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TEC dismisses Duncan complaint

By THOMAS JENKINS

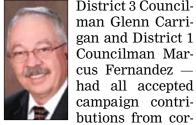
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Vicki Slaton

Staff Writer

The Texas Ethics Commission issued an order of dismissal in the complaint against Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan, saying there was insufficient evidence a violation of law or rules administered by the agency had occurred.

The complaint was filed with TEC by local resident Joyce Crooker after a Big Spring Herald report uncovered Duncan — along with



Duncan

the Texas Ethics Commission Title 15 Election Code, candidates seeking to hold office are not allowed to accept campaign contributions from corporations.

District 3 Council-

porations. Under

According to the campaign

report submitted by Duncan, he accepted a \$300 political contribution from Hydro Dynamics Inc. and a \$500 political contribution from Quad A Inc. during his bid for mayor in 2010.

According to reports issued by TEC, Duncan submitted a sworn statement claiming he did not receive or deposit the corporate checks in ques-

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"I do not believe I personally received or deposited the contributions in question. I do assure you I did not recognize any contribution to my campaign as coming from a corporation. In May of 2011, after first becoming aware of the source of these contributions and understanding I could not accept them, I repaid both corporations in full."

> Tommy Duncan Big Spring mayor

Aiming for state

BSHS art students enter works at regional meet

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School art students are hoping to shine at this weekend's Visual Arts Scholastic Event regional meet in Odessa.

Seventeen BSHS students exhibiting a total of 30 works are entered in the regional meet, being held at Odessa Permian High School.

Students who medal at this weekend's meet advance to the state VASE exhibition, to be held in Bryan this March.

High School Art Teacher Judy Terelestsky said she believes many of her students' entries are state meet worthy.

"I'm always pleased with the regional meet entries," said Tereletsky, who is attending her 14th

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring High School Art Teacher Judy Tereletsky displays some of her students' work which is entered in this weekend's Visual Arts Scholastic Event regional meet in Odessa.

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Tax-Aide program enters fourth week

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Volunteers with the annual

AARP Tax-Aide program will look to help residents cut through federal red tape and prepare their 2012 income tax returns Monday morning, as the local group continues to work toward the Internal Revenue Service's April deadline. Marking the fourth week of

the program — Tax-Aide is available each Monday from 8 a.m. until noon through April 8 — AARP program coordinator Ray Alexander said he and his team of volunteers are ready to lend a helping hand. "The AARP program pro-

vides free federal tax prepara-

tion assistance to people who

cannot afford professional tax help, such as seniors, people with disabilities, those that don't speak English and people with low-to-moderate income," Alexander added. "AARP volunteers explain many special tax credits and deductions and how people may claim them on their tax returns. These volunteers

help people complete their returns, right down to any refunds that may be due them." Alexander said residents looking to take advantage of the program should be sure to bring all of their relevant tax information when they get

ready to meet with the Tax-Aide volunteers. "People need to be sure to bring all of the pertinent in-

formation with them, includ-

ing W-2 forms and 1099 forms,

when they come in to see us," Alexander said. "They also need to bring any forms that show their 2011 earnings and their 2010 tax returns. We also need a social security card for every person named on the return and a photo ID for the person filing." This year, taxpayers have

until Monday, April 15, to file their 2012 tax returns and pay any tax due. The IRS expects to receive more than 147 million individual tax returns this year, with about 75 percent projected to receive a refund, according to IRS of-Last year for the first time,

80 percent of all individual returns were filed electroni-

cally. E-file, when combined

with direct deposit, is the

fastest way to get a refund.

Last year, about three out of four refund filers selected direct deposit, according to IRS reports.

After taxpavers file a return, they can also track the status of their refund with the "Where's My Refund?" tool available on the IRS.gov website. New this year, according to IRS officials, instead of an estimated date, "Where's My Refund?" will give people an actual personalized refund

The Tax-Aide program is held at the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center, located at 1901 Simler Dr. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. For more information, contact Alexander at 263-4992. Contact Thomas Jenkins at

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Obituaries

Elgen Suazo



Elgen Suazo, 20, of Forsan, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2013, at Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Calvary Callender officiating.

A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born Oct. 10, 1992, in Malaybalay City, the Philippines. Elgen moved with his family to Forsan, Texas in 2002.

He was a proud graduate of Forsan High School in 2012. He excelled in varied sports and was a state qualifier in both track and cross-country his junior and senior years, earning numerous medals and ribbons during competition.

His love of running fostered his desire to eventually become a track coach. Elgen also loved hunting, fishing and being outdoors. When not engaged in those activities, he loved being around his friends and family, most notably, special to him his relationship with Cassie Boehringer.

He worked for Hibbett Sports in Big Spring, Big Spring State Hospital for a short time, and was attending Howard College. His electric and contagious smile radiated from his caring spirit and was evident in the joy others felt when with him.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Adrienne Bides of Forsan, Texas; father, Bernie Suazo of New York, N.Y.; brother, Franklin John Suazo of Forsan; two sisters, Rowena Anne Suazo of Forsan and Paz Christe Ramos of New York, N.Y.; grandparents, Rogelio and Paz Bides of New York, N.Y.; his aunts and uncles, Bronwin and Brian O'Connor of Demarest, N.J., Robert and Sol Bides of Malabalay City, the Philippines, Shirlene and Ronel Sulatan of Big Spring, Texas, Rellene White of New York, N.Y. and John and Ann Bides of New York, N.Y.; countless cousins, great aunts and uncles in the Philippines; and a wide circle of friends.

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

Paid obituary

Take Note

263-4016.

- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events. and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.
- The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If vou're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Call 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.
- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.
- New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th.

• Wednesday's jury call for Howard County Court has been cancelled. Call 264-2202 for more informa-

- An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.
- scholarship applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted at Texas A&M University for the Fall 2013 semester. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 semester hours. Application deadline is April 1. More information and the application may be found on the club's web site: www.westexags.com

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting

- Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.
- Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.
- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.
- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at

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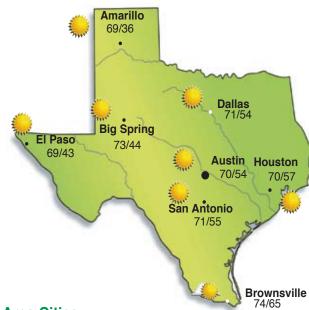
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Austin	70	54	sunny	Longview	68	52	sunny
Beaumont	68	53	sunny	Lubbock	71	38	sunny
Brownsville	74	65	mst sunny	Lufkin	71	53	sunny
Brownwood	73	53	sunny	Midland	72	47	sunny
Corpus Christi	73	63	sunny	Raymondville	76	63	mst sur
Corsicana	69	53	sunny	Rosenberg	70	57	sunny
Dallas	71	54	sunny	San Antonio	71	55	sunny
Del Rio	74	55	sunny	San Marcos	71	54	windy
El Paso	69	43	sunny	Sulphur Springs	68	53	sunny
Fort Stockton	76	49	sunny	Sweetwater	72	49	sunny
Gainesville	68	49	sunny	Tyler	67	53	sunny
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Houston	70	57	sunny	Wichita Falls	73	48	sunny

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MONDAY

· Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• PEP — Parent Education Pro-

- gram for CPS participating and nonparticipating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- · Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.
- · Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions

program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.com
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- · Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- · Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY · RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystro-

phy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

Bomb rips through Pakistan market; 63 dead; 180 injured

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP) bomb ripped through a crowded vegetable market in a mostly Shiite neighborhood in a southern Pakistani city Saturday, killing at least 63 people and wounding some 180, some critically, in a horrific attack on the country's minority Muslim sect. Police raised the death toll several

times and said many of those wounded in the explosion in Quetta remain in critical condition. The blast left many victims buried under rubble, but police said they did not know how many.

It was the deadliest incident since bombings in the same city killed 86 people earlier this year and led to a dayslong protest that eventually toppled the local government. Shiites, a minority in this Sunni Muslim dominated country, have been increasingly attacked by militant groups who view them as heretics and non-Muslims. Senior police officer Wazir Khan

Nasir said the bomb, set off in a residential suburb, was detonated by remote control. Another officer, Samiullah Khan,

said police were investigating whether the bomb was planted in a rickshaw parked in the crowded vegetable market. He said the bomb was detonated

while dozens of women and children were shopping for the evening meal. Local residents rushed the victims to three different area hospitals. Television footage of the scene

showed the rubble of the destroyed buildings with fruits and vegetables from what just minutes earlier was a lively market littered across the ground next to destroyed street carts. Members of the minority Shiite

sect took to the city streets in angry protest, blocking roads with burning tires and throwing stones at passing Many also started firing into the air

in an attempt to keep people away from the area in case there was a secondary explosion. Sometimes insurgents stagger the explosions as a way to target people who rush to the scene to help and thus increase the death toll.

Police cordoned off the area. Most of the Shiites in the area

are Hazaras, an ethnic group who migrated from Afghanistan over 100 years ago and in recent years have come under horrific attacks, mostly at the hands of Laskher-e-Jhangvi, a Sunni militant group.

"This evil force is operating with the patronage of certain elements in the province," said Qayum Changezi, the chairman of a local Hazara organization.

since a series of bombings on Jan. 10 killed 86 people in Quetta, almost all Hazara Shiites. Residents were so furious that they refused to bury their dead for days, instead camping out on the streets in protest and demanding the government address the problem.

ART

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of the BSHS art department. "But, of the total number of students, we have 11 who are returning for the second or

regional meet at head

third time. Those kids, especially the seniors, are very hopeful of qualifying for the state meet." At this weekend's

event, students will exhibit their works during a one-on-one interview with a a professional

"They'll be judged on a scale that's been established by the state," Tereletsky said. "The judges will look for imagination, craftmanship and knowledge of the medium, as well as elements and principles

of design."

Roughly 10 percent of the entries at the Odessa meet will advance to Bryan next month, with about 10 percent of the state entries eventually earning medals, she added. BSHS students entered

in this weekend's regional meet are seniors Kalob Arteaga, Thomas Bazaldua, Aaron Farr, Amanda Grisham, Sydney Hernandez, Remington Love, Adrian Olague, A.J. Stuckert and Savi Vela: juniors George Garcia, Valerie Goodblanket and Tanya Herrera; sophomores Taylor Holloway, Autumn Moore, Taylor Olivo and Melyssa Ramirez; and freshman Leah Burton.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.

DUNCAN

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The TEC report states Duncan also swore, "Please note the 'Deposit Only' notation on the back of these checks is not in my hand and was not made by me.

"I do not know who wrote 'deposit only' and (the campaign bank account number) on the back of the checks in question. I can assure you I did not. I assume it was either a bank employee or my campaign treasurer. She cannot remember if she deposited those checks or not."

Duncan's sworn state-

ment to TEC comes as a stark contrast to the statement he issued to the press in May 2011 after the illegal contributions were brought to

"I did not realize those checks were coming from corporations but the buck stops here. I will accept responsibility for that," Duncan said. "Both of those people have called me and apologized, saying they should have written the checks on their personal account. They both said they would be willing to reimburse this out of their personal account or do whatever it takes to make it right."

According to the commission's findings, the evidence in the case failed to meet necessary requirements.

"The evidence is insufficient to show the respondent knowingly accepted the contributions in violation of Chapter 253 of the Election Code," the report reads. "Therefore, there is insufficient evidence that the respondent violated Sections 253.003

(b) or 253.094 (a) of the Election Code."

The dismissal of the complaint against Duncan comes after fellow council members Fernandez and Carrigan were both fined \$200 by the state commission for identical infractions of the Election Code.

Carrigan signed an assurance of voluntary compliance June 29 after waiving his right to a hearing before the commission or an administrative law judge. According to the campaign report submitted by Carrigan during his 2011 bid for the District 3 seat, the councilman reported receiving \$1,000 from Quad A Inc. and \$400 from Hydro Dymanics.

Fernandez was sanctioned by the Texas Ethics Commission in late November as a result of the complaint filed against him.

"After considering the

nature, circumstances and consequences of the violations described under Sections 3 and 4, the sanction necessary to deter future violations, the commission impos-

es a \$200 civil penalty,"

the TEC notice reads." Similar campaign finance reports filed with the city's secretary during the 2011 municipal elections show Fernandez accepted a donation of \$1,000 from Quad A Inc. and a \$200 donation from Hvdro Dvnamics.

Crooker said she was less than pleased with the commission's dis-

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"With the complaints against Carrigan and Fernandez, the TEC held them responsible for their actions, and I feel like all of our politicians — whether on a local level or state and higher — should be held accountable," Crooker said. "However, to turn around and dismiss the exact same complaint against Duncan is ridiculous.

"Regardless of who wrote what on those checks, Mayor Duncan signed an affidavit saying he understood the law and would abide by it. Ultimately, he is responsible and should be held accountable. The people of Big Spring deserved better than

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Applications will be available for pick up Monday February 18th through Friday February 22nd. Any questions regarding the application may be addressed to Sandy Stewart 432-267-5201 or coming by the United Way Office at 215 West 3rd.

