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# Airport outlook taking off

*Oil field boom expected to increase air, ground traffic*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Business is good at the Big Spring Airport and officials are taking steps to make sure business gets even better in the future.

Airport Director Jim Little said Friday he has received confirmation from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) concerning the agency's plan to provide most of the funds for the construction of a T hangar at the facility.

A T hangar is a long building divided into sections. Each section would be big

enough to house an aircraft. The final price tag has not been established, but TxDOT would cover 90 percent of its cost, with the remainder coming from the city, Little said.

Aside from that building, Little said the airport is in negotiations with some private companies to build additional hangars at the airport. He added, however, that those negotiations are still in the preliminary phase and no definite decisions have been reached.

With the oil boom being the



—Jim Little, airport director

**"We are anticipating a dramatic increase in air and vehicular traffic in the near future."**

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**An airplane taxis toward the Lone Star Aviation hangar at the Big Spring Airport Friday. Officials announced Friday a new T hangar will soon be built at the airport, with most of the funding being provided by the Texas Department of Transportation.**

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

# Elections office relocating to first floor

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Elections Administration will be getting a new office, however, voters won't have to look far from the old location to find early voting polls in April.

The elections office — which has been located on the third

floor of the Howard County Courthouse for the past several years — will be moving to the former sheriff's office on the first floor of the courthouse Monday, according to County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom.

"We actually began the move Friday," Bloom said. "We're hoping to have every-

thing wrapped up Monday. We have to have the computers moved and set up and we're also waiting for the phone company to come and switch over the phone lines from the third-floor office to the new space. We're hoping it won't take the entire day Monday, however, a lot of it is sort of up in the air."

Bloom said she will have employees in the new office Monday, although it's unclear how long it will take before phone lines and computer systems are up and running.

"We'll do our best to help folks who come into the office, but a lot of it will simply depend on what resources we have available to us."

Bloom said Monday's move is a timely one for the upcoming elections.

"The May election was always a concern when it came to this move," Bloom said. "In fact, the plan has been that if we couldn't get into the new office by the end of March,

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**Law enforcement and emergency medical personnel were called to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in the 600 block of E. FM 700 Friday afternoon. No injury information was available at press time.**

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

# FISD to study school security

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

**FORSAN** — School security will be a major topic of discussion when the Forsan Independent School District board of trustees meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration wing board room.

Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker will meet with trustees to discuss existing security procedures, FISD Superintendent Randy John-

son said. "He'll talk about school safety in general," Johnson said. "Also, I assume he'll talk ... about any concerns he has about the topic."

Since the fatal school shootings last December in Connecticut, safety has become a topic of overriding concern for school districts across the country,

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Obituaries

Nelda Jo Fuller



LUBBOCK — Mrs. Nelda Jo Fuller, age 86, of Lubbock and formerly of Colorado City died Thursday afternoon, March 14, 2013, in a Lubbock care facility. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 18, 2013, in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Royce Clay officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fuller was born Jan. 30, 1927, in Knott, Texas, to Claude and Luan Malone Harland. She married L.G. Fuller Aug. 21, 1946, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Dec. 6, 1995. She graduated from Garner High School in Knott, Texas, in 1944 and attended Howard County Junior College, Abilene Christian College and graduated from West Texas State College in 1950. She was a teacher for more

than 30 years, with several years at Wilson ISD, but the majority of her teaching career was with Lubbock ISD as an elementary teacher.

After retirement, she moved to Lake Colorado City, where she enjoyed fishing, socializing, reading and attending church at Plainview Church of Christ.

She is survived by a son, Jimmy and wife Lori Fuller of Hamlin; grandsons, Shane and wife Amber, and Rhyne and wife Casey Fuller; and great-grandchildren, Hunter, Tucker, Baxter, Ellie and Nolan.

She is also preceded in death by her parents and her nine siblings.

The family would like to thank the staff of Carillon House for the tender loving care she received in her last few years.

The family will receive friends from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to Alzheimer Association at P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

*Paid obituary*

Bettie Gross Crow Pettus



Services for Bettie Gross Crow Pettus, age 83, of Jacksonville are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at Calvary Baptist Church, Jacksonville, with Pastor Michael Mathis and the Rev. Bob Huddleston officiating.

Interment will follow in Jarratt Cemetery, under the direction of Autry Funeral Home in Jacksonville.

Bettie died Friday, March 15,

2013. She was born April 18, 1929, in Big Spring, Texas.

Mrs. Pettus was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Jacksonville. She was

the wife of two Baptist ministers.

She is preceded in death by her parents, J.T. and Vera Gross; husbands, Loyd Crow and Albert Pettus; brother, A.J. Gross; sisters, Oleta Johnson, Doris Maneval, twin sister, Billie Walker; a grandson; and an infant brother, Gaston Gross.

Survivors are a son, Phillip Crow wife Diann of Mansfield, Texas; a daughter, Gayla Campbell and husband Barry of Jacksonville; a son; Odis Crow and wife Lisa of Jefferson; a daughter, Valarie Prather and husband David of Jacksonville; daughters, Lajuan Copeland and husband Jerry Sikes of, Trinidad, Colo., and Denise Whitley and husband David of Reno, Nev.; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation with the family will be 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Autry Funeral Home.

Bessie V. Flores



Bessie V. Flores, 45, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 14, 2013, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 18, 2013, at the Salvation Army with Majors Orville and Debra Chambless officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born March 20, 1967, in Big Spring, Texas and married Luis Flores June 12, 1991, in Coahoma, Texas.

A lifelong resident of Big Spring, Bessie was a member of the Salvation Army, where she worked

as a social worker for many years and was a Corps Sgt. Major for the Church.

Survivors include her husband, Luis Flores of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie Knecht and Matthew Bell of Big Spring; a son, Dennis Knecht Jr. of Big Spring; a brother, Joe P. Rushing of Big Spring; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jessie Eugene Rushing and Naomi "Tiny" Rushing.

The family suggests memorials be made to Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Adela Dominguez



Adela Dominguez, 66, of Big Spring died Friday, March 15, 2013, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 18, 2013, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Rosewood Chapel.

A vigil service will be 7 p.m. Sunday, March 17, 2013, at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

She was born May 9, 1946, in Fort Davis, Texas, and married Manuel Dominguez July 25, 1964, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death May 18, 2011.

Mrs. Dominguez was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

Survivors include four daughters, Monica Martinez and husband Jose Luis, Dr. Cecilia Sophia Dominguez, Patsy Garza and husband Albert, and Becky Dominguez and husband Eddie White, all of Big Spring; two sons, Manuel Dominguez Jr. and P.J. Dominguez, both of Big Spring; six brothers; six sisters; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh, Suite A, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- CRYSTAL RAMIREZ MUNO, 26, 703 Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CESAR LOPEZ, 21, 607 Douglas, was arrested on charges of purchasing/furnishing alcohol for a minor and failure to give identifying informaton.
- RILEY ERIK WOOD, 21, 1904 E. 25<sup>th</sup>, was arrested on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol for a minor.
- CALVIN JACOB LAWSON, 29, 3701 La Juna, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal mischief over \$500/less than \$1,500.
- DAVID LOPEZ, 27, 1100 Pickens, was arrested

for driving while license suspended/invalid with previous conviction.

- TYRE COLE WATTS, 27, 5101 Fisher, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- TAMMY KAY LOCKHART, 36, 311 W. third, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and prohibited substance in a correctional facility.

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Dewey Byers

Dewey Byers, 78, of Big Spring died Friday, March 15, 2013 at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

James 'Jimmy' Pedigo

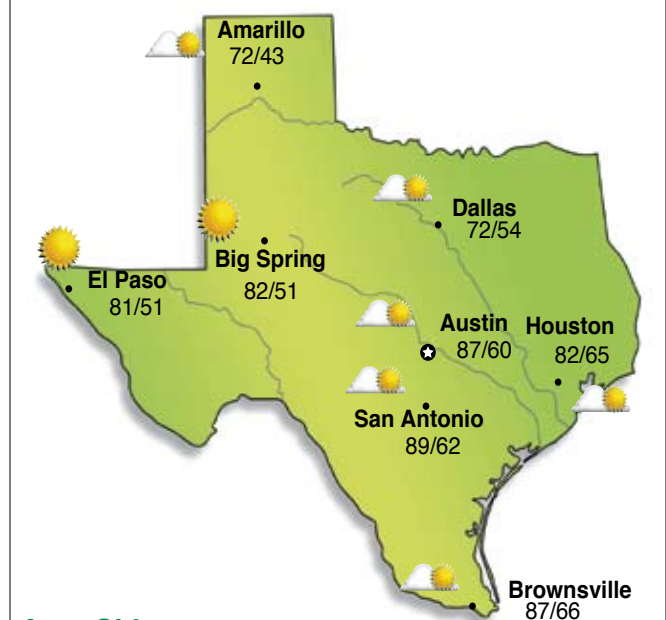
James "Jimmy" Pedigo, 82, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 16, 2013 in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Today's Weather

| Local 3-Day Forecast   |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Sun 3/17   | Mon 3/18   | Tue 3/19   |
|  |  |  |
| <b>82/51</b><br>A mainly sunny sky. Warm. High 82F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph. | <b>77/47</b><br>Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s. | <b>83/50</b><br>Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s. |
| Sunrise: 7:53 AM<br>Sunset: 7:56 PM  | Sunrise: 7:52 AM<br>Sunset: 7:56 PM                                      | Sunrise: 7:51 AM<br>Sunset: 7:57 PM                                  |

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**Area Cities**

| City           | Hi | Lo | Cond.    | City            | Hi | Lo | Cond.     |
|----------------|----|----|----------|-----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Abilene        | 73 | 54 | pt sunny | Kingsville      | 91 | 66 | mst sunny |
| Amarillo       | 72 | 43 | pt sunny | Livingston      | 82 | 61 | pt sunny  |
| Austin         | 87 | 60 | pt sunny | Longview        | 75 | 58 | cloudy    |
| Beaumont       | 78 | 63 | pt sunny | Lubbock         | 76 | 47 | sunny     |
| Brownsville    | 87 | 66 | pt sunny | Lufkin          | 81 | 64 | pt sunny  |
| Brownwood      | 80 | 55 | pt sunny | Midland         | 83 | 56 | sunny     |
| Corpus Christi | 84 | 66 | pt sunny | Raymondville    | 91 | 66 | pt sunny  |
| Corsicana      | 72 | 55 | pt sunny | Rosenberg       | 83 | 65 | pt sunny  |
| Dallas         | 72 | 54 | pt sunny | San Antonio     | 89 | 62 | pt sunny  |
| Del Rio        | 96 | 60 | pt sunny | San Marcos      | 88 | 61 | pt sunny  |
| El Paso        | 81 | 51 | sunny    | Sulphur Springs | 69 | 53 | cloudy    |
| Fort Stockton  | 87 | 58 | sunny    | Sweetwater      | 76 | 53 | pt sunny  |
| Gainesville    | 64 | 46 | cloudy   | Tyler           | 76 | 58 | cloudy    |
| Greenville     | 70 | 51 | cloudy   | Weatherford     | 69 | 49 | pt sunny  |
| Houston        | 82 | 65 | pt sunny | Wichita Falls   | 65 | 44 | pt sunny  |

**National Cities**

| City        | Hi | Lo | Cond.     | City           | Hi | Lo | Cond.     |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta     | 73 | 58 | pt sunny  | Minneapolis    | 30 | 26 | mst sunny |
| Boston      | 38 | 24 | mst sunny | New York       | 42 | 32 | mst sunny |
| Chicago     | 33 | 31 | cloudy    | Phoenix        | 82 | 54 | sunny     |
| Dallas      | 72 | 54 | pt sunny  | San Francisco  | 64 | 47 | mst sunny |
| Denver      | 58 | 31 | mst sunny | Seattle        | 48 | 39 | rain      |
| Houston     | 82 | 65 | pt sunny  | St. Louis      | 37 | 35 | mixed     |
| Los Angeles | 71 | 51 | pt sunny  | Washington, DC | 46 | 38 | rain      |
| Miami       | 78 | 68 | pt sunny  |                |    |    |           |

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**► Take Note**

• The City of Big Spring and Howard County Emergency Management departments will co-host a community-wide Sky Warn Spotter class on Thursday, March 21, from 7-9 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers. The speaker will be Pat Vesper, Meteorologist-in-Charge of the National Weather Service. There is no cost for this class and it is open to the public.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting 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](http://www.westexags.com)

• 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](mailto:james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us) or 432-268-7535.

