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FISD trustees moving toward bond election

By STEVE REAGAN

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Staff Writer

FORSAN — School district trustees here will work to finalize estimates for a construction bond issue they hope to present to voters this May

when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration wing board

It is now highly likely — although still not a certainty — Forsan Independent School District trustees will call

for a bond election to be decided May 11. No final price tag has been set on the bond, although preliminary estimates are in the \$20 million range.

The major portion of that money would go to build a new elementary campus — which would be located adjacent to Forsan Junior High/ High School — to replace Elbow Elementary, which has been in service since 1930.

Overlooked in the debate over whether to construct a new school, however, is another bond item FISD officials say is just as important — security and infrastructure upgrades at the junior high/high school build-

Superintendent Randy Johnson said campus security, which has become a top priority among educators in the past few months, will be one of the issues addressed by the bond money. "What's been discussed is some

design issues tied to safety," he said. "What we want to do is renovate the entrance to the building so that it's similar to what Big Spring has done at its new elementary campuses." At the new Big Spring schools, se-

curity has been enhanced by a system which funnels all visitors into the main office before they are allowed into classroom areas. Also, FISD officials hope to use

a portion of bond money to replace both interior and exterior locks at the campus. Also at the junior high/high school, money is being targeted to pay for

restroom electrical and sewage system upgrades. Another item officials are eyeing is renovation of the junior high science labs. Labs in the high school portion of the building were upgraded in 2004 and officials would like to

A final decision whether to call for a May election will likely come when trustees hold a special meeting Feb. 25.

follow suit in the rest of the campus.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Tyler Graves (20) attempts a shot during the Steers' 74-54 victory over Sweetwater Friday night in Steer Gym. See Page 9A for details.

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Voter registration deadline April 11

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents looking to weigh-in on municipal elections in Howard County have until April 11 to register, according to local election officials.

The deadline to register to vote in both municipal and school board elections in Thursday, April 11, according to Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra



Bloom. "The

deadline to register in any election is always 30 days prior to election," said. "It Bloom doesn't matter if you're voting in Forsan, Coahoma

or Big Spring, the deadline is the same."

Bloom urges area residents to go ahead and check their voter readiness now if they

plan to take part in any of the

upcoming elections. "When we talk about an April 11 deadline, it sounds like we have plenty of time, so there's no hurry or worry," Bloom said. "However, life can sometimes hand us a little more than we can handle, and that April deadline can sneak up on you. Regardless of which election — city, county, school board, even state offices - you plan to cast your ballot in, now is the time to go ahead and check on your voter status and take care of anything that needs to be handled before the April 11 deadline."

Bloom said early voting in municipal and school board elections is set to run from April 29 until May 7, with polls open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily.

"On April 30 and May 2, we'll have extended hours at

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County grand jury returns drug indictments

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

More than a dozen area resi-

dents were indicted by a Howard County grand jury this week, with numerous truebills for charges of possession of a controlled substance. Cases were presented by

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson and Assistant District

Attorney Robin Orr, as the grand jury indicted 16 people on 25 separate charges during Tuesday's session.

Among those indicted • Holston Banks III, 21, cur-

rently being held at the Howard County Detention Center, evading arrest (third-degree felony) and injury to a child (third-degree felony).

- Martin Dominguez, 25, of 406 E. 10th St., possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony). • Francisco Gene Reyes, 21,
- of 1 Courtney Place Apt. 209, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Jolanda Jimenez Gonzales, 43, of 2506 March Circle,

possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Larry Dale King, 29, currently being held at the Howard County Detention Center, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony).
- · Latasha Woodson, 33, of 2512 Fairchild, possession of

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Midland and Lupe Gonzales of Pecos; two brothers,

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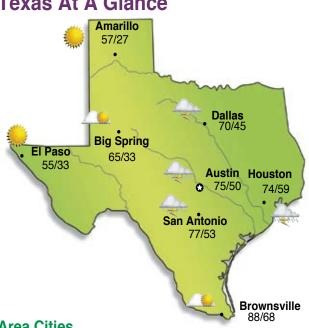
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Austin	75	50	t-storm	Longview	71	49	t-storm
Beaumont	72	57	t-storm	Lubbock	60	27	sunny
Brownsville	88	68	pt sunny	Lufkin	74	53	t-storm
Brownwood	72	45	pt sunny	Midland	64	36	sunny
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Dallas	70	45	t-storm	San Antonio	77	53	t-storm
Del Rio	75	51	pt sunny	San Marcos	77	50	t-storm
El Paso	55	33	sunny	Sulphur Springs	67	45	t-storm
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Mr. Ramos was born Jan. 9, 1952, in Big Spring and he passed away Feb. 4, 2013.

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County awaits AG opinin on road use agreement

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County officials are hoping Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott can wade through the gray areas

of state law and shine some light on road use agreements, as county commissioners look to move forward with efforts to help pay for much-needed repairs to local road-



· A continuing education class focusing on com-

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through the month. This is a four-week course, with classes taking place 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Tues-

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Healthy Woman is presenting a heart healthy

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story from Mitzi Knight. The event is free to the

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ways. Howard County commissioners voted unanimously in Late-December to adopt a road use agreement in hopes of sharing the mounting cost of rural road maintenance made necessary by the ongoing boom in the oilfield. However, the permits have been placed on hold, according to County Judge Mark Barr, in hopes of getting an opinion from the state attorney

through the "gray areas" in

"The state law in these matters isn't very clear at all," Barr said. "In fact, it's loaded with gray areas. That's why we've asked County Attorney Joshua Hamby to submit the matter to the Texas Attorney General's office for an opinion. That way, we will have a much clearer idea what we can and can't do with these road use agreements and permits."

Barr said most of the questions revolve around whether or not the county can require the trucking and transportation companies to pay to enter and exit county roadways.

"The biggest question we're facing at this point is whether or not we can charge for these trucks to enter and exit the county roads," Barr said. "These entrances and exits need to be built to county specifications to

general's office that will cut flooding and other problems from cropping up."

Much of the need for road use agreements, according to Barr and other county officials, revolves around damage county roads have suffered since traffic has grown exponentially with the boom, currently accounting for more than \$22 million in much-needed repairs.

Barr said he has spoken to a few of the oilfield companies the road use agreements will affect, however, without a solid idea what state law will and will not allow, it's hard to figure out where everyone involved stands. "Obviously, the county feels

like the road use agreement the county commissioners passed is legal," Barr said. "The companies we've talked to have all been very congenial, however, they are in the same situation we are in. They want to know where the state law falls in all of this."

Barr said the road use agreements approved by commissioners in December haven't yet been implemented. "We've basically put them

on hold for right now," Barr said. "We want to see what the attorney general's opinion will be before we begin implementing the agreements. According to the state officials we've talked to, we should hear back from the attorney general's office within 180 days once we've submitted it." Barr said Monday's presen-

tation of the request for an opinion will give commissioners a chance to add any clarifications they want to add into the mix.

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners are expected to meet with County Auditor Jackie Olson to discuss Invoices, purchase requests and proposed budget amendments. The court is also expected to hear a presentation from CPA Don Stephens regarding the county's annual financial report. County Treasurer Teresa

Thomas is expected to present personnel considerations and a payroll report, while County Clerk Donna Wright will present her office's monthly report. Commissioners will also

meet with County Road and Bridge Administrator Brian Klinksiek to discuss pipeline crossings, road maintenance and approval of a seal coating contract.

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

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

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a controlled substance (state jail felony).

- Michael James Bullinger, 24, of 209 Sourdough Rd. in Coahoma, possession of a controlled (state jail felony).
- Peter Manuel Candelaria, 25, of 1217 W.

Third St., possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony, enhanced) and burglary of a building (two counts, both state jail felonies).

- Michael Wilson Carl, 29, of Midland, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony) and evading arrest (third-degree felony).
- Tony Mojica Castellano, 39, of 301 E. Leath-

erwood, failure to register as a sex offender (third-degree felony). • Eric Wayne Deal, 46,

- of 5700 Cedar Rd. Apt. 20, delivery of a controlled substance (first-degree felony, enhanced) and delivery of a controlled substance (second-degree felony, enhanced).
- Ashley Duran, 26, of Abilene, possession of marijuana (state jail felony).
- Jerry Mitchell Marcon, 20, of Snyder, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (two counts, both state iail felonies).
- David Margarito Moreno, 36, of 601 Dealey, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).
- · Andrea Marie Robledo, 21, of 1504 E. Fifth St., possession of a controlled substance (thirddegree felony).

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the early voting polls, which will be located at the elections administration office on the third floor of the Howard Courthouse," County bloom said. "The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. — the same hours the polls are open on election day — on both dates. As always, our hope is the extended hours will give people who normally work during regular poll hours a chance to cast their ballots early.'

Bloom said her office is also planning to hold branch voting in the Forsan area, as Forsan Independent School District is expected to call for a bond election to fund a new elementary campus to replace Elbow Elementary School. "We're in the process

of setting up those dates and locations," Bloom said. "Once we have everything set up, we'll announce them to the public."

Forsan ISD has until the first of March to call for the bond election.

According to the Texas Secretary of State's website, Tuesday, March 12 is the first day residents can request a mail-in ballot, with May 3 the deadline to make the re-

"Voters who are 65 and older, disabled or will be out of the county and unavailable to vote during early voting or election day can apply for a ballot by mail," Bloom said. "If you want to apply, you need to contact the elections office so we can mail out the form. Voters must request this application, it won't automatically be sent out."

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Staff Writer

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OTHER VIEWS

Will Texas execute an innocent man?

ecause of death row inmate Larry Swearingen, the Texas Code of Crimiswearingen, the read countries and Procedure now plainly gives the accused the right to perform DNA tests on essentially any crime-scene evidence that might prove his innocence. But in a brutal. punch-line twist, Swearingen himself may not be allowed those tests. His execution is scheduled for February 27.

Swearingen, 41, has always maintained his innocence in the 1998 murder of college student Melissa Trotter. For years, he's petitioned Texas courts for DNA tests that might support his claims, and possibly even identify someone else as Trotter's killer. You'd think that granting that petition would be a no-brainer: Texas, where DNA has exonerated 48 people convicted of serious crimes, leads the nation in the number of wrongful convictions that such science has exposed; and Swearingen, convicted on circumstantial evidence and shaky eyewitness accounts, is supported by the Innocence Project, which has argued that it's "nearly impossible" that he could have committed the crime immediate wild of which he's accused.

But in 2010, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals denied Swearingen's request to test the crime-scene evidence. The court based its ruling on a very narrow reading of Chapter 64, the statute that concerns DNA tests. That didn't sit well with the Texas Legislature, which guesses includ in 2011 rewrote Chapter 64 to make its intent "plug-ins" of crystal-clear: In the future, such requests must one too many phone chargers be granted; the DNA must be tested. We do not want innocent people in our prisons - or worse still, to put them to death.

But will Chapter 64, in its current, crystalclear form, apply to Swearingen? Will he ever get to test the evidence that might show conclusively whether he's guilty or innocent? Maybe; maybe not. On January 17, Swearingen's lawyer filed yet another motion requesting that the DNA be tested. Montgomery County District Court Judge Kelly Case will decide.

We hope that request is granted.

Maybe Swearingen is guilty; the victim's family believes that he is, and we don't like the idea of prolonging their pain. But when putting a man to death, "maybe" isn't good enough. We need to be as sure as it's possible to be. We need to test that DNA.

— Houston Chronicle

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Jumping the waves in Ri

razilians have a wonderful way of celebrating the beginning of a new year. They dress in white, go to the beach, jump seven waves, bounce

up and down on one foot and throw white gladiolas into the ocean It is a beautiful sight and we felt special to get to witness We heard about

the unique celebration while staying at Cibolo Creek Ranch near Marfa. A group



We were staying at the Sheraton, one of the few ocean front hotels in Rio de Janeiro. It has a private beach.

On the last day of 2012, we visited the statue of Christ the Redeemer and Sugarloaf Mountain and returned to our room at the hotel to find a plastic seethrough bag containing a bottle

of champagne and two champagne glasses. Alongside were two white T-shirts with "2012-2013" written on them. Way to go, Sheraton! What a wonderful

We heard about all the expensive parties going on in hotels and restaurants and asked the hotel concierge about them. We also wanted to know if the hotel had any outdoor plans to celebrate the New Year.

He told us the hotel had planned a small fireworks show, but the big event was at Copacabana Beach, about five miles away. A million and a half people were expected to be there. The closest public beach to us was one called Leblon, with Ipanema and Copacabana further away.

The cab ride to and from Copacabana was going to cost \$400 and all the parties we inquired about cost around \$500 per person and were all sold out.

I was relieved. We ate dinner that night in the hotel's casual dining area. It was a cabana-type building, half under a roof and half open to the sky. While we dined on pizza and a salad, we saw people elegantly dressed in white going to a party at the hotel.

After dinner, we went to our room, put on our white T-shirts and shorts, grabbed our champagne and headed to the beach. It was about 11 p.m.

Access to the beach was closed at the time, so we lounged by the pool for a while. We asked someone passing by to take our picture and we took our own pictures of the champagne, the glasses and some chocolates we had saved from the night before. It was a sweet time.

At midnight, as crowds of people lined the balcony above the beach, there was a terrific explosion — the fireworks show had begun.

It was elaborate and filled the sky with patterns of fire. Since the fireworks were lit very close to the people, tiny shards of flame sprayed the crowd — made things really exciting.

After the fireworks show people were free to go the beach.

We could see the fireworks from Copacabana and other beaches. We joined the Brazilians in jumping the waves, making sure to leave the ocean walking backwards, which is part of the custom.

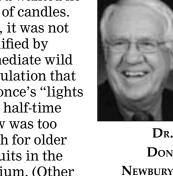
We kissed, drank our champagne and experienced a New Year's celebration that we'll remember for a long time.

Bob "Tumbleweed Smith" Lewis is a Big Spring resident and host of the "Sounds of Texas" syndicated radio show.

Guinness records and darkness cursing

uinness World Records is bound to have a new entry, thanks to Super Bowl XLVII. Surely a record number of curses were screamed against the darkness when the lights went out in New Orleans. A blue haze of epithets remained long after game's end.

The restless crowd wanted no part of candles. And, it was not mollified by speculation that Beyonce's "lights out" half-time show was too much for older circuits in the stadium. (Other



and the fall of a hamster or two from the electricity-producing flywheel. Related thought: If the Saints add Rob Ryan to their coaching staff, more "short-circuitry" seems assured.)

For the next Super Bowl, the NFL should engage Gary Redwine, a maintenance man at Colorado High School in Colorado City. He's a "do everything" guy. Last fall, a triple-header of 7th, 8th and JV games against Cisco went on as scheduled, despite an electrical box on its last wheeze.

I'm just saying he faced the problem head-on, despite the advice of others. Nothing in his job description calls for electrical work beyond changing light bulbs. While coaches and fans closed their eyes and looked the other way, he worked his magic. Sure enough, inside of a halfhour, the stadium was bathed in light, albeit somewhat short of the amount needed to work up a lather comparable to the one

wrought at the Superdome.

Born and raised in the West Texas community, Redwine knew that little is more important to Texans than football, and, by hokies, he was going to see to it that the games went on.

Someone said that atop the tool tangle in his kit were a roll of pennies, aluminum foil, baling wire and duct tape. Do not try this at home or anyplace else. Instead, contact consultant Redwine, who, like Larry the Cable Guy, Gits-R-Done.

The situation need not have arisen in New Orleans. When there is a finite amount of electricity and/or circuits are too brittle, it shouldn't be squandered on the half-time show.

I knew a guy — back when rock-'n-roll hit the scene with amplifiers and boom boxes who heard his daughter's plea for a certain band to play at her wedding reception. "You can book any band you want," he explained, "as long as it don't 'plug in'."

As NFL "big wigs" plan for next year, they should begin half-time auditions RAT NOW - not "rat" like a "mouse," but RAT NOW — considering only those who don't "plug-in."

Too bad the sound was on when MVP Joe Flacco sputtered his expanded description of "awesome" during post-game bedlam. His "Googles" already open with three different apologies for earlier verbal miscues. Surely a fourth will be added forthwith.

Mikes and cameras are in place, of course, to catch it all, profane or profound. Pity.

If Super Bowls are "family entertainment" worthy of viewing by a billion people worldwide, surely the NFL can require TV

and radio networks to initiate 10-second delays. We'd never know the difference, and players/coaches/officials spewing curse words with abandon will appreciate it if their bombs are "bleeped." (Speaking of officials, when one is "bumped" by a player, an ejection should follow, in exhibition games or Super Bowls.).

Ads didn't disappoint. The tribute to American farmers, first voiced by the inimitable Paul Harvey on network radio three decades ago, was classic. Kudos to Ram trucks for this poignant reminder that is as important today as ever. No bells and whistles, just the engaging voice of Harvey and stark photos. Why not something next year featuring Kate Smith's God Bless America?

Skechers' ad also engaged. It featured a runner tackling a cheetah just before it inhales a gazelle. Winks between guy and gazelle "nail it." This reminds me of the fable about morning jungle wake-ups. A gazelle awakens knowing it must run faster than the fastest lion or face death. A few yards away, a lion awakens, knowing it must outrun the slowest gazelle or face starvation. Whether a lion or a gazelle, when the sun comes up, each had better be running-

Skechers or not! Finally, when a Clydesdale remembers his trainer years after "colthood," hearts are warmed and tears run down cheeks.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, **Mayor Duncan**

To the editor:

The people of Big Spring have struck again.

Mr. Duncan ran for the position of mayor, he made his goals and intentions public before he was elected and he won by a majority vote. He took office, much to the regret of some people who have never stood behind him or even tried to. We even have people who filed lawsuits on two council members who won by majority vote. Regardless of where the money came from, the money did not get the votes. The people lost their positions by voters — not by money.