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OTHER VIEWS

Perry should follow govs on Medicaid

New Mexico and North Dakota — all staunch conservatives — have chosen to accept federal funds to help pay for the expansion of their states' Medicaid programs. Gov. Rick Perry and other GOP leaders should do the same in Texas. A key element of the Affordable Care Act's effort

The Republican governors of Arizona, Nevada,

to increase health insurance coverage is the expansion of Medicaid, a joint federal-state program that provides medical benefits to low-income individuals and families who lack health insurance.

Twenty-four percent of Texas residents — 6.1 million people — are uninsured, the highest rate in the

Last summer's U.S. Supreme Court decision that upheld the federal health care law also invalidated its provisions that allowed the federal government to punish states that fail to expand Medicaid to cover those making 133 percent of the federal poverty level. As many as 1.8 million Texans would benefit from such an expansion.

States that opt out of the expansion, as Texas has, can still receive funding for existing Medicaid programs. Opting out, however, makes no fiscal sense.

During the first three years, the federal government would pay for the entire cost of the expansion. Thereafter, the state's cost would be capped at 10 percent. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission estimates the 10-year cost to Texas would be \$15.6 billion, with \$100 billion paid by the federal government.

If Texas Republican leaders reject that funding in of those it would cover still exist.

All that changes is who pays for their care — local governments and hospitals, who pass along the costs in higher taxes and higher fees reflected in health insurance premiums.

Perry reasons that since Medicaid is one of the biggest drivers of the national debt, it would be irresponsible for Texas to accept more Medicaid funding from the federal government.

That's an argument for sounder fiscal policies in Washington, not for rejecting Medicaid funds that, at this point, at least 18 other states have already committed to receive — especially when so many Texans are uninsured.

Even Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, a darling of the right, understands the basic mathematics of Medicaid expansion.

Rick Perry should be able to grasp it, too.

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Flat Stanley takes a truck trek

¶he "Flat Stanley" project started a few years ago as an educational tool designed to make students more aware of their surroundings. They made paper figures that accompanied

them on all their endeavors, kept a journal and shared their experiences with other students.

The project grew and kids learned about all sorts of things. A man and wife truck driving team, Troy and Regena Wilhite of Ennis, took Flat Stanley with them one whole

"We sent the kids a postcard every week," says Troy. "It told where we had been and where we were going. Then the teacher would get a map, figure the miles we had covered and what states we had to go through to get from point A to point B. We carried Flat Stanley all over the United States."

school year and stayed in con-

tact with a school in El Paso.

About every three months or so, Troy and Regena would go to the school, visit with the kids, have pizza with them and tell

about where Flat Stanley had been. The students got involved with Flat Stanley's travels and learned a lot about geography.

"I've got to tell you, that was a fantastic year," says Troy.

"We finally sent Flat Stanley to the White House. The first lady took him into the president's office and he went through there. They lost track of him and finally found him at a press

"They sent us back pictures of Stanley and the first lady and Stanley with the first dog (he took a nap with the dog.) We sent all this back to the school and we had a blast that year playing with Stanley and the kids." Regena says they took pictures

of Flat Stanley in the truck. "He got to come out and fuel the truck, wash it and grease it, do some mechanic work. When we did something special, we took Flat Stanley with us. We put him near the windshield so he could see everywhere he went. "He crossed all the continental divides on Interstate 10 and Interstate 90. He had a lot of fun

of them by the time we got him back home." Troy says they took pictures of Flat Stanley in a snow bank.

that year. I think Stanley only

lacked 10 states from seeing all

"This particular Flat Stanley had a red jacket and blue pants. It was about eight inches tall and made out of paper."

Regena made a scrapbook of

"We took him through the whole company so that the kids could learn that there was more to trucking than just driving a truck. He saw the dispatching and billing departments, security, loading, unloading, everything."

Troy and Regena ran together coast to coast in the United States and Canada for 15 years.

"When I wasn't driving, she was," says Troy. "There's a lot of togetherness in a truck cab 24 hours a day for two weeks at a time, but we thoroughly enjoyed

Regena says when she got mad she'd go up in the back and slam the curtains together real hard. At the end of their careers, they hauled explosives for the military, which required the highest security clearance.

"We had lots of adventures," says Regena.

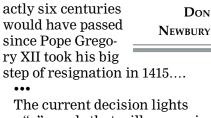
Big Spring resident Bob "Tum bleweed Smith" Lewis is a syndicated columnist and host of the weekly "Sounds of Texas" radio show.

Cardinal Scola and faint hopes

▼ ive-ninety-eight. At the outset, sounds like a price tag, doesn't it? Well, put aside price tags and think in terms of centuries. That properly emphasizes the span of time since a pope has "stepped aside" of

his own free will from papal leadership, thus introducing worldwide speculation as to his successor. Just think — if

Pope Benedict had held on for two more years, exactly six centuries would have passed since Pope Gregory XII took his big



The current decision lights up "c" words that will appear in news accounts associated with the election of a new pontiff. Some we'll have to "dust off." Get ready for words like "conclave, college, cardinals, chapel and candidates."

One newspaper headline decrees "Cardinals Will Flock to Rome" to name their new leader.

Such headlines, and attendant coverage of the process will cause considerable "headscratching," particularly by youngsters who read—and hear—mostly in spurts. One third-grader didn't find the headline surprising. "Another headline said the Cardinals are flying to Rome," he said, "and why wouldn't they?"...

"Alleged precedence" could dampen hopes of Cardinal Angelo Scola to become the 267th pope. His "current" name could present a problem.

Accounts abound that a candidate named "Zacola" thought he had a great chance to head the Roman Catholic Church a few decades ago.

Alas, some compassionate cardinals confided that "Pope Zacola" would sound too much like a soft drink....

DR.

Truth to tell, former names are put aside by newly-elected popes. Indeed, they can christen themselves whatever they please. Dating back to St. Peter, the first Pope elected in 37 AD, there have been 21 choices for "John," 16 for "Gregory," 15 for "Benedict" and 14 for "Clement." There have been 13 popes to choose "Innocent" and a like number for "Leo." Twelve went for "Pius," 9 for "Stephen" and 8 each for "Boniface" and "Urban."

While most popes have served until their final breath, about two dozen have died violently. Particularly noted is the demise of St. Peter, who was crucified upside down by Roman authori-

Understandably, he is one of 42 pontiffs with names not chosen by successors across the centuries....

Naming of a new pope offers the possibility of hopeful news around the globe. We could use

It could be that the College of Cardinals might make short work of the process. After all, they've often dragged their feet, sending black smoke from the Sistine Chapel to mark the end of another fruitless day.

What with all the "green" activists casting watchful eyes on pollution, cardinals may send up white smoke on the very first

But seriously, folks, Pope Benedict's surprising decision is admirable. When health issues are overwhelming, it is the sensible thing to do.

When one feels he or she can no longer be of service—whatever the reason--little is nobler than turning duties over to oth-It's just not often seen, but ab-

solutely refreshing when it is....

Art Linkletter would have loved to interview that thirdgrader who was nonplussed by the cardinals "flying to Rome."

The "charmer of kids" would have enjoyed time with a fiveyear-old I met at a church-wide Valentine banquet recently. Carter Russell was wide-eyed upon hearing that a couple has been married for 57 years.

"Jesus was probably at their wedding," he blurted....

The couple, Jimmy and Carolyn Koontz, "starred" in a "re-enactment" of the newlywed game. In this case, though, the words "not so" should go in front of "newlywed." The five couples marriages range from 9 to 57

As on TV, pastor Kelly Russell asked wives to provide answers to questions posed outside of husbands' earshots. That is, the ladies were asked to reveal the answers they expected their husbands to come up with. The Koontzes won going away. Perhaps most astounding was Carolyn's detailed response to the question on whether their bathroom tissue unrolls from the top or from the bottom. "Well, in my bathroom, it's from the top; in Jimmy's, it's from the bottom."

When the gents came back into the room, Jimmy had the identical answer about tissuerolling directions. Why wouldn't he? She's provided clear chore instructions for 57 years....

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Letter to the Editor

Kudos to SMMC To the editor:

This is to inform you of the fine hospital your community has in Big Spring. My mother moved to Big Spring in 2007 and was instantly informed that the hospital there had a bad reputation and she should go to Midland or Lubbock for her health care.

This we have done in the past and we have been to both places for her health care. I was not overly impressed.

This time, however, it was an emergency and I personally want to thank the EMS for their rapid response and the ER at Senic Mountain for their professional care. I wish to extend a very personal thank you to Dr. Gowda and Dr. Shroff for their excellent care of my mother.

A thank you, also, to the complete staff of the ICU, especially to Theresa, Rose and Jeff for their care and compassion. Thank you to the staff of the third floor, respirtory care, aides, house cleaning, and a special thanks to aide Imelda for her smiling face

and positive personality on each day we saw her. To the community of Big Spring, support your local hospital, before you lose that facility. When I was a teenager and a young adult, I did not have the best reputation, also. However I grew out of that situation. Even today, the only people who know that are the ones that have given me a chance over time and know who I am now. The others still know me by the old reputation. Give your hospital a chance

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Cancer doesn't stand in way of love for couple

By WHITNEY HODGIN

Galveston County Daily News GALVESTON, Texas — It was at a legal seminar in 2009 that Julie Johnston and Jim Robinson first made eyes at each other.

Johnston said the property tax attorney who joked his way through the presentation left her wanting more. She was 39 years old, single and looking to laugh.

"I remember seeing his pre-

sentation and thinking he was absolutely hilarious," Johnston said. "Life is serious enough as it is, so you've got to have humor." Robinson said it was hard

not to notice the striking city administrator from Dickinson, who was by far the youngest woman in the room.

But the self-described shy guy didn't have the courage to approach her, so the professionals went back to business as usual until nearly two years later.

"It took a while to get dinner scheduled," Johnston admitted.

It was at the same legal con-

ference four years later that Robinson, a changed man, got down on one knee and proposed.

She knew they had a lot to learn about each other.

Johnston was diagnosed

with breast cancer in 2004, but the survivor insists her diagnosis is terminal only in technicality. "We're all terminal the day

we're born," she said. "Doctors at UTMB (University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston) are managing it like a chronic disease. That's how we're looking at it." The cancer was no surprise

to Robinson when Johnston decided to introduce the topic during their third date. "I knew about it going in,

so I had the ability to make

the choice before I was drawn into it." he said. "That made it easier." Still, nothing can prepare someone for the overwhelming amount of medical infor-

vocabulary, Johnston said. "It was a learning experi-

mation and cancer terminol-

ogy that is part of the cancer

Galveston County News. "He'd never dated someone with an illness like mine, so he had some questions."

Johnston credited her doctors at the University of Texas Medical Branch with teaching Robinson the lingo she has been fluent in for nearly a decade.

But the accomplished woman, who oozes confidence and strength, clearly isn't afraid to give voice to her own vulnerability and fear. Robinson was going through the motions, but Johnston could only hope he would go the dis-

"What kind of guy gets involved with a woman who's terminal?" Johnston asked.

Robinson surprised himself when he decided he was that kind of guy while vacationing together in Maui last De-

"When we had the scare is when I decided I wanted to marry her," he said.

"The scare" manifested itself in headaches Johnston experienced that doctors couldn't explain. She said they warned her it might be the beginning of the end.

Robinson said the possibility that his girlfriend wouldn't be around motivated him even more to make sure they spent as much time together as possible. "I had to make the decision

early on if this was something I could live and deal with," he said. "Once I realized I could, the rest was easy." They were elated when doc-

tors determined the cause of the headaches posed no health risk to Johnston. But Robinson said the incident had already changed his life forever. "When you're in a relation-

ship and have to cross something like that, it makes you grow up," he said. "Protecting yourself is easy, but sometimes you have to let that go. Otherwise you end up 53 and never married."

Humor is a source of strength for the couple.

"Humor is one of the best medicines," Johnston said.

"You've got to laugh no matter how bad it gets."

In that case, Robinson plays the role of medicine man in Johnston's battle-scarred life. He vowed to his bride-to-be

that she would outlive him.

"I'm his biggest fan," she said. "He's absolutely hilarious and a man of integrity. If he says he's going to do something, he does it. It takes a special person to be involved with someone with a terminal illness. There are great people out there who will step up and be there through sickness and in health."

Cancer could have thwarted the relationship before it began, but Robinson said it made them look to the future instead.

"The thing I've learned dealing with her illness is that it makes you appreciate what's important, and that's being together," he said.

Reflecting on the early years of her diagnosis. Johnston marvels at her good fortune. Being with Robinson means she no longer has to survive

Cruise passengers became comrades on long trip home

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — When their cruise ship lost power, passengers aboard the Carnival Triumph could have been selfish and looked out only for themselves and their loved ones.