• An account has been established at Wells Fargo on behalf of the Linda Rena Torres family, whose vehicle was destroyed in a fire. A purse lost in the fire contained the family's income tax returns and child support. The vehicle, which was the family's only means of transportation, was not insured except for liability. To help, contact Wells Fargo at 268-6216 and mention account 2266054432.

• 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.

• 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.

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

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

• 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 Manny Negron 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.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• 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. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

**AIRPORT**

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main driving force, growth projections for Big Spring have been very optimistic recently and Little said the airport must prepare for that expected growth.

"We do anticipate more airplanes and more utilization of the airport and the (McMa-

hon-Wrinkle Airpark), and we're already seeing some of that," he said. "We're seeing a good number of aircraft coming in from the oil and wind industries, as well as other businesses."

One example Little pointed to is the stationing at the airport of a pair of helicopters attached to a firm which inspects and repairs power lines.

The new hangar and more aircraft may just be the tip of the iceberg when it comes to future expansion and Little conceded the airport complex has a lot of work to do to handle the anticipated boom.

"It's a mixed bag," Little said of the anticipated increase in demand of airport and airpark services. "We have some space (to handle expansion), but we also have

infrastructure needs, such as electrical, water and sewage, that have to be addressed if we're going to bring in new businesses."

Aside from an increase in air traffic, more land vehicles are expected to travel to and from the airpark after construction of the Highway 87 reliever route, which is expected to begin this year, is complete. As part of that new

route, a connector road will be built between the reliever route and the airpark, resulting in more commercial traffic to the area, Little said.

"We are anticipating a dramatic increase in air and vehicular traffic in the near future," he said.

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**ELECTIONS**

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we'd simply hold up on it until after the May elections. Luckily, however, we'll be ready to hold the upcoming election from the new office."

The first-floor locale promises to be a voter-friendly environment, she said.

"The space we'll have for early voting polls won't be quite as large as the one we had on the third-

floor, however, I feel like it will still be more than adequate for the kind of traffic we have," Bloom said. "We expect to be able to handle between six to eight early voters at a time."

"Being on the first floor, I think the new office will be an improvement for our disabled and elderly voters who like to come in and cast their ballots in person. We won't have to worry about the status of the courthouse elevators and it will be a much shorter distance for them to go. We'll still offer curbside voting, but being on the first floor will also mean less of a trek for our election employees,

as well."

Early voting in municipal and school board elections is set to run from April 29 until May 7, with polls open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. May 3 is the deadline for voters to request a ballot by mail in time for the May 11 election.

For more information, contact Bloom at 432-264-2273.

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**FISD**

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including Forsan, and Johnson and other administrators are actively seeking ways to make district campuses safer for students and staff.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office provides the primary law enforcement presence at FISD schools. While deputies are not constantly on school grounds, they do maintain regular patrols and act as the first responder when security issues arise, Johnson said.

Forsan ISD is examining the possibility of increasing law enforcement visibility at its campuses. Jonson said

one possibility trustees will explore is having a "liaison officer" on the grounds during school hours.

"(Deputies) do a very good job of patrolling the campuses ... but we would like to increase their presence," he said.

Another topic Parker will discuss is any security concerns or suggestions he might have with regard to the pro-

posed new elementary campus which voters will decide upon in May, Johnson said.

"After what happened in Connecticut, there's been a lot of discussions about safety," Johnson said. "We're still working on that. We're also looking at what the (Texas) Legislature might do this session, but we want to stay ahead of things."

In other business

Monday, trustees will consider:

• Reports from the technology director and the district's School Health Advisory Committee.

• Bond-related reports from the district's financial and architectural advisors.

• A report on planned improvements to the secondary campus athletic field house.

• The district's bank

depository contract.

• Teacher contract renewals.

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# EDITORIAL

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## TO THE EDITOR

### Elect the right one, part II

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to clarify a few points from a recent Letter to the Editor from Mr. Mize. The point he sends is that our town is ... "actually smaller now than 20 years ago while most other towns have grown." This is incorrect.

According to the U.S. Census data for Big Spring, Texas: 1990 census was 23,199, 2000 census was 25,232 and the 2010 census was 27,282.

These numbers reflect a 17 percent increase over the last 20 years and an 8 percent increase in the last 10 years.

I agree we do have a problem with our streets and water infrastructure. I would suggest your closing statement read: We must elect the right mayor with a vision for the future, planning and budgeting for changes and the courage to make the necessary changes to move Big Spring forward.

JAN HANSEN  
BIG SPRING

### Preservation

TO THE EDITOR:

As a concerned citizen, I would like to bring to your attention the dangers of mountaintop removal mining and the urgent steps we need to take to protect our

Appalachian Mountains and people, before it is too late. Mountaintop removal not only destroys and pollutes waterways and eliminates wildlife, but it also affects families' and communities' access to clean water and uncontaminated air, and seriously threatens their health. There are two things our nation's leaders must do right now.

First, the President and the Environmental Protection Agency need to follow the robust science and set a strong, binding clean water rule that will prevent the pollution and destruction of waterways by mountaintop removal mining waste.

Second, Congress must pass the Appalachian Community Health Emergency (ACHE) Act, which will thoroughly analyze the impacts of mountaintop removal on the health of people who live near it, including the higher rates of birth defects, cancer, and early death that have occurred in communities near these mines.

I believe we have an obligation to preserve our national heritage for future generations, including our mountains and vital waterways, and to ensure that Appalachian communities are not

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# Rob Junell, mountain climbing judge

Robert Junell of Midland is a federal district judge who likes to climb mountains.

"I rode in rodeos for a while, then played polo for a number of years and thought I needed to retire from that, so mountain climbing was good third thing to go to."

His first two years of college were at New Mexico Military Institute. While there, he got used to going over to Ruidoso to ski and hike.

"I spent three years in Germany during my military years and was in the mountains quite a lot. I got my discharge in Europe and my wife and I went skiing and hiking in Switzerland."

He is still a serious skier and does ski patrol duty on winter weekends and holidays at Ruidoso's Ski Apache.

"It's good to be in the mountain air. It clears your head and mind. Besides that, we're just going to be here once so why don't we grab on to all that we can. It's also a good reason to stay in shape, not just for your doctor so he can brag on you, but for yourself so you can do more things."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

"I'm goal-oriented, so having a mountain climb is a suitable goal and gives me a reason to get up early, go to the Y and work out."

The judge has climbed high mountains in Nepal, Argentina, Ecuador, Bolivia, Russia and other countries, including Kilimanjaro in Africa (19,000 feet). He climbed the highest mountain in America, 20,000 foot Mount McKinley in Alaska's Denali National Park.

His main pastime is climbing Guadalupe Peak here in Texas. At an altitude of 8,700 feet, it is a thousand feet higher than the average Alp.

"It's the highest point in Texas and is a great place to go for training, especially, going up and down carrying a big pack. You met interesting people from all over the United States and beyond trying to climb high points in all the different states."

The first time he climbed it was in the fall of 2004.

"I was in Pecos for court and the case fell through. I had my stuff with me and had been wanting to go, so I drove over there, about an hour and a half from Pecos. I got on the trail, ran into some fellow hikers and it seemed like it took me forever to reach the top."

"After getting up there, I was ready to get on an escalator to

bring me back down. It does get easier. I've climbed it more than 120 times. Last year when I climbed it for the 100th time, the park rangers had a little ceremony and presented me with a plaque."

He usually makes the climb and the round trip to Guadalupe from his home in Midland in one day.

"From Midland to Guadalupe Mountains National Park is a three-hour drive. There are five stop lights between my house and there and four of them are in the city of Midland. The other one is in Kermit. So it's very accessible."

"Most of the times I go by myself. I leave at 5 or 6 in the morning, depending on what season it is. I drive over, climb the peak and I'm back by 6 or 7 in the evening."

He can climb it fast. His slowest time is 4 hours and 45 minutes.

"The fastest I've done it is one hour and 59 minutes. It's 4.1 miles with a 3,000 feet elevation change. I've been told that an ultra marathoner ran up the mountain in 58 minutes."

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# Teachers and the Ides of March

Julius Caesar's assassination marked 'em, Will Shakespeare wrote about 'em and teachers seem destined to perpetuate 'em. Bad news — like "Ides" of old — blows in each year, "hammer-locked" with destiny on the wings of each windy March.

School personnel — lumped together — harbor fear premonitions of the school year's final lap. They know that lurking on the other side of spring break are unpredictable situations — the kinds that try their souls — to make chopped liver of whatever nerve endings remain.

Superintendents — haunted by indignities inflicted at many ceremonies — wander through stores featuring graduation specialties, checking on new "toys" invariably added for the ceremonial season. Chins are rubbed at the prospect of stereophonic air horns and mice — priced cheaper by the dozen.

There are also spring-powered devices that propel mortar boards to highest ceilings, with special adhesive for attachment thereto. They cringe as their throats dry.

School folks welcome spring break like cattle to new pastures. They regain enthusiasm that initially drew them to the profession, lick wounds and gird up for the homestretch.

After all, they prize the week-long recess as much as students.

Meanwhile, parents' lips quiver at the challenge of keeping boredom's clutches at bay for a whole week.

For "Exhibit A" in this vignette, consider Andy Adams,

a Kilgore principal who soon will complete two decades in the field. He called the two days prior to spring break this year "the toughest in memory."

He spent most of the hours re-ereing, without nearly enough thumbs to poke into educational dike holes that spring open when the natives are most restless. He was equal to tasks, but emergency crews were at the ready.

A respite never was so appealing. Saturday, he figured, he'd simply "unlax," claiming the fruits — hopefully low-hanging — of an unstructured, "do-nothing" day. He'd blot out thoughts of upcoming mandated exams and the barrage of excuses abounding as the year grows old.

Andy, a "no-nonsense" principal with a commanding presence at 6-3 and 200-plus pounds, waked that Saturday half-relaxed. He'd begin it with a leisurely 15-minute ride to Longview with his father-in-law. Little did he know that a sighting alongside Highway 259 would trigger out-of-control laughter that abated just short of a conniption fit.

A motionless coyote — its last breath drawn at least a day earlier — sprawled. (At once the "cartooned" picketing chicken needed word changes to warn of the hazards of road-crossing: "Even with the best of outcomes, you'll never hear the end of it.") Hard to explain was the message on the mylar balloon tied to the coyote's paw: "Get Well Soon."

Who, wondered Andy and his kin, would have such a warped sense of humor? Who would take time to make the purchase, perhaps smiling when the check-out clerk added hopes for a quick recovery? Who would risk being seen "tying one on?"

Andy's near-convulsive response perhaps was cathartic.

Now limp, he's relaxed enough to see the school year through to its end. (Smiling, he wonders how many others saw the same scene.)

I mentioned his being "no-nonsense." This description dates back a quarter-century, when he was a college freshman and I was the president. He wanted to be the "kind of teacher who wouldn't put up with the nonsense" he got by with.

Indeed, he was "impish" — as many freshmen are — but his devil-may-care smile reduced misdemeanors to lower-case demerits.

I recall a reception for freshmen parents during the spring semester. Suffering from "mal-tuition," they delighted in their offsprings' lofty goals — to become teachers, ministers, lawyers, researchers and so on.

When all eyes turned toward Andy's dad, he responded, "I pray God that Andy wants to become ... a ... a ... a sophomore!"

Later, he married Kathy Robinson, a student worker in my office. She "had it all," Christian values, beauty, strong work ethic, creativity and a host of other laudable traits. Some say she took on Andy as a project.

We've joked about it, but truth to tell, theirs is a marriage worth modeling. They and their three children, deeply rooted in their community, are "as good as it gets."

That's my opinion and that of legions of others. But I'm glad he had his dad-in-law along to verify the "Get Well Soon" balloon story.

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## DAILY PRAYER

Let us rejoice in all you have given us, Heavenly Father.

Amen

# LETTERS

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bearing the brunt of our nation's unsustainable energy decisions.

Sincerely,  
**DR. LEA FAULKES**  
BIG SPRING

## Responsibility

TO THE EDITOR:

Regardless of whether the fire was due to an accident or arson, I of course, wholeheartedly agree that the culprit must be located and jailed. Either way, it happened as a result of irresponsibility or malintent, but this is not what I'm here to address.

I'm here to address something that has been a problem in Big Spring for years, yet the city continues to look the other way. This problem is the careless demolition of nostalgic and historic buildings and the negligent property owners who enable the problems that lead to it.

Big Spring has lost far too many old buildings to having to be razed due to decades of abandonment after closing, buildings that housed establishments that are a facet of our local nostalgia and history, along with the buildings being old, usually historic themselves.

The Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital is one of many that have fallen victim to negligent, stubborn property owners leaving it to fall into disrepair, subsequently allowing vandals, vagrants and natural forces, such as weather and plant life, take over. The building then either becomes too

severely damaged to renovate, or it catches fire due to unsavory human activity, and then it is either pushed to be demolished or requires demolition.

As with its many counterparts, such as the Greyhound Bus Station, along with several others. I'm tired of our old, architectural gems of the past often coming to a point to where they are sometimes being seen as a magnet for crime, an eye sore, a hazard, or simply a burden in the way of a potential new building, all because of careless property owners and an equally careless city.

I understand it takes money, time and passion to preserve the aged brick and mortar windows into Big Spring's past and nostalgia, but with enough tenacity, passion and incentive, it can be done. If those walls could talk, believe me, they could tell us some awesome stories, much like the folks who so fondly recollect them.

Naturally, I'm pleased with the Hotel Settles being successfully renovated, and that many of the properties in the general area have also been purchased for restoration by Mr. Ryan, however, the reason the Hotel Settles took several years to renovate it is because the previous owners and the city allowed it to fall into disrepair for roughly three decades. This lack of concern and incentive to take action nearly resulted in the loss of the grand hotel, had Mr. Ryan not intervened or lost faith, due to all the setbacks.

Why can't more local

owners of aging, abandoned buildings follow the example of property owners who actually do care about their old buildings? A friend of mine owns two old buildings and takes great care in properly maintaining them.

He is using one of them and has the other locked down and secure. He replaced its destroyed roof, which got that way due to the lack of concern of the previous owners and the city. He gutted, patched up and cleaned the interior which was again, ruined by previous neglect, and he has close relatives check up on the property every once and awhile, since he is often out of town on business. He has plans for it, plans that I hope to be a contribution to.

What excuses do the owners of most of the other old abandoned buildings have?

There needs to be more concern and incentive to preserve, renovate and utilize old buildings in Big Spring, along with more work figuring out how to create businesses of a variety of types, for the utilization of the old buildings and Big Spring in general. A good start would be to fight against the soon to be proposed demolition of the Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital, support the Hotel Settles and the related preservation efforts, create more incentive to act by promoting awareness of this ongoing problem, and potential ways to end it and encourage owners of old abandoned buildings to take action, unless it is known that they are taking action.

**ALYSSA NEWTON**  
BIG SPRING

# News in brief

## Prisons install cellphone blocking equipment

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — The nation's largest state prison system is turning to electronic weaponry to combat the persistent headache of illegal cellphones smuggled to inmates.

Final testing starts next week at the first of two Texas Department of Criminal Justice prisons where equipment has been installed to block calls to and from unauthorized phones.

The equipment, known as a managed access system, also diverts text messages, emails and Internet log-in attempts from contraband phones. It should be in full operation at the Stiles Unit outside Beaumont and the McConnell Unit near Beeville next month. The two prisons together hold some 5,000 inmates and historically have been the worst of the more than 100 Texas prisons when it comes to cellphone smuggling.

The goal is to make cellphones useless, or at least not worth the risk of extended prison time or reduced privileges, said Michael Roesler, senior warden at the Stiles Unit.

"If the cellphone becomes the proverbial paperweight, the reward of taking a chance of losing their good time, their status, their class, their parole possibility, is too great a risk for them to hang on to," he said.

Contraband phones have been a problem in prisons around the country. Prison administrators consider them security threats, used by inmates to plan and coordinate escapes, run illicit businesses and threaten and harass crime victims or authorities.

## Mexican police seize 9 tons of marijuana

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican federal police say they have seized more than nine tons of marijuana, 370 pounds (168 kilograms) of crystal meth and a large cache of weapons this week in a northern border city caught in a bloody turf war between two drug cartels.

A Friday statement says a citizen's complaint led officers to two underground warehouses near a highway that links Monterrey with Reynosa, a city across the border from McAllen, Texas.

Police found five tons of marijuana and the crystal meth in one warehouse and 20 automatic rifles, thousands of bullets, 10 bulletproof vests, 20 uniforms, radios and tire spikes in the other.

Authorities didn't say where the other four tons of marijuana were found or what drug cartel owned the weapons and drugs.

## Dog set afire recovers from severe burns

HOUSTON (AP) — A Labrador retriever that authorities say had been coated with fuel and set on fire last month has survived and is near release from a veterinary clinic.

Houston animal control officers found the dog Feb. 20 after it had wandered for days near Hobby Airport, covered with second- and third-degree burns.

With the help of nonprofit Scout's Honor Rescue Houston, the male dog was taken to the Texas A&M University veterinary school in College Station for treatment. The group is campaigning to raise funds to defray the \$25,000 in treatment costs for the dog, since named Pier.

Vet school spokeswoman Angela Clendenin tells the Houston Chronicle that Pier will be neutered Monday and could be released by next week to an Austin woman who has applied to adopt him.

## 2 men sought for sex assault found in Hawaii

CORSICANA, Texas (AP) — Authorities say two North Texas brothers have been arrested in Hawaii as they were attempting to board a flight and flee charges of sexually assaulting a young girl.

Corsicana Police Chief Randy Bratton says 43-year-old Tarius Manuere and 40-year-old Noah Manuere were apprehended Friday as they prepared to board a flight in Honolulu to the South Pacific islands of Micronesia.

The suspects are each facing a single count of aggravated sexual assault of a child. Bratton declined to give the age of the girl, only saying that she's a "tween" who knew the Manueres. He says the assault occurred last year in Corsicana, about 50 miles south of Dallas.



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Luck o' the Mercury

As any good art director knows, much depends on how you frame things. Mercury has been moving backward in Pisces, encouraging us to envision the past differently and find a helpful, empowering viewpoint. Now Mercury punctuates the Irish celebration of luck and life by ending his retrograde and moving forward in good faith.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The need to belong to something greater than yourself will tug at you now. Ambivalence on the part of others only serves to inspire you to act purposefully. Someone must lead the way. Why not you?

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll have a sense that all is well. Sure, there are conflicts. But they seem



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both natural and inevitable. Whatever the reason they came into being, they can always be used in a positive way.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your past pops into your mind and begs for attention. You won't regret pausing for a chat, or better yet, take your past to tea. Revisiting will bring you a new perspective on what happened.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You know how to spot a bad situation and avoid it or, if it's unavoidable, breeze right through it with minimal damage. You'll keep your attachments and expectations to a minimum.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Inside you there is a deep reservoir of determination and strength. You won't need it now, but just knowing that it's there might calm you and keep you on purpose throughout the day.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This day will not come with an instruction manual or a checklist, but your clear objectives will serve to organize the activities. It becomes obvious what has to happen next in order to get to the finish line of a goal.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't have to settle in relationships. You can have what you want if you're willing to do what it takes. You might have to learn a new way of communicating to get there.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll want to give to someone, but if the gift is unnecessary, it will only cause more problems. Wait to see what is really wanted and, more importantly, needed.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just because

you find exceptions to a rule doesn't make the rule wrong. Every rule has exceptions. But if the rule makes your life better and more organized, uphold it regardless of its inconstancy.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In order to be part of the fun, you have to forget about what you look and sound like. Succumb to the wildness of your human animal being. Self-consciousness has no place there.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Move. Knowing what you're doing is not a requirement. You'll figure it out as you go through a process of trial and error. It won't always be pretty, but you'll be better for the effort.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You know one side of a person quite well, while being fully aware that there is another side that could remain a mystery forever. You're curious but respectful.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 17). You'll be more in touch with your feelings, and this change will enable you to build closer relationships. April brings tender commitments. You'll learn a new language in May — maybe not an actual linguistic study, but a most effective manner of communicating. Breakthroughs in June and August move your career along. Aquarius and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 14, 33, 39 and 50.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The fine luck at the top of the week begins with Mercury's St. Patrick's Day declaration to fly direct, ending the retrograde that has had us tripping down memory lane — and tripping up certain other daily logistics. Mercury retrogrades aren't evil, as some people think. But when they end, there is a sense of relief all the same. Normalcy is restored, and there's a feeling of getting on with life. In this case, for some, the "getting on" will begin with a green beer in hand.

The next piece of fine fortune happens with the spring equinox on Wednesday, when the sun enters Aries. This astronomical holiday has been celebrated by ancient and modern civilizations alike, perhaps for its practical significance. This time of equal daylight and darkness tells mankind that it's time to plant the crops. The sun's position on the winter solstice and on the spring equinox is integrated into the architecture of ancient monuments, such as the Maiden Tower in Baku and Stonehenge in England, as well as many other locations around the globe.

On the 21st, Venus enters Aries, where manly aggression will clash with her ultra-feminine needs and interests. The conflict helps us work out male/female differences.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Happy birthday to Rob Lowe, whose Hollywood life has been filled with the kind of poignancy, thrills, danger, political activism, comedy and romance that one might expect to see in the movies. The Pisces actor, who has Mercury and Jupiter in fiery Aries, writes skillfully about it all in "Stories I Only Tell My Friends: An Autobiography."

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By Steve Becker

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**EAST**  
♠ 8  
♥ J 7 4 3  
♦ K J 6  
♣ Q 10 9 7 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q J 10 9 4 2  
♥ A K  
♦ A  
♣ K 5 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 ♣ \* Pass 2 ♦ \*\* Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
4 ♠

\* strong, artificial \*\* negative  
Opening lead — nine of diamonds.  
Choosing the best line of play sometimes requires exceptionally fine judgment. In most cases, however, the correct approach is clear-cut, although not necessarily apparent.  
For example, suppose you're in four spades on this deal and West leads a diamond. You win with the ace, and the question is how to proceed. It seems obvious that you should try to ruff a club in dummy to

acquire a 10th trick, but this is much easier said than done.  
Let's say you lead a low club at trick two to pave the way for a club ruff in dummy. In that case, East would win with the nine and return a trump. He does not have to be a genius to figure out what you're planning to do. Your best bet would be to finesse, but West unfortunately wins with the king and returns a trump. Eventually you go down one.  
However, this is the wrong way to play the hand. The right play at trick two is the king of clubs, not a low club! Observe the effect of this play if West has the ace, which would happen about half the time. In the actual case, West takes the king with the ace but is helpless.  
He can return a trump, which you'd win, but when you next led a second club, West would find himself stymied. If he won the trick, he would then be faced with the unhappy choice of letting you ruff a club in dummy or sacrificing his sure trump trick by leading a second trump. And if East won the club instead, he would have no trump to return.  
The king-of-clubs lead at trick two is not something that springs readily to mind, but it nevertheless substantially increases your chances of making the contract.

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# News in brief

## Pope Francis to call on Benedict next Saturday, also will meet with Argentine president

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis will visit his predecessor at the papal retreat at Castel Gandolfo next Saturday, an eagerly anticipated meeting given the novelty of having a reigning and retired pope side-by-side. He will also meet with the Argentine president, whom he has criticized for her liberal measures.

Francis will fly by helicopter March 23 to the retreat in the hills south of Rome and will have lunch with Benedict XVI before returning to the Vatican, the Holy See said in a statement Saturday.

Benedict resigned Feb. 28, the first pontiff in 600 years to step down. Francis was elected on Wednesday.

Francis will also meet with the Argentine president, Christina Kirchner, on the eve of his installation Mass on Tuesday, the Vatican said.

The former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio has been an outspoken critic of Kirchner, who has imposed socially liberal measures that are anathema to the church, from gay marriage and adoption to free contraceptives for all.

## Syrian regime expands use of widely banned cluster bombs against civilians, group says

BEIRUT (AP) — The Syrian regime is expanding its use of widely banned cluster bombs, an international human rights group said in a report Saturday as the deadlocked conflict entered its third year.

In the past six months, Syrian forces have dropped at least 156 cluster bombs in 119 locations across the country, causing mounting civilian casualties, the New York-based group Human Rights Watch said.

Two strikes in the past two weeks killed 11 civilians, including two women and five children, the report said. The group said it based its findings on field investigations and analysis of more than 450 amateur videos.

Cluster bombs open in flight, scattering smaller bomblets. They pose a threat to civilians long afterwards since many don't explode immediately. Most countries have banned their use.

The report came a day after Syrians marked the second anniversary of their uprising against President Bashar Assad. The rebellion began with largely peaceful protests but in response to a harsh regime crackdown turned into an insurgency and, by last summer, into a full-scale civil

war.

## Obama draws praise for reaching out, but gets no concessions from either party

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over dinner at a swank hotel a few blocks from the White House, Republican senators wanted to know if President Barack Obama would support a gradual increase in the age of eligibility for Medicare, set at 65 since the program's inception more than four decades ago.

