  
Danny Holt, of 125 Farney Rd., Lorena  
April M. Horton, 1705 Charles, Portsmouth, Ohio  
Bradley Ryan Horton, of Linda Lane, Big Spring  
Dana Michelle Hudgins, P.O.

Box 837, Coahoma  
Regina Hunt, 804 Longhorn, Welch  
Ashley Nicole Islas, 1104 Wood, Big Spring  
Brian Ivanchan, 1208 Mulberry, Big Spring  
Justin Lee Jernigan, 2302 Lynn, Big Spring  
Irene Castillo Johnson, 2502 Cheyenne, Big Spring  
Lonnie Malcolm Johnson, 1211 Ridgeroad, Big Spring  
Donald Jones, 3718 Ave. V, Snyder  
Nickolas Vance Jones, 304 Circle, Big Spring

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Jason Earnest Key, 900 Abrams, Big Spring  
Albert Leal, 2522 Albrook, Big Spring  
Jesse Campbell Lockett, 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 141, Big Spring  
Robert Lee Lopez, 503 E. 18<sup>th</sup>, Big Spring  
Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham, Odessa  
James Elijah Marlow, 2001 Runnels, Big Spring  
Todd Vincent Martin, 409 Woodcrest, Midland  
Joe Martinez, 2525 Fairchild, Big Spring  
Manuel Martinez Jr., 702 NE Iowa, Lamesa  
Fidel M. Martinez, 705 N.W. Eighth St., Big Spring  
Ronnie Trevino Martinez, 1109 E. 11<sup>th</sup> place, Big Spring  
Norman James McNeese, 1098 LCR 317, Colorado City  
Betty Jane McWilliams, 2511 Hunter, Big Spring  
Cory James Michalewicz, 1106 Briscoe Cove, Hutto  
Nicholas Craig Mills, 3225 Cornell, Big Spring  
Chelsea Kristyne Millsbaugh, 7403 N. Service Road, Big Spring  
Robert Paul Newton, 715 Dealy, Big Spring  
Melissa Nieto, 615 Tulane, Big Spring  
John Randall O'Harrow, 107 S. Main, Big Spring  
Abigail Lynn Ortega, 700 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring  
Nancy Ortega, 1111 E. 14<sup>th</sup>, Big Spring  
James Michael Perez, 626 Tulane, Big Spring  
Fred Allen Perry, 1425 E. Sixth, Apt. 107, Big Spring  
Joshua Plaia, 1401 E. 18<sup>th</sup>, Big Spring  
Jarum Renee Pryor, 802 N. Plaza, Big Lake  
Bobbie Ann Ritchie, 803 St. Francis, Stanton  
Michael Neal Roberts, 538 Westover, Apt. 103, Big Spring  
Olivia Rosa Rodriguez, 1201 Settles, Big Spring  
Roberta Garza Rodriguez, 1103 Stanford, Big Spring  
Lisa J. Rubio, 1303 Sycamore, Big Spring  
Anastasia Clarice Sanders, 1401 Culpepper Ave., Wilson  
Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 E. Davis Rd., Big Spring  
Kennedra Wynell Shelton, 400 N. Fourth, Corsicana  
Amy Leigh Shifflett, 209 N. Main, Coahoma  
Angela Gay Smith, 102 N. Ash, Coahoma  
Charles Ray Smith, 2911 W. Highway 80, Apt. 155, Big Spring  
Tiffany Katherine Stokes, 1407 E. 19<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring  
Timothy Donald Taylor, 4000 W. Highway 80 No. 18, Big Spring  
Trinity Renee Terrazas, 2202 Morrison, Big Spring  
Glenn Joe Thompson, 1111 Jeffery, Big Spring  
David Wayne Turner, 3204 Irving, Snyder  
Abram Unger, 503 NE Fourth, Seminole  
Brittania Kay Upchurch, 4303 Princeton, Midland  
Alonzo Vasquez, 306 W. Seventh St., Iraan  
Anthony A. Vasquez, 710 Willia, Big Spring  
Timothy Shea Wargo, 624 State, Big Spring  
Charles Watson, 804 W. I-20 Apt. 127, Big Spring  
Thomas Weeks, P.O. Box 110891, Anchorage, Alaska  
Michael Wade Welch, 700 S. Aylesford, Big Spring  
Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 28, Big Spring  
Calvin Williams, 1313 Mulberry, Big Spring  
Mary Lou Wilson, 610 N.E. Ninth, Big Spring  
Frances Elena Yanez, 1610 Cardinal, Big Spring  
James Edward Young, 3313 Auburn, Big Spring  
Dennis Anthony Zaragoza, 4534 Sinclair, Big Spring  
Mary Esther Zubiate, 1103 S. 11th Place, Big Spring