Instead, they became comrades in a long, exhausting struggle to get

As ship conditions deteriorated after an engine fire, travelers formed Bible study groups, shared or traded precious supplies and even welcomed

strangers into their private cabins. Long after they've returned to the everyday luxuries of hot showers and cold drinks, passengers said, they will remember the crew and the personal bonds formed during a cruel week at sea.

The tired tourists finally reached land Friday and gave a glimpse into the intensely uncomfortable journey they had endured. Sandy Jackson,

Houston, was fortunate to have an upper-level room with a balcony and a breeze that kept the air in her cabin fresh. Rooms on the lower decks were too foul or stifling, so Jackson took in five people, including four strangers.

"We knew one, the others we're very good friends with now," Jackson said. "Everyone was very cordial in sharing supplies. What you had and they didn't have, everyone shared as much as possible."

Brandi Dorsett, of Texas, said people were antsy and irritable at times, and there was tension. But it never got out of hand.

"People were bartering. Can I have your cereal for this? Can I have your drink for that?" she said. "We had one lady, she was begging for cigarettes for diapers. There were no diapers on the boat. There was no formula on the boat." The ship left Galves-

ton, Texas, on Feb. 17 for a four-day jaunt to Cozumel, Mexico.

the ship early Sunday, leaving it adrift in the Gulf of Mexico until Thursday to cheers.

The fire paralyzed tugboats towed the massive 14-story vessel to Mobile. It arrived late

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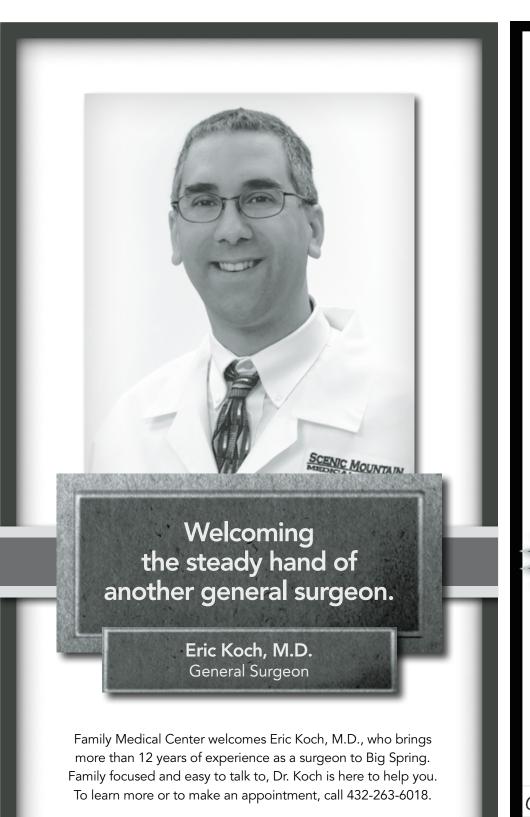
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Pilot toils to restore antique airmail plane

By ALEX BRANCH

Fort Worth Star-

Telegram

HAMILTON, Texas – Harry Hansen was a Continental Airlines co-pilot in 1961 flying from Dallas to Abilene when his captain pointed down to a decrepit airplane parked next to a farmhouse near Lake

An aficionado of old aircraft, Hansen was intrigued. After the flight, he learned that the farmhouse was on Amon G. Carter Sr.'s Shady Oak Farm. Hansen knew Carter's son, Amon Carter Jr., from a previous job flying for oilman W.A. Moncrief.

So Hansen called Carter Jr. and told him he was interested in the aging airplane. Carter Sr. had died in 1955.

"He asked me, 'What do you want that old piece of junk for?" said

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Hansen, now 79. "I said I wanted to restore it one of these days. And I was there the next morning to get it."

The aircraft that Carter gave him was a Travel Air 5000, a rare and iconic plane that today is considered the oldest known piece of the Carter family's aviation legacy in North Texas, according to the Veterans Memorial Air Park in Fort Worth. It was one of only 14 such planes built and was operated by National Air Transport when it first added passenger service to its Chicago-to-Fort Worth airmail route in 1927.

Now it is an aviation artifact that organizations supporting the air park hope to return to Fort Worth. They're seeking financial pledges and a grant to raise the money to buy the airplane, which Hansen plans to auction later this year.

"This is the oldest piece of aviation history that we have," said Jim Hodgson, executive director of the air park. "We really feel it belongs here.

Hansen declined to say how much he hopes to sell the airplane for. But, if air park officials can raise enough money, he has agreed to sell it to them before the auction. The auction could occur in August or September, he said.

park officials Air say they hope to raise \$200,000 to buy, transport and continue rehabilitation of the air-

Hansen told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram) said he has slowly restored the plane in his hangar in Hamilton during the past 10 to 15 years but didn't have time to do it all. He had a friend rebuild the wooden wings out of spruce. He refurbished other parts like the rudder. elevator and aileron, he said.

Plenty of work remains. The plane, which has a 51-foot wingspan, needs "skin," the cotton fabric covering the outside. The engine must be restored. Age and health will keep Hansen from finishing it.

"As you get older, you don't get to do everything you want to do when you are younger," Hansen said.

Bill Morris, who researches aviation history, documented the Travel Air 5000's story for the air park.

The aircraft grew from a 1925 effort by a group of investors in Chicago, New York and Detroit looking to connect the cities with airmail service. They formed the airline National Air Transport, also known

as NAT, which would become United Airlines in 1931.

Carter Sr. and other local Fort Worth business leaders began working to put Fort Worth on a NAT mail service route. In November 1925, the airline was awarded a contract by the U.S. Post Office to carry mail between Fort Worth and Chicago.

"By transferring its airmail operations to private companies, the government effectively created the commercial aviation industry in the United States," Morris wrote.

Initially, NAT moved mail on 10 Curtiss Pigeons," "Carrier open-cockpit biplanes designed for airmail delivery, according to the air park's literature. But the airline soon wanted to add passenger service to the mail flights.

The Travel Air 5000s were developed by Wichita, Kan.-based Travel Air Manufacturing Co., which was founded in 1925 by three young aircraft designers — Walter Beech, Clyde Cessna and Lloyd Stearman. All three would go on to become giants in the aviation industry.

Only 14 Travel 5000s were built. One of the airplanes provided Fort Worth with its first interstate scheduled passenger airlines service at Meacham Field in 1927.

With their enclosed cabins, the planes could fit four passengers behind the pilot, Morris said. But they had to squeeze in with the bags of mail.

"If you had a big load of mail, you might only be able to put three passengers in there," he said. "If it's Christmas time and you have a bunch of packages, you definitely aren't going to fit four. There was no center aisle and certainly no stewardess."

tight The seating meant the Travel Air 5000's time was limited. Looking to expand passenger service, NAT replaced the 5000s with 14-passenger Ford Trimotors by 1931. The Travel Air 5000 was gifted to Carter for his contributions to aviation during a presentation Feb. 1, 1931, in Fort Worth.

Hansen has an old washed-out photograph of the ceremony. In it, Carter and NAT President Paul Henderson stand in front of the airplane looking at a piece of paper. Carter's friend, humorist Will Rogers, stands next to them. smiling at the camera.

Carter stored the airplane at Shady Oak as a souvenir until he gave it to Hansen. The retired pilot said he contacted United Airlines to see if it was interested in the aircraft, but the company was not.

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Dog resued in Iran finds home in Texas

By NANETTE LIGHT

The Dallas Morning

News DALLAS (AP) — Facing possible execution and found wandering the streets of Tehran, Shellman has found her land of opportunity in Texas.

But Shellman is not your ordinary immigrant. She's one of a lucky group of about 80 dogs who've made the journey to North America and Europe for refuge in the past three years, after a senior Iranian cleric's decree that dogs are unclean under Islamic law, according to a news release issued from the SPCA.

Hunting, guard and sheep dogs are acceptable, but not pet dogs, according to the release.

The 2-year-old German shepherd mix recently made the trek from the Middle East to the SPCA of Texas in west Dallas after living in an Iranian shelter for about a year.

In Iran, reports have surfaced of police confiscating dogs from their owners off the street and of shooting wandering strays that the government warns could carry diseases, said Farah Ravon, U.S. representative for Vafa Animal Shelter in Hashtgerd, Iran.

Today, Shellman spends her days chewing rawhide bones and napping in a chair in RayLynn Bradigan's home near Casa View in east Dallas. Bradigan, foster and

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opted by a family in the

In the past few years, she said Vafa has been working to clear its behavior programs administrator at the SPCA of Texas, is caring for and training the dog un-

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shelter in case the ban Ravon said the shelter has more than 450 dogs and has stopped taking

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News in brief

City of broken glass: Russian region labors to replace acres of windows smashed in meteor fall

CHELYABINSK, Russia (AP) — A small army of workers is laboring to replace the estimated 200,000 square meters (50 acres) of windows shattered by the shock wave from a meteor that exploded over Russia's Chelyabinsk region.

The astonishing Friday morning event blew out

windows in more than 4,000 buildings in the region, mostly in the capital city of the same name and injured some 1,200 people, largely with cuts from the flying glass.

Fifty of them remain hospitalized, but their injuries are reported to be not life-threatening.

Regional governor Mikhail Yurevich on Saturday said damage from the explosion is estimated at 1 billion rubles (\$33 million).

In budget impasses, warnings of how cuts will hurt public could be real — or prove exaggerated

WASHINGTON (AP) — Get ready for two weeks of intensifying warnings about how crucial, popular government services are about to wither — including many threats that could eventually come true

President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans made no progress last week in heading off \$85 billion in budget-wide cuts that automatically start taking effect March 1. Lacking a bipartisan deal to avoid them and hoping to heap blame and pressure on GOP lawmakers, the administration is offering vivid details about the cuts' consequences: trimmed defense contracts, less secure U.S. embassies, furloughed air traffic controllers.

Past administrations have seldom hesitated to spotlight how budget standoffs would wilt programs the public values.

When a budget fight between President Bill Clinton and congressional Republicans led to two government shutdowns, in 1995 and 1996, some threats came true, like padlocked national parks.

Others did not.

Prospect of prison looms for ex-Illinois Congressman Jackson Jr., wife after federal charges CHICAGO (AP) — The prospect of prison looms

over former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. and his wife after they agreed to plead guilty to charges in an alleged scheme to spend \$750,000 in campaign funds on personal items — including furs, a gold watch, a football signed by U.S. presidents and even a hat once owned by Michael Jackson.

It wasn't immediately clear how much time either Jackson could end up doing when the legal drama inevitably reaches its climax before a federal sen-

tencing judge within a few months. But judges frown on brazen breeches of public trust, said one former federal prosecutor, and that may mean the former Chicago congressman will likely to have to serve at least a few years behind bars.

"It shows hubris and arrogance that a politician sees his campaign coffers as his to spend as likes," said Jeff Cramer, who as an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago worked on multiple corruption cases. "With these kinds of charges, I cannot imagine him not going to prison ... for 3 1/2 or 4 1/2 years."

He thought Sandi Jackson, at most, would

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spend several months in prison.

Prosecutors are reluctant to ask judges to send couples with school-age children, like the Jacksons, to prison for long terms at simultaneously—so it's possible, Cramer said, that the government will seek to stagger their sentences in such a way that the Jacksons aren't behind bars at the same time.

Records in RI lawsuit spotlights allowances made for Roman Catholic Legion of Christ founder

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Newly unsealed documents in a lawsuit brought against the Roman Catholic order Legion of Christ show the group's former second-in-command testified he discovered the order's founder, the late Rev. Marcial Maciel, had fathered a daughter in 2006, but never confronted him about his double life and didn't share the news with the group's broader membership.

The documents, previously sealed in a lawsuit in

Superior Court in Rhode Island, include thousands of pages of testimony from high-ranking leaders at the Legion, its members, and relatives of Rhode Island widow Gabrielle Mee, who bequeathed \$60 million to the Legion before her death at age 96 in 2008.

The Legion, founded by Maciel decades ago in Mexico City, was taken over by the Vatican in 2010 after a church investigation determined that Maciel had sexually molested seminarians and fathered three children by two women.

The scandal, which tarnished the legacy of Pope John Paul II, has been cited as an especially egregious example of how the Vatican ignored decades of reports about sexually abusive priests because church leaders put the interests of the institution above those of the victims.

Passengers of cruise ship that lost power make way home; feds probe engine fire, response

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Passengers of the Carnival Triumph tried to put the memories of their nightmarish cruise behind them Friday, boarding buses and planes for home after five harrowing days aboard a vessel adrift at sea without power or working toilets.

Many of the roughly 3,000 passengers were bused to New Orleans to catch a flight home or to the ship's home port in Galveston, Texas. And as if they hadn't suffered enough, one of the buses broke down during the two-hour ride to New Orleans. Passengers on a different bus reported losing their luggage.