The president hedged, according to several at the event, recalling the discussion on a cost-saving change to Medicare that most if not all leading Democrats in Congress adamantly oppose. One later recalled that Obama "drew no bright line" in opposition, but the lawmaker came away believing that the president "would be very resistant" even if it might unlock a long-sought deal to reduce deficits and an ever-growing federal debt.

That lawmaker and some of the others describing what occurred in the meetings spoke on condition of anonymity, noting that the sessions were supposed to be private discussions.

The politically fraught moment came at the outset of Obama's widely publicized recent string of meetings with rank-and-file lawmakers. The unusual commitment of presidential time netted public praise from his most implacable critics and was supplemented by numerous conversations among lawmakers and senior White House aides.

No breakthroughs were anticipated and none emerged, and for all the warm talk, House Speaker John Boehner delivered a tart summation.

## Prosecutors pursue felonies against journalist in LA Times hack; some say that's too harsh

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Federal prosecutors say Reuters' deputy social media editor conspired with a notorious hacker network to cause an online security breach that should be punished by decades in federal prison.

Fervent online supporters of Matthew Keys say the journalist was just taking part in an online prank that briefly altered the Los Angeles Times' website, and he shouldn't ever have been suspended from his job.

In an age when the line between tech superstardom and outright hacking grows increasingly blurry, the case against Keys, 26, lays bare sharp divisions about what constitutes Internet crime and how far the government

should go to stop it.

"Congress wants harsh penalties doled out for these crimes because they don't want people defacing websites, but there has to be a way that we can bring the law into harmony with the realities of how people use technology today," said Hanni Fakhoury, an attorney at the San Francisco-based nonprofit Electronic Frontier Foundation.

Keys, a well-known figure in the Twitterverse, was charged Thursday with conspiring with the hacking group Anonymous to alter a Times news story in late 2010.

## China installs Cabinet, technocrats to overhaul economy, boost global role

BEIJING (AP) — China's new leaders turned Saturday to veteran technocrats with greater international experience to staff a Cabinet charged with overhauling a slowing economy and pursuing a higher global profile for the country without triggering opposition.

The ceremonial legislature approved nearly three dozen trusted politicians, experienced officials and career diplomats who make up the State Council. Their appointment largely completes a once-a-decade transfer of power to a new generation of communist leaders.

The new team takes charge at a time of difficult transitions. With the economic model that brought decades of high growth sputtering, the government is looking to transform the world's second-largest economy by nurturing self-sustaining growth based on domestic consumption and technology industries instead of labor-intensive exports and investment. A more assertive foreign policy, cyber-hacking and years of scouring the world for resources have also touched off nervousness among China's neighbors and the U.S. and set off a small but potentially threatening backlash against Chinese investment.

The senior officials installed Saturday are representative of how far China's reach extends, having far more international exposure than their predecessors.

Beijing's French-educated trade envoy, Gao Hucheng, was named commerce minister. Appointed finance minister was Lou Jiwei, chairman of China's multibillion-dollar sovereign wealth fund and a former deputy finance minister who is a fixture in international financial circles. Their appointment is likely to reassure trading partners and financial markets about policy continuity.

## U.S. changes in missile defense plan may provide opening for new arms control talks with Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — In adding 14 interceptors to a missile defense system based in Alaska and California, the U.S. abandoned a key part of a European missile defense plan that had been strongly opposed by Russia. At the same time, the decision provided a potential opening for new arms control talks.

The Obama administration cited development problems and a lack of money on Friday in announcing the cancellation of the interceptors that were to be deployed in Poland and possibly Romania early next decade.

Russian officials suspected that the interceptors were a counter to their missiles and had indicated that they would not consider further nuclear arms cuts unless their concerns were resolved.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said the cancellation was part of an overall restructuring of missile defense plans aimed at stopping missiles from North Korea and Iran. He made no reference to Russia's objections to the European plans but said that other parts of the missile defense plans in Europe would move forward and that the U.S. commitment to missile defense in the region "remains ironclad."



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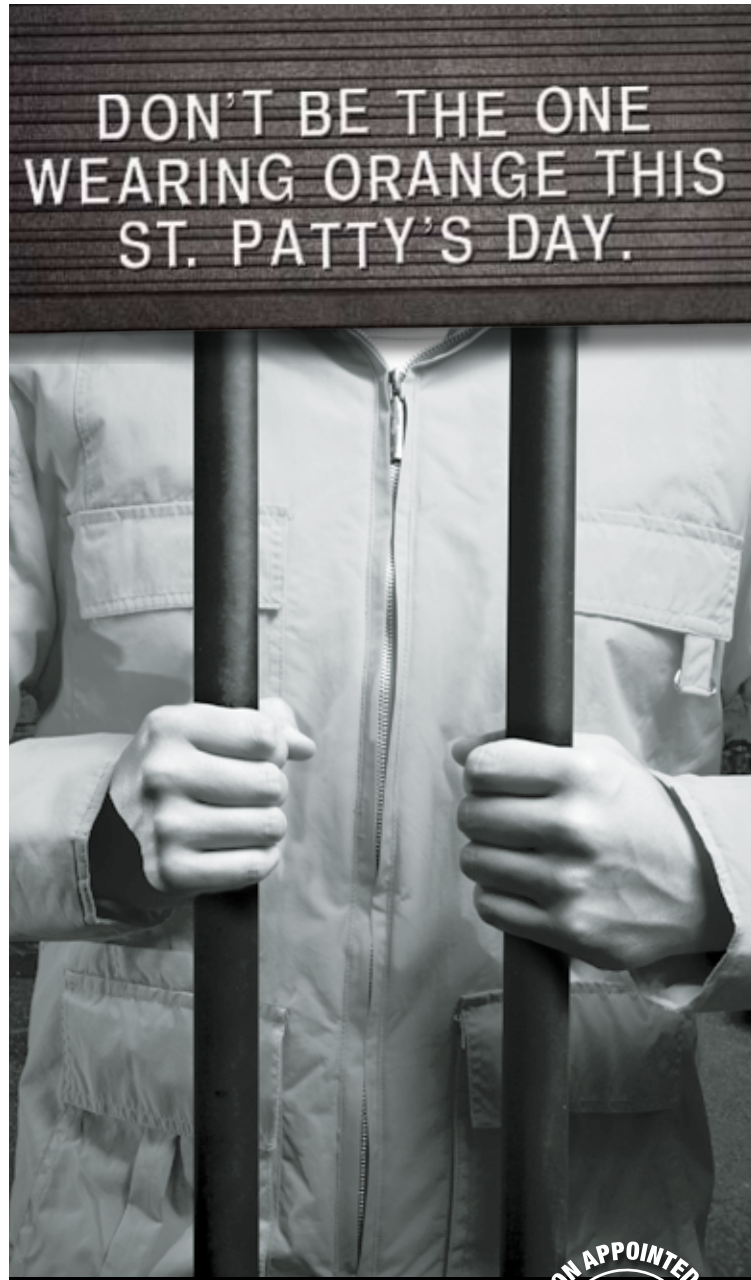
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# Lady Steers dominate Wylie in opener



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Big Spring's Ayanna Gomez lays down a bunt during Friday's District 4-3A opener against Abilene Wylie at Lady Steer Field. BSHS opened with a bang, downing Wylie 12-2 in a five-inning run-rule victory.

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

Wylie drew first blood in the District 4-3A softball opener Friday, but it was Big Spring which came out on top, defeating the Lady Bulldogs 12-2 in a run-rule victory in just five innings.

The Lady Steers found themselves down 1-0 going into the bottom of the second.

Angelino Castillo reached base on an error, then Gabbi Torres smacked a double with the count full before a two-RBI single by Mercedes Ruiz gave the Steers a one-run lead.

With no outs, BSNS put another run on the board after a RBI by Ayanna Gomez. With two outs, Logan Yarbar singled, plating the fourth run of the inning for the Lady Steers. Valerie Goodblanket tripled, sending Yarbar home for a 5-1 lead before Wylie ended the inning on a routine play to first base.

Yarbar — who pitched a complete game for BSNS — only allowed two runs on six hits during the outing.

The Lady Steers increased their lead in the bottom of the third.

Castillo kicked off the inning with a triple. Torres picked up her second hit of the game — this time a RBI single. With runners in the corners and two outs, Yarbar popped one up into center field, but it was dropped, allowing two more runs to score for BSNS to extend their lead to 9-2.

With one out in the bottom of the fifth inning, Gomez tripled, sparking the Lady Steers' offense yet again.

Lizzie Fleecen drew a walk, putting runners on the corners for the red-hot Yarbar, who hit a triple of her own, scoring both runners.

The decisive run came off the bat of Goodblanket, who scored Yarbar on a single.

The win snapped a seven-game district losing streak dating back to 2012 for the Lady Steers and Head Coach John Sparks savored the win over a traditional district powerhouse.

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# Spurs playing with an edge as playoffs near

By **JON KRAWCZYNSKI**  
AP Basketball Writer

Here the San Antonio Spurs are again, running roughshod over the NBA and putting off their collective obituary for another year.

They're at the top of the Western Conference again, and it feels like they've been there forever. While everyone keeps waiting for Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili and Gregg Popovich to just give up already, they keep coming back, keep fortifying the supporting cast

around them and keep winning.

"That's a championship team right there," Chicago Bulls center Joakim Noah said after the Bulls lost in San Antonio earlier this month. "They do all the little things. Play together, defensively, everybody's on the same page. They make very little mistakes. You've got to give credit where credit is due."

They've won at least 50 games in every season of Duncan's long career, aside from the lockout-shortened 1998-99 season, when they went 37-13

and captured the first of their four championships.

They haven't been as flashy as the Lakers. They haven't been as hip as the Heat. What they have been is relentless and unyielding in the face of a clock that keeps ticking.

Sure, there are vulnerabilities.

Parker, who was putting together an MVP-caliber season, is out for at least another two weeks with a sprained left ankle. Ginobili has been bothered by a sore hamstring for much of the year and they've had more players start a game

this season than any other team in the league. They've also had a few eye-opening losses — Phoenix at home, a 30-point loss to Portland and a 24-point loss at Minnesota — in the last 10 days that have gotten everyone's attention.

"We've got to get things together and go back to who we were," Ginobili said after the loss in Minnesota. "Because it's happening too often now."

It's always been about professionalism and precision in San Antonio. This year, there's been some hunger

and humility added, giving the team an edge that may serve it well when it tries to end a six-year title drought this postseason.

That much was never more evident than on Tuesday when Timberwolves point guard Ricky Rubio sliced and diced them for a triple-double in the Minnesota's convincing win. Sure Duncan and Kawhi Leonard were not playing, but that didn't prevent Stephen Jackson — upset with the loss — from scoff-

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The Howard College men's basketball team and staff departs Big Spring on Friday en route to Hutchinson, Kan. The 13th seeded Hawks will open the National Junior College Athletic Association national men's basketball championship tournament Monday at 2 p.m. against East Mississippi.



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# Puerto Rico sends USA packing from Classic

MIAMI (AP) — Brandon Phillips grimaced as he chuckled about his travel plans.

He had hoped to accompany Team USA to the semifinals of the World Baseball Classic in San Francisco. Instead, because the Americans were eliminated Friday night by Puerto Rico, he'll rejoin the Cincinnati Reds at spring training in Goodyear, Ariz.

"I didn't want to go back to Goodyear," Phillips said. "I wanted to go to San Francisco so bad. It stinks, man."

Phillips can blame a U.S. batting slump — and 38-year-old right-hander Nelson Figueroa, who became the pride of Puerto Rico when he led his team into the semifinals and ousted the Americans, 4-3.

After Figueroa threw his last pitch to end the sixth inning, he leaped off the mound with a hoot like a kid at recess, then ran to catcher Yadier Molina to share a hug.

"We were supreme underdogs against that lineup," Figueroa said. "It was motivation to show them what kind of pitcher I was."

On Thursday, demonstrative Dominicans dominated the All-Star-laden U.S. squad. The Americans endured a scoreless streak of 14 innings spanning the two defeats, and Figueroa limited them to two singles in six shutout innings.

The Americans have still not won the WBC — or even reached the final — in three tries.

"When you play double-elimination, it's a crapshoot," manager Joe Torre said.

But don't try to tell the Americans the event is only a glorified spring training exhibition.

"Not true," said Ryan Vogelsong (1-1), who allowed two runs in 5 2-3 innings. "These games are intense. They mean

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Brandon Phillips  
Team USA

a lot. There's a lot of pride at stake. Being in the postseason and being here is very similar. It's quite honestly the same. For people to think this is just an exhibition, that's just false."