causing bodily injury - family violence, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Eurvin Jamall Winters, criminal trespass, \$516 fine, \$232 court costs.  
Probated Judgment: Patrick Robert Parras, evading arrest or detention, \$200 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Michael Ray Roberson, assault causing bodily injury, \$1,500 fine, \$332 court costs, 120 days in jail.  
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Judgment and Sentence: Michael Ray Roberson, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Jorge Luis Gomez Jr., resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$250 fine, \$282 court costs, 45 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Robert Allen Rios, driving while intoxicated - blood alcohol more than 0.15, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Jesi Elaine Wilkey, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Roy Guerrero Cervantes Jr., resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Martin Diaz Jr., evading arrest or detention, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 120 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Daniel Jesse Lemon, criminal mischief - more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Adam Anthony Starr, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: James Wendell Tubb, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Amanda Heffington, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: John Flores Jr., failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Andrew Duenes, violation of a protective order, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 75 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Andrew Aguirre Duenes, violation of a protective order, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Andrew Duenes, violation of a protective order, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 75 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Andrew Duenes, assault causing bodily injury, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 75 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Katherine D. Scaggs, failure to identify as a fugitive - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Travis Wade Long, criminal trespass of a habitation/shelter, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Kirk Emery Stevens, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

District Court Filings:  
In Re Lillian Joyce Fuller, civil.  
In Re Kaleb Randell Sherrod, family.

**Marriage Licenses:**  
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Zachary Lane Phinney, 28, and Andrea Justine Torres, 26, both of Big Spring.  
Victor H. Garcia, 47, and Janie A. Garcia, 46, both of Big Spring.  
Jacob Rios, 33, and Emelda Alvarado, 30, both of Big Spring.  
Raymond Russell Jr., 40, and Rea Dean Walton, 41, both of Big Spring.  
Jesse R. Gonzales, 29, and Jessica A. Moran, 25, both of Big Spring.  
Michael A. Horvath, 44, and Gisela C. Saldana, 40, both of Big Spring.

**Warranty Deeds:**  
Grantor: Thomas F. Marlow and Teresa Marlow  
Grantee: Casey E. Richbourg  
Property: A 0.1632-acre tract out of Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Sept. 25, 2012

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:  
Grantor: Nancy Patricia Nash  
Grantee: Jairo Estrella  
Property: Lot 5, Block 3, Clanton Subdivision  
Date: Sept. 28, 2012

Grantor: Thomas F. Marlow  
Grantee: Casey E. Richbourg  
Property: A 7.1455-acre tract out of Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Sept. 25, 2012



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**Sisters Studio Double Trouble co-owners Karie Holsenbeck and Tarie Feaster, with scissors, are joined by fellow employees and Chamber of Commerce representatives during a ribbon cutting to celebrate the studio's grand opening. It is located at 1907 Birdwell, Suite A.**



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**Big Spring Ford recently donated \$2,500 to the Big Spring Independent School District Athletic Department. Shown during the presentation are, from left, Maury and Georgia Payton, co-owners of Big Spring Ford, Big Spring High School Assistant Principal Jay Kennedy and BSISD Superintendent Steven Saldivar.**

EPA finds Hyundai, Kia overstated gas mileage

DETROIT (AP) — Hyundai and Kia overstated the gas mileage on 900,000 vehicles sold in the past three years, a discovery that could bring sanctions from the U.S. government and millions of dollars in reimbursements to car owners.

The inflated mileage was uncovered in an audit of test results by the Environmental Protection Agency, which ordered the Korean automakers to replace fuel economy stickers on the affected cars.

The new window stickers will have figures that are one-to-six miles per gallon lower depending on the model.

“Consumers rely on the window sticker to help make informed choices about the cars they buy,” said Gina McCarthy, of the EPA’s air-quality office. “EPA’s investigation will help protect consumers.”

The EPA’s inquiry into the overstated figures is continuing, and the agency would not comment when asked if the companies will be fined or if a criminal investigation is under way.

But the agency said it’s the first case in which erroneous test results were uncovered in such a large number of vehicles from the same manufacturer. Only two similar cases have been discovered since 2000, and those involved single models.

Hyundai and Kia executives said the higher figures were unintentional errors. They apologized and promised to pay owners of the 900,000 cars and SUVs for the difference in mileage. The payments, which will be made annually for as long as people own their cars, are likely to cost the companies hundreds of millions of dollars.