"I'm very frustrated that now our luggage is gone and missing," said Deborah Day of Piano, Texas, adding that she had made sure to check through every transfer point herself, only to lose it when she trusted Carnival to put it on a separate truck instead of the bus she was riding on.

But she had kind words for the crew aboard the disabled ship, adding, "Those people were incredible"

Other passengers were taking things more in stride as they got closer to home.

In Bangladesh, demands grow for execution of man convicted of war crimes during 1971 conflict DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — For many in Bangla-

desh, the "V" for victory sign was more than they could bear.

They had waited more than four decades for justice in the mass killings and rapes during their

independence war. But there was a smiling Abdul Quader Mollah apparently celebrating his life sentence — given in place of an expected death sentence — for his role in the killing of 381 civilians. Within hours, thousands of university students demanding his death poured into the streets of Dha-

ka, the seeds of what has grown into a mass protest that has exposed again the unhealed wounds from the nation's 1971 war for independence from Pakistan.

"I could not take it. That was really insulting," Gazi Nasiruddin Khokon, a protester who works for an online newspaper, said of Mollah's victorious gesture after his sentencing last week. "If we

would we stand in the future?"

Mollah was convicted by a special war crimes tribunal that was set up to hold people accountable for the first time for their roles in the civil war, where Bangladesh says as many as 3 million people were killed and 200,000 women raped by Pakistani troops and local collaborators.

don't get proper justice for such crimes, where

Dolphin entangled in fishing line freed after hour-long rescue effort off San Diego

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A dolphin that got entangled in a discarded fishing line has been freed after an hour-long rescue effort off San Diego.

Lifeguards and SeaWorld animal specialists located the dolphin in the waters a mile off La Jolla Friday after a kayaker reported spotting the distressed animal.

They used a pole to gather the 50- to 100-foot line, then snipped it around the dolphin's dorsal fin.

SeaWorld mammal curator Keith Yip told KFMB-TV the cuts on the fins indicated the line had been rubbing against the 4-feet-long dolphin for weeks. He said the dolphin appeared tired and was probably not able to feed.

Once freed, video shot from a news helicopter shows the young mammal swimming to other dolphins that apparently stayed in the area.



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News in brief

Firefighter dies, 3 injured in South Texas fire BRYAN, Texas (AP) — A firefighter died and

three others were injured after responding to a Friday night blaze at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bryan.

City spokeswoman Mary Stratta said Saturday that Lt. Eric Wallace, 36, went into the burning building with his team, but did not come out after being ordered to evacuate. "He called for help, said he was low on air," she

said. Rapid response units found the 13-year veteran inside the older structure. Three other firefighters were transported to burn

units: Lt. Gregory Pickard, 54; Ricky Mantey Jr., 30; and Mitchel Moran, 21. Stratta said Saturday morning that their conditions were unknown. Bryan firefighters were called to the Knights of

Columbus Hall at about 11:20 p.m. Friday. Stratta described it as a "pretty bad fire." The nearby College Station Fire Department

Bryan is about 90 miles north of Houston. The Texas State Fire Marshal's office is investigating the cause of the fire. A news release from the city said nothing was happening at the KC Hall at

helped out after the Bryan firefighters were injured.

the time the fire was reported. "These four courageous individuals represent the best of the profession and are true heroes in every sense of the word," Bryan Fire Chief Randy

McGregor said. Texas police chase,

fatally shoot Florida fugitive GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) - $ilde{ ext{A}}$ Florida prisoner

who escaped in Texas after stabbing a detective with his eyeglasses was shot and killed by law enforcement officers early Saturday after police responded to a report of a home burglary near Dallas, authorities said.

Alberto Morales was shot shortly after midnight when officers, with assistance from a police helicopter, spotted him in a wooded area near a lake in North Texas, Grapevine police Sgt. Robert Eberling said. Two hours earlier, officers responded to a report that jewelry and men's clothing had been stolen during a break-in at a home near where Mo-

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rales was found.

Eberling said police officers and U.S. marshals were trying to apprehend Morales when he was shot, but he declined to say whether the fugitive had a weapon or made any threats toward them. He said Morales was still wearing part of his prisonissued jumpsuit as well as jogging pants, but Eberling said he couldn't comment on whether the stolen clothing and jewelry was found with him.

The residents arrived home around 10:30 p.m. Friday to discover the burglary at their home and called law enforcement officials, Eberling said.

The 42-year-old Morales escaped Monday at a Wal-Mart store parking lot in Grapevine, a community near the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Police said he used a sharp piece from his eyeglasses to stab a Miami-Dade detective who was transferring him by car to Nevada, where Morales was to serve a sentence of 30 years to life after being convicted of a sexual assault.

Det. Jaime Pardinas was expected to recover after being treated at a Dallas hospital for deep stab wounds to the neck, shoulder and back and a collapsed lung. It wasn't clear when he would be re-

Pardinas was accompanied by Miami-Dade Detective David Carrero during the transfer. They flew to Houston with Morales and then decided to drive the rest of the way after he became disruptive on the flight. They had stopped near the store while waiting for a third officer who was flying to the Dallas area to join them. Department policy requires three officers to be present for ground transfers of prisoners.

On a recording of a 911 call of the incident released Wednesday, Pardinas can be heard breathing heavily as he tells the operator that he's been stabbed. He described Morales' height, weight and appearance and then added, "He's a schizophrenic."

The escape set off a massive five-day manhunt in North Texas.

Trial wrapping up in case of kidnapped Texas boy SAN AUGUSTINE, Texas (AP) — Closing argu-

ments have been set for Tuesday in the East Texas trial of two women accused of kidnapping a Houston boy when he was 8 months old and hiding him for eight years before he was found. Krystle Tanner and her mother, Gloria Walker,

have each been charged with kidnapping and injury to a child in the 2004 disappearance of Miguel Morin, now 8.

If convicted, they face up to life in prison. Testimony in the case began Monday and wrapped up Thursday. Neither Tanner, 27, nor Walker, 51, testified in their defense. Both are free on bond. During the trial this week in San Augustine, about

140 miles northeast of Houston, prosecutors have tried to show jurors Tanner and Walker repeatedly lied to authorities about the boy's identity. Authorities say Tanner, who used to baby-sit

Miguel, took the boy from his Houston apartment complex when he was a baby. They say she and her mother moved the boy from homes in Central and East Texas to avoid detection, keeping him out of school and renaming him Jaquan.

After Tanner's newborn son in April 2010 tested positive for marijuana, authorities began investigating her and later determined that she had the missing boy. Tanner and Walker were arrested in March 2012.

San Augustine County sheriff's Chief Deputy Gary Cunningham testified this week that during his investigation, Tanner lied about who the boy was, saying he was the son of a woman in a nearby town. After her arrest, Tanner indicated her mother had instructed her to make up a name for Miguel or "she would be in trouble," he said.

KTRE-TV of Lufkin reported Thursday that defense attorneys said Miguel was not kidnapped but was sold by his biological mother to Tanner for

Pipeline giant Tenaris to build \$1.3B Texas plant AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — International energy pipe-

line giant Tenaris SA said Friday it plans to build a \$1.3 billion Gulf Coast manufacturing facility that will bring 600 new jobs and better supplying operations to Texas' oil- and natural gas-rich Eagle Shale

Gov. Rick Perry said Tenaris, the world's No. 1 producer of steel tubing for the oil industry, is receiving \$6 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund, a pot of money meant to attract outside firms and businesses to the state. The company's North American headquarters is based in Houston.

The Republican governor said he helped convince the company to choose Texas as it expands its U.S. workforce, noting he met with Tenaris leadership during an economic development trip to Italy last year and during a Formula 1 race in Austin two months later.

"The most profound statement about our favorable economic climate comes when companies like Tenaris make an investment of this size in our state," Perry said in statement. "That says that not only is Texas the best place to grow your business now, but they're confident that we'll remain that way moving forward."

Perry joined Tenaris executives and local elected officials south of Houston in Bay City, where the facility will be built, as part of the announcement.

The 1 million-square-foot plant is set to open in 2016. It will feature a seamless pipe mill, heat treatment and premium threading facilities, and is expected to eventually produce 600,000 tons of pipe

White Stallion Energy suspends coal plant project BAY CITY, Texas (AP) — A Gulf Coast coal-fired

power plant that ran into fierce local opposition over concerns that it would use immense amounts of public water in the drought-stricken area will not be developed, an energy company announced

The White Stallion Energy Center said it was suspending work on the 1,200-megawatt power project in Matagorda County, about 90 miles southwest of Chief Operating Officer Randy Bird blamed pro-

posed U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rules and the specter of more regulations. He also said low natural gas prices have made the price of electricity from coal uncompetitive. White Stallion planned to build its plant on the banks of the Colorado River at Bay City, which

feeds estuaries that serve as oyster and shrimp nurseries and irrigation for the pastures and fields of the massive ranches. But the project had faced challenges since it was proposed in 2008. Ranchers, farmers and other residents opposed plans to build the plant in the pristine rural area,

arguing there was not enough water to support the facility and the community's agricultural needs. The company moved ahead, ignoring the bright

yellow "Stop White Stallion" signs. Slowly, members of the Chamber of Commerce, the school district, the county and other officials abandoned support for the plant, despite the promised job creation.

Bird announced in October 2011 that the facility would use a more expensive dry cooling method, requiring about 978 billion gallons of water a year - 85 percent less than the initial plan. But a month later, the Lower Colorado River Authority voted not to grant water to White Stallion.

2 get prison time for Ponzi scheme that lost \$10M

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -- Two people have been given prison sentences for running a Ponzi scheme that involved more than 150 people and resulted in losses of more than \$10 million.

Christopher Brown Cornett of Buda, Texas, was sentenced to 40 years in prison Friday. Heidi Beryl Beyer of Scottsdale, Ariz., received 6 years.

The U.S. attorney's office says Cornett and Beyer collected money from across the country to trade in foreign currency exchange markets. They brought in a total of \$14.6 million, about half of which they lost in bad trades. Authorities say the rest went to make payments to investors and a range of personal expenses, from gambling losses in Las Vegas to a new Chevrolet Corvette.

Corbett had previously served prison time for federal bank fraud.

Both pleaded guilty last October.

U.S. rig count climbs 3 this week to 1,762

HOUSTON (AP) — Oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. says the number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. rose by three this week to 1,762.

The Houston-based company said in its weekly report Friday that 1,337 rigs were actively exploring for oil and 421 for gas. Four were listed as miscellaneous. A year ago, Baker Hughes counted 1,994 working rigs.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states Texas gained 14 rigs and Wyoming one. Pennsylvania declined by five rigs. Oklahoma lost two and Arkansas, Louisiana, North Dakota and Virginia were down one each. Alaska, Colorado, California and New Mexico were unchanged. The rig count peaked

at 4,530 in 1981 and bottomed at 488 in 1999.

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Forsan, Grady and Garden City all notch wins in area playoff round

Sports Editor

Forsan

ROBERT LEE

Forsan (24-9) outscored opponent area playoff Christoval in three-offour quarters Friday as it came home the 43-32 victor after pulling away from the Lady Cougars in the second half of play.

Brittney Hergert shot a game-high 17 points for the Lady Buffaloes. Raegan Haggard put up 11 and Mary-Ashley McDaniel and Ali Knight each accounted for six.

Defense — once again — was the key to win, according to FHS Head Coach Lindsey Schmidt.

played defensively," Schmidt said of her team's performance. "I think we had 26 steals as a team. For a while it seemed we just couldn't put the ball in the basket.

Nerves may have played a role in the young team's shakiness at times, but by the second half, they settled down. Brittney Hergert — who only scored three points in the first half – came out in the seond half and chipped in 14, as well as had six steals.

"She came in off the bench and really stepped it up for us," Schmidt said. "Hopefully, they have that nervousness out of their systems. And next we have Plains, who we have played before, so that may help, too."

It could help, considering the two squads have already met twice in district play this season. But considering Forsan lost both outings, Schmidt is trying to concoct a

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HERALD courtesy photos/Shaun McVicars (top), Valerie Avery (bottom)

But they went out and did The Forsan Lady Buffs (above) captured the Class A area playoff trophy with a 43-32 victory over Christoval on Friday. The No. $_{
m a~good~job~in~the~seond}$ 8 Grady Lady Wildcats (below) also earned an area round win with a 63-34 rout of Balmorhea and the LadyKats of Garden City half, I'm proud of them for (not pictured) also notched a win by stomping May, 55-15.



Area Briefs

Big Spring Girls Softball Association sign-ups now being held

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will begin holding signups Saturday for the 2013 season at the Big Spring Mall near Sears.

Registration will be open until March 9, from 10

a.m. until 5 p.m. Ages 4-14 are welcome.

Cost will be \$85 per child (\$75 if multiple children from the same family). For more information, contact Ron Shaefer at 213-3747.

Big Spring Country Club set to hold 4-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a four-person scramble Saturday and Sunday, February 23-24. Entry fee is \$100 per player plus cart fees. Private carts are welcome.