The Puerto Rican team didn't treat it like an exhibition. J.C. Romero escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth inning and retired the final four batters for his first save.

Center fielder Angel Pagan caught the final out, triggering a pileup of Puerto Rican players behind the mound.

"When I caught that ball, I was thinking about my country all the way," Pagan said. "We overcome what everyone expected. I think nobody expected us to be this far, but it's about what we believe, and we believe we can go all the way."

Puerto Rico advanced for the first time to the semifinals, which begin Sunday in San Francisco. They'll play the Dominican Republic on Saturday in the final game in Miami, which will determine seedings for the championship round.

Two-time defending champion Japan and the Netherlands round out the final four.

Figueroa (2-0) has a modest 20-35 record for six teams in nine major-league seasons, with his most recent big league game in May 2011. After pitching in Triple-A last year, he dominated the

Americans.

"I don't throw very hard, but I pitch inside," he said. "It was a great exhibition of what can be done without a plus fastball. It was an opportunity to demonstrate that good pitching beats good hitting."

Figueroa allowed only a single by Phillips in the fourth and a single by Jimmy Rollins in the sixth.

"He kept us off balance. He was hitting his spots," Phillips said.

The Americans batted .209 in their final two games.

Puerto Rico lost to the United States 7-1 on Tuesday, then staved off elimination Wednesday, rallying from a 3-1 deficit in the eighth inning to beat Italy.

The hits kept coming Friday, and Puerto Rico scored all four runs with two outs. Mike Aviles had an RBI single in the first, and Andy Gonzalez doubled home two runs in the sixth.

When Figueroa hit the tournament's 80-pitch limit, Giovanni Soto came on and gave up an RBI single to Giancarlo Stanton in the seventh.

The Americans continued their rally in the eighth. Rollins and Phillips singled off Jose De La Torre, and Ryan Braun followed with an RBI double. Joe Mauer walked to load the bases, and with two outs, Fernando Cabrera walked Ben Zobrist to force in a run and make it 4-3.

Eric Hosmer then grounded out again to Romero, who followed with a perfect ninth.

The crowd of 19,762 was smaller and more subdued than on Thursday, when the Dominican Republic transformed the ballpark into a Caribbean carnival by beating the United States. But Puerto Rican fans honked air horns and waved flags with each hit by their team and each out by the Americans.

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ing when asked about Rubio's performance.

"He's all right," Jackson huffed. "You know, I mean, I'm into winning championships. I'm not into guys playing all right, averaging 30 and 20 on sorry teams. I'm into winning championships. He got some upside, I'll say that. But it's all about winning to me. It's not about what you do on your personal stats."

A banner hasn't been raised on the River Walk since 2007.

As dominant as they have been in the regular season, the Spurs have flamed out in the playoffs each year since then, including last year when they won 50 times in 66 games and won 20 straight through the end of the regular season and the first two and a half rounds of the post-season.

Up 2-0 on Oklahoma City in the Western Conference finals and looking invincible, San Antonio lost four straight games to the younger Thunder to fall short again in the quest for their fifth title.

Most teams would panic over the summer and make big moves to

compensate. That's not how the Spurs do business. Duncan, Ginobili and Parker all returned, with only minor tweaking of the roster around them. Richard Jefferson was out. Nando de Colo was in. Cory Joseph was brought in from the NBDL to help when Parker went down and Leonard and Danny Green have continued to develop into promising perimeter threats.

"They're maturing right in front of our eyes," Duncan said. "Kawhi and Danny are really picking up a lot of the slack."

It's the Spurs way. An unparalleled scouting department led by general manager R.C. Buford does the drafting, searching far and wide for the right players to put around their three stars.

"Our management staff, R.C. does a great job with his scouts showing us who is out there, who is available," Popovich said. "And we all sit down and decide who we want to bring in. Once we bring them in, we do take a lot of time trying to develop them."

The coaching staff, in particular assistant Chad Forcier, works with the new guys, smoothing out any rough edges and getting

them up to speed on the system. And Duncan, Parker and Ginobili set the tone in practice every day.

"The role guys aren't going to get much done if they don't have the real talented guys to play with," Popovich said. "It's not going to work."

It's why a volatile temperament like Jackson can thrive in San Antonio after tough times in Indiana, Milwaukee and Golden State. It's why Boris Diaw can revive his career with the Spurs after being such a disappointment in Charlotte. It's why Tiago Splitter can develop from an overwhelmed rookie to a valuable big man off the bench.

"A lot of the guys have been in the system for a while, so consistency's maybe a little easier for us than it has been for others," Popovich said. "Just good character guys that come out and do their job."

The job has been done in the regular season, over and over again since that last title. And it's not like the Spurs have been slouches in the playoffs. They have twice reached the Western Conference finals in the last six years. But they've also been bounced in the first round twice.

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"The district opener is always important," Sparks said. "To come away with a win over Wylie. over Wylie was great for us. We played the way we are capable of and we proved we win against a tough opponent."

"We made some switches on defense that worked out for us and Yarbar was

at the top of her game tonight. She pitched one of the best games she's ever had. She was just amazing. She's a great leader for us in the circle. It seems like when she's on, the whole team is on."

The rejuvenated Lady Steers will try for their second district win on the road against Snyder on Tuesday.

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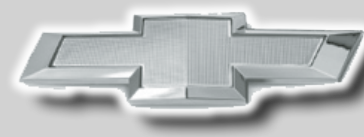
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#### Filling:

- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh dill weed or 1/2 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shredded Swiss or cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup thinly sliced green onion
- 4 ounces thinly sliced deli-styled baked ham, coarsely chopped
- Fresh dill sprigs (optional)

#### For crust:

- HEAT oven to 425°F. Coat 12-inch pizza pan with no-stick cooking spray. Combine pancake mix, Parmesan cheese, dry mustard and onion powder in medium bowl, stirring until blended. Stir in water and olive oil until dough forms.
- PRESS dough onto bottom of prepared pan to form a crust, building up outside edge to form a rim. Bake 7 minutes.

#### For filling:

- WHISK eggs, sour cream, Dijon mustard, dill and salt in medium bowl. Stir in cheese and green onions. Pour over hot crust, spreading evenly. Toss ham to separate pieces. Sprinkle evenly over egg mixture. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until egg mixture is set in center. Cool 5 minutes before cutting. Garnish with fresh dill, if desired.



Ham, Egg and Cheese Pizza

### Spicy Candied Bacon

Yield: 6 slices  
Prep Time: 5 minutes  
Cook Time: 25 minutes

- 1/2 pound extra-thick cut bacon, about 6 slices
- 1/4 cup *Hungry Jack Original Syrup*
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon cracked black pepper

- HEAT oven to 375°F. Line 15 x 10-inch baking pan with foil. Lay bacon slices on foil.
- BAKE 18 to 20 minutes or until bacon edges begin to curl. Remove from oven. Tilt pan to drain. Pat bacon with paper towel. Combine syrup, cayenne pepper, cinnamon and pepper in small bowl. Drizzle evenly over bacon slices.
- BAKE 5 minutes or until evenly browned. Remove to wire rack. Cool 5 minutes.

**Serving suggestion:** Candied Bacon Breakfast Sandwich: Layer fried egg on English muffin. Top with shredded cheese, Spicy Candied Bacon and a dash of hot sauce or ketchup. Top with other half of English muffin.

### Good Morning Granola

Yield: 5 cups  
Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 30 minutes

- 3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1 cup sliced almonds
- 1/2 cup shredded sweetened coconut (optional)
- 2 tablespoons wheat germ
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons *Crisco Pure Vegetable Oil*
- 1/2 cup *Hungry Jack Sugar Free Breakfast Syrup*
- 2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 cup dried fruit, such as raisins, golden raisins, cherries or cranberries

- HEAT oven to 350°F.
- COMBINE oats, almonds, coconut, wheat germ, salt and cinnamon in large bowl. Combine oil, syrup and brown sugar in another bowl. Pour over oat mixture. Toss until well coated. Spread evenly in 13 x 9-inch pan.
- BAKE 30 minutes or until golden brown, stirring frequently. Cool completely. Stir in dried fruit. Store in airtight container at room temperature.

### Pancake Breakfast Sandwich

Yield: 4 servings  
Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Cook Time: 15 minutes

#### Pancakes:

- 1 *Crisco Original No-Stick Cooking Spray*
- 3/4 cup *Hungry Jack Complete Buttermilk Pancake & Waffle Mix*
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup *Hungry Jack Original Syrup*
- 1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed, chopped into bite-sized pieces
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 3-inch round sausage patties\*

#### Eggs:

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/3 cup diced red pepper
- 4 large eggs
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

#### For pancakes:

- COAT griddle or skillet with no-stick cooking spray. Heat griddle or skillet on medium heat (350°F).

- WHISK pancake mix, water and syrup in medium bowl. Stir in cheese, potatoes and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cook sausage patties as directed on package.
- POUR 2 tablespoons batter on griddle, spreading batter to make a 3-inch circle or by using 3-inch pancake molds, coated with no-stick cooking spray. Repeat to make 7 more pancakes. Cook 2 minutes or until golden brown. Turn. Cook second side 2 minutes.

#### For eggs:

- MELT butter in large skillet. Add red pepper. Cook and stir about 1 minute. Whisk eggs and salt in small bowl. Pour into skillet with peppers. Cook slightly, then shape into four 3-inch circles about the same size as the pancakes and sausage.
- PLACE one pancake on plate. Top with cooked sausage patty, egg and another pancake to make breakfast sandwich. Repeat with remaining ingredients to make 3 more sandwiches.

\*TIP: If using pre-made sausage patties, flatten slightly into 3-inch rounds, if necessary.

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**Former resident wins Miss Texas High School America honors**

Madyson Gartman, the granddaughter of Buster and Susie Gartman of Big Spring, was named most photogenic and won the people's choice award at the Miss High School America event, held March 1-3 in Austin.

Gartman, the 15-year-old daughter of Tommy and Kathy Gartman of Longview, is a freshman and a member of the drill team at Pine Tree High School. She enjoys dancing and playing softball.

Madyson will compete in the Miss High School national event in Orlando, Fla., later this year.



**FIVE GENERATIONS**



Courtesy photo

**Family members gathered at Iona Hardison's 90th birthday party March 3, 2013, for a five-generation photo. Pictured left to right are Kathryn Burrow Miller, Iona Martin Hardison, Allayna Louise Burrow (born Feb. 18, 2013), Matthew Grant Burrow and Debbie Hardison Burrow.**

**► Menus**

**Senior Center**

Monday: Ham, sweet potatoes, spinach salad with dried cranberries, apple crisp, cornbread, V-8 juice, milk.

Tuesday: Green chili stew, Spanish rice, tortilla, salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger steak with onions, baked potato, peas and carrots, pudding, rolls, milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, cake, rolls, milk.

Friday: Chicken patty on bun, corn nuggets, lettuce and tomato, mandarin oranges, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Chicken and biscuit, English muffin with scrambled eggs and ham, oatmeal, gritts, fruit; Lunch: Ham and cheese wrap on spinach tortilla, potato soup, vegetables, salad, applesauce or fruit (HS- Spicy chicken).

Wednesday: Breakfast: Pizza, smoked sausage with cheese, cereal, toast, fruit; Lunch: Beef lasagna, zucchini, tomatoes, corn on cobb, salad, mandarin oranges, fruit, garlic bread sticks (HS- Big Daddy's Home Style Pizza).

Thursday: Breakfast: Pancake and sausage patty, breakfast on a gun, grits, oatmeal, toast, fruit; Lunch: Taco soup, broccoli, salad, Jell-O, fruit, corn bread (HS- Chicken fajita nacho).

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, breakfast taco, cereal, toast, fruit.; Lunch: Popcorn chicken, fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, vegetables, salad, pineapple, fruit.

**Big Spring ISD**

Monday: Breakfast: Apple Jacks, juice, milk; Lunch: Turkey and cheese sandwich, carrots, peaches, green beans, Orange Smiles, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Sausage roll, juice, Milk; Lunch: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, broccoli, pineapple, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cheese stick, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green peas, sliced apples, cornbread, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Blueberry waffle, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fajitas, tortilla, ranch beans, corn, strawberries, grapes, lettuce and tomato, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Pancake on stick, juice, milk; Lunch: Tacos or fish sticks, sweet potato sticks, lettuce, tomato, pears, milk.

**Coahoma ISD**

Monday: Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: BBQ rib sandwich, corn chips, refried beans, salad, cinnamon apples, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffle stick, bacon, juice, milk; Lunch: Hot dog, potato rounds, veggie cup, apple, milk (HS- chocolate chip cookie).