I want to thank the mayor publicly and the council for fulfilling their goals and giving us the opin our city — not things shoved down our throats without a say-so by the people.

Again, thank you, Mayor Duncanh, for your 100 percent support of Big Spring, and your supporters. Thank you for your support at chili cook-offs, barbecue cook-offs, Vietnam memorial services and countless other events that I have never seen a

mayor at before. In closing, I would like to say thanks, also, to Police Chief Lonnie Smith — thanks for a job well done. Your door was always open and if you were not there, you always returned your calls. I always respected you and where you stood. Thanks for the advice you always gave me.

Thanks, also, to Gary Fuqua. Who would ever

portunity to vote on things that can make a change See **LETTERS**, Page 5A

Disabled athletes find arena at high school

By TAWNELL D. HOBBS The Dallas Morning

DALLAS — The constant clanging of iron weights used by student athletes sounded throughout a workout room at Woodrow Wilson High School. But for varsity football player Montray Roberts, there was silence.

The 17-year-old is deaf, as are some other students who were lifting weights that day at the Dallas ISD campus.

The East Dallas school doubles as a regional school for the deaf, and the staff and students are probably among the most accepting when it comes to those with hearing difficulties. Many of the kids have deaf classmates since attending regional elementary and middle schools for the deaf that feed into Woodrow.

But now public schools throughout the country are getting the message that disabled students must be included in sports programs at all education levels.

The U.S. Department of Education issued a directive last month that public schools ensure disabled students can participate in extracurricular athletics. If that's not possible, the schools should provide them with equal alternative options, such as wheelchair basketball.

The directive doesn't guarantee a spot on the team for disabled students, who must compete against their classmates. But schools must make reasonable modifications to aid the students, unless it jeopardizes safety or fundamentally alters the

At Woodrow, interpreter Brian Hutson does the hearing for deaf athletes. Last week, he stood just feet away as Montray took turns with other students on a weightlifting bench.

Montray said, through Hutson, that he's enjoyed playing football at Woodrow and has had no problems. The junior running back and defensive back paused in his workout to answer a

few questions.

What would he tell students with learning disabilities about playing sports?

"I will tell them that they could play just as equal as the other hearing kids. I would tell them they could play just the same."

Is it harder to play football being deaf? "No. Not really."

Was he scared of what might other people think?

"The first time I was a little bit nervous . because it's more physical. I didn't know if it was going to hurt, or not, to get tackled."

Is he treated like everyone else?

"Oh, yeah. A lot of people are interested to learn sign language because I'm deaf."

Has he taught anyone sign language?

"Yeah, a little bit."

Any football plays he

doing?

"No.'

His mother, Lasheka Jones, said Montray was born deaf but it wasn't discovered until he was 11/2 years old. She said she has raised her son to be independent and believes that playing a competitive sport has helped his development. "They need to be com-

petitive to deal with the life issues they will face," Jones said. "I think that's good that they're letting kids with disabilities participate." Bobby Estes, Wood-

row's athletic director and longtime head football coach, said the school has had deaf students play various sports, including volleyball and basketball. He said it's no obstacle, just an extra step of understanding — such as

doesn't feel comfortable knowing that deaf students are more expressive because they use a visual language.

Estes told The Dallas Morning News (http:// dallasne.ws/11Ys6tv) that he was so in tune with one student who played football for three years that he didn't really need an interpreter to communicate with him.

"He knew football language, and I knew football, so we developed our own little Woodrow football sign language,' he said. "It's not a hindrance; it's just another step. And it takes some coordination; you just have to figure out how they learn."

Estes said there's only adjustment he's made to accommodate Montray: He uses a substitute during punt returns because the play requires a verbal and physical cue.

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have thought, years ago when we worked together, that you would become city manager?

With all the thanks done, I would like to know who Thomas Jenkins will harass in his articles. Being as how he is so righteous and civic-minded, maybe he should run for mayor. He's always full of

> **Kenneth Carson Big Spring**

Great care at state vet's home

To the editor:

My wife's father recently passed away at Lamun/ Lusk/Sanchez Care Center. We would like to express our appreciation to the staff at that facility. From his direct care givers to physical therapy, dietary, housekeeping and administration, he was never with out care.

The respect shown to him and others residing there is a direct bearing of the care they receive. At no time during his stay there did we ever once worry about him or his treatment and care. Big Spring and the surrounding area should be proud of this

Thank you, Stephen, administrator, for your kindness and understanding of the veteran's needs and the care you show your staff.

> Dan Wise Midland

Child fighting cancer gets hot-car wish

By J. ARMENDARIZ

The Monitor of McAllen EDINBURG, Texas The engine of a black 1971 Monte Carlo revved while hydraulics made the classic car jump as 5-year-old Fernando Cruz sat in the driver's seat Tuesday evening.

The McAllen boy diagnosed with leukemia in November couldn't see over the steering wheel, but his joyful shouts were heard from across the parking lot. Several area car clubs joined with the Make-A-Wish foundation at the Edinburg Children's Hospital to support Cruz.

Louie Mendez, of Traditionals Car Club, sat with the boy bouncing in the front seat of his

"It felt great," he said. "It was awesome."

Cruz lost his eyesight after he underwent an operation recently, making part of his wish to hear one of his favorite things — cars.

The Monitor of McAllen reports that another part of the 5-year-old's wish came true when he was allowed to go outside once again and feel sunshine. Brought out by hospital staff, the boy's body hardly filled the wheelchair he sat in while wearing a medical mask.

Daniel Sanchez — a

former member of Intocable, one of the boy's favorite groups — also sang to him as he stood swaying to the music. The child, who will

undergo several rounds of chemotherapy, tested out nearly all 20 of the cars on display as he held his mother's hand. Maria Cruz works two jobs, only seeing him during her free time, while his great-grandmother Margarita Cruz Rodriguez spends time

with him at the hospi tal.

Through tears, his

great-grandmother said the moment, and his happiness, were important as he continues to fight for his life. "Who knows,"

said of why he loves cars so much. "He's always been like that since he was small."

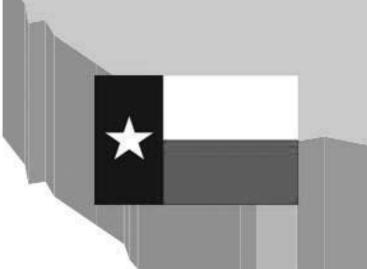
AvaSandlin, executive director of the foundation's Rio Grande Valley chapter, said the boy's fragile health called for the quick organization of his wish. Plans were finalized within a week,



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News in brief

Family of victim in gun range death defends outing

MIDLOTHIAN. Texas (AP) — The man killed alongside a former Navy SEAL sniper at a Texas shooting range was helping his friend work with a troubled war veteran, and the outing was intended to be a "therapeutic situation," his relatives said Friday following his funeral.

Hundreds of people attended the service for Chad Littlefield, who along with his friend, "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle, was fatally shot last weekend. Authorities have said the former Marine they were trying to help suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and turned on the two men. Littlefield's father-in-law, Tom Montgomery, de-

fended the notion of helping troubled war veterans through target practice. He said Kyle regularly took veterans to the shooting range, and that Littlefield often assisted in efforts to help veterans.

"As a gesture of friendship, that's the only way I can describe it, he was asked to help Chris in this endeavor," Montgomery said. "I think this was a form of relaxation, a form of therapy."

Police say the suspect, 25-year-old Eddie Ray Routh, shot Littlefield and Kyle multiple times on Feb. 2 before fleeing. He later told his sister and brother-in-law that the men "were out shooting target practice and he couldn't trust them so he killed them before they could kill him," according to a search warrant. Routh is jailed on \$3 million bond.

The men could not have anticipated Routh's actions, Montgomery said, adding that Littlefield enjoyed assisting Kyle with his nonprofit, which provided in-home fitness equipment to physically and emotionally wounded veterans.

New high-profile bipartisan group on immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is part of a new bipartisan group that will push for an overhaul of the nation's immigration laws and a path to citizenship for the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the United

The other co-chairs of the new effort are former Democratic Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell; former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros, a Democrat; and former Republican Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, several people involved told The Associated Press on Friday.

The high-profile group, brought together by the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, will aim to keep up momentum behind overhauling immigration and serve as a sounding board for policy makers, Rendell said.

The effort is also meant to underscore that there is a bipartisan consensus behind passing immigration legislation. Bipartisan Senate negotiators are aiming to finalize a bill by March and get it through the Senate by summer, although success is far from certain. Even if legislation gets through the Senate the Republican-led House would still have to approve it. President Barack Obama is also pushing on the issue.

"I hope it makes plain that there is bipartisan support for pro-growth solutions that would result from immigration reform," Barbour said in an in-

Hacker gains access to Bush family emails, photos

HOUSTON (AP) — Turns out even former presidents can fall prey to hackers.

A mysterious email hacker apparently accessed private photos and messages sent between members of the Bush family, including both retired commanders in chief.

The Secret Service is investigating the breach, which appeared to yield little more than a few snapshots and some family discussions. But the incident illustrated how easily hackers can pry into private lives, even those of one of the nation's most prominent and closely guarded political clans. The Smoking Gun website displayed photos it

said came from the hacker, including one that purported to show the elder Bush during his recent stay in a Houston hospital, where the 88-year-old spent almost two months undergoing treatment for complications from a bronchial infection.

The website said the hacker, who went by the online moniker "Guccifer," gained access to the material through Bush family members and friends.

That could have made George W. Bush and George H.W. Bush vulnerable, even if they have the finest security that technology can provide. A friend or relative who clicked on a deceptive link or unwittingly downloaded a suspicious program might accidentally have exposed correspondence involving the former presidents.

"We can't control what our friends do," said Dan Wallach, manager of Rice University's computer security lab and a computer science professor at the Houston school. "If my friends post a photo of me on Facebook, I can untag myself, but I can't delete it. It's not my photo. And that's just a generalpurpose problem."

Reached by email, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush called the hacking "outrageous."

The rest of the family stayed quiet.

Runoff to fill Houston Senate seat set for March 2

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Houston runoff between two Democrats vying to replace the late state Sen. Mario Gallegos will be March 2.

Former Harris County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia and state Rep. Carol Alvarado received the most votes in an eight-candidate special election last month. But neither captured a majority, resulting in the March runoff set by Gov. Rick Perry on

Gallegos, a Houston Democrat, died of liver disease in October. It was too late to remove his name from the November ballot and he was posthumously re-elected to represent the predominantly Hispanic voters that make up Senate District 6.

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Garcia had 600 more votes than Alvarado in last month's special election.

Ex-DA denies misconduct in wrongful conviction

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — A former Texas district attorney whose prosecution led to an innocent man spending 25 years in prison for his wife's murder looked the man in the eye Friday and said "the system obviously screwed up" but offered no

Now a judge in Georgetown, north of Austin, Ken Anderson said he couldn't imagine doing anything differently in the case of Michael Morton, who was freed in 2011 after new DNA tests tied someone else to his wife Christine's beating death in 1986. Anderson, 60, testified on his own behalf as tes-

timony wrapped up in a five-day court of inquiry, a rarely used proceeding held when officials or public servants are accused of wrongdoing. Fort Worth-based District Judge Louis Sturns will eventually decide whether Anderson could face criminal charges on allegations he intentionally hid evidence from Morton's defense attorneys.

At times fighting back tears, Anderson called Morton's case his "worst nightmare" but defended his conduct.

"We had a lot to be proud of, we still do," Anderson said, his voice wavering. Then, pounding on the witness stand, he continued: "The office I ran was professional, it was competent. We did things right. We got it right as much as we humanly could."

After testimony ended, Sturns said it will be several weeks before the parties reconvene. He did not say whether he will issue a ruling then.

Morton called listening to Anderson on the stand "wrenching."

Changes made to criticized Texas curriculum system

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A prominent Republican lawmaker says changes are being made to a curriculum system used in Texas schools that critics claim promotes anti-American values and stifles classroom flexibility.

State Sen. Dan Patrick said Friday that officials behind the system, called CSCOPE, are telling more than 800 participating school districts that lessons are not intended to be taught verbatim. CSCOPE came under fire last week by conservative activists who say it promotes biased, progressive ideology.

CSCOPE help teachers adhere to state education al requirements with Web-based lesson plans and exams. Opponents say some lesson plans promote pro-Islam ideals and claim that participants of the Boston Tea Party were described as terrorists.

Among the changes are that CSCOPE lesson content will now be posted publicly on the Internet.

Texas inmate pleads guilty in DA-judge affair case

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas death row inmate whose conviction was complicated by revelations that his trial judge and the prosecutor had been involved in a romantic relationship has pleaded guilty and agreed to a life sentence to settle his case.

A new sentencing trial for Charles Dean Hood had been set for next week. But under the plea deal, Hood — who has insisted he was innocent — will not receive credit for the 23 years he spent on death row, the *Dallas Morning News* reported Friday.

The 43-year-old Hood entered his guilty plea on Jan. 31.

A former bouncer at a topless club, Hood was convicted for the 1989 fatal shootings of Tracie Lynn Wallace, 26, and her boyfriend, Ronald Williamson, 46, at their home in Plano, a Dallas suburb. He was arrested in Indiana while driving Williamson's \$70,000 Cadillac, and his fingerprints were discovered at the murder scene. Hood said he had permission to drive the car and his fingerprints were at the house because he had been living there and do-

ing odd jobs for Williamson. The issue of the affair between the trial judge, Verla Sue Holland, and Tom O'Connell, the former district attorney in Collin County, was disclosed after Hood's attorneys successfully headed off his scheduled execution in 2008 on a separate legal is-

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals had ordered a new punishment trial for Hood on a legal point unrelated to the once-secret romantic relationship. The same appeals court in a separate ruling had refused Hood's request for an entirely new trial because of the affair admission.

Big Texas banker, donor alleges trooper misconduct

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A prominent Texas political donor and IBC Bank executive said Friday that state troopers harassed his family during routine traffic stops, and has now secured a meeting with the state's top law enforcement executive over those and other allegations of trooper misconduct

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statewide. IBC Bank Zapata CEO Renato Ramirez said his own experiences are emblematic of larger problems at the Texas Department of Public Safety. Earlier this week, the department fired a female trooper near Dallas whose videotaped body cavity search of two women went viral on the Internet.

"These guys feel empowered to do what they want to do," said Ramirez, who said he came forward as a board member of the Texas Civil Rights Proj-

The allegations made by Ramirez, 73, surfaced Thursday when Democratic state Sen. Judith Zaffirini asked DPS Director Steve McCraw about trooper conduct during a public hearing. She brought up dashcam video in July of trooper Kelly Helleson giving body cavity searches to two women, ages 38 and 24, who say in a lawsuit they were pulled over for flicking cigarette butts out the window and were searched with the same glove.

Zaffirini told McCraw a "very prominent citizen" had raised other misconduct allegations, meaning Ramirez. McCraw said he wanted to see dash-

"I would love to be able to talk to him and review those tapes to see if we have acted inappropriately," McCraw said during his testimony. "I'm not saying we have. Believe me, we make

Ramirez and McCraw are scheduled to talk next week.

Judge revokes Texas lawyer's bond for violations

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A federal judge has revoked the bond of an Austin lawyer standing trial on racketeering charges in Corpus Christi.

At a hearing in Brownsville on Friday, U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen ordered Marc Rosenthal jailed for violating terms of his release.

The Valley Morning Star in Harlingen reports prosecutors told Hanen that Rosenthal had embraced Jose Santiago "Jim" Solis, a key government witness and former state lawmaker, in a bear hug. Prosecutors also said Rosenthal had been seen drinking in a Brownsville bar. Rosenthal had been free on \$100,000

bond since his 2011 indictment. His trial began Monday in Corpus Christi.

The case is part of a years-long federal investigation into former state District Judge Abel Limas, who has already pleaded guilty to racketeering and is awaiting sentencing.

U.S. rig count decreases by 5 this week to 1,759

HOUSTON (AP) — Oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. says the number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. dropped by 5 this week to 1,759.

The Houston-based company said in its weekly report Friday that 1,330 rigs were actively exploring for oil and 425 for gas. Four were listed as miscellaneous. A year ago, Baker Hughes counted 1,989 working rigs.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states Louisiana gained five rigs, Pennsylvania rose by two and Colorado increased by one. New Mexico lost three rigs, North Dakota and Texas each decreased by two and Alaska, West Virginia and Wyoming dropped one each. Arkansas, California and Oklahoma remained unchanged.

The rig count peaked at 4.530 in 1981 and bottomed at 488 in 1999.

Ag commish publishes border security book

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples has published a new book on border security as the Republican prepares for a crowded 2014 race for lieutenant governor.

"Broken Borders, Broken Promises" was released Friday. Staples has made border security a signature issue, saying he was urged by rural landowners who came to him worried about Mexican cartels moving drugs through their property with escalating danger.

Critics say the danger on the border is exaggerated. That includes Laredo city officials, who last year launched a website to "offer facts in the face of hysteria." Staples says federal statistics show-

ing falling crime has inadequate data and is misleading. Staples wants to replace Lt. Gov. Da-

vid Dewhurst, who has said he will seek re-election in 2014. Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson is also in the running.

Texas man convicted of killing ex-girlfriend's mom

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — A Central Texas man has been convicted of killing the mother of his ex-girlfriend in an attack a few weeks after the couple broke up.

Prosecutors in Bryan are seeking the death penalty for Stanley Wayne Robertson of College Station, who had a history of abusing his girlfriend.

The penalty phase began Friday for Robertson.

He was convicted Thursday of capital murder in the August 2010 stabbing death of 59-year-old Annie Mae Toliver. She was abducted from College Station.

Robertson was arrested when his fleeing vehicle hit a Fort Worth police car. Toliver's body was found in a Fort Worth parking lot.