A shotgun start will commence at 1 p.m. each

Entrance fee includes one mulligan per day and barbeque on the course Saturday. Practice rounds will be available Friday.

Field will be flighted by first round score, with the number of flights determined by number of

For more information, contact the pro shop at 267-

HC recognizes WJCAC HoF inductee

Special to the Herald

Howard College will be recognizing one of their own Monday night at their homecoming estivities as they pay tribute to D.E. "Buddy" Travis for recently being inducted into the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) Hall of Fame.

Festivities will take place between the men's and women's basketball games on Monday, February 18th in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College.

"We are excited to be able to pay tribute to Mr. Travis and publicly thank him for his many years of dedication and leadership of the men's basketball program at Howard College," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, President of Howard College.

"Buddy Travis was instrumental in the early success of our men's team and as we celebrate homecoming, it is the perfect time for us to thank him for his years of service."

Travis began his storied career in basketball in 1949 as he played at Amarillo College. While there, he was named first team All American and set a scoring record with 40 points in one game.

He then moved on to his first coaching position at Clarendon College and led his team to a West Zone (previous name for WJCAC) conference championship before heading to Howard College.

In 1959, Travis found his stride in coaching and in his first year with Howard, he led the team to a West Zone conference championship, a regional championship, a state championship and a 5th place finish at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national tournament. The team ended his inaugural season with a 34-4 record.

"Buddy Travis was the spark that set the team on fire that year," said Sparks. "He started with success and kept that tradition alive while he was coaching."

The years to come held numerous records for Coach Travis bringing home several conference and regional championships.

When he left Howard College, after 11 years of coaching, he had a win-loss record of 506-263 under his belt in the Western Conference.

"We are very honored to be able to recognize Coach Buddy Travis on this special occasion and are proud to know that one more Hawk leader is being inducted to the WJCAC Hall of Fame, said Sparks.

The Monday night festivities will also showcase that Hawk Spirit, as official homecoming activities will be highlighted throughout the evening.

Howard College contact is Cindy Smith; 432-264-5034 or csmith@howardcollege.edu. For additional information on Howard College Hawk Athletics, please visit www.howardcollege.

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Florida for golfing with the boys

Obama heads to

DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press

PALM CITY, Fla. — Faced with a long weekend in an empty White House, President Barack Obama figured he needed a getaway, too, so he put together a golf outing with some buddies. Not at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland or at

Fort Belvoir in Virginia, two Washington-area military posts where he's a regular on their Instead, he went south, to Florida, to spend the long Presidents Day weekend staying and playing

at the Floridian, an exclusive and secluded yacht and golf club on the state's Treasure Coast. He arrived Friday night after a speech in Chicago and wasn't expected to be seen again in public

until he returns to Washington on Monday. "At this time, there are no public events scheduled or plans for the president to leave the grounds of the golf club," White House spokesman Josh

Earnest said Saturday. Call it a weekend with the boys, presidential

Eyebrows might have been raised at the thought of the president, any president, high-tailing it out of Washington, without his family, for some "me time" hundreds of miles away from the Oval Office. First lady Michelle Obama and daughters Malia and Sasha are on an annual ski vacation out West.

As it turns out, it isn't at all uncommon for a president to go on vacation on his own.

And. Obama has gone off alone in the past.

During the weekend, the president, a sports enthusiast and avid golfer, planned to practice his putting technique on the club's private, 18-hole course, which opened in 1996, according to golfnow.com, and is owned by Jim Crane, a Houston businessman who also owns Major League

GIRLS

new game plan.

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"We're just taking it

day by day," Schmidt

added. "But we've got to come up with a way to slow down their offense. We will spend the week

tweaking some things." The game against Plains is slated for Tues-

day at 6 p.m. at Wolf-

IMPERIAL — The No. 8 Lady Wildcats have

been dominant on the

court since the start of the season, racking

up an impressive 26-5

record and goping unde-

Their most recent vic-

tim came in the form

of Balmorhea, which Grady defeated in a 63-34

rout in the area playoff

The Lady Wildcats smothered the Lady Bears, holding them to

just four points in the

first quarter. That would set the pace for GHS, as Balmorhea never

thretened with a rally.

Once again, Ellyn

Avery put up a game-

high 26 points, Cayley

Oppegard chipped in 10

and Savannah Sawyer added eight in the win. Grady will be traveling

to Seminole on Tuesday

to meet Borden County.

Tip off is slated for 6

Garden City (No. 13)

BALLINGER — The

Halfmann sisters stuck

again, combining for

34 points in the No. 13

LadyKats' 55-15 shellack-

ing of May on Friday

during the area round

of Class A, DII playoff

Garden City (27-5)

made 9-of-11 free throws

round Friday.

feated in district play.

forth-Frenship.

Grady (No. 8)

Mavs' Nowitki's All-Star streak ends

this season for the first

time since Nowitzki's

second year, and they're

4 1/2 games behind the

final playoff spot in the

Western Conference at

23-29. Still, Nowitzki is

pushing hard in prac-

tice to get himself all the

way back from surgery.

whether he'll get there,

and if he does, what his

scoring role will be. It's

likely Nowitzki won't be

Dallas' leading scorer

for the first time since

2000 — it probably will

be O.J. Mayo. Although

he's been a steady scor-

er, Nowitzki has led

Dallas in points just six

times in 23 games since

"Moving-wise, I'm de-

cent, I just don't have

the touch," said Now-

itzki, who had never

missed more than nine

The modest recovery

pace doesn't reflect the

that Dallas coach Rick

Carlisle sees between

surgery in a season and

then come back and get

back to the level that

you're used to, espe-

cially if you're a player

of his magnitude," Car-

lisle said. "I still think

"It's hard to go through

games in a season.

rehabilitation

returning.

It's hard to know

ing of "We are the champions" on a hot summer day in 2011. If it seems like more than a year and a half since Dallas

The Mavericks had to wait two extra months to raise the banner because the NBA lockout delayed opening day until Christmas. Dallas owner Mark Cuban said the new labor deal forced him to dismantle major pieces of the title team, and what was left got blown out in the opener by the Heat. Nowitzki wasn't in shape when the season started and the Mavericks got swept in the first round by Oklahoma City.

Deron Williams spurned Dallas in the offseason and Jason Kidd defected to the New York Knicks, the Mavericks had to put together another collection of potential short-timers. Nowitzki's right knee flared up in training camp, and Dallas was in trouble when it became clear that surgery less than two weeks before the season was the only option.

After free agent guard

"When we started this season, we also thought we'd have Dirk the whole time," Cuban said.

losses

stop when Nowitzki re-

"trade" slip when he was venting, but said later he wasn't asking for one. Cuban made it clear to his star anyway: He wasn't trading him, now or ever. Their relationship was too good, Cuban said, and besides, the owner said Nowitzki had to go through the tough times with him.

"Dirk crushes me every time he opens his mouth and then he comes in the locker room and just laughs at me," Cuban said. "It's kind of a sport."

old Nowitzki frets about whether the Mavericks can be title contenders again before he retires, he reminds himself that he does have one ring and really doesn't want to play anywhere else. The Mavericks fell 10

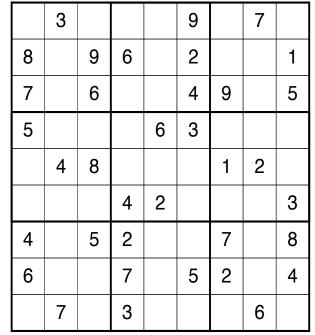
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sudoku

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





By Steve Becker

A Rare Defensive Maneuver

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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Both sides vulnerable NORTH **♦** J 10 9 **♥** K Q J 8 WEST EAST **↑** A K 8 2 **♥** A 6 4 3 **♥**109752 975 SOUTH **♠** 7 6 4

South dealer.

♦ A Q J 10 6 3 **♣**A K Q 10 The bidding: West Pass Pass Pass

Pass Opening lead — three of spades. There is a certain amount of

guesswork in bridge, but some of it can be avoided or successfully resolved by taking advantage of the information available in almost every deal. For example, take this case where

the defense must function perfectly to defeat five clubs. Superficially, it seems that South is a goner from the start, since East-West can collect the first three spade tricks.

But in practice, this is easier said

than done. To begin with, West must find the killing spade lead. And even if he does, East must find the right defense or South will romp home with 11 tricks.

Assume you're East and partner leads the three of spades following the auction shown. Partner should have the queen of spades, as he would have led "top of nothing" with three or four small spades.

Let's say you win with the king

and cash the ace, declarer contributing the 6-4 on the first two tricks. At this point you have a difficult

problem to solve. If South has \spadesuit 64 \blacktriangledown $x \spadesuit$ AQJxxx \spadesuit AKQx, you must cash the ace of hearts to beat the contract. But if he has ♠ 764 ♥ ♦ AQJxxx ♣ AKQx, you must lead another spade. In this case, the bidding doesn't provide any helpful clues, because declarer would probably have bid the same way with

Strangely enough, the problem can be resolved by winning the opening lead with the king and returning the deuce of spades (your original fourth-best spade) at trick two.

If West started with the Q-7-5-3 of spades, he will know that declarer has no more spades and will shift to a heart to sink the contract, while if he started with the Q-5-3 of spades he will return a spade, knowing that declarer has another spade to lose.

action.

and never allowed the Lady Tigers in the game after a 15-0 shutout in the first quarter of play. The LadyKats will be

playing the winner of the Priddy-Sterling City game. Location and time will be announced.

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki waffles between frustration and resignation in probably his

he was a rookie in 1999. He was deprived of a realistic chance to defend the franchise's first championship last year. and then the Dallas Mavericks star had to sit out 27 games to start his 15th season after the first knee surgery of his

toughest season since

12-year playoff streak is in jeopardy and Nowitzki will have plenty of time to ponder the team's chances over All-Star weekend. The 7-foot German is missing the NBA's midseason showcase — just down Interstate 45 in Houston, no less — for the first time since a baby-faced

career.

"Basically, my whole career I went," said Nowitzki, a 3-point competition participant in 2000 and 2001 before playing in 11 straight All-Star games. "It's the only thing I know. So this will be something

beanpole was getting a

rude introduction to the

league 14 years ago.

Nothing's been the same since Nowitzki hoisted the trophy and

different."

later butchered the singbeat Miami, here's why.

didn't

turned, and he eventually took a shot at his owner when he said after one game that championships can't be built on hope. It was a reference to Cuban's stance that the Mavericks needed financial flexibility for roster upgrades, which fans took to mean pursuing free agents such as Williams, Dwight Howard and Chris Paul.

Nowitzki let the word

Whenever the 34-year-

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Baseball's Astros. Members of the club and their guests have access to one of eight cottages, a 68-slip deep water marina, the club's 61-foot Viking yacht, a 24-foot Hurricane Deck Boat and the club's private helicopter service with two on-site helipads along the St. Lucie River.

The White House arranged for the reporters who travel with the president to stay at a hotel in Port St. Lucie, about a 25-minute drive away. They were not expected to see the president during the three-day holiday weekend until he boards Air Force One to return home.

Obama's longtime friend from Chicago, Eric Whitaker, joined him on the flight from Chicago to Florida. The two have played golf together in the past. Another regular member of Obama's golf foursomes is White House trip director Marvin Nicholson, who also traveled with the president on Friday. The White House

said it would release the names of those who played golf with the president on Saturday later in the day. At least one instructor

to some of golf's top professionals put out the word that he'd be out on the green with Obama in the afternoon. "I will be with POTUS

this afternoon, playing 9 holes and some practice

time," Butch Harmon, Tiger Woods' former swing coach, said in a text to The Associated Press.

POTUS is the acronym for president of the United States.

Harmon was Woods' coach when he turned pro and reached what many believe to be the peak of his game in the early 2000s. He also was Greg Norman's coach when he was No. 1 in the world in the 1990s. Harmon has taught a number of top golfers, including Phil Mickelson. Ernie Els, Fred Couples and Adam Scott, and annually ranks No. 1 on magazine lists of golf's best teachers.

America's presidents have been taking solo vacations for decades, according to Larry

White House reporter for The Associated Press who wrote a book about presidents and their vacations. Although Bess and

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Knutson,

Margaret Truman visited him there just a couple of times, President Harry Truman vacationed most often by himself in tropical Key West, Fla. Many aides, all men, accompanied him. Truman enjoyed the

companionship male and his wife may have stayed away out of a desire to not interrupt his cherished late afternoon and evening games of poker. Truman vacationed in Key West 11 times between November 1946 and March 1952; his wife and daughter

joined him for the first time in November 1948, after his surprise victory in that year's election campaign.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt often visited his cottage at Warm Springs, Ga., alone; wife, Eleanor, didn't much care for the place or the Southern atmosphere. Roosevelt was at Warm Springs, on his own, when he died in April 1945.