Wednesday: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cheese stick, juice, milk; Lunch: Cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, carrots, fruit cup, milk.


Thursday: Breakfast: Pizza, juice, milk; Lunch: Meatball sub sandwich, salad, green beans, apple slices, cereal treat, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Muffins, cheese stick, juice, milk; Lunch: Beef and bean burrito, corn, carrots, peaches, milk.

**Forsan ISD**

Monday: Breakfast: Sausage roll, pineapple-vanilla yogurt, cereal, fruit; Lunch: Chicken Tenders, au gratin potatoes, blackeye peas, garden salad, pears, roll (HS- Meatloaf)

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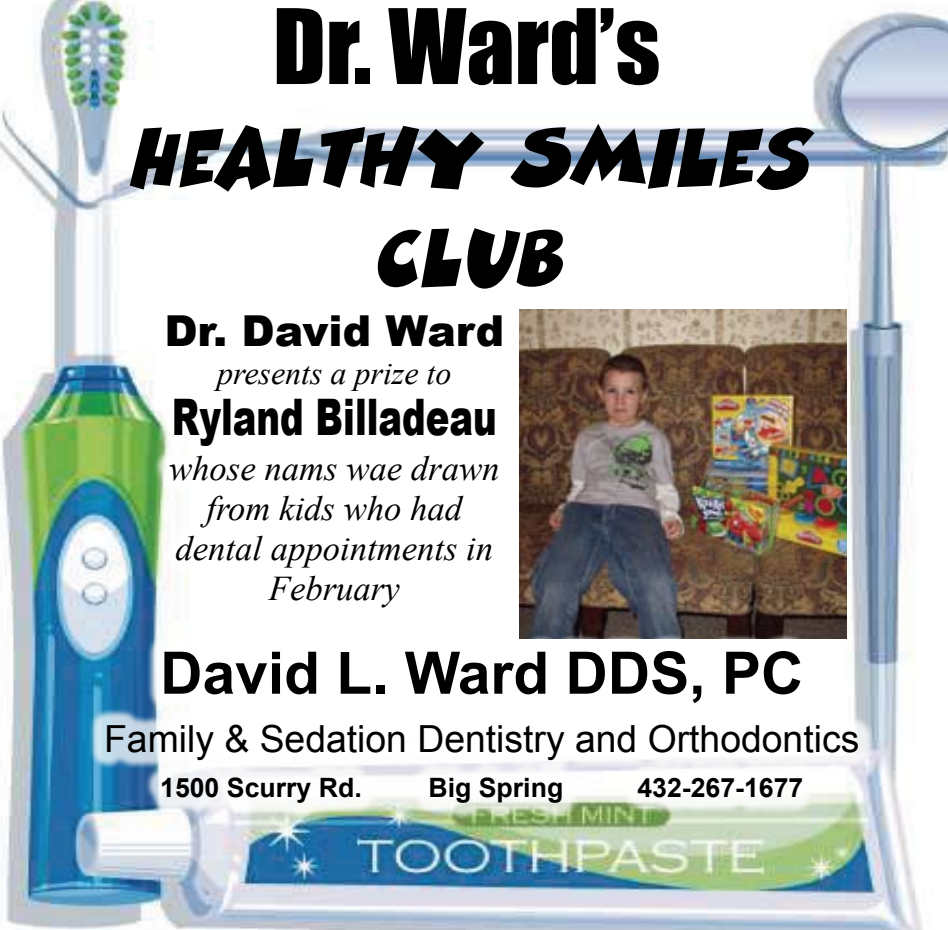
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# Drought prompts disaster declaration; loans available

Special to the Herald

Howard County is one of eight Crossroads area counties declared a disaster by Farm Service Agency Acting Executive Director James Douglass, due to drought and heat.

The declaration is under the new Secretarial Disaster Designation process.

Under this designation, producers in Howard County or any of the seven contiguous disaster counties are eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans.

The disaster designation process issues a drought disaster declaration when a county has experienced a drought intensity value of at least a D2 (severe drought) level for eight consecutive weeks based on the U.S. Drought Monitor during the crop year. Under

this declaration, Howard County has reached that threshold for the incident period of Jan. 1 through Feb. 25.

The following seven counties were designated as contiguous disaster counties: Borden, Glasscock, Mitchell, Sterling, Dawson, Martin and Scurry.

The disaster designation is welcome relief to producers because it allows all qualified operators in primary and contiguous counties to apply for a low-interest emergency (EM) loan," said Douglass.

Emergency loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters or quarantine.

Producers have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance.

FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses, to a maximum amount of \$500,000. The current emergency loan interest rate is 2.125 percent.

Producers with operations in counties that did not receive a disaster designation could be eligible for emergency loan assistance if they suffered at least a 30 percent loss in crop production or a physical loss to livestock, livestock products, real estate or chattel property.

For more information about emergency loans, contact the local FSA office at 432-267-2557, ext. 106 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

# Initial EQIP sign-up ends soon

TEMPLE, TEXAS — USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Eddy Spurgin reminds agriculture producers that the second ranking period cut-off date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is April 19. Producers interested in EQIP should submit applications to the Howard County NRCS office by the deadline so their applications can be considered during the sec-

ond ranking period of 2013.

EQIP — one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill — is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to help Howard County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricul-

tural operations," said Spurgin, district conservationist in Howard County.

EQIP is a continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the second 2013 funding is April 19, 2013. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the

deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Big Spring at 432-267-1871, ext. 3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

# Auto output boosts U.S. factory production

WASHINGTON (AP) — A strong increase in auto output boosted U.S. factory production last month, the latest sign that manufacturing is helping drive economic growth after lagging for much of 2012.

Factory output rose a seasonally adjusted 0.8 percent in February from January, after falling 0.3 percent in the previous month, the Federal Reserve said Friday.

The biggest gain was in autos and auto parts, where production increased 3.6 percent after falling 4.9 percent in January. Car sales have risen steadily this year after reaching a five year high in 2012.

Overall industrial production, which includes mining and utilities, rose 0.7 percent in February. That is the most in three months. Utility output jumped 1.6 percent while mining output, which covers oil and gas drilling, fell 0.3 percent, the third

straight decline.

Still, economists were encouraged by the broad-based gains in factory output. Rising home construction and increased business investment in machinery and other goods are also boosting manufacturers. The Fed's measure of factory production is at its highest level in more than four and a half years.

Production of construction supplies, which includes steel, cement and wood products, rose 1.5 percent, the fourth straight solid gain. Factories also cranked out more industrial machinery, appliances, and furniture.

"Growth has clearly picked up," Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, said in a note to clients. "This is another positive sign" for the economy in the January-March quarter.

O'Sullivan forecasts that growth will jump to a 3 percent annual rate in the first quarter, after barely expanding in the final three months of last year.

Jonathan Basile, an economist at Credit Suisse, said the healthy increase in output suggests manufacturers will need step up hiring in the months ahead. Factory job gains could rise to 20,000 a month, up from average gains of 13,000 in the past three months.

Factories are running at nearly full speed to keep up with demand. Manufacturers are now using 78.3 percent of their capacity, the highest since December 2007, when the recession began. That's just a half-point below the long-run average.

Running near full capacity could lead to higher prices for manufactured goods, economists caution.

# Market Watch



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Turn on any financial television or radio station and the topic of the day, all day, is the Dow Jones Industrial Average hitting record highs. The old peak occurred in October 2007, just before the financial crisis gripped the globe. Officially, in media-land, the celebration is on.

But sadly, many investors are not quite ready to break out their party hats just yet. They have too much cash alternatives on the sidelines and have missed a good portion of the 130 percent rally off the March 2009 equity market lows. The values of their portfolios have not yet climbed back to pre-crisis levels. They are dramatically under-invested in stocks and many are, in our view, over-invested in bonds.

While we do not look for interest rates to move substantially higher in the near term, in the coming years we believe stocks have the potential to outperform bonds by a meaningful amount.

And cash alternatives? Well, cash alternatives are expensive assets to hold when deposit rates are virtually non-existent and inflation is near 2 percent. Cash and cash alternative-heavy investors are losing buying power to inflation with each passing day.

The oldest Baby Boomers are retiring and are fearful they will outlive their money. They are also fearful of the stock market after suffering through two brutal bear markets since the turn of the century.

In each of these episodes, the S&P 500 Index lost more than half its value before hitting a final bottom.

The prospects of enduring another bear market of a similar magnitude when you are in or near retirement is not a pleasant thought for most of these older Boomers. Long gone are the days of 5 percent yields on CDs.

The Federal Reserve, in an effort to revive the economy and pump up the value of residential real estate as well as the stock market, has pushed interest rates to near 0 percent while injecting trillions of dollars of liquidity into the financial system.

One desired result is called the "wealth effect." Consumers who see the values of their homes and stock portfolios rise feel wealthier and are more willing to open their wallets and do a little discretionary spending.

We are not talking about buying items they need for everyday living like toothpaste and laundry detergent, but going out and purchasing items they desire like new furniture, vacations, and cars. After all, the American economy is built on the concept of consumption.

So far, the Fed's strategy seems to be working. Housing prices are recovering and the stock market is in rally mode.

The Fed is unlikely to change this strategy any time soon. The economy is slowly improving, as is the labor market.

Consumer confidence is on the rise. Consumer spending and business capital investment is moving ahead at a reasonable pace.

As we look out over a three-year horizon, we continue to see modest economic growth, no recession and a rising stock market. We see opportunity in the stock market over this time frame. Current valuations are not stretched.

While we do not think the stock market is going to move straight up from here, investors putting at least some sideline cash and cash alternatives to work now will likely have a reason to celebrate in coming years.

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Angela Diane Digby vs. Joe David Digby, divorce.

Herman Hokes vs. Rosie Marie Hokes, divorce.

Patrick Wilbert vs. Azure Wilbert, divorce.

Jean Louise Noggler vs. Beebe Fern Permenter, civil.

Whitney Delaine Scott vs. Thomas William Scott Murphy, divorce.

Amanda Gail Price vs. William Michael Price, divorce.

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# Sharp drop in U.S. homes lost to foreclosure

LOS ANGELES (AP)—While the nation's foreclosure woes persist, new data show they're easing amid a resurgent housing market, rising home prices and efforts by some states to buy homeowners more time to avoid losing their homes.

The number of U.S. homes repossessed by lenders last month fell 11 percent from January and declined 29 percent from February last year, tumbling to the lowest level since September 2007, foreclosure listing firm RealtyTrac Inc. said Thursday.

Some states continued to see sharp increases

in homes lost to foreclosure last month, including Washington, Wisconsin and Iowa. But home repossessions declined both on an annual and monthly basis in a majority of states, including past foreclosure hotbeds such as California, Georgia and Arizona.

All told, 45,038 U.S. homes completed the foreclosure process in February. That's less than half of the 102,000 homes lost to foreclosure in March 2010, when home repossessions peaked, according to the firm's records, which go back to January 2005.

Foreclosures remain at more than double the pace that RealtyTrac considers normal, roughly 20,000 foreclosures a month, the average in 2005. But their national impact has been contained, said Daren Blomquist, a vice president at RealtyTrac.

"It's definitely safe to say we're past the worst of it at a national level," he said.

Several factors are contributing to the overall decline in completed foreclosures. More jobs and ultra-low mortgage rates are helping the once-battered housing market recover, and the rising demand com-

bined with fewer available homes has helped push home prices steadily upward since last year. They posted their biggest annual increase in six years in January.

Higher home values help restore equity to homeowners, which can help those at risk of foreclosure by improving their chances of refinancing their mortgage to a lower payment or place them in a better position to sell their home.

In the first nine months of 2012, 1.4 million homeowners who had been underwater on their mortgage, or owed more than their home is worth, were moved into positive equity, according to data from CoreLogic.

The tight supply of available homes for sale has created a sellers' market, with many properties drawing multiple offers.

That means even bank-owned homes and those in some stage of foreclosure, which typically sell at a discount to other homes, are going for higher prices.

That has given banks further incentive to let homeowners who have fallen behind on their payments avoid foreclosure by authorizing a short sale, when a lender agrees to accept less for a home than what the seller owes on their mortgage.

Last year, sales of homes in some stage of foreclosure rose 6 percent from a year earlier, while sales of bank-owned homes fell 15 percent, according to RealtyTrac.

Meanwhile, states like California, Nevada and Washington have passed laws to increase homeowners' protections from foreclosure. Those laws have effectively delayed the pace of homes entering the foreclosure process, which has helped to thin the pipeline of completed foreclosures in those states.