Police say Robertson earlier was charged with assaulting Tammy Toliver and he called her after the slaying to say it was her fault that he killed her mother.

Airlines close in on merger deal

DALLAS (AP) — The boards of American Airlines parent AMR Corp. and US Airways could decide early next week whether to merge their two companies and create an airline rivaling the world's biggest. The AMR board is scheduled

to meet Monday, and directors of US Airways Group Inc. planned to meet over the weekend or Monday, people close to the matter said on Friday. The two sides have been trying

to resolve two major outstanding issues — the division of ownership and management roles, according to the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the talks are private. Negotiators have settled on

a split that would give slightly more than 70 percent of the new company's stock to AMR bankruptcy creditors and the rest to US Airways shareholders, said one person.

US Airways CEO Doug Parker would run the new company. which would keep the American Airlines name. But the exact role for AMR CEO Tom Horton has not been settled, said three of the people. He could be named non-executive board chairman. they said.

Citing people familiar with the discussions, Bloomberg News reported that Horton's tenure in that position would only last one or two years.

An announcement is possible as early as Tuesday but could be delayed.

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News in brief

Massive storm blankets Northeast with 2 feet of snow, darkens 600.000-plus homes, businesses

BOSTON (AP) — A massive storm packing hurricane-force winds and blizzard conditions is sweeping through the Northeast, dumping nearly 2 feet of snow on New England and knocking out power to more than a half a million customers.

More than 23 inches of snow had fallen in parts of central Connecticut by early Saturday, and more than 21 inches covered Randolph in southeastern



Massachusetts.

The National Weather Service says up to 3 feet of snow is expected in Boston, threatening the city's 2003 record of 27.6 inches.

Throughout the Northeast, more than 600,000 homes and businesses lost electricity. Airlines canceled more than 5,300 flights through Saturday, and New York City's three major airports and Boston's Logan Airport closed.

The storm is being blamed on at least four deaths in New York and Canada.

Not quite a superstorm, newest system brings echoes of Sandy along with snow and cold

NEW YORK (AP) — For many in the Northeast, the warnings were eerily familiar: Stock up on food and water. Stay off the roads. Be prepared to lose The snowstorm sweeping through the region

brought with it echoes of Superstorm Sandy, if not in intensity, in the dread of residents waiting to see what a new storm would bring. The snowy, windy system that bore down on the Northeast on Friday was expected to drop 8 to 16

inches on the areas hardest hit by Sandy, a swath including New Jersey, New York City, Long Island and Connecticut. A moderate storm surge was possible, too — but

nothing like the waves that drowned much of the region in late October. Still, the prospect frightened Eddie Malone, a resident of Lindenhurst on Long Island whose house has been under renovation since Sandy's flooding wiped out his first floor. "I'm not afraid of the snow — instead, the sea

surge, it may be 7 feet," Malone said. "I think Sandy was 12 or 13 feet, but 7 feet scares me. ... We had no power for two weeks, and now I'm afraid we are going to lose it again."

Report casts doubt on U.S. missile shield in Europe protecting America

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secret Defense Department studies cast doubt on whether a multibilliondollar missile defense system planned for Europe will ever be able to protect the U.S. from Iranian missiles as intended, congressional investigators

Military officials say they believe the problems can be overcome and are moving forward with plans. But proposed fixes could be difficult. One possibility has already been ruled out as technically unfeasible. Another, relocating missile interceptors planned for Poland and possibly Romania to ships on the North Sea, could be diplomatically explosive.

The studies are the latest to highlight serious problems for a plan that has been criticized on several fronts. Republicans claim it was hastily drawn up in an attempt to appease Russia, which had opposed an earlier system. But Russia is also critical of the plan, which it believes is really intended to counter its missiles. A series of governmental and scientific reports has cast doubt on whether it would ever work as planned.

At a time that the military faces giant budget cuts, the studies could prompt Congress to reconsider whether it is worthwhile to spend billions for a system that may not fulfill its original goals.

The classified studies were summarized in a brief-

ing for lawmakers by the Government Account-

ability Office, Congress' nonpartisan investigative and auditing arm, which is preparing a report. The GAO briefing was obtained by The Associated Press.

China reduces fireworks to ease pollution

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese New Year is traditionally a time for colorful and noisy displays of fireworks and generous-portioned banquets. This year, the festivities are likely to be a little more austere.

Authorities have asked the public to set off fewer fireworks in Beijing

to reduce pollution, a new anti-extravagance drive has prompted government officials and state-owned companies to cancel their banquets at high-end hotels and a campaign against food waste is leading to half-portions in restaurants. Even ads for luxury goods were pulled ahead of Saturday's opening of the seven-day holiday.

All in all, China's Lunar New Year is shaping up to be a Leaner New Year.

Following a call by China's new leader Xi Jinping to oppose waste, a village just outside of Beijing has canceled its mass dumpling festival that has been taking place for the past 30 years, involves hundreds of people and draws television cameras.

"We planned to make about 50,000 dumplings and now the plan has been canceled," said a woman surnamed Wang from the Liuminying village committee's tourist office. "The flour bought for the festival will be distributed to the villagers and we haven't bought the meat yet. Villagers will make dumplings at home with their own families and they may feel like this is a new experience for them since they haven't done it that way for such a long time."

Snowy Calif. mountain manhunt imperils police as wanted ex-police officer knows their tactics

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. (AP) — The hunt for Christopher Dorner in the snow-covered San Bernardino Mountains is expected to resume at daybreak Saturday, when authorities hope clearer skies will allow airplanes to help them in their

Relentless snowfall on Friday grounded helicopters with heat-sensing technology and hampered their effort to find the former Los Angeles police officer suspected of going on a deadly rampage to get back at those he blamed for ending his career. After they found his burned-out pickup truck

near at this ski resort town Thursday afternoon, SWAT teams in camouflage started scouring the mountains, aware to the reality they could be walking into a trap set by the well-trained former Navy reservist who knows their tactics and strategies as well as they do.

"He can be behind every tree," said T. Gregory Hall, a retired tactical supervisor for a special emergency response team for the Pennsylvania State Police. "He can try to draw them into an ambush area where he backtracks."

The worst of the flu season could be over, after earlier-than-usual start

NEW YORK (AP) — The worst of the flu season appears to be over.

The number of states reporting intense or widespread illnesses dropped again last week, and in a few states there was very little flu going around, U.S. health officials said Friday.

The season started earlier than normal, first in the Southeast and then spreading. But now, by some measures, flu activity has been ebbing for at least four weeks in much of the country. Flu and pneumonia deaths also dropped the last two weeks, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention re-

ported. "It's likely that the worst of the current flu season is over," CDC spokesman Tom Skinner said.

But flu is hard to predict, he and others stressed, and there have been spikes late in the season in the

Golden Globe winner Kiefer **Sutherland is Harvard University's** Hasty Pudding Man of the Year

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Golden Globe-winning actor Keifer Sutherland has been awarded the pudding pot after being honored as Man of the Year by Harvard's Hasty Pudding Theatricals.

The roast for the actor took place despite a massive snowstorm hitting the Boston area. The Friday evening event, including presentation of the traditional pudding pot, was moved to the Charles

Hotel in Cambridge. The 46-year-old Sutherland has been in dozens of films. He's perhaps best known for his role as Jack Bauer in the television series "24," for which he won Golden Globe and Primetime Emmy awards. He is currently starring in the television show "Touch."

Last year's Man of the Year was Jason Segel.

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Ty'Ral Menefield leads Steers' rout of Mustangs, BSHS girls lose in thriller

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Big Spring

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A few weeks ago, not too many people expected much out of the Steers, who seemed befuddled on the court from the start of District 4-3A, which they opened with four straight losses.

But Head Coach Cliff Thompson insisted it was just a phase his squad was going through while they found their identity.

Apparently, they found it.

Big Spring has won four of its last six games, including a thrilling win over Greenwood last week and Friday's seasonending, 74-54 rout of Sweewater.

The Mustangs drew first blood when they sank a three-point basket on the opening drive, but a Ty Sealy field goal and the first of four 3-point shots by Ty'Ral Menefield — who led the Steers with 27 points — ensured Sweetwater's lead was short-lived

From that point on, it was all Big Spring, who kept the Mustangs in check with aggressive defense and sharp shooting. The game was still within the Mustangs' grasp, when just before the half, they cut the lead to four, but a buzzer beater by Menefield gave the Steers a 29-23 lead.

The thrid period is when BSHS ran away for good.

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Menefield, Sealy, Tigger Walker, Tyler Graves and Tyler Bryan combined for 31-point quarter which proved insurmountable for SHS.

Thompson played his bench

for much of the fourth quarter. Sweetwater went on an 8-0 run, but the rally wasn't enough, as Big Spring's subs played well enough to end the affair with a 20-point margin of victory — their largest this season.

Girls

SAN ANGELO — It was a season which "exceeded even my own expectations," BSHS Girl's Head Coach Mike Warren said as the team's playoff hopes were dashed in a last second, 44-43 loss to Sweetwater on Friday.

It was the third time Warren's crew faced the Lady Mustangs, but unfortunately for the Lady Steers, the third time was a charm for Sweetwater, who relied on its seven seniors to lift them past a scrappy Big Spring squad in thrilling fashion.

The Lady Steers (17-16), edged SHS 19-15 at the halfway mark, and matched the Lady Stangs' 12 points in the third quarter, but a 17-12 fourth stanza decided Big Spring's fate.

Tied at 31 with just under seven minutes to play, Big Spring took the lead again. With two minutes remaining, the Lady Steers had a three-point cushion, but Sweetwater battled back, tying it back up at 38 with 1:09 left on the clock.

That's when things got crazy. Sweetwater senior Suede Shirley nailed a three-point basket to regain the advantage. The Lady Steers missed two straight shots, then committed a costly foul which led to two free throws by SHS, who then anjoyed a five-point lead with only 13

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Big Spring junior Chirs Sledge scores on a layup during Friday's 74-54 rout of Sweetwater at Steer Gym. The win was the largest margin of victory for BSHS since District 4-3A play began.

Courtesy photo/Shaun McVicars

Forsan seniors P.J. Horton (left) and Brendan Roman (right) are pictured just after signing letters of intent to attend Arlington Baptist University as student-athletes. Roman will compete on the track and field squad, while Horton will run track and cross country. Also pictured is ABU Coach Jason Covarrubius.

Forsan's Roman, Horton sign with Arlington Baptist

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FORSAN — A pair of Forsan student-athletes — P.J. Horton and Brendan Roman — signed letters of intent to attend Arlington Baptist College on Friday. Roman will be on the private, four-year school's track and field squad, while Horton plans to run track and cross country.

Both seniors are excited to take their athletic ability to the collegiate level.

"I chose Arlington Baptist because they told me I would run. I won't have to redshirt. I will be running my freshmen year and the coaches told me if I'm in the top seven on the team, I will go to nationals."

Horton also has an even bigger dream he hopes the college can help him prepare for — a spot on the 2016 U.S. Olympic team.

"That is my long-term goal,"
Horton, who has qualified and participated in four district championships, two regional championships and a state championship during his tenure at Forsan. "I figure running at the college level will bring me one step closer to my goal."

Horton plans to major in coaching

with a minor in Bible and education with hopes of becoming a youth

minister in the future.

FHS Head Cross Country Coach
Robert Hillger believes Horton
has what it takes to succeed in
Arlington.

"P.J. Is a great kid and a hard worker," Hillger said. "He does everything we ask him to do. He's just a top-notch kid. He's been a big part of our success. I wish I could keep him for one more year. He's been an integral part of our team. I think he will be one of those in the top seven."

Horton thanked Hillger and his parents for pushing him to become a better athlete.

Roman is also a well-rounded athlete. A three-time regional competitor, his events include the 100-meter dash and the 100-meter relay and he has earned All-District nods for his work on the football field as well.

It was the coaching staff which led Roman to choose ABC as the next stop in his academic and athletic

career.
"I liked what they offered,
Roman said. "The coach is a real

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Spurs see 11-game streak end, face tough road trip

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Gregg Popovich and the San Antonio Spurs lost for the first time in nearly a month — then faced a difficult trip to snow-swept New

The Spurs play at Brooklyn on Sunday night, so after losing to Detroit on Friday night, their next concern was the massive snow storm affecting the New York-to-Boston corridor.

"We can't get there tonight — we know that," Popovich said. "So we're going to stav here tonight and try to get there (Saturday). Hopefully, we will be able to get there, but at this point, we don't

San Antonio fell behind by 21 points Friday night and lost 119-109 — the first time the Spurs lost in 12 games.

Greg Monroe had 26 points and 16 rebounds for Detroit.

San Antonio has other problems, too.

The Spurs played without injured Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili, and the Pistons equaled their highest score of the season. Detroit was without rookie big man Andre Drummond, who is expected to miss four to six weeks because of a stress fracture in his back. "Obviously we feel very bad

for Andre, but he's 19 and he'll recover," Detroit coach Lawrence Frank said. "You move forward, we get him healthy, and you go with who you got."

Tony Parker scored 31 points for San Antonio and Kawhi Leonard added 16. Brandon Knight had 24 for the Pistons, and Charlie Villanueva scored 21.

"They beat us to the boards, they beat us to loose balls and they just outplayed us. We're supposed to be good at defending at the 3-point line, but they sliced and diced us," Popovich said. "There are just nights you play like this."

Monroe, the Pistons' starting center, needed little help inside against the Spurs and Detroit built a sizeable lead in the first half thanks to terrific outside shooting. San Antonio trailed by 17 af-

ter three quarters. The Spurs cut it to 108-101 on a 3-pointer by Leonard, but Knight answered with a 3 of his own. Later, the Spurs were down

by eight with the ball, but Leonard missed and Villanueva made a 3-pointer to make it 116-105.

The Pistons led 27-16 late

in the first quarter after Jose Calderon sank a 3-pointer. It was 31-23 after one, and Detroit went 6 of 9 from beyond the arc in the second.

Singler's 18-footer made it 65-44, but San Antonio scored the last eight points of the half to give itself a reasonable chance at a comeback. It was 81-72 with 3:55 left

in the third, and the Spurs looked like they would enter the final quarter very much within striking distance. But this time, it was De-

troit that finished the period strong, going on a 10-3 run to lead 95-78. Monroe scored six points

during that stretch. He ended up playing 40 minutes.

"Andre is out for a while now, so I expect I'll play a lot more minutes, but tonight was a good team win," Mon-

roe said. "We beat a very good team tonight."

Duncan was shooting around on the court a couple hours before the opening tip, but he missed his second straight game with a sore left knee. Ginobili has missed three in a row with left hamstring tightness.

Duncan has played only twice in San Antonio's last nine games, but the Spurs were able keep winning anyway before falling into too big a hole Friday.

"They just shot the ball really well. They aren't known for being a great 3-point shooting team, but every time we'd get the game back to seven or eight points, they'd hit another one," Parker said. "They did that to us all night, and there wasn't anything we could do to stop them."

RB Coach Gary Brown

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Cowboys are set to hire Cleveland Browns running backs coach Gary Brown for the same job in Dallas.

The team's website reported Friday first coach fired in an offseason overhaul of coach Jason Garrett's staff.

Brown spent the past four seasons

with the Browns, his first NFL job.

A former NFL back with the Houston Oilers, San Diego and the New York Giants, Brown has college coaching experience with Lycoming, Susquehanna and Rutgers.

running backs score 11 touchdowns: Peyton Hillis in 2010 and rookie Trent Richardson last season. The Cowboys had just eight as a team in 2012.

Cowboys set to hire Browns', Harden scores 35, Rockets beat Trailblazers 118-103

HOUSTON (AP) — James Harden put on an All-Star performance just before the real thing comes to Hous-

Harden had 35 points and 11 assists, Chandler Parsons scored 20 and the Rockets beat the Portland Trail Blazers 118-103 on Friday night.

Harden went 13 for 16 from the field and 4 of 5 from 3-point range, a near-perfect night in the last game at the Toyota Center before it plays host to the NBA's All-Star weekend. Acquired by Houston in a stunning trade with Oklahoma City just before the season, Harden was chosen as a reserve for the West squad, making his first All-Star team.

"I'm just focused on rallying these guys together, every single game," Harden said. "If I'm leading and showing my work ethic, they'll fol-

LaMarcus Aldridge, another All-Star reserve for the West, scored 31 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Portland. The Blazers had won the previous two meetings this season in overtime, rallying from double-digit deficits in both.

Not this time. Houston preserved a comfortable lead for most of the second half, and Harden finished off Portland with a fadeaway jumper from the wing with just under 4 minutes remaining.

"Tonight was one of those where it's just like he makes play after play after play," Rockets point guard Jeremy Lin said, "and then you look up and you realize, 'Oh, he had a great game.' You kind of take it for granted sometimes."

Nicolas Batum scored 24 points and Damian Lillard had 18 for the Blazers, who never slowed down the Rockets' high-powered offense. Houston shot a season-high 59.5 percent (47 of 79) from the field and is averaging 118.4 points in its last seven games.

"Houston is shooting the ball well these days," Portland coach Terry Stotts said. "They were shooting the ball well inside, outside and midrange, and were getting to the rim. We didn't have any answers for them defensively."

Early on, Houston repeatedly found openings inside and hit 12 of its first 15 shots. When Portland crowded the lane, the Rockets passed outside for open 3s, and they hit five of their first seven attempts. They finished with 27 assists. "We can hurt you in so many dif-

represent Houston in the Rising Stars Challenge next weekend. Aldridge and J.J. Hickson, meanwhile, got easy baskets inside and made nine of their first 14 shots to

ferent ways," said Parsons, who will

keep Portland close. The Blazers played better defense at the start of the second quarter to pull within one. Houston got rolling again, and Parsons finished a quick 10-0 burst to put the Rockets up 47-36

Aldridge continued to carry Portland, dominating whichever Houston big man tried to front him.

with 6:31 left in the first half.