He also often traveled solo to his home in Hyde Park, N.Y., during World War II. The first lady often did not accompany Roosevelt on his wartime visits to Shangri-La, which is now the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland, or when he traveled on the presidential yacht or on Navy warships.

In 1997, President Bill Clinton was in Florida for fundraising and to play in a golf tournament when he stumbled on steps at the home of golf pro Greg Norman and needed surgery to repair a torn tendon in his right knee.

He was treated at a hospital in West Palm Beach before being flown to Washington for the operation.

Obama's stay at the Floridian isn't his first get-away without his wife and daughters.

In 2010, as his 49th birthday approached, Obama was left home alone after the first lady took Sasha with her on a trip to Spain, and Malia was away at camp.

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he's going to get better and feel better."

There were clear signs of progress for Nowitzki before the break. It took him five games to get into double figures in scoring. His first start two games later was his first 20-point outing, and he was more consistently making the onelegged fade-away shots that helped carry Dallas to a title. Then he started making big shots late in close games. Nowitzki had a season-

high 26 points late last month at Portland, but the game ended up reflecting the Mavericks' season because they couldn't hold a lead in the final minute and lost a game they needed in their scramble to keep postseason hopes alive.

"Of course he's frustrated," said Vince Carter, who joined Nowitzki last season after the championship team was broken up. "He's used to dominating. He wants to dominate. He feels like he has to bring it every

night and he's going to do that."

For All-Star weekend, though, Nowitzki can play "married guy," as Cuban put it — Nowitzki married art gallery director Jessica Olsson last summer — and maybe get in a little running and lifting.

"It's a little bit of a disappointment not to be going there, but maybe it's not the worst thing, to get away," said Nowitzki, Dallas' franchise leader in just about every category. "I'm going to enjoy a couple of days off and I'll go back to work."



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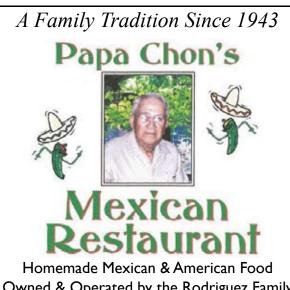
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Payton, Hardin lead list of NBA HoF finalists

HOUSTON (AP) Payton. Hardaway and Mitch Richmond were among 12 finalists announced Friday for election into the Basketball Hall of

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Former Houston Cougars coach Guy Lewis, current Louisville coach Rick Pitino and UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian also are finalists for the 2013 class. The others included former NBA stars Maurice Cheeks, Spencer Haywood and Bernard King, longtime North Carolina women's coach Sylvia Hatchell and five-time WNBA All-Star Dawn Staley. Boston Celtics great Tom Heinsohn, already inducted as a player, is a finalist in the coaching category.

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of the finalists kicked off All-Star Weekend in Houston. The 2013 class will be announced at the Final Four in April.

Brazilian great Oscar Schmidt, former NBA commissioner deputy Russ Granik, former ABA star Roger Brown, six-time All-Star Richard Guerin and Edwin Henderson, a black player from the early part of the 20th century were directly elected for induction. Granik worked as the NBA's executive vice president from 1984-90 and was the president of USA Basketball from 1996-2000.

"Russ Granik's induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame is so richly deserved." NBA Commissioner David Stern said in a statement. "The entire NBA family is thrilled that Russ is receiving this tremendous recognition."

Longtime Bucks announcer Eddie Doucette and writer John Feinstein were recipients of the Curt Gowdy media awards and former college coach George Raveling was honored with a lifetime achievement award.

The careers of Payton, Hardaway and Richmond overlapped in the 1990s and early 2000s and they practiced together in California each summer. They were reunited on Friday, now firsttime finalists for Hall of Fame election.

"To actually be sitting next to the guys and being a finalist is awesome," Richmond said. "I think we're better friends now than we were then, because back then, we were really going after each other."

earned the nickname "The Glove" for his defensive prowess. He ended his career ranked fourth in career steals (2,445).

Payton played 13 of his 17 NBA seasons in Seattle and lately, he has been focused on the city's efforts to get another team. The Super-Sonics were sold in 2006 and relocated to Oklahoma City, but a Seattle ownership group recently reached an agreement to purchase the Sacramento Kings and formally filed for relocation.

"All we have to do is hope. Seattle deserves it," Payton said.

"I'm feeling a lot of confidence from everybody."

Hardaway was a fivetime All-Star and aver-

announcement aged at least 20 points in four consecutive seasons. He ranks 13th in both career assists (7,095) and 3-point field goals (1,542). He and Richmond were teammates along with Chris Mullin in Golden State, a high-scoring trio that became known as Run TMC. It was quickly broken up when Richmond was traded to Sacramento in 1992.

"I played with Mitch for three seasons, and our families became close-knit and keep in touch," Hardaway said. "One part of Run TMC is in there (Mullin), and it'd be great to get myself and Mitch in there. We played hard, we sacrificed a lot and we had fun together."

The inclusion of Lewis among the finalists was a significant victory for former Cougar Clyde Drexler, who's lobbied for years to get his beloved college coach into the Hall. Lewis, now 90, led the Cougars to 14 NCAA tournaments and five Final Fours. He also coached three players who are already in the Hall of Fame — Drexler, Elvin Hayes and Hakeem Olajuwon.

"With all of the support around the world for Guy Lewis, it's hard for me to think that he wouldn't make it this time," said Drexler, who stood and applauded when Lewis' name was announced Friday. "We've been disappointed in the past, but I'd be really disappointed this time."

Drexler and Olajuwon were members of Lewis' famed Phi Slamma Jama teams of the early 1980s. The Cougars appeared in three consecutive Payton was the most Final Fours, but never decorated of the three, a took home a championnine-time All-Star who ship. Their loss to Jim Valvano's N.C. State team in the 1983 title game is considered one of the greatest upsets in NCAA tournament his-

> But Lewis was also one of the first coaches in the South to recruit and sign black players. He also was the visionary behind the "Game of the Century" between Houston and UCLA and the Astrodome in January 1968, the first nationally televised regular-season game.

"He's more deserving (of induction) than Hakeem Olajuwon, Elvin Hayes and myself," Drexler said. "He's the one who helped shape and mold us into the players we became."

Hatchell and Staley were the other first-time finalists.

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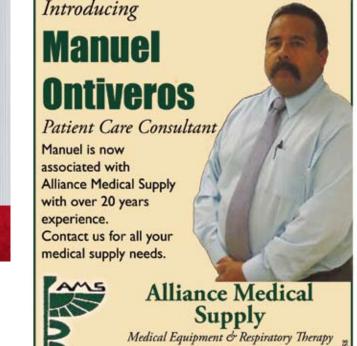
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CLEANING MUST-HAVES

also use it to remove dust from lamp shades.

that happen in the bathroom and kitchen.

FAMILY FEATURES

Kitchen

pring brings a sense of fresh beginnings, and for many, that includes the annual ritual of spring cleaning. A survey conducted by the American Cleaning Institute found that 62 percent of people engage in spring cleaning each year, and their top three priorities are the kitchen, bedroom and bathroom.

This year, spring cleaning doesn't have to be a long, dreaded process. Follow these quick tips to not only get your house clean in no time, but keep it clean in the long run.

Dealing with Dust

Dust buildup not only looks bad, but it can also be bad for allergies.

As one of the busiest rooms in the house, the kitchen gets cleaned

clean by using food covers to prevent food splatters.

around the seals using an old toothbrush.

the doors, handles and seals.

box of baking soda.

frequently, but there are some areas that may need a little more TLC.

■ Use steam to clean the inside of the microwave. Bring two cups

of water to a boil in the microwave, keep the door closed and let

the water sit for a few minutes. The steam loosens dried-on food

particles, making it easier to wipe them away. For a fresh scent,

drop a slice or two of lemon in the water before boiling. Keep it

■ Keeping the sink, counters and appliances clean and sanitized is

fast and easy with a product such as Kitchen Windex Touch-Up

bacteria in no time. The bottle is designed to stay out where you

need it, and the cleaner works on a variety of hard, non-porous

■ When you clean the sink, make sure to get behind the faucet and

■ Don't forget to clean the outside of the refrigerator and freezer.

• Keep the inside of the refrigerator smelling fresh with an open

Clear off the clutter of notes, coupons and photos, and then clean

Cleaner. A quick pump onto a paper towel, rag or sponge and you

can wipe away messes and kill 99.9 percent of common household

- Skip the feather duster it just spreads dust around. For fast dusting, use multi-surface cleaning wipes to pick up dust from furniture and electronics. When you dust, work from the top down.
- Cut back on dust by making sure your vacuum cleaner bags and filters are clean and in good working order. That will keep dust and debris from being blown out into the air as you vacuum.
- Change your furnace filter regularly and dust or vacuum vents to keep buildup to a minimum.

Bathroom

From make-up spills and toothpaste smudges to mildew and everything in-between, the bathroom needs touching-up on a daily basis.

- To keep the counter clean of little messes and smudges, use an antibacterial product. Windex also makes a Touch-Up Cleaner for the bathroom. Dab the cleaner onto a rag or tissue and wipe down the counter, faucet and any other hard, non-porous surfaces to clean and sanitize quickly.
- To get rid of soap scum, clean the tub and shower with a foaming cleanser that does most of the work for you, and simply rinse it off. Wash shower curtains and liners according to label instructions.
- To help prevent soap scum buildup in the future, try switching to a liquid shower gel. Bar soaps have binders that are a primary cause of soapy residue. You can also use a towel to quickly wipe down the tub and faucets after each shower.
- Combination mold and mildew cleaners can make fast work of those deep messes. Spray where needed, and rinse off following label instructions. Be sure the bathroom is well ventilated before
- To discourage mildew, use the bathroom fan during a shower and for about 30 minutes after. You can also use a dehumidifier or open the window.

Floors

Keep these items handy to make spring cleaning — and everyday cleaning — a breeze.

■ Adhesive lint roller — Great for quickly sprucing up fabric and upholstery. You can

■ Baking soda — Helps neutralize odors in sinks, refrigerators, upholstery and carpets.

■ Windex Touch-Up Cleaner — A convenient solution to tackle the frequent messes

■ Sponges — Good for removing scuff marks and smudges from walls and furniture.

■ Multi-surface wipes — Make it easy to freshen up any room in the house.

You'll be amazed at how much cleaner a room will look when the floors are done right.

- If you have the time and money to rent and use a carpet cleaner, now's the time to do it. If not, target stains with a carpet cleaner and give all your carpets a good vacuuming. Sprinkle baking soda on carpets and rugs to absorb odors.
- Steam mops are a great way to quickly clean multiple flooring surfaces without a mop and bucket. You can do a whole room in just a few minutes.
- A lot of the dirt and dust in a home is brought inside on the soles of your shoes. To keep carpets and flooring clean, place doormats inside and outside each entrance and always take your shoes off when entering.
- Wiping floorboards of dust and dirt is often overlooked and makes a big difference in the appearance of your home.

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Big Spring Area Retired **Teachers Association**

The Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association will meet at Howard College's Cactus Room on Feb. 18 at 11:30 a.m. After a Dutch treat lunch, there will be a program and business

Carol Horton, a retired teacher from Odessa, will present a program on "untitled documents." There will be reports from different committees on items of interest to retirees. We are especially interested in our state representatives' activities related to retired school personnel.

All interested retired school employees are encouraged to attend. The meetings are informative and enjoyable. We dismiss around 1 p.m.

Daughters of the American Revolution

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, DAR, met Feb. 9 with Regent Hollis McCright presiding. Hostess Mc-Cright used a Valentine's Day theme for her decorations.

Geraldine Posey and Nell Burgess were welcomed as the chapter's newest members. Their ancestor was Joseph Beeler of North Carolina, who fought at the Battle of King's Moun-

Chapter Registrar Sue Ann Damron presented a program on Emanuel Leutze's painting, "Washington Crossing the Delaware," and the historical events preceding and following the crossing. The painting was never meant to be a photographic image with painstakingly researched accuracy. Instead, Leutze chose to create an atmosphere of high drama around a pivotal moment in American his-

Regent McCright announced the chapter had achieved a Level One Chapter Achievement Award for 2012 with a total of 421 points earned.

An invitation to the Permian Basin Chapter's George Washington Tea in

Andrews was read.

A report on the chapter's Christmas gifts and the parties held for the VA's Community Living Center and domiciliary patients was given by DAR VAVS representative Damron.

The chapter voted to participate in the VA's newly initiated "Littlest Heroes" program. The gift baskets provided for wom-

en veterans' babies assist this inno-

vative newborn support program, which will help keep women veterans connected to the VA. The door prize, a wall clock with

historic flags for the hours, was won by Carole Lawson.

Due to the TSDAR State Conference in mid-March, the next meeting will be held at the Big Spring Country Club on April 13.