The combination of fewer foreclosed homes hitting the market and higher prices for those that do sell is good news for homeowners because those properties will be less of a drag on the value of nearby

homes.

"They'll have less of a negative impact just because there are fewer selling," Blomquist said.

As of the end of February, 1.5 million U.S. homes were in some stage of foreclosure or in banks' possession, according to RealtyTrac.

Given the monthly pace of home repossessions through February, Blomquist projects there will be 600,000 completed foreclosures this year, down from 671,000 last year.

He also expects the number of homes taken back by lenders to increase later this year, noting that 1.2 million homes entered the foreclosure process in 2012. Typically, about half of those end up as bank-owned homes, he said.

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| <b>ACROSS</b>  | <b>53</b> Jack   | <b>9</b> Hook's partner                 | <b>34</b> See 57 Down                                       |
| <b>1</b> Touristy gift-shop staple                     | <b>54</b> House parties  | <b>10</b> Women's British Open sponsor  | <b>36</b> NHL West team                                     |
| <b>10</b> Audible licks                                | <b>58</b> Bears aloft  | <b>11</b> Muscle ___                    | <b>43</b> Marine hitchhiker                                 |
| <b>15</b> Water around Corregidor                      | <b>59</b> Offensive lines  | <b>12</b> Hurdle for some tablets       | <b>44</b> Sesame Street guitarist                           |
| <b>16</b> Thackeray's birthplace                       | <b>60</b> Framed   | <b>13</b> 2012 debate subject           | <b>46</b> Nightmarish blind date                            |
| <b>17</b> First arrival                                | <b>61</b> Lays up  | <b>14</b> They may be fit for a king    | <b>47</b> Third-century sackers                             |
| <b>18</b> Depend on gravity, in a way                  |  | <b>20</b> Muzzle attachment             | <b>49</b> Ishmael's nephew                                  |
| <b>19</b> Footnote abbr.                               |  | <b>21</b> Godzilla, in part             | <b>51</b> Its safety videos have Arabic subtitles           |
| <b>20</b> Florida Keys sport fish                      | <b>DOWN</b>  | <b>22</b> Pink appetizer                | <b>52</b> Sauna product                                     |
| <b>21</b> Encore's sister station                      | <b>1</b> "S a ___ request": Burns                                    | <b>23</b> Expert with numbers           | <b>54</b> Mtge. consideration                               |
| <b>24</b> Capitol Reef National Park locale            | <b>2</b> Pinch   | <b>25</b> Accordion-heavy music         | <b>55</b> Strident sound                                    |
| <b>26</b> Put down in writing?                         | <b>3</b> 2001 honorary doctorate recipient from Liverpool University | <b>28</b> Parlor pieces                 | <b>56</b> Greeting in Rio                                   |
| <b>27</b> Brandy vessels                               | <b>4</b> They complete circuits                                      | <b>29</b> Response to 59 Across         | <b>57</b> "Women hold up half the ___" (quote from 34 Down) |
| <b>28</b> County-fair call                             | <b>5</b> Sparkle   | <b>30</b> Bird watcher                  |   |
| <b>30</b> Radar and more: Abbr.                        | <b>6</b> Trails  | <b>32</b> A <i>Forrest Gump</i> setting |   |
| <b>31</b> Naut. heading                                | <b>7</b> Horton Foote award for 2008                                 |   |   |
| <b>32</b> Drama genre with many fans                   | <b>8</b> Spirit of Renaissance theater                               |   |   |
| <b>33</b> Literary role for Hepburn, Allyson and Ryder |  |   |   |
| <b>35</b> Regular holders                              |  |   |   |
| <b>37</b> French chef in Wodehouse stories             |  |   |   |
| <b>38</b> Parlor piece                                 |  |   |   |
| <b>39</b> Romantic lead                                |  |   |   |
| <b>40</b> Contest                                      |  |   |   |
| <b>41</b> Comic dubbed "Will Rogers with fangs"        |  |   |   |
| <b>42</b> Justice and Judgement are part of it         |  |   |   |
| <b>44</b> Profusion                                    |  |   |   |
| <b>45</b> Don't just look                              |  |   |   |
| <b>46</b> Horn, for one                                |  |   |   |
| <b>47</b> Goes a round                                 |  |   |   |
| <b>48</b> Comes out with                               |  |   |   |
| <b>50</b> Some check writing                           |  |   |   |

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**

TO: J.W. ARNETT, JUANITA ARNETT, MARY ARNETT RICHARDSON, GRACE ARNETT KARNs AND HARRIET ARNETT COOK

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A tract of land out of the NW/4 of Sc 46, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$624.16, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against J.W. ARNETT, JUANITA ARNETT, MARY ARNETT RICHARDSON, GRACE ARNETT KARNs AND HARRIET ARNETT COOK and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on July 28, 2011, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. J.W. ARNETT, JUANITA ARNETT, MARY ARNETT RICHARDSON, GRACE ARNETT KARNs AND HARRIET ARNETT COOK, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6027 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described,

not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of April, 2013 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 4th day of March, A.D. 2013.

Jury Padron  
Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
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Cresencia R. Rios, deceased  
Robert Rios, Sr., Alfred Rios, Betty Jane, Anestacia Rios, Senaida Johnson

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 12, Blk 26, Governments Height to Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$6,774.96, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ROBERT RIOS, SR., ALFRED RIOS, BETTY JANE RIOS, ANESTACIA RIOS, SENAIDA JOHNSON, VALERIE RIOS AND JEREMY JOHN RIOS and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on August 30, 2006, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ROBERT RIOS, SR., ALFRED RIOS, BETTY JANE RIOS, ANESTACIA RIOS, SENAIDA JOHNSON, VALERIE RIOS AND JEREMY JOHN RIOS, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5198 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made

parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of April, 2013 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 4th day of March, A.D. 2013.

Jury Padron  
Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#7685 March 10 & 17, 2013

**Legals**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Glasscock County, Texas ("County"), by and through its Commissioners Court, hereby gives notice under Chapter 2007 of the Texas Government Code ("Chapter 2007"), that the County adopted and approved a Takings Impact Assessment ("TIA") at the March 11, 2013 public meeting of the Glasscock County Commissioners Court regarding the following proposed governmental action ("project"): the adoption and approval of the proposed Flood Damage Prevention Order of Glasscock County, Texas ("order").

The County proposes to adopt said order after compliance with all notice procedures required by law. The proposed order and TIA may be inspected, and copies thereof obtained, at the Office of the County Judge, Glasscock County, Texas, Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 East Currie Street, Garden City, Texas 79739. The proposed order may be revised prior to final governmental action and adoption by the County.

The County made the following determinations in the TIA. The County is a covered governmental entity under Chapter 2007; however, the project and proposed order are exempt from coverage under or application to Chapter 2007. Further, the purposes of the project and proposed order, among other things, are to promote the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions by provisions designed to: (a) protect human life and health; (b) minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects; (c) minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public; (d) minimize prolonged business interruptions; (e) minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and

sewer lines, streets and bridges located in or near floodplains; (f) help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of flood-prone areas in such a manner as to minimize future flood blight areas; (g) ensure that potential buyers are notified that property is in a flood area; and (h) regulate construction and other development in the floodplain as authorized by federal and state law. The enactment, adoption, approval, and enforcement of the project and proposed order shall accomplish, advance, and substantially achieve all public purposes described in the TIA and proposed order, as authorized by federal and state law.

As stated in the TIA: (a) the project and proposed order are exempt from coverage under or application to Chapter 2007; (b) no new public interests are purported to be created, established, or transferred to the County by the project and proposed order; (c) no new burdens or restrictions are imposed or created by the project and proposed order with respect to any private real property; and (d) no taking of private real property or rights in private real property, as defined by Chapter 2007, will occur as a result of the project and proposed order.

The project and proposed order are authorized to be enacted, adopted, approved, and enforced by the County pursuant to the express and implied authority under federal and state law as described in the TIA and proposed order. Therefore, a "No Private Real Property Impact Determination" was made by the County in the TIA pursuant to Chapter 2007. The County hereby gives notice of its intent to engage in the proposed governmental action.

SIGNED on the 11th day of March, 2013.

Kim Halfmann, County Judge  
Glasscock County, Texas  
#7700 March 17, 2013

**Legals**

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**

TO: Billie Marie Knoop

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sc 5, Bk 32, T1S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,225.07, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JACOB P. VALENZUELA AND BILLIE MARIE KNOOP and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on February 25, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JACOB P. VALENZUELA AND BILLIE MARIE KNOOP, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6066 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims

herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of April, 2013 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 4th day of March, A.D. 2013.

Jury Padron  
Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#7684 March 10 & 17, 2013

**Legals**

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**

TO: Dolores Gonzales aka Dolores Maria Gonzales

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lt 28, of the Balch Subdivision No. 7, out of the South part of Sc. 32, Bk 32, T1N, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,007.98, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against DOLORES GONZALES AKA DOLORES MARIA GONZALES and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on February 24, 2011, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DOLORES GONZALES AKA DOLORES MARIA GONZALES, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5953 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units

who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of April, 2013 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 4th day of March, A.D. 2013.

Jury Padron  
Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#7686 March 10 & 17, 2013

**Legals**

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**

TO: David Renteria and Tina Renteria

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

3 tracts of land out of Sec. 30, Blk 33, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$7,208.49, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against DAVID RENTERIA AND TINA RENTERIA and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on December 20, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DAVID RENTERIA AND TINA RENTERIA, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5913 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims

herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 29th day of April, 2013 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 14th day of March, A.D. 2013.

Jury Padron  
Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#7702 March 17 & 24, 2013

**Legals**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED PROPOSALS**

Sealed proposals, addressed to Susan Bryan, Assistant Business Manager, Big Spring Independent School District, Business Office, 708 East Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 for "High School Parking Lot Paving" will be received up to and no later than 3:00 p.m. local time, April 8, 2013. At this time, all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Quoters may obtain complete sets of Contract Documents at the Big Spring ISD Business Office.

As set forth in the Texas Education Code, Section 44.031 (b) the following criteria shall be used to determine the award of the contract:

- 1. the purchase price;

- 2. the reputation of the vendor and of the vendor's goods or services;
- 3. the quality of the vendor's goods or services;
- 4. the extent to which the goods or services meet the District's needs;
- 5. the vendor's past relationship with the District;
- 6. the impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses;
- 7. the total long-term cost to the District to acquire the vendor's goods or services; and
- 8. any other relevant factor specifically listed in the request for bids or proposals.

#7691 March 10 & 17, 2013

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Mike Gressett  
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Being a 19.724 acre tract of land out of the NW/4 of Sc 40, Bk 32, T1S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit, including 14x76 mobile home.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,370.24, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against MIKE GRESSETT and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 31, 2012, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JMIKE GRESSETT, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6175 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent

ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15th day of April, 2013 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 27th day of February A.D. 2013.

Jury Padron  
Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#7683 March 10 & 17, 2013

Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED TO THE RESIDENTS OF BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT that, pursuant to Texas education Code §11.1541, the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing concerning the possible donation of real property to the Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin, Inc., a domestic non-profit corporation. The property being considered for donation includes the facilities known as Bauer Elementary which are located at 108 NE 9th St., Big Spring, Texas. The hearing will be held on March 21, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas.  
#7692 March 17, 2013

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:  
TO: BILLIE MARIE KNOOP MICHELLE BOLDING  
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A tract of land out of Sec. 5, Blk 32, T-1-S, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit "B": Assessed Value- \$1,612.00 Amt. due- \$1,171.71  
A tract of land out of Sec. 5, Blk 32, T-1-S, Howard County, Texas described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit "C": Assessed Value- \$5,636.00 Amt. due- \$4,096.70

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$5,268.41, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against R.R. McNEW, GARY WAYNE McNEW, LINDA M. WHITEFIELD, BILLIE MARIE KNOOP AND MICHELLE BOLDING and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on June 28, 2007, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. R.R. McNEW, GARY WAYNE McNEW, LINDA M. WHITEFIELD, BILLIE MARIE KNOOP AND MICHELLE BOLDING, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5391 that the names of all taxing units

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:  
TO: Antonia Sainas  
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lts 5 & 6, Bk 4, Bowser Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$364.59, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ANTONIA SALINAS, JUAN FLORES AND ELIZABETH FLORES and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on May 31, 2011, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ANTONIA SALINAS, JUAN FLORES AND ELIZABETH FLORES, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 6005 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent

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312 Scurry  
Big Spring, Texas 79720  
Shane Seaton  
P.O. Box 2211  
Big Spring, Tx 79721

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
NOTICE OF DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: Larry Dane Evans, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being **Monday March 27, 2013**, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 01/18/2013 in the entitled cause HORACE E. TUBB, BY AND THROUGH PATRICIA EUBANKS, GUARDIAN OF HIS PERSON AND ESTATE vs. LARRY DANE EVANS, AND WILMA JEAN EVANS, ET AL.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit **Horace E. Tubb, by and through Patricia Eubanks, Guardian of his Person and Estate vs. Larry Dane Evans, and Wilma Jean Evans, Et Al.**, as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 13th day of February, 2013  
COLLEEN BARTON  
District Clerk of  
Howard County, Texas  
By Jury Padron  
#7667 February 24 and March 3, 10 & 17, 2013

Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Energen Resources Corporation, 3300 North "A" St, Bldg 4, Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorietta-Clearfork San Andres formation, A.M. Bell lease, Well Number(s) 73W, 74W. The proposed injection well(s) are located 7 miles East of Coahoma, in the latan, East Howard Field, in Howard County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1750 to 3500 feet.