"Monster. Beast," Harden said. "He's an All-Star. He did his job."

Aldridge scored 19 in the first half, but the Rockets shot 65 percent (24 of 37), a season best for a half, and led 62-52 at the break.

The Rockets continued to find open paths to the basket in the third quarter and stretched the lead to 15 matching their largest lead when the teams played in Portland in November.

Houston didn't let up in this one Patrick Patterson slammed home a rebound and Harden sank another 3 to keep the Rockets comfortably ahead as the third quarter wound down. Harden was 11 for 12 from the field — with three 3-pointers and 11 rebounds through three quarters.

Parsons started the fourth quarter by swishing a 3 from the corner, and backup point guard Patrick Beverley was fouled on a breakaway layup after a steal and converted both free throws for a 100-80 Houston lead.

Harden capped his night with a fadeaway jumper over Lillard with 3:55 left to put the Rockets up 112-93. Harden was coming off a 36-point night in Miami and now has at least a double-double in three of his last four

games, including a triple-double. "He's making shots and he's making plays," Houston coach Kevin McHale said. "You look at a guy with 35 points, 11 assists, seven rebounds and (he) threw a steal in there. It was really impressive."

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that the addition of Brown was expected to be completed next week. He Under Brown, Cleveland twice had would replace Skip Peete, who was the

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to me as a leader. I've always tried to

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good guy, we've already built a good relationship. What he had to offer is what I've been looking for."

Forsan Head Track Coach Gary

Huckabee praised Roman's work ethic.

"He's always been a hard worker," Huckabee said of Roman, who along with Horton plans to attain a coaching degree and the education needed to serve as a youth minister. "He's a true competitor and he doesn;t back down from any challenge. I think he

will give hima chance to become an even stronger athlete. He excels in track. I don't think he's even hit his top-end speed yet."

will be a great fit at Arlington ancd it

Roman was equally appreciative of his time with Huckabee.

"(Coach Huckabee) has helped me a lot," Roman added. "And I thank

build people up."

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seconds to go.

The never-say-die Lady Steers wouldn't go down without a fight.

Big Spring had possession and scored with six seconds to go, making it a one-score game.

Another foul led to another point for SHS. With just seconds before the buzzer, Julianna Rodriguez tossed up a three-point shot in desperation and it went off the backboard and in, making it a one-point

Warren managed to call a time-out with one-tenth of one second remaining, but couldn't get off another shot before time expired.

"We had a great game," Warren said of the nailbiting loss.

"The girls played a great game, but (Sweetwater) outrebounded us and we didn't do well from the free throw line. We started the season with five seniors and ended up with only one — Logan Yarbar. Sweetwater had seven seniors and had some more experience than we did."

Despite the disappointing end to an otherwise successful season, Warren is looking forward to the roster full of potential lined up for next year.

"We will miss (Yarbar)," Warren added. We will miss her senior leadership and hard work. She's been a big part of our team. But, we suited up 10 players and nine of them will be returning next year, so we are excited. I think the future is bright."

Point guard Dyrshae Vanderbilt led BSHS with 19 points and Yarbar chipped in 14 in her final hoops game as a Lady Steer. Both Vanderbilt and Yarbar made three 3-point shots during the game. Alexis Cansino put up six points.

Forsan

SMYER — The playoff bound Buffaloes lost their final regular season game by a score of 51-41 to district foe Smyer on Friday, but Forsan (18-9, 8-2) is peaking just in time for a postseason run.

"Our team has really come together," FHS Head Coach Gary Huckabee said. "After our first district loss, they set their minds to it and worked hard as a unit. The next goal is the regional tournament."

Kade Fannin led the Buffs with 19 points and 15 rebounds, while teammate Dillon Bagnall put up 14 points in the loss.

The defeat hasn't deterred Huckabee, who is ready to see how his team can compete against the area's best.

"We didn't play at our top level." Huckabee added. "They got after us, but they guys have a very positive work ethic."

Forsan advances to the bi-district round of playoffs and will face an opponent to be announced soon.

Coahoma

BROWNFIELD — It's been a hard-luck season for the Bulldogs, who haven't managed to win a District 4-2A game.

Last night against

the Cubs — the district leader — Coahoma was again outmatched and came away with a 86-45 loss.

Armani Guillama had 14 points, Shanen Warneke added 11 and Tanner Ruiz pitched in five, but Brownfield started strong and never let up for the duration of the game.

Coahoma will get one more chance to snatch a victory from a division foe Tuesday as they close out their season against Lamesa in front of a home crowd. Game time is slated for 6:30 p.m.

Grady-Sands

ACKERLY — It was a clash of the District 1A-DII titans Friday at Sands High School as the No. 7 Mustangs faced off against No. 8 Grady.

It was a back-and-forth game, with Grady (21-8, 12-1) leading by as many as 19 points early in the fourth quarter, but in the end, Sands (22-3, 12-1) pulled off a thrilling 72-71 win over the rival Wildcats, going on a 28-8 run in the final stanza to keep their state champsionship tournament hopes alive.

Caleb Thomasson — who led the Mustangs with 29 points — was efficient in the paint in the closing moments of

action, leading to the huge come-from-behind victory. Preston Zant added 14 points and Jared Staggs was good fro 13.

Grady's Brandon
Lucas had a game-high
30 points, while Beau
Lucas put up 11, E.J.
Rodriguez added 10 and
Brett Glaze had eight.
Grady will close out

Grady will close out their season against Borden County on Tuesday at 6:30 in a final tuneup before the playoffs. Sands will face Klondike on Tuesday before beginning their postseason run.

Garden City

STERLING CITY —

The Bearkats relentless offense suffocated the Eagles as No. 14 Garden City rolled over Sterling City, 62-20.

Leading the blowout were Corbin Davis, Sam Miller and Juan Bustos with 13 points apiece, while Autin Odom added 10.

The playoff bound Bearkats (20-7, 11-2) should have no trouble dispatching Blackwell in the final game of the season Tuesday.

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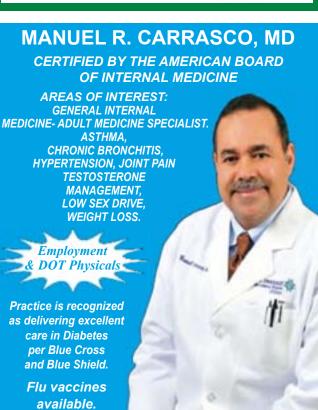
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Northeast storm disrupts travel for sports teams

(AP) — Several professional and college sports teams were forced to rearrange their travel plans as a massive storm swept through the Northeast, dumping a few feet of snow in some areas.

The NBA's New York Knicks were stuck in Minnesota after playing the Timberwolves on Friday night, hoping to try to fly home sometime Saturday. The San Antonio Spurs were also staying overnight in Detroit after seeing their 11-game winning streak fall to the Pistons, awaiting word on when they might be able to fly to New York for their game Sunday night at Brooklyn.

"We can't get there tonight — we know that," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "So we're going to stay here tonight and try to get there (Saturday). Hopefully, we will be able to get there, but at this point, we don't know."

Airlines canceled more than 5,300 flights through Saturday, and New York City's three major airports and Boston's Logan Airport closed.

The Brooklyn Nets planned to take a train home instead of flying from Washington D.C. after losing to the Wizards on Friday night.

Knicks coach Mike Woodson said before a 100-94 victory that his team initially planned to fly home after the game, but the flight had already been postponed. New York is scheduled to play the Los Angeles Clippers at Madison Square Garden on Sunday.

The NHL's Boston Bruins pushed back the start of Saturday's game against the Tampa Bay Lightning by six hours

because of the blizzard. The game originally slated for 1 p.m. was rescheduled for 7 p.m., but Boston was expected to be one of the cities hit hardest by the storm.

The storm had dumped more than 2 feet of snow on New England by early Saturday and knocked out power to 650,000 customers. The National Weather Service said up to 3 feet of snow is expected in Boston, threatening the city's 2003 record of 27.6

The Bruins and Lightning each already had road games scheduled for Sunday night.

The New Jersey Devils were still scheduled to host the Pittsburgh Penguins at 1 p.m., while the New York Islanders were slated to play at home against the Buffalo Sabres at 7 p.m.

Arrested fugitive is Ala. football signee's father

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Authorities say a man who was arrested after 16 years as a fugitive for allegedly shooting his estranged wife while she was holding their 18-month-old boy is the father of University of Alabama football signee Reuben Foster.

Danny Foster, 41, was captured Friday in Miami, said U.S. Marshals spokesman Scott Sides.

Authorities say Danny Foster was originally arrested in Randolph County, Ala., after the shooting, which the woman survived. A young Reuben wounded in the back. Danny Foster was in-

dicted by a grand jury in 1996 but fled the state before being arrested in California, authorities said. Sides said he was extradited to Randolph

County but escaped from jail in December 1996.

The suspect took on a new identity in Miami and will again be extradited to Randolph County, Sides said Reuben Foster — who

attends Auburn High School in Auburn, Ala., signed with the University of Alabama this past week. Foster could not immediately be reached for comment.

"Tears pooring!!!" said a post on Foster's Twitter account Friday

His mother, Inita Berry Paige, told AL.com that she had mixed emotions about Danny Foster's arrest.

"I was relieved and sad all at the (same) time," Paige said. "I was relieved because he got caught but I was sad because some of the pain and memories that our kids will have to go through about it."

Paige said the shooting left her with a collapsed lung and it wasn't until four days afterward when she returned for additional treatment that doctors realized Reuben was injured because a skin infection had concealed his wound.

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A 'capitol' day

Area residents turned out in force for Howard County Day in Austin







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Clockwise, from top: State Sen. Kel Seliger discusses issues with Howard County residents; Seliger is joined by Rep. Drew Darby; from left, Bobby McDonald, Larry Rodgers, Jim Clements and Amy Jacobs are recognized on the floor of the Texas **House of Representatives;** House members applaud **Howard County residents in** the gallery; from left, Randy Johnson, Jim DePauw, John Freeman and Mark Barr are introduced on the floor of the Texas Senate; Big Spring High School's "Rhapsody" choral group performed in the rotunda of the state capitol.







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- Thursday Mini maple pancakes, assorted fruit juice, milk.
- Friday Breakfast assorted quesadilla, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch

- Monday Ham and cheese sandwich, baby carrots, peaches, green beans, orange smiles, milk.
- Tuesday Teriyaki chicken, brown rice pilaf, broccoli, pineapple chunks, roll, milk.
- $\bullet \ Wednesday-Chick$ en fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green peas, sliced apples, cornbread, milk.
- Thursday Crispy sweet potato

sticks, lettuce with to- and cheese wrap on mato topping, pears, milk.

Big Spring Senior Center

- Monday Chili bowl with pinto beans, tossed salad, cornbread, melon cubes, milk.
- Tuesday Lasagna, steamed cauliflower, salad, garlic bread, angel cake with strawberries, milk. Wednesday
- Smoked sausage cuts, corn, black eyed peas, cornbread, mixed fruit, milk. Thursday — Barbecue chicken, potato sal-
- ad, baked beans, peaches, rolls, milk. • Friday — Catfish, au gratin potatoes, cole

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Elementary/middle school lunch

- Monday Steak fingers, au gratin potatoes, black eyed peas, carrots, salad with ranch dressing, pears, roll, milk.
- Tuesday Ham and cheese wrap on spinach tortilla, potato soup, vegetables, salad with ranch dressing, applesauce, milk. • Wednesday — Beef
- lasagna or fish sticks, corn on the cob, baked zucchini and tomatoes, salad with ranch dressing, chilled oranges, milk.
- Thursday Taco soup, steamed broccoli, salad, strawberry Jello, corn bread, brownie, milk.
- Friday Popcorn chicken or fish patty, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, salad, chilled pineapple bits,

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- Thursday Chicken faiita nacho, taco soup, Spanish rice, steamed broccoli, salad, strawberry Jell-o, cornbread,
- Friday Corn dog, oven baked catfish sticks, tater tots, ranch style beans, salad, fruit, milk.

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Elbow Elementary lunch

Monday — Penne,

- chicken and broccoli, salad, baby carrots, apple slices, breadsticks, Tuesday — Taco sal-
- ad, seasoned corn, fruit bowl, milk. • Wednesday — Steak

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- toes, green beans, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, milk. Thursday — Chicken quesadilla, black beans, carrots, orange smiles,
- Friday Pepperoni pizza, salad, veggie cup, mixed fruit, milk.

Junior high/high school lunch

- Monday Penne, chicken and broccoli, salad, carrots, apple slices, fruit bowl, fruit juices, milk.
- Tuesday Taco salad, corn, fruit bowl, fruit juices, milk.
- Wednesday Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, fruit bowl, fruit juices,
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Cast out from Monopoly, clothes iron endures

When online voters nixed the clothes iron token from Hasbro's Monopoly game, the appliance was held up as passe, as something your grandmother once used to ease the wrinkles out of linens and handkerchiefs.

"Despite being an integral part of life when the token was added to the game in the 1930s, the iron has fallen out of favor with today's fans," the Rhode Island-based company said in announcing its replacement — with a cat.

But even with the rise of wrinkle-free fabrics, the iron, it seems, is holding its own.

While U.S. iron sales declined in volume 1 percent last year, they were up nearly 3 percent overall from 2007 to 2012, according to the market

research group Euromonitor International. Over the same period, steam generator irons which make more steam than traditional ones, speeding up the process — experienced what the firm called "enormous growth." Sales were \$368 million last year.

Kim Kalunian irons nearly everything: sweaters, dresses, pants, even jeans. The 23-year-old digital producer at WPRO Radio in East Providence inherited her distaste for wrinkles from her mother, whom she describes as a "fierce ironer." She finds the chore — and the hiss of the steam — therapeutic.

"It's sort of magical," says Kalunian, who irons in the morning before work and at night if she's donning a new outfit and going out. "There's they're annoying, and you whip out this iron and vou can banish them."

When she travels, she always checks her hotel room to make sure it has an iron, but draws the line at adding creases to pants — or ironing sheets, pillowcases or under-

Rowenta, a manufacturer of high-end irons whose U.S. headquarters is in West Orange, N.J., says the appliance is as relevant as ever.

The company, whose products have been used to keep wrinkles out of the clothing on "Project Runway," is constantly updating technology to make ironing easier, faster and better for clothes, spokeswoman Michele Lupton says. Its regular models, ranging

in price from \$70 to \$175, now include an "eco-friendly" one that uses less energy.

Hasbro nixed the iron after it got the fewest votes in a Facebook poll; it is being replaced with a cat. As a nod to its service, Rowenta plans to give away 10 board games with the iron token — along with a real iron — before the piece is discontinued. People will be asked to weigh in on Rowenta's Facebook page with their "fondest" ironing memories. There are those, of course,

who will go to any length to avoid ironing — throwing dry clothes into the dryer to soften wrinkles, using special sprays, buying no-wrinkle fabrics or paying to have it done at the dry cleaner.

A man in Leicester in the

United Kingdom in 1997 decided to spice up his dreaded ironing by doing it while rock climbing.

Phil Shaw — nicknamed Steam — says in his book on so-called extreme ironing also done with skiing, snowboarding and canoeing — that it "combines the danger and excitement of an 'extreme' sport with the satisfaction of a well-pressed shirt." Long extension cords hooked to generators were used at first, before the advent of batterypowered irons.

Consumer Reports noted this week, after the death of the iron token, that it had recently conducted tests to name the 10 best steam irons. Some, it said, cost "just a bit more than a Monopoly

Big parade weekend kicks off in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) The city's glitziest, most star-studded parades of the Carnival season roll this weekend, including one with a float being touted as the biggest in New Orleans' history.

Mardi Gras is Tuesday, but more than a dozen parades roll in the days leading up to Fat Tuesday. The big ones that feature celebrity float riders include Orpheus, Endymion, Bacchus and the allwomen Krewe of Muses. Dozens of others will roll elsewhere in Louisiana and along the Gulf Coast in Mississippi and Alabama.

While Endymion boasts that it will have the biggest float the city's Carnival has ever seen, the Bacchus paa larger-than-life experience for more than two dozen child cancer patients from seven hospitals across the country.

Bacchus is providing costumes and throws trinkets for tossing to the crowds — to 28 teens and pre-teens being treated for cancer. They'll ride in Sunday's parade with this year's celebrity king, actor G.W. Bailey, co-star of the TNT show "Major Crimes.'

Bailey, 68, is known for his roles in the "Police Academy" movies and the cable TV crime drama "The Closer."

He also serves as executive director of the Sunshine Kids, a nonprofit that takes patients on trips to major U.S. cities. It regularly takes

rade is shaping up to be kids to New Orleans during Carnival, but not usually during the season's big weekend.

Bailey said the trips give patients a break from treatments and the opportunity to spend time with teenagers going through similar experiences.

"When you're a teenager, the worst possible thing that can happen to you is isolation," he said.

"Even if you're in a room full of people, if you're not with another teenager ing their hair, going through what you're going through, you feel alone. We bring those kids together. We give them a common experience, and within two days, the wigs come off and they don't have to worry about their scars, their missing limbs. It just doesn't matter anymore."

Bailey and Sunshine patients arrived in New Orleans on Tuesday to a packed weeklong schedule that includes eating in some of the city's finest restaurants, taking a south Louisiana swamp tour, and visiting the Audubon Zoo and Aquarium of the Americas.

But the trip's highlight will be Sunday's parade, said 17-year-old Paden Blevins of Crescent, Okla., who is in remission after two bouts with Hodgkin's lympho-

"I'm so excited," she said. "When they told

me I was going to be riding in the parade, I was like, are you kidding me?'

Bailey also will visit patients at Children's Hospital in New Orleans on Friday. It's a tradition held by previous Bacchus kings, including Saints quarterback Drew Brees and actors Will Ferrell, James Gandolfini and Kirk Douglas.