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Who's who

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Christian University held commencement exercises in December and among those graduating was a Big Spring resident. Rance Terry, son of Jana Terry of Big Spring, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Sports Management. While at LCU, Terry played baseball for three years and was a catcher. Lubbock Christian University has

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Japanese shoot 'em up in Guam

TAMUNING, Guam (AP) — Their wellequipped arsenals offer everything from tiny revolvers (for ladies) to Berettas, Glocks, semiautomatic pistols and M16 military assault rifles. If kids can see over the counter, they are welcome too.

Forget the white sandy beaches, coral reefs and laid-back island culture. For many tourists from Japan, the biggest thrill is the chance to shoot a gun at one of Guam's

ubiquitous ranges, dozens of which are tucked between upscale shopping centers.

The U.S. territory of Guam — a tropical island often described as a cheaper version of Hawaii — has long been the perfect place to put guns in the hands of tourists, especially from Japan, where gun ownership is tightly restricted and handguns are banned.

Despite a shared sense of shock over the recent rampage by a gunman at America's Sandy Hook Elementary School, the gun tourism business here is as brisk as ever.

"It was such a feeling of power," Keigo Takizawa, a 30-year-old Japanese actor, said after blasting holes in a paper target with a shotgun, a .44 magnum and a Smith & Wesson revolver at the Western Frontier Village gun club, a cowboy-themed indoor shooting range and gift shop on Guam's main shopping street.

"But," he said, "I still don't think anyone should be allowed to have one of their own."

Many Japanese see America's gun culture as both frightening and fascinating. Back home, the only people with handguns are in the military, the police or the mob.

Because guns are so hard to find, gun-related crime is extremely rare. They were used in only seven murders in Japan — a nation of about 130 million people — in 2011, the most recent year for official statistics. In the U.S., with 315 million people, there are more than 11,000 gun-related

killings annually. The Japanese are proud of their low crime rate and generally support tough gun-control policies.

But this Pacific island halfway between Tokyo and Honolulu is America. Guam's gun ranges are to the Japanese what Amsterdam's cannabis cafes are to backpackers from the world over.

"I think it's human nature to be curious about something that is forbidden," said Tetsuo Yamamoto, a Japanese native who emigrated to the United States 30 vears ago and runs the Western Frontier Village range. "Most of our customers are from Japan and have never had the opportunity to shoot a gun. It's very exotic for them, and it's very exhilarating."

So exhilarating that he sometimes asks his guests to stay around for a while to calm down after they've finished shooting.



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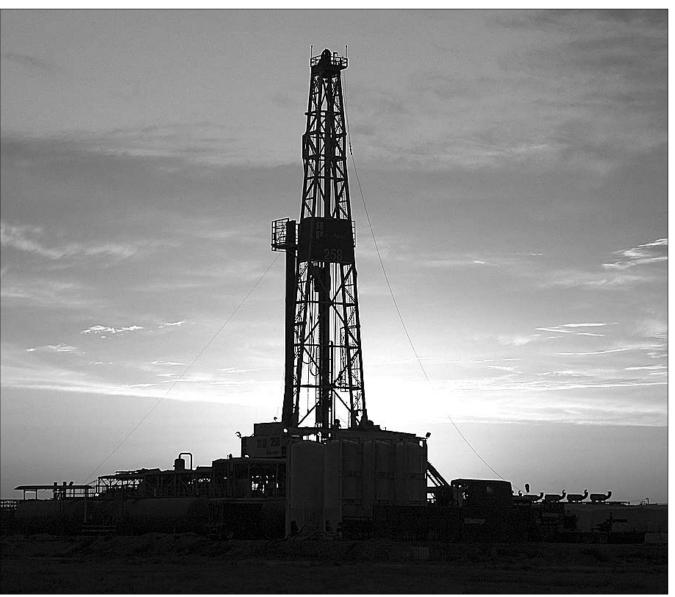
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Colo. county asks VP, first lady to help stop drilling

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Pitkin America's Central Park." County officials plan to ask Vice President Joe Biden and first lady Michelle Obama for help in preventing a Texas energy company from drilling natural gas wells in western Colorado's Thompson Divide area.

County commissioners are taking out a full-page ad in local newspapers Saturday asking Biden and Obama to take action against drilling in the area, the Aspen Daily News reported. Biden will visit Snowmass with his family over President's Day weekend, and Obama also is expected to be in the area, though her trip has not yet been con-

"There are right places to drill and wrong places to drill," the ad reads. "No one would, for example, seriously suggest erecting drill rigs in Central Park. We see no exaggeration in saying that Colorado's mountain country is

Houston-based SG Interests Inc. wants more time to develop natural gas wells in the Thompson Divide, which includes 346 square miles of federal land running from the Sunlight Ski Area to McClure Pass, crossing Pitkin, Gunnison, Garfield, Mesa and Delta counties.

The company has asked the Bureau of Land Management to suspend the expiration date of 16 of its leases in the area. The leases were purchased from the U.S. Forest Service in a 2003 auction, and the company has until May 31 to develop them before they expire.

Robbie Guinn, vice president of SG Interests, wrote in a letter to the BLM that suspending the expiration date would serve conservation interests because it would give the federal government more time to decide whether to allow oil and gas development in

It also would give the company more time to work with county officials and conservation groups to address environmental concerns about potential drilling, he said.

But Bill Fales, a rancher and member of the Thompson Divide Coalition, argued that the BLM and taxpayers should not reward SG Interests' delays.

"BLM should afford us the opportunity to provide official comment on any decision that could impact our water, or businesses or our livelihoods," he said.

BLM spokesman David Boyd said the agency is reviewing the company's request and does not know when a decision will be made.

The decision to approve or deny a lease suspension request is a BLM administrative action that does not require a formal public comment period.

Factory output falls in January

WASHINGTON (AP) U.S. factories slowed production in January after two solid months of cranking out goods. The weakness mainly reflected a big drop in output at auto factories that is likely tempo-

Manufacturing output fell 0.4 percent in January from December, the Federal Reserve said Friday. The decline followed increases of 1.1

percent in December and 1.7 percent in November.

industrial Overall production edged down 0.1 percent in January compared with December. Output In mining, the category that covers oil and gas drilling, fell 1 percent. Utility output jumped 3.5 percent, as a cold snap led more households to turn up their heat.

Factory output, the

most important component of industrial production, was dragged lower by a steep 3.2 percent decline in auto and auto parts production. The auto industry is coming off its best year for sales in five years, one of the few bright spots in an otherwise manufacturing sector. Sales continue to rise, so production will likely rebound in Feb-

Still, many factories outside the auto industry have been hurt by a slowdown in consumer spending and weaker global growth that has dampened demand for U.S. exports.

Economists expect healthier output in 2013, partly because U.S. companies are sitting on large amounts of cash and appear poised to invest some of it in equipment and machinery.

Energy Watch



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sing the term "everybody" is a little bit of an over-exaggeration, but, it seems in recent weeks that more and more investors are jumping on the bandwagon and waiting for some sort of correction in the stock market before they commit new money to equi-But those of us who have been weathered by

the markets over a long period of time know that stocks usually embark on a course that confounds and confuses the most people. And right now, things are starting to confound and confuse many market participants. The economy contracted in the fourth quarter of last year, overspending in Washington seems to have no bounds, the Middle East is a hotbed of violence and European woes continue to affect the markets on a regular basis.

In spite of all these issues, the S&P 500 is trading up nearly 6 percent this year after notching a 13.4 percent gain in 2012. The market started off the year with a bang in the wake of the Fiscal Ciff negotiations that pushed taxes higher and delayed any government spending cuts. What could be at work here?

Likely, it is multiple things coming together at once. Of course, the Fed's easy money policies and big purchases of mortgage-backed and Treasury securities have given the markets a tailwind for some time. Interest rates are unlikely to move significantly higher any time soon.

In addition, the economy grew modestly last year and is expected to do so again in 2013. And do not forget that companies, overall, have figured out how to make money in this slow growth environment where inflation has not been a problem and costs have been contained.

But another factor starting to play a role in the rally is nervous investors beginning to worry they are missing something. Some Baby Boomers are sitting on too much cash and concerned about the prospects of outliving their money. With CDs yielding almost nothing, other sources of income, like dividend-paying stocks, have seen more attention. We sense that some investors are starting to chase the market higher. But this is in the very early stages.

The S&P 500 is up more than 125 percent since the early March 2009 lows. In past cycles, investors would have been trying to jump on the rally train long before now. But this recovery has been

The economy and labor markets have only improved slowly. Many investors took major hits to their portfolios as the technology bubble burst early in the last decade and then again in the more recent financial crisis. Many investors are still fearful of the stock market and wary of the global landmines that seem to be hidden everywhere.

Some investors are being drawn into the market now. They are starting to worry about missing more upside. They are starting to throw caution to the wind and jump in. Given that, and while we do believe there will be opportunities to buy stocks at lower levels as the year progresses, when everybody is waiting for a pullback, at least in the near term, it usually does not occur.

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Q&A: Currency the latest threat to global economy

LONDON (AP) — The world economy faces a new threat. Instead of a banking collapse or too much debt, fears are growing that countries are using their currencies as an economic weapon. History suggests that's nev-

er a good thing.

If too many countries try to

weaken their currencies for economic gain — sparking a "currency war" — that could stifle business confidence and investment, sow turmoil in financial markets and derail a fragile global economy.

Financial representatives from the world's leading 20 industrial and developing nations are gathering in Moscow for a meeting this weekend that looks set to be dominated by these concerns and they will have their work cut out to douse the fires.

Why is everyone talking about currencies?

 Since the start of the financial crisis, central banks

around the world have been trying to stimulate their economies by keeping interest rates extremely low. The goal is to encourage consumers and businesses to borrow and spend more. One way central banks drive down rates is to use their power to print money to buy up large quantities of bonds. But by boosting the amount of currency in circulation, there is a side effect: it can drive down the value of that currency relative to oth-

As a country's currency falls, its exports become cheaper, while those of its more expensive.

neighbors become relatively Japan, the world's thirdlargest economy, is currently under the harshest spotlight. To get its economy motoring again after a two-decade bout of stagnation, the govern-

ment has said it would like

to see inflation move higher.

Markets have interpreted

this as a signal that Japan's central bank is prepared to take actions that would result in driving down the yen, to boost exports and also put upward pressure on prices. Earlier this week, the yen fell to a 21-month low against the dollar and a near three-year trough against the euro. So is Japan actively trying

to weaken the yen? Yes and no. Though it's

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not directly intervening in the foreign exchange markets by selling yen and buying other currencies, strong comments from the new Japanese government have convinced markets that the Bank of Japan will create more money. Japan's Finance Minister Taro Aso insists the government focused isn't exchange rates, but he has noted that the weakening yen has "brought huge benefits to the export sector" and that the world "has been

awed" by the recent

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Why is that bad?

– A falling yen will help help exporters, such as Sony and Toyota, and boost Japan's economy. And it will it tend to push prices and ultimately wages higher. But if other countries respond to the falling yen by devaluing their currencies — to maintain the competitiveness of their own exports — Japan will be back to square one and the world economy

could suffer. Sharp fluctuations in the value of currencies can hurt business confidence and investment. Prices for imported raw materials and components would be volatile,

profits will be hard to come by as prices fluctuate wildly and the value of any investment a company makes in another country could quickly be wiped out.

Who's been feeling the effect of Japan's actions

The euro, the single currency used by the 17-strong group of European Union countries, has seen the biggest move on the foreign exchange markets. As the region moved on from its crippling debt crisis last summer, the euro has slowly gained in value. But since the change of government in Japan, its value against leading currencies such as the yen and U.S. dollar has shot up — last December it was worth 113.19 yen and \$1.29 and now it's at 124.93 ven and \$1.33.

A rise in the value of the euro will do little to help the eurozone's businesses — and will hardly help getting it

growing again. **Figures** Thursday showed that the economic output of the region shrank at an annualized rate of around 2.5 percent in the last quar-

ter of 2012. What's been the reaction from other major economies?

Politicians have voiced concerns about the euro's rise versus other major currencies — most notably French President Francois Hollande, who indicated he was open to calls for a more managed exchange rate.

European Central Bank President Mario Draghi said last week that the bank will monitor the economic impact of the euro's rising value. Several analysts took that to mean the ECB could cut interest rates to bolster growth, which in theory could weaken the euro — an

indirect tit-for-tat response to the yen's fall, some say.

Earlier this week, the volatility in the currency markets prompted the Group of Seven leading industrial nations, which includes the U.S. Germany as well as Japan, to warn that volatile movements in exchange rates could adversely hit the global economy and to reaffirm their commitment to market-driven ex-

change rates. Might other countries try to manipulate their currencies in response to Japan?

There is no sign of that — so far. But fixing the value of a currency is not without prece-

In Sept. 2011, Switzerland took action to arrest the rise of its currency, the Swiss franc. The rise was triggered by the debt crisis in the eurozone — investors were looking for somewhere safe to park their cash and the Swiss franc has traditionally fulfilled that role. The Swiss intervention was viewed as an attempt to protect the country's exporters.