The EPA’s findings come at a bad time for Hyundai and Kia, which have seen explosive sales growth in the U.S. partly because of advertising campaigns that touted gas mileage. Hyundai even poked fun at competitors who promoted special high-mileage versions of their cars, claiming that its cars had high mileage across the model lineup.

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because what happens over the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer Recharge Zone should not only be of interest to residents of San Antonio, but to all citizens in the state.

“The irony here is that current state law only prohibits the location of landfills over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. The Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer Recharge Zone doesn’t have the same protection under state law,” said Bading.

According to the Texas Water Development Board, (TWDB) data, since the 1970s, groundwater consistently has accounted

for more than half of all Texas water use. Texas has nine major aquifers and 21 minor ones.

In 2008, according to the latest TWDB Water Use Survey information, groundwater provided 60 percent or 16.1 million acre-feet of water used in the state.

An acre-foot is the amount of water needed to cover an acre of land to a depth of one foot, or 325,851 gallons. Of that amount, almost 80 percent was used for agricultural irrigation. Municipalities relied on groundwater for 15 percent of total groundwater use. The remaining 5 percent of groundwater use was for manufacturing, mining, domestic livestock and other

uses.

“To protect all groundwater in the state from landfill contamination, Texas SWCDs want the Texas SWCDs and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (ATSW-CDS) to work with the state legislature to enact legislation which would prohibit landfills to be placed over any aquifer recharge zone”, said Bading.

The TSSWCB administers Texas’ soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs through the State’s 216 soil and water conservation districts.

Additionally, the TSSWCB is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution. The

agency also administers a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush. The TSSWCB also acts to ensure that the State’s network of 2,000 flood control dams are pro-

tecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repair grants to local government sponsors and facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

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in one friend so that if I need her, she can pick me up and drive me home. I feel as if I am safe, but still, I don't know what to do.  
Should I tell Michael to wait until I am old enough for this to be appropriate? I don't want him to find someone else and forget about me. I really like him, and I don't want him to get into any legal trouble. What would you do if you really loved a guy in this situation? — **Lost in Love**

**Dear Lost:** Here is what we get: You are hiding the relationship from your parents, you feel safe only because you are meeting in public places and have a friend to contact in case of emergency, and your gut is telling you that this is not an appropriate relationship. We are strong believers in heeding your inner voice. It's trying to tell you to back away.  
Michael may be a great guy, and the age difference is not what counts here. It's that you are 17, and your level of experience (in

all areas) is limited. He is 25 and probably looking for something more serious than you are prepared for, and you shouldn't be rushed. Not to mention, we worry about a 25-year-old who is romantically pursuing a high school student. Please confide in your parents, let them meet Michael in person, and then they can advise you.

**Dear Annie:** Please print this letter and remind people that if they walk out of a restaurant without paying the check, it is the server who suffers, not the restaurant. Also, the practice of dunning the

wait staff for an unpaid bill is illegal under federal law, but it happens anyway. My daughter suffered through it last night. — **Angry in Louisville, Ky.**

**Dear Angry:** You are right that not paying the bill is illegal, and forcing the server to pay it is also illegal. If your daughter has been saddled with a customer's unpaid bill, tell her to call the U.S. Dept. of Labor's toll-free helpline at 1-866-487-9243 and report it.

**Dear Annie:** Veterans for Peace is interested in returning the November 11 celebra-

tion back to its original intent of celebrating peace, rather than war and warriors. We would like to ask all churches to ring their bells 11 times on November 11 at 11 a.m. and have a moment of prayer for peace.

On Nov. 11, 1918, an armistice was signed to stop war between the nations that had been fighting World War I. In 1928, peaceful nations met in Paris and signed the Kellogg-Briand Pact, legally banning all wars. In 1938, Congress made Armistice Day official.

In 1954, however, Congress moved to change the word "armistice"

to "veterans," which also changed the focus of the celebration from peace to war. Veterans for Peace is asking all churches to ring their bells on November 11 and have a moment of prayer for peace. — Samuel H. Winstead, Veterans for Peace

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**Dear Annie:** I am a 17-year-old straight-A student and have sound judgment for most things, but I'm not sure about this.

I have started seeing "Michael," a 25-year-old guy. I know it's a big age difference, but everything else about our relationship is perfect. So far, we have only gone out to public places and for limited amounts of time. I feel like I am being smart about this, but if I look at the situation objectively, the age difference gives me pause.

My parents do not know about my relationship with Michael, and I feel horrible hiding it. I have confided

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