Bailey and the patients also plan to watch Saturday night's Endymion parade, led by pop star Kelly Clarkson. Clarkson, the first winner of TV's "American Idol," is scheduled to perform after the parade at Endymion's ball at the Superdome.

The parade's other star is the "super float" that organizers bill as the largest and most elaborate in Carnival history. Parade floats typically reach lengths of about 50 feet and can carry about 40 riders, but this one will be 330 feet long and carry more than 200 people.

The float's design is a tribute to Pontchartrain Beach, the amusement park that entertained generations on the New Orleans lakefront before closing in 1983. The float will include a moving replica of a roller coaster, cotton candy and popcorn machines, and pictures and videos of the old amusement





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Members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce were on hand for a ribbon cutting honoring Totally You Boutique. The new shop is located at 308 Scurry, across from the courthouse. Owner Wendy Striegler, was on hand with her family to cut the ribbon Saturday morning.

Return to Spindletop

Oilmen hope to make new history at historic drill site

By EMILY PICKRELL

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Spindletop. The name evokes an oil discovery that made history. When a well piercing the salt dome near Beaumont first gushed in 1901, it introduced a cheap supply of commercial energy that transformed the oil industry and American

More than 100 years later, the oilmen are back at Spindletop, calculating how to extract even more oil from deeper levels at the hallowed site, which they believe mav contain millions more barrels of crude.

Two exploration companies are working together to finance and build a well at Spindletop, based on new data that allows them to better predict where profitable pockets of oil and gas may be bur-

The team is motivated by the adage that the best place to look for oil is where it has already been found.

"Spindletop gave rise to some of the largest oil and gas companies that are still around today," said Mark Wixom, vice president of Salt Lake City-based International Petroleum, a 50 percent investor in the project, along with Bakersfield, Calif.-based E&B Natural Resources. "We could be the people to finish the next chapter of Spindletop. We think the book's not done yet."

Spindletop was named for the shape of a hill that rose on the coastal plain, pushed up over eons by an underground salt

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In 1901, self-trained geologist Patillo Higgins successfully proved his theory that oil lay under that hill. Since then geologists have learned that salt domes often have large pools of oil trapped along their edges.

But the Spindletop pioneers didn't know the full depth of the oil-rich formation called reservoir rock, and the technology for finding out didn't exist for decades after oil gushed there in

In the 1990s, however, aided by new methods of collecting data, geologists found oil north of Spindletop at a deeper level, called the Yegua Formation. The formation, a layer of rock and sand that stretches along the Gulf Coast about 11,000 feet to 17,000 feet beneath the earth's surface, has become one of the most active conventional drilling areas in the United States.

But anecdotal wisdom held that the oil-rich sand didn't extend to Spindletop.

In 2000, a team of independent geologists — Bill Whaling, Craig Gentry, Leo Newport and Alan Balser — decided to revisit a question people still asked in Beaumont: Is there more oil at Spindletop?

Previous production there peaked in 1927 at 21 million barrels, according to the Texas State Historical Association.

The Beaumont Enterprise (http://bit.ly/TR0KGM) reported the four spent more than \$5 million on relatively new 3-D seismic data depicting the geology beneath a seven square mile region around Spindletop, and found evidence of the Yegua reservoir rock.

The ongoing venture, which bought out the original geologists, has spent a decade analyzing and interpreting the data. trying to understand what the map of subterranean geography reveals.

"It is straightforward to make a map," said Chet Pohle, a geophysicist for E&B Natural Resources. "What isn't straightforward is where your sand or hydrocarbon reservoirs will be. The data is like a giant three dimensional puzzle that you have to figure out. You have to make predictions, and that's what takes the time."

Based on initial interpretations of the seismic data, an earlier investor drilled a well next to the salt dome in 2003 and found in-

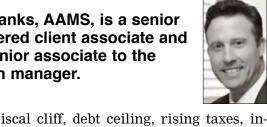
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Energy Watch



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creasing regulation and falling confidence are just a few of the domestic issues that are causing uncertainty for investors. Looking around the globe, Middle East tensions, questions over emerging market growth and European debt crisis concerns stand ready to affect equity prices around the world, possibly on a moment's notice. But according to the VIX, investors are not ex-

pecting an increase in volatility in the near term. The Chicago Board Options Exchange Market Volatility Index, or VIX, is a popular measure of the implied volatility of S&P 500 Index options. Since peaking late in 2008 this widely watched volatility indicator has moved steadily lower with only a couple of noticeable spikes higher in recent years. The VIX is currently trading near the lowest levels since April 2007 as the major equity indices have grinded to multi-year highs.

Historically, the VIX has tended to move lower during stock market rallies, especially when the advance is moderate and the pace is steady. The VIX rises during most pullbacks in the market, particularly when they are sudden and the magnitude is meaningful as options traders seek protection from the financial storm. So, based on current VIX levels, the weather forecast for the equity market seems to be "clear and calm" over the next few weeks or even months.

When we think of volatility in the Equity Strategy Group here at Wells Fargo Advisors, we think of back-and-forth market action. Movement to the upside and downside. Not a one way street. And not just movement to the downside. We think of volatility as creating opportunities to increase equity exposure when prices fall as well as taking a little money off the table when we think any market rally is ahead of itself based on our interpretation of the fundamentals. A moderate level of volatility is something to be welcomed in our opinion, not feared.

But the market seems comfortable with the fact that the economy is growing slowly and the Fed is not going to raise interest rates any time soon. Investors may also be mostly convinced that the chances of any drastic spending cuts making it through Congress this year are small. Let's face it, government deficit spending boosts economic growth. The economy has, in a way, become addicted to this deficit spending. And while the long term implications of our debt and deficit will surely come home to roost at some point in the future if nothing is done, at this moment in time investors may be looking favorably at the near-term positive side of the deficit spending coin. Namely, it helps keep the economy moving ahead, albeit at a slow pace.

But the debate over spending lies ahead. The debt ceiling is not going to be the battle ground for this debate but there is a good chance the fight will occur as we approach March 1st when automatic spending cuts (delayed from January 1st) are scheduled to kick in. Our guess is that volatility will increase as we approach that date, and, with any luck, opportunities will be created for investors to put money to work at more attractive market levels.

Past Performance is no guarantee of future results This article was produced on Jan. 30, 2013 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. Additional information is available upon request.

New York attorney general looks at rating agencies

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has begun examining nation's the biggest credit rating agencies' compliance with agreements reached by his predecessor, Gov. Andrew Cuomo, that ended an investigation into mortgage-backed securities.

The mid-2008 agreements, imposing financial no penalties, required Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Inc. to publicly disclose due diligence and evaluation criteria. They also required

partial upfront payments to prevent banks from simply buying the better ratings for those securities.

With that market already collapsed, the agencies say they weren't rating new mortgage-backed securities. The 42-month agreements have expired.

An official with knowledge of the investigation, who was not authorized to speak publicly, said a subpoena this week went to S&P and information requests

Moody's and Fitch. Under the agreement, then-

Attorney General Cuomo agreed to "terminate all current investigation" and "not institute any action" against the agencies.

admitted They wrongdoing but agreed to cooperate with the attorney general's ongoing probe into the mortgage industry and

adopt reforms. The official noted there appeared to be little effort to monitor compliance and they are looking into whether violations would enable the office now to take another

in securities ratings that contributed to the collapse of financial markets.

S&P spokesman Edward Sweeney declined to comment Friday.

At an earnings conference call Friday, when asked about the New York probe, Moody's chief executive Raymond McDaniel said that the company from time to time gets requests for information from parties that include state attorneys general and that

they cooperate with them. Fitch did not immediately look at alleged misconduct respond to a request for

comment.

The U.S. Justice Department this week filed civil charges against S&P, accusing the rating agency of refusing to warn investors that the housing market was collapsing in 2006 because it would be bad for business. The department is seeking \$5 billion in penalties. S&P, a unit of New York-

based McGraw-Hill Cos., called the lawsuit meritless and said, "Claims that we deliberately kept ratings high when we knew they should be lower are simply not true."

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County Court Decisions: Probated Judgment: Arthur Miramontes Jr., driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended - 12 months probation).

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detention, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended - 12 months probation). Judgment and Sentence:

Jordan Brodrick Holguin, possession of marijuana two ounces or less, \$548 fine, \$292 court costs. Probated Judgment: Hum-

berto Ramirez, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended - 12 months probation). Judgment and Sentence:

Joshua Allen Noble, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 60 days in jail.

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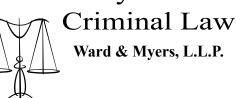
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Petroleum hope to ben-

well, proposing to drill a little farther from the salt dome to avoid the faults that can sap production. "You need to have a big

data gathered from that

enough area to produce, to ever hope to make your money back," said Brian Kalinec, a consulting geophysicist for International Petroleum. "I thought because of the complexity of the salt dome, you would have a better chance of identifying opportunities a little bit farther away."

The team believes that the combination of the seismic data and the experience with the two earlier wells have enabled them to identify a location close enough to the salt dome for resource rock to exist, but far enough away to

avoid the faults. The team will present its strategy Thursday at the NAPE convention in efit from the additional Houston.

Cruises focus more on food, families

NEW YORK (AP) — Cruise trends as the 2013 season gets under wav are shaping up to include a bigger focus on multi-generational groups, more specialty food offerings. and continued efforts to wow passengers with new onboard firsts like an aquapark, a glass walkway and a vertical garden.

Here are some details on what's new in cruising.

CruiseCritic.com editor Carolyn Spencer Brown says two of the hottest new ships debuting in 2013 are the Norwegian Breakaway, which will be the largest ship ever to homeport year-round in New York City beginning in May, and Princess Cruises' Royal Princess, launching in June.

The Breakaway's exterior features the unmistakable pop art of Peter Max, with Lady Liberty's face and a city skyline anchoring the brightly colored design. Onboard the ship offers an open-air quarter-mile (.4-kilometer) boardwalk and an aquapark, including five multi-story water slides and a double freefall slide where the floor drops away. The ship will carry 4,028 guests and will sail weeklong cruises to Bermuda through Oct. 6.

The Royal Princess will carrv 3.600 passengers and will feature a jogging track and the SeaWalk, a glass-bottom walkway extending 28 feet (8.5 meters) beyond the edge of the ship and 128 feet (39 meters) above the ocean. One part of the ship, The Sanctuary, is described as a "signature haven just for adults," with private cabanas and steward service for light fare and drinks. Its maiden voyage will begin in Southampton, England, and head for Spain and Portugal, followed by trips to the Mediterranean and Caribbean. It calls on Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in October. "The important thing about

these two ships is what they say about cruising, which used to be you were outside during the day and at night you got dressed up and had dinner and went to the theater," said Spencer Brown. "Both ships reflect the new trend of being outside all the time with outdoor restaurants, more on-deck seating and other reasons for you to be outside."

Today's cruise ships ofeverything from skating rinks to planetariums to climbing walls, but the new

attractions and activities just keep coming. Among the latest:

—Crystal Symphony debuted in September with a vertical garden, which is a plant-covered freestanding living wall, 7.9 feet (2.4 meters) high.

-The MSC Preziosa ship, debuting in March, will feature what's being called the longest single-rider water slide at sea, 394 feet long (120 meters).

On the Celebrity Reflection, an all-glass shower extends over the edge of the ship with a wraparound verandah and special glass so you can see out, but not in.

–On Cunard's Queen Mary 2, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth ships, passengers can take "back of the house" tours and visit everything from the engine room to backstage theater areas to the kitchen galley and the recycling facility.

-Theme cruises woo fans of everything from country music to sports by hosting performances and celebrities onboard. NFL coach Don Shula and Miami Dolphins Hall of Famer Larry Csonka will be on a Crystal Serenity cruise this summer.

Seems like every cruise line is upscaling and expanding food options. Disney Dream and Disney Fantasy in October began offering a \$50 per person Champagne brunch at Remy, Disney Cruise Line's adult-only restaurant named for the character from the animated film "Ratatouille," with dishes created by the French Michelin-starred chef Arnaud Lallement. The Norwegian Breakaway will have everything from a churrascaria (Brazilian-style steakhouse) to separate bars for Asian noodles, gelato and raw shellfish. On MSC's forthcoming Preziosa ship, there will be an Eataly Restaurant modeled on the Manhattan Italian gourmet food mall.

Celebrity chef Jacques Pepin has served as Oceania Cruises' executive culinary director for nine years, and this September, he'll be a guest on Oceania's Riviera ship, doing a cooking demonstration, Q&A, and meetand-greets with guests at his namesake onboard restaurant, Jacques, and the ship's culinary center.

But there may be a downside to some of the new food offerings. Arnold Boris, editor-inchief of Cruise Gourmet, said he has found that as specialty food options with extra fees increase, basics that used to be offered for free decrease.

Spencer Brown agreed: "The quality of the main dining room has gone downhill while they've raised the prices to get into these alternative restaurants."

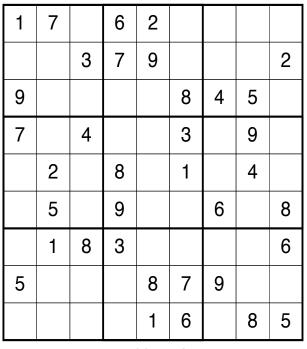
For example, she said Royal Caribbean now "charges for food in the dining room that used to come with your cruise. Surf and turf is \$38 but surf and turf used to be part of the dinner. The dining room had been sacrosanct in terms of hands-off, no extra fees, except for liquor. On Celebrity cruises, you go to a French restaurant and you pay to get in, and they greet you with a glass of Champagne, then you look at the bill and see it's an extra \$18."

The unbundling trend is seen in other areas as well, with mass market lines keeping fares low but charging extra for various onboard activities. Ironically the opposite is happening on luxury lines, where "they don't want to lower (ticket) prices ... but they're throwing everything in for free. Luxury is the best value it's ever been," Spencer Brown said.

Sudoku Answers on Page 2B

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By Steve Becker

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If you play against opponents who never make a mistake, this article is not for you. But if, as is more likely, your opponents are human and err occasionally, these words

will not be in vain. Assume you're South and West leads the seven of hearts against your four-spade contract. Right away you get a sinking feeling about what's

going to happen. After you take East's queen with the ace and lead a trump, you know East will win the trick, cash the king of hearts and return a heart for West to ruff. In the fullness of time you will also lose a club trick and so go down one.

But there is no place for a defeatist attitude at the bridge table, so you begin to look for a way out until, after a while, you concoct a scheme that you hope will turn the

When East puts up the queen of hearts, you don't take it with the ace, but play the jack instead! When East continues with a low heart, you win with dummy's ten and cash the ace of diamonds, discarding the ace of hearts! Now you cannot be defeated, and you make four spades.

The fly in the ointment is that East can upset your plan by returning the king of hearts at trick two rather than a low heart. The low-heart return by East is an error, to be sure, but it is one he might easily make.

So if, as we said before, East is a player who never makes a mistake, he will return the king of hearts, and your grand scheme will go up in smoke. But it certainly doesn't hurt to try!

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Christian fashion show set for Tampa TAMPA, Fla. (AP) audience will be women

The organizers of Christian Fashion Week have a message: modest does not equal frumpy. "A lot of the designers

we talked with looked at the challenge as a creative challenge," said Jose Gomez, who, along with his wife and another couple, is organizing the event. "How do we push the boundaries with boundaries?"

The couple's first-ever Christian Fashion Week begins Friday with a VIP reception and then a runway show on Saturday in Tampa. They've pegging the dates to the Mercedes Benz Fashion Week in New York and hopes that the two-day event — it's not really a week-long show — will evolve into something bigger over time.

"We want to do something to make New York jealous," Jose Gomez said.

The runway shows will be slightly different than a typical fashion event. Backstage, there will be separate changing areas for male and female models so people can "preserve their dignity," he said. The swimwear show will take place first, and during that show, the

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only, he said, to avoid any "awkward" feelings for audience members. "We are trying to be

sensitive to the fact that our audience may be in different places about how they feel about it," he said. During intermission,

Shari Braendel, the author of "Good Girls Don't Have to Dress Bad" and a fashion blogger, will speak. Bibles and other Christian-themed items will be placed into the gift bags. The nine designers

selected for the runway event will showcase ture, women's readyto-wear fashion, men's clothing, swimwear and bridal gowns. Several of the designers are Florida-based, while two are from New York and one is from Venezuela. Not all of the designers are Christian, but all showed an interest in designing modern, beautiful and modest clothes.

"We really wanted quality represented," said Jose Gomez. His wife, Mayra, was working on the day that her husband did an interview with The Associated Press, but she has modeled and runs Models4Jesus, which hosts events for and by fashion industry professionals who happen to be Christian. Among her messages: Models shouldn't have to pose nude if they don't want

Julia Chew at 18 is the youngest designer of the group. She was drawn to the show in part because of her faith — yet in designing the collection for the show, she didn't have to "remind" herself to create modest clothing because those are her values.

I want to be accepted, she said. "As a Christian, I want to dress and design clothes in a way that honors my body."

Chew, who recently graduated after being homeschooled by her parents, said her collection was inspired by nature — she enjoys camping trips with her family — and her gauzy, chiffon dresses were inspired waterfalls. She's also been "obsessed" with feathers recently and crafted a stunning above-the-knee length dress entirely of dyed black feathers.

Crew sells her creations on Etsy, a website where designers, crafters and creators can sell their homemade items.

Alma Vidovic, also of Tampa, is another of the designers. She spends her days as a stylist at the Home Shopping Network, and in her free time designs clothing. Her first-ever bridal line will be shown at the Christian fashion show Saturday; the dresses are subtle and sexy, with one strapless ivory-colored dress that hugs the body and flows into cascading ruffles at the hem.

"I see my fashion as "I'm a teenager, and a story," she said. "I of floral story, a blooming, a coming of age."