For years, U.S. politicians have accused China of keeping its currency, the remnibi, artificially weak in order to industrialize fast. And many countries believe the U.S. long ago abandoned the "strong dollar" policy at the core of the Clinton administration's economic policy in a dash for growth.

How bad could a cur-

rency war get? – Since World War II, one of the key objectives of international economic policymaking has been to avoid a repeat of the 1930s, when countries around the world engaged in a titfor-tat battle with their exchange rates. That decimated global trade, accentuating the depression and providing

another catalyst to war. Assuming the world doesn't descend into a similar abyss, a currencv war can still harm the global economy.

"Increasing impediments to the free flow of capital might be thought to lower the potential growth of the world economy," said Stephen Lewis, chief economist at Monument Securities.

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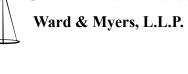


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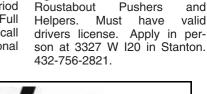


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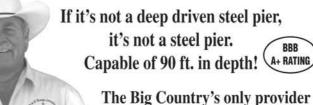
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). People don't usually turn you down. So if that happens, it's only because you're taking risks, casting your net wide and going out of your element. It's a sign



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that you're acting courageously. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's something very satisfying about a good rant, and you might let yourself go on and on, especially in writing. But don't deliver this writing to anyone. Sit on it awhile. It's likely that this should be for your eyes only.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Scholarly pursuits will be lucky. If you have a preferred study, this is the ideal day to get into it. But truly, all attempts to expand your mind will be effective, regardless of your primary topic.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The events that are loudly or broadly promoted are often the least likely to live up to all the hype. Go the other way. Promise little and be very mysterious. Leave room for curiosity.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you can't move the obstacles out of your path, maybe you can move the path. Would it be simpler to go around the blockage? Or could you build over it? Explore new options.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll give some attention to your image, though you may not mean to do so. Your aim is to create inner harmony. You can't help it that you become more beautiful because of the changes in your heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The important task before you will require you to use your intuition. You won't know how to do it, and you won't have to know. You must simply be clear about your desired result and get in motion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll benefit from a power shift. It likely had nothing to do with you, but now you're in a sweet situation, so take advantage of it. This is a gift. Later, you'll help others from this auspicious position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be involved in pursuits of art and/or entertainment. Your success will be judged by the corners of people's mouths: You win by making them smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your powers of concentration will be amplified, and your intensity in general is turned up, too. You'll have increased physical strength and greater control over your actions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If success takes no effort, then it also gives no lesson. And how

can you re-create success if there was no action on your part to emulate? Be glad for what you have to work for.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't let contentment lead to inertia. In other words, make yourself comfortable, but not too comfortable. Keep your edge. Be ready to spring forth to take advantage of opportunity.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 17). This year challenges you to change your thinking, and you will. March brings new work. Your nearest and dearest will make you proud in April. You'll change your routine and possibly where you live to accommodate a loved one. An investment pays off in August. The best travel months are July and November. Libra and Cancer people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 11, 45 and 38.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK **AHEAD:** If you're looking for strict logic or solid reasoning, you may find it early in the week, but it will begin to fade as the Pisces sun gains momentum. Seek instead to understand and stay open to the idea that there are many ways to do something. For instance, a poem and a photograph are both means of communication. A poem can brush up against different parts of the brain, painting a picture that is very different from the realistic view that can be seen through a camera lens. And though the photograph may be more familiar and easier to interpret, that doesn't make it truer. Photos can lie; they do it all the time. The poem may lack

concrete rules and be difficult to understand, and yet it may ring true despite all of that. Mercury goes retrograde in Pisces on Saturday favoring the poetic means of communication. While it will be easy to mix up the facts, it will be much harder to make mistakes about feelings. Emotions have highly identifiable qualities and an integrity all their own. Getting comfortable in the emotional landscape is a theme that continues in the weeks to come.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Green Day singer Billie Joe Armstrong recently made his big-screen debut in the Judd Apatow comedy "This Is 40," playing himself. The Grammywinning rocker was born when the sun and communication planet Mercury were in spirited, musical Aquarius. With his natal moon and Venus in fiery Aries, the sign of the warrior, rebellion is in his blood.

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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 parcels.

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 L Coahoma, TX 79511 Telephone number: (432)394-4287 City of Forsar P. O. Box 714

Forsan, TX 79733 Telephone number: (432)457-2355 Big Spring 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**

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

HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL

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, INDEPENDENT FORSAN 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 the Court the following:

Defendants are those persons and legal entities named and described 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, 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

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 which is the total each tract 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:

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 Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

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 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 TOTAL DUE:....

.....\$149.25 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, 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

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.

Lt 2, Bk 5, Sunset Addn., City of

Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

TOTAL DUE:.....\$2,801.93

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: 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, 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:

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, the where

Howard County Clerk or the 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

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EXHIBIT 8 Property and Amounts Owed Lt 10, Bk 23, Governments Heights to Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas ..\$532.80 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, where appropriate, the 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 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 Howard County Clerk or records of the Secretary of State.

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; 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, assumed name records of the 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 Dortnea 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, 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.

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:

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records for Howard County, Texas,

appropriate, where 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 Forsan in Townsite Company

EXHIBIT 13 Property and Amounts Owed 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

.....\$376.30 TOTAL DUE:..... Years owed:

attached exhibit

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.

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:

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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: 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 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 the records of the Secretary of State. Emilio Gonzales

Isabell Gonzales Alcantar

EXHIBIT 16 Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 4, Bk 1, Rosemont Addn., town of 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, where appropriate. 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 TOTAL DUE:....\$307.81 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, or, where appropriate, the 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 **Evelvn 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:

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, 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:

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

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 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:

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

records of the Secretary of State. Leon Houston, Jr. aka Leon J. Houston, Jr. 1474 W. Spring Valley Hichardson, 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.

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

H. W. Howell

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

records of the Secretary of State. J & J Construction Company P. O. Box 2335 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 24 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: 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, or, where appropriate, assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or records of the Secretary of State.

John Jarrett 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 the attached exhibit TOTAL DUE:.....\$401.73

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.

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

Mamie Lee Jones

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:

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 504 Young 1803 Alabama Big Spring, TX 79720
The following are lienholders and may be notified at: Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation by and through 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 Howard County Clerk or the records of the Secretary of State.

Norma Lee Lujan fka Norma Lee Puga 104 NW 8th 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 FXHIBIT 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:

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.

Sylvia 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 CitiFinancial, 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

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

Washington Mutual Finance, LP

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 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. 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 TÖTÁL DÜE:.... 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. 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 TŎTAL DŪE:.... ..\$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 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. 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: 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.

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 SAVE AND County. Texas: EXCEPT a parcel of land described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

TOTAL DUE:.....\$193.33 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, or, where appropriate, the 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 EXHÍBIT 35

Property and Amounts Owed Lt 11, Bk 8, Brown Addn., 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 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.

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, or, 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; de-

scribed 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 ..\$6,535.91 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

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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 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. 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\$75.70 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, 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 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. 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:. 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, 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:. 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 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. 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 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 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:. ..\$2,428.17 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, 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

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

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, where appropriate, assumed name records of the

Howard County Clerk or 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: 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, 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.

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:.....\$124.65 <u>/ears owed</u>:

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. where assumed name records of the Howard County Clerk or records of the Secretary of State.

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. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit\$555.78 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, 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. Ella B. Womble aka

Ella B. Wamble **FXHIBIT 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:...\$802.57 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.

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Big Spring, TX 79720

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Alicia Yanez

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 1. INTRODUCTION 1.1. PURPOSE

County Appraisal The 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 The purpose product. Request for Proposal (RFP) is to obtain basic information about the functionality and capabilities, licensee hardware and software requirements, and projected costs associated with available 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 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 will not be considered.

Any questions regarding this RFP should be addressed to: Name Ronny Babcock

Title Chief Appraiser, County Appraisal District Phone: 432/263/8301 #7653 February 10 & 17, 2013

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Mesquite SWD, Inc., PO Box 1479. Carlsbad, NM 88221 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial permit to inject fluid into a formation, which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Clearfork, Leonard, Spraberry, Wolfcamp, Strawn Atoka, and Fusselman formations from the MUSTANG SWD #1. The proposed injection well is located mile SW of Garden City Glasscock County, Texas. Fields associated with these horizons are the Veterans (Upper Leonard), St. Lawrence NE (Leonard), Spraberry (Trend Area), Conger (Penn) and Three Ninos (Fusselman). Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4100' to 10,000' LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27

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

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#7659 February 17, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) new 2013 Six (6) Yard Dump Truck to be used for maintenance of County Roads. Specifications may be obtained in

the Auditor's Office, 300 S. Main, Room 203, Big Spring, TX or by calling (432)264-2210. Bids must be received by 10:00 A.M. on Friday, February 22, 2013

in the office of the County Auditor,

Jackie Olson, 300 S. Main, Room 203 and will be opened at that will be presented to the Bids Commissioners' Court at 10:00

A.M. on February 25, 2013 for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor www.co.howard.tx.us #7643 February 7 & 17, 2013

Dear Margo ~

A More and More Frequent Dilemma

Dear Margo: I'm not writing for advice; I am writing for validation. I think I know in my heart what is moral and ethical, but I need a neutral, mature person to tell me whether I'm right wrong. This something I have not yet discussed with friends.

The situation is this: My husband has had Alzheimer's for, think, 12 years. He was being cared for at home

with an aide until a year ago, when it became too much for me and he went into a care residence. He had by

then stopped speaking, and his response to

anything was a blank stare. He no longer knew who I was. For several months, Ι saw counselor to come to terms with the loss of my husband as I had known him and my marriage.

Margo

Howard

Here is what I would like your opinion about: Do you think it proper for me to be in a romantic relationship with a widower?

We have become very attached to each other, and I in no way feel like I am cheating. husband is not (and cannot be) aware of what, I guess, is technically an infidelity. Where do you weigh in on this question? — Living My Life

Dear Liv: Sadly, yours becoming increasingly frequent question. I've dealt with this before and, in fact, have come to think of the "Alzheimer's issue as Dating."

My position is yours. You are hurting no one. Your husband is in no way functioning as a spouse, and while his body is here, his mind is gone, and that, to me, is the essence of a human being.

I have never believed in people sacrificing themselves on the altar of hopeless causes, as it were. You are well, you are living a life, and I hope you find companionship and joy with your close friend. — Margo, forwardly

Chapter and Verse on **E-Books Versus Book-Books**

Dear Margo: This is out of sheer curiosity, no problem to be solved, but in this age of e-books, do you read bound books or

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use an electronic device? I am in a "mixed marriage."

My husband likes oldfashioned book-books, and I prefer the Kindle. I don't know why he doesn't want to get with the program, and he doesn't know how I can enjoy a book that isn't printed on paper and doesn't have heft. — Ms. *Modernity*

Dear Ms.: I wonder whether we're married to the same man. Or maybe the issue actually does break down into men and women. (The few studies I've seen say more women read on e-book devices such as Kindle and Nook, while more men read on a tablet. I could find no mention of "book-books.")
I love my Kindle for all

the reasons you probably do. You can throw it in your purse (most men don't have purses) and be without never something to read should you wind up in a line, riding a bus or waiting for a friend.

Taking a trip with 13 pounds of books does not interest me, and I can live without "heft." I also find an e-reader encourages me to read more. (A good review and I'm there, in the instant gratification kind of way.) I did read a wonderful Letter to the Editor of The New York Times Book Review that I will share with you:

"Oliver Sachs does not want to read books on a Kindle, Nook or iPad, since he might drop the device in the bath. Instead, he wants a largeprint book that is 'a real book made of paper' with, apparently, the magical ability to stay dry when submerged. — Martin Flicker, Irvine, Calif." Margo, *electronically*

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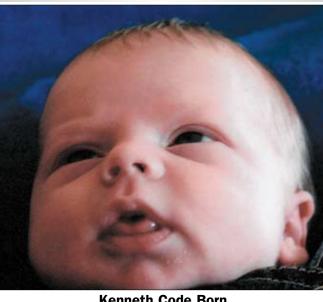
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Births



Kenneth Code Born

Kenneth Code Born, a boy, was born at 7:34 p.m. Jan. 15, 2013. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 inches long.

He is the son of Brice and Ashley Born of Coahoma. His maternal grandparents are Bobby and Jaymie Long of Big Spring and his paternal grandparents are Allan and Terry Born of Big Spring.



Jason Anthony Hernandez-Rodriguez

Jason Anthony Hernandez-Rodriguez, a boy, was born at 5:10 a.m. Jan. 20, 2013. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 22 inches long.

He is the son of Marisa and Rogelio Hernandez of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Juan and Tilia Rodriguez of Big Spring and his paternal grandparents are Rogelio and Gavina Hernandez of Odessa.

He was welcomed home by a brother, Max Levi.

To submit a lifestyle item, call 263-7331 or e-mail

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