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, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).  
#7703 March 17, 2013

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Colleen Barton  
312 Scurry  
Big Spring, Texas 79720

Shane Seaton  
P.O. Box 2211  
Big Spring, Tx 79721

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE OF DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: Wilma Jean Evans, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being **Monday March 27, 2013**, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard

County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 01/18/2013 in the entitled cause HORACE E. TUBB, BY AND THROUGH PATRICIA EUBANKS, GUARDIAN OF HIS PERSON AND ESTATE vs. LARRY DANE EVANS, AND WILMA JEAN EVANS, ET AL.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit **Horace E. Tubb, by and through Patricia Eubanks, Guardian of his Person and Estate vs. Larry Dane Evans, and Wilma Jean Evans, Et Al.**, as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 13th day of February, 2013  
COLLEEN BARTON  
District Clerk of  
Howard County, Texas  
By Jury Padron  
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TO: Clarence E. Williams  
Judith P. Williams

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of such person if he should be deceased, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or claiming or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause; and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees, trustees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, managers or other governing persons of the above named persons or entities, who own or claim some interest in the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,613.49, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against RONDA RE'NA WILLIAMS, CLARENCE E. WILLIAMS AND JUDITH P. WILLIAMS and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on June 30, 2011, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. RONDA RE'NA WILLIAMS, CLARENCE E. WILLIAMS AND JUDITH P. WILLIAMS, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-6017 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units

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UPDATED PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE FOR GLASSCOCK COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Garden City, Texas- New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Glasscock County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions, appraisals and is of value to select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons who are 65 years of age or older.

"Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or a taxpayer, it's important you know your right concerning the property tax laws," said Priscilla A. Shaffer, Chief Appraiser of the Glasscock County Appraisal District. "You can contact us about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you."

This includes information about the following programs.

**\*Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans-** The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100% exemption for 100% disabled veterans and their surviving spouses, beginning in 2009.

**\*Property Tax Exemptions-** Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units, firms that ship inventory out of Texas, and businesses that acquire pollution control property may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

**\*Rendering Taxable Property-** If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

**\*Appraisal Notices-** If a taxpayer's property value increased in the last year, the Texas taxpayer will receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

**\*Property Taxpayer Remedies-** This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option of taking a taxpayer's case to district court or entering into binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

**\*Homestead Exemptions-** A

homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduced the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

**\*Productivity Appraisal-** Property owners who use land for timberland production, agricultural purposes, and wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus what the land would sell for in the open market.

**\*Residence Homestead Tax Deferral-** Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.

**\*Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older and Disabled Homeowners-** Texans who are 65 years of age or older, or who are disabled as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

**\*Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication-** Chief appraisers of a county appraisal districts and appraisal review boards may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in place of mailing.

**\*Protesting Property Appraisal Values-** Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's appraisal review board. For more information about these programs, contact Glasscock County Appraisal District at 124 S. Myrl St., PO Box 155, Garden City, TX 79739, Phone 432/354-2580. More information and application forms are available on the appraisal district's website at www.glasscockcad.org and also available from the state Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/

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## Club News

### Big Spring Area Retired Teachers

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

The program will be about the Stillwell Retirement Residence for Retired Teachers. Joel Wright will be the guest speaker.

Any retired school persons, including bus drivers, secretaries, cafeteria workers, custodians, etc. are welcome and eligible to join the association. Membership in the state and local units is \$32 a year.

A major activity of the RTA is to lobby our legislators on behalf of all school personnel. We are the only organization allowed to represent Texas

retired school personnel in the state legislature. Every person who joins the association is another voice for increases in retirement pay and other issues which are vital to our retirees.

Our meetings are interesting and informative. We dismiss about 1 p.m.

### Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association will have its monthly meeting Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

Evelyn Zellars, member of the group, will present the program. She will share her memories of how she began to paint, artists under whom she has studied and events that have influenced her work.

The meetings are open to the public and everyone interested in any phase of the arts is invited to attend.

# Rise of Latino population blurring U.S. racial lines

**HOPE YEN**  
Associated Press  
WASHINGTON —

Welcome to the new off-white America.

A historic decline in the number of U.S. whites and the fast growth of Latinos are blurring traditional black-white color lines, testing the limits of civil rights laws and reshaping political alliances as "whiteness" begins to lose its numerical dominance.

Long in coming, the demographic shift was most vividly illustrated in last November's re-election of President Barack Obama, the first black president, despite a historically low percentage of white supporters.

It's now a potent backdrop to the immigration issue being debated in

Congress that could offer a path to citizenship for 11 million mostly Hispanic illegal immigrants. Also, the Supreme Court is deciding cases this term on affirmative action and voting rights that could redefine race and equality in the U.S.

The latest census data and polling from The Associated Press highlight the historic change in a nation in which non-Hispanic whites will lose their majority in the next generation, somewhere around the year 2043.

Despite being a nation of immigrants, America's tip to a white minority has never occurred in its 237-year history and will be a first among the world's major post-industrial societies. Brazil, a developing na-

tion, has crossed the

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## Weddings



Stevens and Davenport

### Stevens and Davenport wed

Steve Davenport and Leslie Stevens were married while ziplining over Bootleg Canyon in

Boulder City, Nev., on Feb. 26, 2013. The couple wore bride and groom T-shirts, jeans and boots.

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threshold to "majority-minority" status; a few cities in France and England are near, if not past that point.

The international experience and recent U.S. events point to an uncertain future for American race relations.

In Brazil, where multi-racialism is celebrated, social mobility remains among the world's lowest for blacks while wealth is concentrated among whites at the top. In France, race is not recorded on government census forms and people share a unified Gallic identity, yet high levels of racial discrimination persist.

"The American experience has always been a story of color. In the 20th century it was a story of the black-white line. In the 21st century we are moving into a new off-white moment," says Marcelo Suarez-Orozco, a global expert

on immigration and dean of UCLA's Graduate School of Education & Information Studies. "Numerically, the U.S. is being transformed. The question now is whether our institutions are being transformed," he said.

The shift is being driven by the modern wave of U.S. newcomers from Latin America and Asia. Their annual inflow of 650,000 people since 1965, at a rate that's grown in recent years, surpasses the pace of the last great immigration wave a century ago. That influx, from 1820 to 1920, brought in Irish, Germans, Italians and Jews from Europe and made the gateway of Ellis Island, N.Y., an immigrant landmark, symbolizing freedom, liberty and the American dream.

An equal factor is today's aging white population, mostly baby boomers, whose coming wave of retirements will create a need for first- and second-generation immigrants to help take their place in the work-

force.

The numbers already demonstrate that being white is fading as a test of American-ness:

— More U.S. babies are now born to minorities than whites, a milestone reached last year.

— More than 45 percent of students in kindergarten through 12th grade are minorities. The Census Bureau projects that in five years the number of nonwhite children will surpass 50 percent.

— The District of Columbia, Hawaii, California, New Mexico and Texas have minority populations greater than 50 percent. By 2020, eight more states are projected to join the list: Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey and New York. Latinos already outnumber whites in New Mexico; California will tip to a Latino plurality next year.

— By 2039, racial and ethnic minorities will make up a majority of the U.S. working-age population, helping to

support a disproportionately elderly white population through Social Security and other payroll taxes. More than 1 in 4 people ages 18-64 will be Latino.

— The white population, now at 197.8 million, is projected to peak at 200 million in 2024, before entering a steady decline in absolute numbers. Currently 63 percent of the U.S. population, the white share is expected to drop below 50 percent by 2043, when racial and ethnic minorities will collectively become a U.S. majority. Hispanics will drive most of the minority growth, due mostly to high birth rates, jumping in share from 17 percent to 26 percent.

The pace of assimilation for today's Latinos and Asian-Americans is often compared with that of the Poles, Irish, Italians and Jews who arrived around the turn of the 20th century and eventually merged into an American white mainstream.

There was a backlash. By the 1930s, an immigrant-weary America had imposed strict quotas and closed its borders. Those newly arrived were pushed to conform and blend in with a white mainstream, benefiting from New Deal economic programs that generally excluded blacks. The immigration quotas also cut off the supply of new workers to ethnic enclaves and reduced social and economic contacts between immigrants and their countries of origin.

"America of the Melting Pot comes to End," read a 1924 opinion headline in The New York Times. The author,

a U.S. senator, pledged that strict new immigration quotas would "preserve racial type as it exists here today."

Today, data show that Latinos are embracing U.S. life but also maintaining strong ties to their heritage, aided by a new stream of foreign-born immigrants who arrive each year. Hispanics, officially an ethnic group, strive to learn English and 1 in 4 intermarry, taking a white spouse.

Nowadays, immigrants face less pressure to conform than did their counterparts from a century ago. Latinos are protected as a minority, benefiting from the 1950s civil rights movement pioneered by blacks. Nearly 40 percent of Latinos now resist a white identity on census forms, checking a box indicating "some other race" to establish a Hispanic race identity.

While growing diversity is often a step toward a post-racial U.S., sociologists caution that the politics of racial diversity could just as easily become more magnified.

A first-of-its-kind AP poll conducted in 2011 found that a slight majority of whites expressed racial bias against Hispanics and that their attitudes were similar to or even greater than the bias they held toward blacks. Hispanics also remained somewhat residentially segregated from whites in lower-income neighborhoods, hurt in part by the disappearance of good-paying, midskill manufacturing jobs that helped white ethnics rise into the middle class during most of the 20th century.

The AP survey was conducted with researchers from Stanford University, the University of Michigan and NORC at the University of Chicago.

Harvard economist George Borjas projects that by 2030, the children of today's immigrants

will earn on average 10 percent to 15 percent less than nonimmigrant Americans, based on past trends, and that Latinos will particularly struggle because of high rates of poverty, lack of citizenship and lower rates of education. In 1940, the children of early 20th-century white ethnics fared much better on average, earning 21.4 percent more than nonimmigrants.

About 35 percent of Hispanic babies are currently born into poverty, compared with 41 percent of blacks and 20 percent for whites.

"How America responds now to the new challenges of racial and ethnic diversity will determine whether it becomes a more open and inclusive society in the future — one that provides equal opportunities and justice for all," said Daniel Lichter, a Cornell sociologist and past president of the Population Association of America.

The demographic shift has spurred debate as to whether some civil-rights era programs, such as affirmative action in college admissions, should begin to focus on income level rather than race or ethnicity. The Supreme Court will rule on the issue by late June.

Following a racially lopsided re-election, Obama has spoken broadly about promoting social and economic opportunity. In his State of the Union speech, he said that rebuilding the middle class is "our generation's task." Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., a rising star of a mostly white Republican party now eager to attract Latino voters, is courting supporters in both English and Spanish in part by pledging programs that would boost "social mobility."

Left unclear is how much of a role government can or should play in lifting the disadvantaged, in an era of strapped federal budgets and rising debt.

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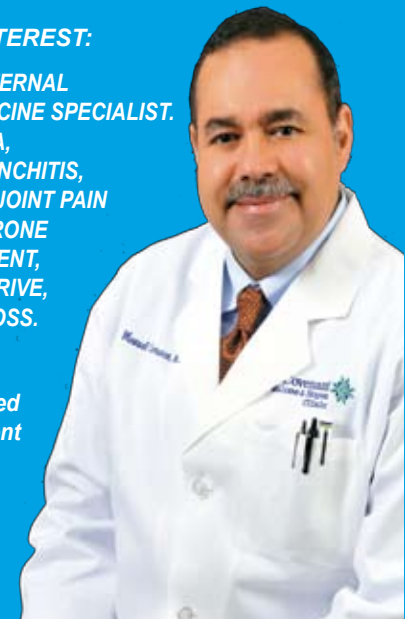
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