> Both Vidovic Chew say that dressing creatively doesn't automatically translate into showing skin.

Gomez said that people in the Christian press have taken notice and some publications — such as Christianity Today — are expected to send reporters and photographers to the show.

Already, Jose Gomez said, he's had calls from sponsors for next year's show, and is thinking ahead about hosting it in a bigger location, like Miami.

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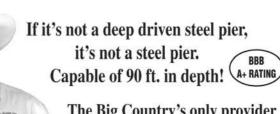
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PUBLICA The Board of Trustees of the Big Spring Independent School District will hold a public hearing to receive public input regarding a proposed change to its trustee election system. All Big Spring ISD trustee positions are currently elected by majority vote through single-member voting districts. Big Spring ISD is considering a change to elect its trustees by plurality vote, beginning with the general trustee election in May, 2013. Should this change be approved by the Board, the candidate in each single-member voting district who received the most votes among all the trustee candidates running from that single-member voting district shall be elected as a Big Spring ISD school board trustee. This is the only change to the trustee election system being considered. The public hearing on the above-dechange is scribed proposed scheduled to occur on Thursday, February 14, 2013, at the Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas, beginning at 5:15 p.m. The Board will receive public comments regarding the proposed change in the trustee election system.

El Consejo de Administracion del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Big Spring celebrara una audiencia publica para recibir comentarios del publico relacionados con un cambio propuesto al sistema de elecciones de los miembros del Consejo. Todos los puestos de los miembros del Consejo del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Big Spring se eligen actualmente poi mayoria de votos en los distritos electorales de un unico miembro. El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Big Spring esta considerando un cambio para elegir a los miembros del Consejo mediante mayoria relativa, comenzando con las elecciones generales de miembros del Conseio en mavo de 2013. Si este cambio fuera aprobado por el Consejo, el candidato en cada distrito electoral de un unico miembro que reciba mas votos entre todos los candidatos que se presentan en ese distrito electoral de un unico miembro sera elegido miembro del Consejo escolar del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Big Spring. Este es el unico cambio al sistema de eleccines de miembros del Consejo que se esta considerando. La audiencia publica que tratara propuesto cambio descrito esta programada para el jueves, 14 de febrero de 2013, en el Salon de juntas de la escuela secundaria de Big Spring, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas a partir d e las 5:15 de la tarde El Consejo recibira comentarios publicos relacionados con el cambio propuesto al sistema de elecciones de miembros

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County Appraisal

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 1. INTRODUCTION 1.1. PURPOSE

Howard

District (HCAD), is developing a long-rang strategic information technology plan. As part of its planning efforts, various alternatives are being explored with consideration being given to conversion from the current in-house system to a commercial property appraisal and collection software of this product. The purpose Request for Proposal (RFP) is to obtain basic information about the functionality and capabilities, licensee hardware and software requirements, and projected costs available associated with off-the-self appraisal and related software products. This RFP is directed towards vendors that might be interested in submitting complete responses to the RFP. Based on the responses to this RFP, HCAD may select vendors for an additional demonstration session to obtain further information on their product(s). Should your company desire to respond to this RFP, the following general information is submitted 1.2. GENERAL INFORMATION

Software Requirements: Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA). CAMA system must be capable of providing processing services for _100,000_ total parcels to include _45,000_ real items _5,000_ personal items and _50,000_ mineral properties. Conversion of existing in-house CAMA system should be itemized in the vendor's response. Training costs should be included in vendor's response specifying number of days allowed and it should be understood that

training will be conducted at HCAD

Big Spring, Texas. Any additional

costs must be identified in the

vendor's response to this RFP.

Vendor responses to this RFP are

binding. Hardware: CAMA system should be able to operate on hardware currently in use by HCAD. HCAD reserves the right to use any, all, or none of the information gathered via this RFP. Responses to this RFP are due on March 12, 2013 and should be delivered to HCAD 315 S. Main, Big Spring, Texas 79720 on or before that date. Responses received after that date

Any questions regarding this RFP should be addressed to: Name Ronny Babcock Title Chief Appraiser, Howard County Appraisal District Phone: 432/263/8301 #7653 February 10 & 17, 2013

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of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, 78711 (Telephone Texas 512/463-6792).

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CAUSE NO. T-6197 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. THOMAS AYALA, ET AL IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS 118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT NOTICE OF SUIT TO FORECLOSE TAX LIEN **PURSUANT TO PROPERTY** TAX CODE SECTION 33.57

Pursuant to Order of the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, notice is hereby given to the individuals named herein, and all other persons claiming an interest in the property the subject of this suit, that suit has been filed for foreclosure of the tax lien against such properties. A copy of the Petition filed on behalf of the various taxing entities is attached hereto, and such petition describes the properties against which foreclosure is sought, as well as the owners of record of any interest in such

Notice to all owners of an interest in such properties is hereby given as follows:

1. A petition to foreclose the tax lien against each parcel shown on the Petition was filed on the 30th day of January, 2013, commencing foreclosure proceedings;

2. The legal description, tax account number, and, if known, the street address for each parcel, is shown in the Exhibits to the Petition attached hereto:

3. This notice is addressed to each owner of an interest in each parcel as shown in the Exhibits to the Petition attached hereto;

4. Final hearing on the Petition is scheduled for the 27th day of March, 2013 at 1:00 o'clock p.m.; 5. Each and every owner of any interest in each parcel the subject of this suit may lose whatever property interest they own in such parcel as a result of the hearing

and any subsequent tax sale; 6. A person's interest in any parcel may be preserved by paying all delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, attorney's fees and court costs before the date of the scheduled hearing on the petition, or, you may contest the Petition by filing with the clerk of the court a written response to the petition not later than the seventh (7) day before the date scheduled for hearing on the petition and specifying in the response any affirmative defense. A copy of such response must be served on the taxing units' attorney of record in the manner required by Rule 21a, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure:

7. The name, address and telephone number of the taxing units are as follows: Howard College 1001 Birdwell Lane Big Spring, TX 79720

Telephone number: (432)264-5000 Howard County 300 S. Main Big Spring, TX 79720 Telephone number: (432)264-2332 City of Big Spring 310 Nolan Big Spring, TX 79720

Telephone number: (432)264-2401 City of Coahoma P. O. Box I Coahoma, TX 79511 Telephone number: (432)394-4287

City of Forsan P. O. Box 714 Forsan, TX 79733 Telephone number: (432)457-2355 Bia Sprina ISD

708 11th Place Big Spring, TX 79720 Telephone number: (432)264-3620 Forsan ISD P. O. Drawer A

Forsan, TX 79733 Telephone number: (432)398-5444 Howard County Water Control and Improvement District 7917 N. Service Rd. Big Spring, TX 79720

Telephone number: (432)393-5233 Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District P. O. Box 1314 Stanton, TX 79782 Telephone number: (432)756-2136

The name, address and telephone number of the attorney for the taxing units is shown at the bottom of this notice;

8. Coahoma ISD may also impose taxes on one or more of the parcels the subject of this suit and may intervene in this case without further notice and set up its claims for delinquent taxes.

Respectfully Submitted, MOUTON & MOUTON A Professional Corporation Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 1030 Big Spring, TX 79721 Telephone No.: (432)263-7676 Telecopier No.: (432)263-8686 By: Drew Mouton State Bar No. 14606400 ATTORNEY FOR ALL PLAINTIFF TAXING UNITS CAUSE NO. T-6197 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL

THOMAS AYALA, ET AL IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS 118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL

PETITION
TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Now comes THE COUNTY OF HOWARD, which brings this action for itself and as agent for HOW-ARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT, CITY OF BIG SPRING, BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF COAHOMA, CITY OF FORSAN, FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, and PERMIAN BASIN UNDER-GROUND WATER CONSERVA-TION DISTRICT, hereinafter called Plaintiffs, whether one or more, and for cause of action would show

Defendants are those persons and legal entities named and de-

the Court the following:

scribed in the attached Exhibits "1-50" if living, and if any or all of the named Defendant(s) be deceased, the unknown heirs of each of such deceased Defendant(s); the unknown owner or owners of any of the property the subject of this suit; the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees of the any Defendant; and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon any of the property the subject of this suit, on which property there are delinquent taxes, penalties and interest, assessed and justly due, owing, and unpaid to Plaintiffs in the amounts and for the years shown on the Tax Statement(s) made a part of each Exhibit attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if repeated verbatim, on each property separately assessed for all delinquent years up to and including 2011.

All of the property is located in Howard County, Texas, and all volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, are to the Deed Records, Howard County, to which instruments reference is made for a more complete description of each tract.

The total amount of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees owed exceeds the appraised value of each parcel, or, in the alternative, there are ten (10) or more years for which delinquent taxes are owed on each such parcel

All taxes were authorized by law, and each political subdivision in whose behalf this suit is brought was legally constituted and authorized to levy, assess, and collect ad valorem taxes on property, and all of the taxes were legally levied and assessed against the property and the owners thereof; that Plaintiffs now have and assert a lien on each separately described property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, interest; and recover costs and expenses in accordance with the provisions of Property Tax Code § 33.48; and all things required by law to be done have been legally performed by the proper officials. Ш

All of the above described property was, at the time the taxes were assessed, located within the boundaries of the Plaintiffs and of each political subdivision in whose behalf this suit is brought, and the tax was imposed in the county in which this suit is brought.

The attorney whose name is signed hereto is legally authorized to prosecute this action on behalf of Plaintiffs.

Plaintiffs have incurred certain expenses for procuring data and information as to the name, identity, and location of necessary parties and in procuring necessary legal descriptions of the property, which expenses are reasonable abstractor's costs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against all Defendants for foreclosure of the tax lien against the above described property securing the amount due against each tract which is the total amount of delinquent taxes due and owing on each such parcel at the time of the filing of this petition, as well as all taxes becoming delinquent thereafter up to the date of judgment, all interest, penalties, costs and expenses in accordance with the provisions of Property Tax Code § 33.48 accruing up to and including the day of judgment, plus attorney's fees of 20% of all tax, penalty and interest as provided by law, an order of sale, post judgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law: and for such other relief to which the Plaintiffs may be entitled; provided, however, that personal judgment for such taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees is not sought against any Defendant named herein.

Respectfully Submitted, MOUTON & MOUTON A Professional Corporation Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 1030 Big Spring, TX 79721 Telephone No.: (432)263-7676 Telecopier No.: (432)263-8686 By: Drew Mouton State Bar No. 14606400 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

EXHIBIT 1 Property and Amounts Owed Lt 9, Bk 7, Adell Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.... Years owed: 1994-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of

Thomas Ayala Ruvy McDaniel Ollie McDaniel Otis McDaniel Nelia Thompkins C.H. McDaniel, Jr. Boyd J. McDaniel Estate of Josie McDaniel Deborah Jo Loftis Michael Lynn McDaniel Pauline Tucker McDaniel E.H. Heffington E.H. Heffington

State.

1011 W. 6th St. Big Spring, TX 79720 Mike McDaniel 5103 Callahan Big Spring, TX 79720 **EXHIBIT 2**

Property and Amounts Owed A tract of land out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:..\$36.45

Years owed: The following defendants are

owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting , if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of

the Secretary of State. Lillian Frances Gary Bivings aka Lillian Gary Bivings aka Lillian Bivings 736 Park Ave. Hinsdale, IL 60521 Belle Gary Etheridge aka Bell Gary Etheridge aka Belle Etheridge

The following are lienholders and may be notified at: City of Big Spring Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren 310 Nolan Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 3 Property and Amounts Owed Lt 8, Bk 3, Wright's Airport Annex Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas\$149.25 TOTAL DUE:.. Years owed: 1998-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Virginia Faye Brumley aka Virginia Raska Brumbley (Beckett)

The following are lienholders and may be notified at: City of Big Spring Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren 310 Nolan Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 4 Property and Amounts Owed Lt 4, Bk 3, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 5, Bk 3, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 7, Bk 3, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 1, Bk 4, Sunset Addn., SAVE AND EXCEPT any portion dedicated to a public road, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 2, Bk 4, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 3, Bk 4, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 4, Bk 4, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 5, Bk 4, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 6, Bk 4, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 7, Bk 4, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 8, Bk 4, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 14, Bk 4, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 15, Bk 4, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 16, Bk 4, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 2, Bk 5, Sunset Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:....

Years owed: 2001-2011 The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Jimmy Bynum HC 69, Box 120 Big Spring, TX 79720 RR 18, Box 987 Edinburg, TX 78542 EXHIBIT 5

Property and Amounts Owed Lt 10, of the replat of Lts A & B, Tr 8, Kennebec Heights, Subdivision of Sc 12, Bk 33, T1S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described on the attached exhibit; SAVE AND EXCEPT 3 TRACTS as shown on attached exhibit

TOTAL DUE:.....\$80.60 Years owed:

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State. Myrl Click and Betty Click

EXHIBIT 6 Property and Amounts Owed A tract of land out of Sc 5, Bk 32 T1S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:..\$1,927.60 Years owed:

1992-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Clara Jones Coffee C. C. Coffee, Jr. Robert B. Coffee **EXHIBIT 7**

Property and Amounts Owed Lt 2, Bk 3, South Haven Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.....\$1,342.13 Years owed:

1992-2011

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records of the Secretary of State. C. C. Cole P. O. Box 36 Sheridan, TX 77475 Charles Cole 2603 Lynn Dr. Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 8

Property and Amounts Owed Lt 10, Bk 23, Governments Heights to Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:... Years owed:

1998-2011 The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Demetrio M. Corralez aka D. M. Corralez 826 Del Rio Dr. Odessa, TX 79761-7003 Gavina Corralez 826 Del Rio Dr. Odessa, TX 79761-7003 Nora Sue Corralez 826 Del Rio Dr. Odessa, TX 79761-7003 The following are lienholders and

may be notified at: City of Big Spring Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren 310 Nolan Big Spring, TX 79720 **EXHIBIT 9**

Property and Amounts Owed Being a tract out of Tr 29, of the Wm B. Currie subdivision of the SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:.....\$477.87

1998-2011 The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting,

Years owed:

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Eliseo DeLaGarza, Jr. 1502 Wood St. Big Spring, TX 79720 Maria Delores DeLaGarza aka Maria DeLaGarza aka Maria D. DeLaGarza aka Maria D. DeLaGarza 1502 Wood Big Spring, TX 79720

The following are lienholders and may be notified at: Gregg Abbott

Attorney General of the State of Texas Child Support Division P. O. Box 12548 Austin, TX 78711-2548 Office of the Attorney General Child Support Unit 309E 2510 South I Road Edinburg, TX 78539 EXHIBIT 10

Property and Amounts Owed M/50' and all of S/50' in Lt 2, Bk 80, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; SAVE AND EXCEPT land conveyed from Jack L. Watkins and wife Ida D. Watkins to William R. Allred and wife, Rosa Lee Allred by Deed recorded in Volume 634, page 803. Deed records of Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.....\$192.25

Years owed: 1998-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, or. assumed name records of Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Bobby Doe 2420 Heatherdale Mesquite, TX 75150-8024 Rhonda Doe 2420 Heatherdale Mesquite, TX 75150-8024 Janet Darlene Lujan 404 Father Delaney St. Big Spring, TX 79720 The following are lienholders and may be notified at: John L. Watkins aka Jack L. Watkins 1200 Pennsylvania

Big Spring, TX 79720 Ida D. Watkins aka Ida Dorthea Watkins 1200 Pennsylvania Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 11

Property and Amounts Owed Lt 10, Bk 46, Government Heights to Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.....\$241.05 Years owed: 2000-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Abe Espinosa aka Abe Espinosea aka Abe Espinosa, Jr. Abraham Espinoza aka Abraham Espinoza, Jr. 2623 Albrook 2610 Albrook Big Spring, TX 79720 Martha Espinosea aka Martha Espinosa aka Martha Espinoza 2623 Albrook 2610 Albrook Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 12

Property and Amounts Owed Lt 18, Bk 26, Original Townsite of Forsan, Howard County, Texas Lt 14, Bk 26, Original Townsite of Forsan, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:..... Years owed: 1995-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate,

assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State. Helen Miller, Merle J. Stewart, Lucille Collins, Lola Belle Rix, Keith M. Stewart and Laverne Yeatman, Stockholders **Townsite Company** EXHIBIT 13

A tract of land in SE/4 Sc 41, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:....\$376.30 Years owed:

Property and Amounts Owed

1998-2011

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Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State. Darrel Fulton 926 Harolds Odessa, TX 79763 Kenneth C. Davidson 2306 Oasis HC61. Box 169 P. O. Box 3371 Big Spring, TX 79720 Linda Davidson aka Linda K. Davidson c/o Martin Fryar 312 San Juan Trail Big Spring, TX 79720 1716 Purdue Big Spring, TX 79720 Billie Chapman 6315 Twin Hill Drive Arlington, TX 76016 The following are lienholders and may be notified at: Lee Harris

210 Gregg St.

704 Texas Blvd.

Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 14 Property and Amounts Owed The W/60' of the E/180', Bk 55, Government Heights to Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

TOTAL DUE:.....\$1,050.48 Years owed: 1992-1995 The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described

in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State. Johnny Ray Gardner

205 NW 12th Big Spring, TX 79720 Kattie Mae Gardner aka Kattie Mae Gibson 205 NW 12th Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 15

Property and Amounts Owed N/2 of Lt 1, Bk 10, Government Heights to Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE.....\$196.70 Years owed:

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Isabell Gonzales Alcantar

EXHIBIT 16 Property and Amounts Owed

Lt 4, Bk 1, Rosemont Addn., town Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, lying westward of the right of way line of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company Spur, according to the map or plat of said addition, which plat thereof, is of record in the proper Deed Records of Howard County, Texas

TOTAL DUE:.....\$93.38 Years owed: 1993-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title

search. telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Garlend Green aka Garland Green, Sr. Georgia Mae Green Garland V. Green, Jr. aka Garland Green, Jr. 705 Wyoming St. 705 Ohio P. O. Box 2266 Big Spring, TX 79720 G. Green 1810 S. Monticello Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 17

Property and Amounts Owed Lt 2, Bk 8, Banks Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas\$307.81 TOTAL DUE:..... Years owed: 1999-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Jimmy Hawkins Jimmy L. Hawkins 810 Cherry Big Spring, TX 79720 **Evelyn Hawkins** Evelyn Joyce Hawkins 810 Cherry Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 18

Property and Amounts Owed Lts 1 & 2, Bk 12, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 1, Bk 2, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 2, Bk 2, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 3, Bk 2, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 6, Bk 7, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:..\$1,011.19 Years owed:

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search. telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the

records of the Secretary of State. G. C. Heffington 1011 W. 6th St. 1101 W. 6th Big Spring, TX 79720 Guy Heffington Guy Heffington, Jr. Guy Coleman Heffington, Jr. 1011 W. 6th 1101 W 6th Big Spring, TX 79720 P. O. Box 74 Stanton, TX 79782 Juanita Janice H. Henson P.O. Box 74 Stanton, TX 79782 L. C. Heffington 1606 W. 3rd St. Big Spring, TX 79720 Denver Heffington 1506 W. 3rd St. Big Spring, TX 79720 Bonnie Coates 1507 W. 2nd St. Big Spring, TX 79720 Lille Mae Wise 1503 W 1st St. Big Spring, TX 79720 Ruth Alexander 701 San Jacinto Big Spring, TX 79720 Charlotte Gilbert 1305 W. 2nd Big Spring, TX 79720 The following are lienholders and may be notified at:

City of Big Spring Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren 310 Nolan Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 19

Property and Amounts Owed
A parcel of land out of Tr 34, of the Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of the SE/4 of Sc. 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:.....\$301.68

Years owed:

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State. Humberto Hernandez P. O. Box 1574 Big Spring, TX 79721 EXHIBIT 20

Property and Amounts Owed A tract of land out of Tr 33, of the Wm B. Currie subdivision out of the SE/4 of Sc. 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit; SAVE AND EXCEPT 0.17 acre of land as described on the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:.....\$366.51 Years owed:

1992-2011 The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas,

appropriate,

Howard County Clerk or records of the Secretary of State. Richard Hilario 7111 Forest Mont San Antonio, TX 78240 3618 Dixon St. Big Spring, TX 79720 Richard C. Hilario 3618 Dixon Big Spring, TX 79720

assumed name records of

where

EXHIBIT 21 Property and Amounts Owed Lt 10, Bk 4, Amended Govenment Heights to Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:....\$1,926.58 Years owed:

1990-2011 The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Leon Houston, Jr. aka Leon J. Houston, Jr. 1474 W. Spring Valley Richardson, TX 75080-6502 2012 Winding Hollow Lane Plano, TX 75075 The following are lienholders and

may be notified at: City of Big Spring Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren 310 Nolan

Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 22

Property and Amounts Owed A tract of land out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:..\$1,150.76 Years owed: 1992-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

H. W. Howell Nancy Riddle Howell EXHIBIT 23 Property and Amounts Owed Lt 8, Bk 20, Monticello Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 16, Bk 7, Monticello Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County,

Texas TOTAL DUE:.....\$884.07 Years owed: 1992-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration

records for Howard County, Texas,

or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the

records of the Secretary of State.

J & J Construction Company

P. O. Box 2335

504 Young 1803 Alabama Big Spring, TX 79720 may be notified at: Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation

by and through

Big Spring, TX 79720 The following are lienholders and may be notified at: City of Big Spring Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren 310 Nolan Big Spring, TX 79720

Property and Amounts Owed S/27' of the W/90' of Lt 1, Bk 1, Rosemont Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas N/27' of the W/90' of Lt 1, Bk 1, Rosemont Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.....\$113.42 Years owed:

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The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate. assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or records of the Secretary of State.

Fannie Jarrett Talmadge E. Jarrett aka Talmadge Jarrett 1515 E. 110 Street Los Angeles, CA 90059 EXHIBIT 25 Property and Amounts Owed A tract of land out of the SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, Tr 42, T1N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on

..\$401.73

TOTAL DUE:. Years owed: 1992-2011

the attached exhibit

John Jarrett

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified restricted delivery, return mail. receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or records of the Secretary of State.

Mamie Lee Jones The following are lienholders and may be notified at: City of Big Spring Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren 310 Nolan Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 26 Property and Amounts Owed A tract of land out of Sc 31. Bk 33. T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:....\$2,021.86 Years owed: 1992-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the

records of the Secretary of State. Patrick Kelly Equipment Joseph Kelly Patrick Kelly Ron Kelly Frank Harold McGinnis EXHIBIT 27 Property and Amounts Owed Lt 3, Bk 6, Porter Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

TOTAL DUE:....\$2,415.29 Years owed: 1995-2011 The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified

by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State. Juanita Lopez

Juanita H. Lopez 4101 Acres Waco, TX 76711 The following are lienholders and

Linda Hinshaw Director Abilene State Supported Living Center P. O. Box 451 Abilene, TX 79604

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EXHIBIT 28 Property and Amounts Owed A parcel of land out of Tr 33, of the Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of the SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:.....\$416.33 Years owed:

1992-2011 The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the

Norma Lee Lujan fka Norma Lee Puga 104 NW 8th Big Spring, TX 79720 The following are lienholders and may be notified at:

Howard County Clerk or the

records of the Secretary of State.

City of Big Spring Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren 310 Nolan Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 29

Property and Amounts Owed Lt 3, Bk 4, Cedar Crest Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:..... ..\$763.33 Years owed:

1998-2011 The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in

Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State. Svlvia Martinez

828 W. 7th P. O. Box 733 P. O. Box 1721 509 Union Big Spring, TX 79720 Sylvia C. Martinez aka Sylvia Castillo Martinez 706 N. Goliad 106 E. 22nd Big Spring, TX 79720 Sylvia M. Martinez 1409 Sycamore Big Spring, TX 79720 Sylvia R. Martinez 509 Union Big Spring, TX 79720 Sylvia Hernandez Martinez

407 Sunset Blvd Big Spring, TX 79720 The following are lienholders and may be notified at: Defendant Lienholder CitiFinan-

cial, Inc., fka Washington Mutual Finance, LP, is a Foreign Corporation authorized to do business in the state of Texas and may be served with citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested to its registered agent for service:

CitiFinancial, Inc., fka Washington Mutual Finance, LP by and through Registered Agent CT Corporation System 350 N. St. Paul Street

Dallas, TX 75201 Defendant Lienholder Bank of America, National Association., is a Foreign Financial Institution authorized to do business in the state of Texas and may be served with citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested to its registered agent for service:

Bank of America, National Association by and through Registered Agent CT Corporation System 350 N. St. Paul Street Dallas, TX 75201

EXHIBIT 30 Property and Amounts Owed 40' off of the north end of Lt 7, Bk 2, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.....\$670.16 Years owed: 1993-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified restricted delivery, return mail, receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Cirilo Melendez 1701 S. Monticello Big Spring, TX 79720

Seturnina Melendez 1701 S. Monticello Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 31

Property and Amounts Owed Lt 8, Bk 108, Less W/25', City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.... Years owed:

The following defendants are

owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State. Lloyd R. Nichols

Ruth H. Nichols EXHIBIT 32 Property and Amounts Owed Lt 2, Bk 2, Rosemont Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 3, Bk 2, Rosemont Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 4, Bk 2, Rosemont Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Lt 5, Bk 2, Rosemont Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.....\$194.26 Years owed: 1999-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified restricted delivery, return mail. receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State. Joseph Gregorio Palomino

2848 Ragland Rd. Mansfield, TX 76063-5319

EXHIBIT 33 Property and Amounts Owed
A tract of land out of the E/2 of 6 1/2 acres of land out of Sc 42. Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

TOTAL DUE:.....\$110.38

Years owed:

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

John Parras aka Juan C. Parras 409 Benton Big Spring, TX 79720 Frances H. Parras 409 S. Benton P. O. Box 345 Big Spring, TX 79720 **EXHIBIT 34**

Property and Amounts Owed All of Lt 7, Bk A, Moore Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; SAVE AND County, Texas; SAVE AND EXCEPT a parcel of land described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

...\$193.33 TOTAL DUE:..... Years owed: 1992-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Bertha L. Payton Attn: Ruby J. Wilson 710 San Mario Ct., Apt "A" College Station, TX 77845-6608 EXHIBIT 35

Property and Amounts Owed Lt 11, Bk 8, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:..... ..\$80.60 Years owed: 1992-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or records of the Secretary of State.

Peoples National Fund, Inc. by and through Registered Agent C. T. Corp System 350 N. St. Paul, Ste. 2900 Dallas, TX 75201-4234

EXHIBIT 36 Property and Amounts Owed Lt 3, Bk 42, Settles Subdivision of College Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.....\$1,079.26 Years owed: 1998-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the

records of the Secretary of State. Loretta Purcell James C. Smith aka James Clifford Smith 2204 Nolan 2402 Carleton Big Spring, TX 79720 James Smith 100 NE 8th Big Spring, TX 79720 Marie Smith 2204 Nolan

Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 37 Property and Amounts Owed Lt 2, Bk 4, Hathcock Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

TOTAL DUE:..... .\$549.34 Years owed:

1995-2011 The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any

last known address for each such

Defendant, the voter registration

records for Howard County, Texas,

or, where appropriate, the

assumed name records of the

Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State. Larry Frank Roden 4213 Bamford Austin, TX 78731 Ronald Reeves Knaus 3720 Pine Ave. Long Beach, CA 90807

7 Turnberry Cir. Abilene, TX 79606 EXHIBIT 38 Property and Amounts Owed A parcel of land out of the S/2 of Sc 26, Bk 33, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:.....\$633.97

Years owed: 1992-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, the assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Betty Sherman 1007 N. Gregg Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 39

Property and Amounts Owed Lt 4, of the Balch Addition located on the Snyder Highway out of the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas and being out of Sc 32, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.....\$6,535.91

Years owed: The following defendants are

owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in

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Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State. H. W. Smith Transport

Company, Inc. H. W. Smith Transport Co., Inc. H. W. Smith Transport Company by and through Registered Agent for Service Reagan M. Martin 3503 Fairmont Dallas, TX 75219

EXHIBIT 40 Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 14, Bk 41, Original town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas Lt 6, Bk 41, Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.

Years owed:

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, r estricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of Howard County Clerk or the

records of the Secretary of State. Wilma Smith Charles Curtis Smith, Individually and dba State Wide Refurbishment Verna Faye Smith, Individually and dba State Wide Refurbishment Charles Smith 1002 N. Main 613 McEwen Big Spring, TX 79720 Charles Curtis Smith 102 Ash Big Spring, TX 7972 P. O. Box 277 Coahoma, TX 79511 Verna Mae Smith P. O. Box 277 Coahoma, TX 79511 The following are lienholders and may be notified at: White Motor Credit Corp address unknown **EXHIBIT 41**

Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 13, Bk 17, Sherrod Heights
Subdivision, City of Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.....\$21776 Years owed:

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Jonnie Mae Spruill 1300 Barnes 3207 E. Hwy 350 Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 42

Property and Amounts Owed Lt 13, Bk 19, Original Townsite of Forsan, Howard County, Texas Lts 18 & 19, Bk 20, Original Townsite of Forsan, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.....\$250.40 Years owed:

1998-2011 The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Esta Lee Stockstill 2603 Jones Rd. Austin, TX 78745-2696 EXHIBIT 43 Property and Amounts Owed Lts 1 & 2, Bk 44, Original Townsite of Forsan, Howard County, Texas

TOTAL DUE:....\$120.31

Years owed:

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State. Lonnie J. Stockton

P. O.Box 683 Forsan, TX 79733 **EXHIBIT 44** Property and Amounts Owed

A tract of land out of Sc 26, Bk 33, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described be metes and bounds on the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:.....\$713.61 Years owed: 1992-2011

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, appropriate, where assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the

records of the Secretary of State. John D. Stull aka J. D. Stull Jessie Lee Stull **Preston Denton**

EXHIBIT 45 Property and Amounts Owed A tract of land out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:... Years owed: 1992-2011

The following defendants are

owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, the appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

W. R. Summers T. F. Summers W. T. Summers

EXHIBIT 46 Property and Amounts Owed Lt 3, Bk L, Moore's Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

TOTAL DUE:.....\$215.23 Years owed: 1992-2011

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Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, or, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

George Thadeus Thomas, Jr. aka George Thadeus Thomas aka Thad Thomas 100 Lincoln

P. O. Box 1092 Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 47 Property and Amounts Owed

Lts 1 & 2, Bk 2, Wrights Airport Annex Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:.....\$298.82 Years owed:

1998-2011 The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below, or by Citation by Publication and Citation by Posting, if no address is shown for any one or more of those listed below, and no address was disclosed in the taxing units' tax records, appraisal district records, the title search, telephone directories in Howard County or the area of any last known address for each such Defendant, the voter registration records for Howard County, Texas, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Violet Webb fka Violet N. Hall RR 2, Box 201 BC Caldwell, TX 77836 Emmett Hall RR 2, Box 201 BC Caldwell, TX 77836 Nettie Hall Edward Hall N. Hall 606 N. Severn St. Big Spring, TX 79720 EXHIBIT 48

Property and Amounts Owed Lt 11, Bk 4, Brown Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas TOTAL DUE:. Years owed: 1998-2011

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Frank Eugene Wentz Bertha Wentz Ruth Bilodeau Anna Lou Wentz Raffels Jane Wentz Humphrey Joel A. Wentz John R. Wentz Emory Kiger, Jr. George Wentz

EXHIBIT 49 Property and Amounts Owed Being the S/50' of a tract of land out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, T&P Ry. County, Co. Survey, Howard Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit\$555.78 TOTAL DUE:.. Years owed: 1992-2011

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Ella B. Womble aka Ella B. Wamble

EXHIBIT 50 Property and Amounts Owed A tract of land out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:.... Years owed:

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Ascension P. Yanez Ascencion Yanez 1009 W. 8th Big Spring, TX 79720 Dianna Yanez Viera aka Dianna Yanez Gonzales Diana Yanez Dianna Vierra Yanez Diane Yanez 1009 W. 8th Big Spring, TX 79720 Alicia Yanez

#7646 February 10 & 17, 2013

Dear Margo: Something Sounds Not Quite Right

Dear Margo: I am having an awful problem. married wonderful man, and we love each other, but it seems that he may want to separate. Someone in my family made a comment about his religion, saying he may not be going to heaven since he's not Christian. I obviously don't believe this and have told him so many times. He is still very upset and sometimes talks in terms of "if we stay together...'

Margo, devastated. I love this man more than anything in the world. Even now, as he's trying to decide what he wants to do, he tells me he loves me. I am confused and scared that he's going to leave me over this situation. He says he needs time to sort this out, and I am trying to give it to him. What do you think is really going on here? — Uneasy

Dear Un: I think the he should person separate from is the idiot

CITY OF COAHOMA P.O. BOX 420 COAHOMA, TX 79511 (432)394-4287

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Date: February 8, 2013 **David Bedford** 416 S 1st Coahoma, Texas 79511

LTS #6, 8 & 9 BLOCK 2 Furrh Addn. COAHOMA, TX 79511

Dear Property Owner:
CURRENT TAX RECORDS OF CITY OF COAHOMA INDICATE THAT YOU ARE THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY AT THE ABOVE STREET ADDRESS. STRUCTURES THESE AND CONDITION OF THE LOTS ARE IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 46, ORDINANCE NO. 76, THE TEXAS ABATEMENT ACT, ARTICLES 5 RESPECTIVELY. THE CITY OF PROHIBITS THE COAHOMA OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY FROM ALLOWING THE ABOVE CONDITIONS TO EXIST AND PRESCRIBES THE MANNER NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN TO SUCH PROPERTY OWNERS TO CORRECT, REMEDY OR RE-MOVE ANY SUCH CONDITIONS: PROVIDES FOR A PROCEDURE WHEREBY THE CITY MAY COR-RECT ANY SUC AND CHARGE THE EXPENSES INCURRED THEREBY TO THE OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY FOR VIOLATION; THE AND CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, there exist unsafe, unsightly, objectionable, hazardous and unsanitary conditions that are deemed a public nuisance and

WHEREAS, the existence of such conditions, buildings, junk cars, etc. constitute a hazard to the public health, safety and general welfare;

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that the enforcement ordinances and state law will promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Coahoma

Therefore, by the authority invested in our council, we have declared these buildings unsafe, weeds and rubbish refuse a fire hazard and junk cars a public nuisance. These conditions do not comply with State and Local codes

and law. You are hereby notified that the Coahoma City Council will meet on Thursday February 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 122 N. 1st, Coahoma, Texas, to determine whether the subject structure complies with the standards set out in the code. Further be advised that the Council may in its Findings provide for any of the following:

1) Remedy, provide for removal or demolition buildings

2) Removal of trash, weeds and/or fire hazard materials 3) Removal of all junk vehicles

Should you desire to make a presentation to the Council, the following information shall be submitted in writing to the Coahoma City Council in original and six (6) copies:

A) Identification of the building or structure concerned by street and legal description. B) A statement identifying the legal

interest of each appellant C) A statement identifying the specific order or section being appealed

D) A statement detailing the issues on which the appellant desires to be heard

E) The legal signature(s) appellant and their official mailing

addresses Failure to appeal within 5 days or 15 days from the date of this letter shall constitute a waiver of all right to an administrative hearing. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You, City of Coahoma

#7658 February 10, 11 & 13, 2013

relative who said such a bigoted dumb, and insulting thing, and I running: whole-heartedly support him. I think if you make it clear that you were horrified at narrowness of thinking on the part of your family member and offer to join him in staying out of his or her company, that would help the situation.

It is an odd disconnect,

however, to be insulted by a family member and then think of leaving your wife. The only wild card I see is that he may used unfortunate comment as a cover for some other marital unhappiness. It seems to me the only remark capable blowing apart a marriage would have to come from the spouse — and even then, one remark would appear to be overkill. Good luck with sorting this out, and let me know what happens. — Margo, hopefully

Dealing with an **Unrealistic Friend**

Dear Margo: I am in my mid-20s and am part of what we call a "girl gang." Eight of us have remained friends from college and we all wound up working in New York City. One member of our group is causing a problem the rest of us don't know how to deal with. She is nice enough looking, but you wouldn't put her on a magazine cover, if you get my drift.

The thing is that every once in a while someone will compliment her on

an outfit or her hairstyle. and then she's off and Should she would tell him you approach a modeling agency? Should she go to open calls and try to be an actress? We've tried to tread delicately by saying that to be an actress you need training and bredin-the-bone talent, and to be a model requires more than someone saying, "My, you're attractive." Can you tell us what to do and what to say? — Member of the "Gang"

> Dear Mem Oh, my. Your friend sounds like the girl who's told she's attractive and decides she should be the next Miss Universe. I suspect this friend may be somewhat insecure about her looks, or she always perhaps wished to be a beauty, there's ergo psychological component her taking compliment and turning into a Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade balloon.

I suggest your group be supportive, second the compliment and then try to bring her back to Earth. A flattering hairstyle does not a model make. And you are in New York, after all, a Mecca for beautiful people. What you might consider doing suggesting she try going to a modeling agency or to an open call ... and then your "girl gang" is off the hook. — Margo, strategically

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CITY OF COAHOMA P.O. BOX 420 COAHOMA, TX 79511 (432)394-4287

Date: February 8, 2013 Jonathan Lewis 605 Culp . Coahoma, Texas 79511 Betty Kelley 104 W. 9th Big Spring, Texas 79720

LTS #25 AND 26 BLOCK 3 ORIGINAL TOWN OF COAHOMA COAHOMA, TX 79511 Dear Property Owner:

CURRENT TAX RECORDS OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA INDICATE THAT YOU ARE THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY AT THE ABOVE STREET ADDRESS. THESE STRUCTURES JUNK **GENERAL** AND CONDITION OF THE LOTS ARE IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 46, ORDINANCE NO. 75, and ORDINANCE NO. 76. AND THE TEXAS LITTER ABATEMENT ACT, ARTICLES 5 RESPEC-TIVELY. THE CITY OF COAHOMA PROHIBITS THE OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY FROM FROM ALLOWING THE ABOVE CONDITIONS TO EXIST AND PRESCRIBES THE MANNER NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN TO SUCH PROPERTY OWNERS TO CORRECT, REMEDY OR RE-MOVE ANY SUCH CONDITIONS; PROVIDES FOR A PROCEDURE WHEREBY THE CITY MAY COR-RECT ANY SUCH CONDITIONS AND CHARGE THE EXPENSES INCURRED THEREBY TO THE OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY FOR VIOLATION; AND CONTAINING A SAVINGS

WHEREAS, there exist unsafe, unsightly, objectionable, hazardous and unsanitary conditions that are deemed a public nuisance and

WHEREAS, the existence of such conditions, buildings, junk cars, etc. constitute a hazard to the public health, safety and general welfare;

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that the enforcement ordinances and state law will promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Coahoma

Therefore, by the authority invested in my office by the Coahoma code, I have declared this structure or portions thereof unsafe, dilapidated substandard or unit for human habitation, and have determined it or portions thereof poses a hazard to the public health, safety and public welfare. These conditions do not comply with State and Local codes and law. Further by advised that the Council has found the following to

be necessary: The City of Coahoma Ordinances 46 and 76 provides that all buildings that are unsafe, unsanitary or not provided with the adequate ingress or adequate egress or which constitutes a fire hazard or are otherwise dangerous to human life, or which in relation to existing use constitutes a fire hazard to the safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, or abandonment, are severally in contemplation of

this ordinance. All unsafe buildings are hereby declared illegal and shall be abated by repairs and rehabilitation or by demolition in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance for the Elimination or Repair of Unsafe buildings. The City of Coahoma Ordinance

75 finds it is necessary to preserve and maintain the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Coahoma, Texas. WHEREAS, the City Council

moto unsightly, are a dangerous nuisance to the public and have a negative impact on property use and valuation, therefore, certain regulations related to junk motor vehicles in the city limits of Coahoma, Texas are hereby adopted by the City of Coahoma.

ARTICLE 1, SECTION 1, 'Junked vehicle' means a vehicle that is self propelled and: 1. Does not have lawfully attached

A. an unexpired license plate; or B. A valid motor vehicle

inspection certificate; 2. Is wrecked, dismantled or par-

tially dismantled, or discarded; or 3. Is inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than: A. 72 consecutive hours, if the

vehicle is on public property; or B. 30 consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property.

You are hereby notified that the Coahoma City Council will meet on Thursday February 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 122 N. 1st, Coahoma, Texas, to determine whether the subject structure(s) complies with the Standards set out in the code. Further be advised that the Council may in its Findings provide for any of the following:

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Thank You, City of Coahoma #7656 February 10, 13 & 19, 2013

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263-7331 and place your garage sale in the Herald Classified section and receive a Garage sale kit Free! Call Today!

Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I am 39 years old. For the past 20 years, I have had ongoing therapy to recover from the sexual abuse I suffered as a child.

My abuser was my halfbrother. When I finally said something at the age of 13, my family did not believe or support me. Since then, family gatherings have been especially difficult because my family expects me to attend when my abuser is present.

I can't even tell you how difficult it is to be around him. The flashbacks are unbearable. Five years ago, with the support of my counselor, I decided I didn't need to subject myself to that kind of torture and stopped going to these family functions.

The problem now is that no one mentions the abuse, especially to his wife and two daughters. His wife, who is clueless, sends me Christmas and birthday presents, which makes me extremely uncomfortable, especially when I see his name on the card.

Is it OK for me to ask her to stop? I don't want to insert myself into their lives or cause problems, but I can't deal with this. — Still Healing

Dear Healing: Is there a risk that your half-brother would abuse his daughters? If so, it is imperative that you inform his wife so she can protect her children. It is OK to ask your sister-

in-law to stop sending gifts and cards, or you can send a letter to your half-brother, asking him to please cease all communication. If you cannot bring yourself to write to him directly, please ask a friend to do it for you.

Dear Annie: I am retired and am trying to unburden myself of possessions. I recently contacted a niece to ask whether she would like some cashmere sweaters. They are clean and in good condition. She said yes, so I mailed them to her. I also included a few blouses with the price tags still attached and a wool coat. I didn't hear

Several weeks later, I emailed her to ask whether she had received the package. After a month with no reply, I sent another email asking whether she liked the clothes. Still no reply. I finally wrote her mother, explaining the situation and asking that she find out from her daughter whether she liked the clothes. Mom didn't reply, either.

I get along well with my niece and her mother. I will be talking with my brother soon and would like to ask him what to do. The last time I sent his girls something and didn't hear back was 10 years ago. When I mentioned it to my brother, he interpreted it as a judgment that he wasn't raising them right.

The niece is now 29, and you'd think she would know better. What do you recommend? Should I ask my brother, albeit carefully? Without a doubt, I will not be offering this niece anything again. -Disappearing Connections

Dear Disappearing: Your niece is amazingly inconsiderate. There is no excuse for not communicating about the package you sent.

This is for you: Please stop asking whether she liked the items. We understand that you want to know, but while your niece should thank you for your thoughtfulness, she is not obligated to reveal her preferences. Repeated questioning will get you nowhere. Let it go, and consider it an unpleasant lesson learned.

Dear Annie: Your answer "Distressed Duanesburg," the overwhelmed high school senior, was kind and helpful. I would like to add that a little breathing meditation goes a long way, too. Just 10 minutes a day will reduce her stress. I used to feel overwhelmed,

but then started to meditate. "Distressed" may think she cannot possibly add another thing to her schedule, but meditation actually brings space to our packed days. It isn't emptying the brain of thoughts, as many believe. Breathing meditation is about learning to focus on just your breath and requires practice, like any skill. — *Peaceful and* Focused in New York

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Tired in Rural Oregon," whose kids are slobs and whose husband doesn't care. I told my kids if they didn't pick up their messes, I would hire a "maid."

One day, they came home to a clean, organized house. I said the "maid" had come. When I handed out my children's allowance for the week, I took back the money



KATHY MITCHELL Marcy Sugar

it cost to hire the "maid." I then told them that the "maid" was going to the mall to buy herself something really nice. I came home with a new top and thanked my kids for making the "maid" so happy. From then on, I just had to

remind my kids that if they didn't pick up after themselves, I would hire the "maid" again. — Honolulu Housewife

Dear Honolulu: We love it. Here's more:

From Louisiana: My psychologist said.

"You teach people how to you." treat This starts when your children are born. A parent has to tolerate poor behavior from the beginning, or their children would not expect to get away with such deplorable actions.

Illinois: Nagging is not part of a parent's job. Nagging is a contest of wills. At an early age, parents should instill in the child what is proper and correct. There are developmental tasks that a person learns throughout life, and if tasks those are not learned at the critical points,

becomes much more difficult. The parent is not a buddy, but a person who is due respect and obedience. "Tired" should count the days until the kids are 18, and if they don't shape up, invite them to move out.

Georgia: We got our teens to help with chores by making sure their chores were done as a condition for getting to use the car on the weekend.

Missouri: When our children reached the age of 10, they were told to pick up their clothes, make their beds, put their dishes in the dishwasher, help set the table and do other tasks. There was no nagging. If my son didn't put his dirty clothes in the hamper, I simply picked them up, folded them and put them back in his drawers. His breakfast was served on the same dishes he had not placed in the dishwasher the night before. If he didn't put his towels in the laundry, they were used until they could walk on their own.

Wyoming: I agree that my kids' bedrooms were their responsibility, but I would no longer allow them to trash the common areas. If they left dirty dishes in the living room, I assumed they still wanted them, so I would take the dishes to their rooms. If they left toys or clothes in the common areas, I assumed they didn't care about them and threw them out. I had some major backlash, but it worked. It was a joy to see them scrambling around in the morning cleaning up their stuff before they left for the day.

Florida: You were right on when you said to close the kids' bedroom doors and teach them how to do laundry. And enforce the rule that anything left in a common area when you go to bed will be confiscated. They can earn it back by doing chores.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

New Moon, New Year

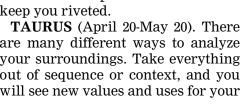
Because it's a lunar-based holiday, the Chinese New Year falls on different dates year to year, but it's always celebrated on the Aquarius new moon. This is the year of the snake, which would usually herald a strongly masculine energy, except that 2013

is also a water year in Chinese astrology, softening the aggressive energies of the symbol.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your investigations will lead to a very different place from the one you expected to find when you started out. In this way, your life is like a good story with just the right element of surprise to

HOLIDAY

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The challenges won't come from the outside, but from an inner imperative. You'll sense that you are capable of more, and you are correct in this

assessment, so act on it. CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you act boldly, will the other people around you be threatened? Will they feel unsuccessful or cowardly in comparison? If it seems that this is the

case, you are in the wrong crowd.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've been given certain gifts, but there is some assembly required. Unfortunately, right now it feels like you've misplaced the manual. Start asking around. There are many who can help you with the next step.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). On days like this, it would be easy to forget that you were meant for greatness. That's why you need reminders around. All of the people who see something special in you are right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have authority today, and you'll use it well. In maintaining the order around you, you'll give a signal to all who come near you: This is where good things happen. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's

some glamorous thing you want to do, and there's also something far less glamorous, or even tedious and boring, that must be done before the glamorous happening can ever be. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Conflicts will come to an end, and it's not even a difficult process. In fact, this two-word solution is so simple that you may wonder why you didn't think of it before: Don't fight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Remember that nothing is inherently good or bad. Everything is what you make of it. You will receive news, and the best way to interpret it is to believe that something positive will come of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Set some attainable work-related goals.

Professional achievements will give

you a sense of security that will make your home life better, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll move up in some regard, and not everyone around you will see this as a wonderful happening. You can't blame people for being jealous, but it's something you'll have to get used to on this success trajectory.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 10). Your powers of visualization get stronger each time you use them, and you'll use them often over the next seven weeks to picture the life you want. By the end of the month, you're richer. The professional scene sets the tone for your personal life in March. Promises are exchanged in June. August brings adventure. Capricorn and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 4, 11, 25 and 13.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK **AHEAD:** Put your ear to the heavens, and you'll hear one cosmic message ringing loud and clear: Begin! If there's a big project, interesting relationship or daring business you've been wanting to jump into, this week brings the most excellent start dates since the first of the year.

The Aquarius new moon not only heralds the Chinese New Year of the snake, but it also sets intentions in motion. The big question then becomes:

Do you know what your intentions are? They will exist whether or not you are conscious of them. Becoming

a victim of her whims. The two weeks following today will be tremendously auspicious for anyone with a clear purpose. And if you don't have a clear purpose, here's a suggestion: Make getting a purpose your purpose. It's as worthy as any effort can be, since knowing why you must accomplish an action will imbue your endeavors with vitality and

An impending Mercury retrograde (Saturday, February 23) provides a second reason to get started now. You'll have an easier go of it. So don't wait for the details to be right. Just begin and watch it all fall into place.

PROFILES: **CELEBRITY** Amazingly versatile Aquarius actress Elizabeth Banks can be practically unrecognizable from one role to the

She's as convincing in the hilarity of "30 Rock" or "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" as she is in the disturbingly grave "The Hunger Games." Her natal Mercury in empathetic Pisces is an excellent aspect for actors because it lends a talent for total immersion in a character.

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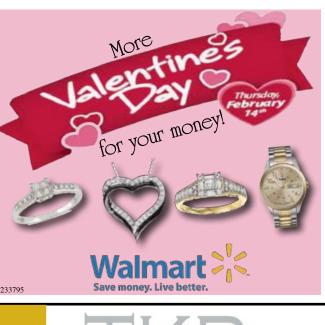














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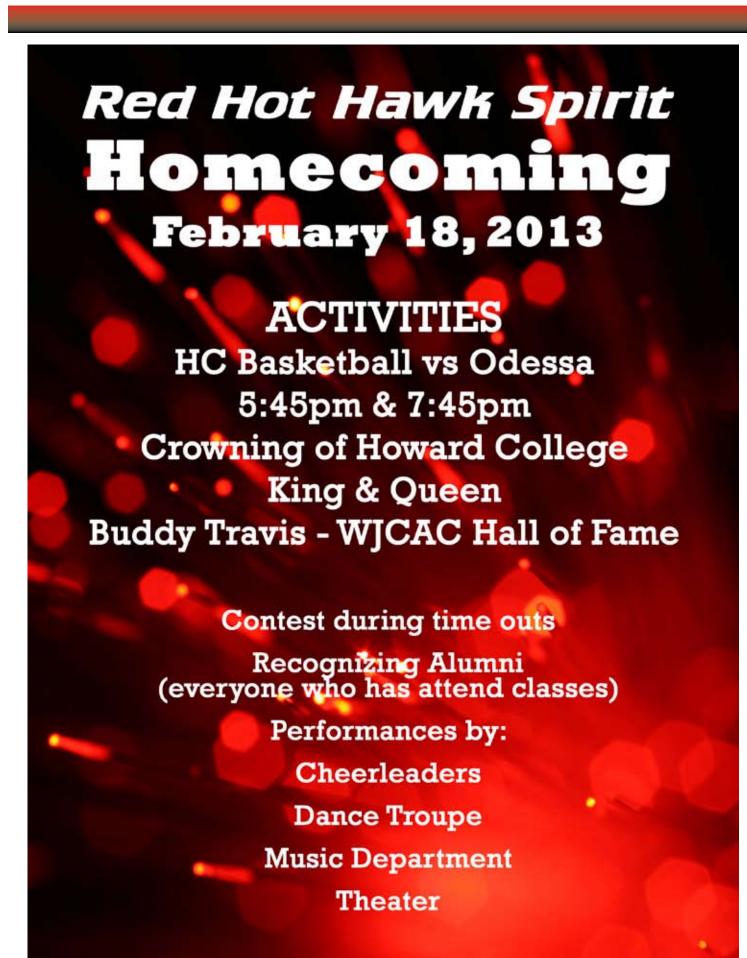
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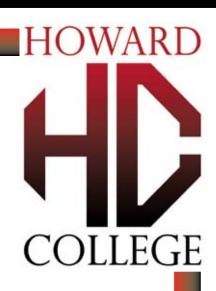
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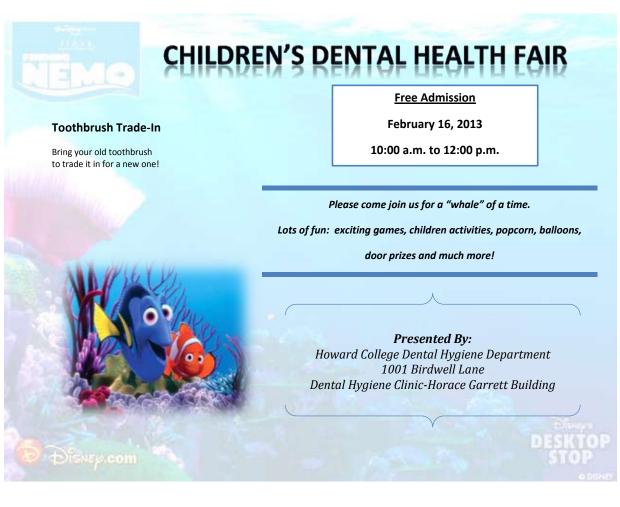






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