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Sea containers under scrutiny

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Council says no on first reading

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council approved first reading of an ordinance designed to define and shape the use of modular homes, temporary workforce housing and "man camps" on a 4-3 vote Tuesday night, much to the chagrin of at least one local family.

The ordinance — which was commissioned by the council in hopes of limiting the damaging effects of the oil boom associated with the Cline Shale discovery — takes a number of steps to regulate how the "man camps" and other temporary housing will be used within the city lim-

The ordinance, as presented Tuesday night, would also ban the use of modified sea containers as housing, a ban that drew scrutiny from several city council members and those in the audience, including Dale and Don Avant, who have already assembled more than a dozen of the 320-square-foot "homes" and are currently renting them.

"Everybody says these shipping containers, they're China, China, China," Dale told the council. "These shipping containers were invented in 1956 by a man in Massachusetts. That's the U.S.A. We're taking an American idea and making it better. I can't imagine a government, a city government would want to take an Ameri-

"I can tell you one thing right now, real estate in Big Spring is very hard to find.

There are people who have left town because they can't find a place to live."

Marcus Fernandez, councilman



"I can't imagine anyone living in one of those for a long period of time.

Families? No way, don't go there."

Raul Benavides, councilman

can idea, turn their back on it and say, 'You know what, I don't like the look of that.' You know, if I go to your house, I might not like the look of vour house, either. I may not like the look of your car, but you know what? It isn't endangering anybody, so let it alone."

Avant told the council the proposed ban scheduled to be considered by the council Tuesday caught him by sur-



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan Big Spring City Council voted 4-3 Tuesday to control temporary housing, "man camps" and modified sea containers within the city limits.

prise.

"I didn't think this was going to be this big of a thing when we started it," Avant said. "It has kind of turned ridiculous, if you ask me. I really think someone needs to use some common sense."

Council members Carmen Harbour (District 2), Bobby McDonald (District 4), Raul Benavides (District 5) and Mayor Larry McLellan all voted in favor of the ordinance, including the ban. Council members Marcus Fernandez (District 1), Glen Carrigan

(District 3) and Marvin Boyd (District 6) voted against the measure, with both Fernandez and Carrigan speaking out against the ban on the sea container homes.

"I haven't received any complaints from the people living in those areas," Fernandez said. "I'd like to go and see one of these buildings before any decision is made. We need to keep our minds open. Some of us may be against it, but before (we vote) we should all go and visit and go inside the buildings and see

what they are all about. After that, we can make our own

decisions." Fernandez said there is a real estate crisis in Big Spring, and while sea container homes may not be the answer, they should still be

considered. "I can tell you one thing right now, real estate in Big Spring is very hard to find. There are people who have left town because they can't find a place to live. The jobs

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Super's contract, employee raises on BSISD agenda

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring public school trustees will revisit Superintendent Steven Saldivar's contract situation when they hold their monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

Trustees raised some eyebrows in June when they declined without comment to extend Saldivar's contract following their annual evaluation of his job performance. The non-action was notable because it is standard operating procedure for school

boards to add at least one year to a superintendent's contract following a satisfactory evaluation.

Saldivar's contract, which currently runs through June 30, 2014, includes an annual base salary of \$131,000.

Other money matters on

Thursday's agenda include discussion of possible pay ranges for school district em-

ployees. Debbie Green, business manager for Big Spring Independent School District, said

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Crimestoppers needs help solving burglaries

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring and Howard County Crimestoppers are asking local residents for their help in solving break-ins at the Dollar General Stores located on Gregg Street and in the College Park Shopping According to Det. Thad

Thomas with the Big Spring entry was made by shatter-

Police Department's Street Crimes Unit, the first breakin was reported at approxi-

mately 1:20 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, at the Dollar General at 2602 S. Gregg. "Officers were called to the location in reference to an alarm," Thomas said. "At ap-

proximately 1:06 a.m. on the

surveillance cameras, forced

ing a glass door. A Hispanic male wearing a red hat with a 'T' on the front, a red shirt and blue jean shorts — along with a second Hispanic male wearing a black shirt and blue jeans — entered the business and began taking beer out of the refrigerator located on the north wall east of the front doors.

"The two suspects took a

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7

- MICHELLE RENEE CLUCK, 40, of 502 Young, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of no driver's license – when unlicensed.
- JOVITA RODRIQUEZ, 33, of 1701 Runnels, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for no driver's license – when unlicensed.
- SAMANTHA DONNELL EVANS, 25, of Midland, Texas, was arrested Tuesday on charges of violation of a protective order, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear. • CODY ALAN WINGO, 24, of 2102 S. Runnels,
- was arrested Tuesday on a warrant from another
- RAYMOND EARL OVERTON, 34, of 120 Hooser, was arrested Tuesday on charges of failure to stop at a designated point (stop sign), driving while license invalid and failure to appear and warrants for driving while license invalid and three warrants from other agencies.
- BRITTNEY DANIELLE HILARIO, 21, of 616 State, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting.
- CHRISTINA MENCHACA, 25, of 1308 Tucson, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting. • BRYAN ALLEN KENNEMUR, 32, of 3217 Cornell,
- was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. • DOUGLAS VIRGIL PAXTON, 29, of 1408 S.
- Nolan, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for public intoxication. • ELIZABETH MARIA LUERA, 27, of 1801 Eubanks
- Rd., was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from other agencies. • ELADIO LOPEZ ZUBIATE, 36, of 708 N. Douglas,
- was arrested Tuesday on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information and driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- In the 1700 block of S. Nolan.
- In the 800 block of S. Lancaster.
- In the 2100 block of Runnels.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 700 block of S. Runnels.
- THEFT was reported in the 500 block of San

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 90 inmates at the time of this

- MICHELLE RENEE CLUCK, 40, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of no driver's license – when • RAYMOND EARL OVERTON, 34, was arrested
- Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid and municipal warrants for failure to stop at a designated point (stop sign), while license invalid and failure to appear. • JOVITA RODRIGUEZ, 33, was booked into the
- county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for no driver's license when unlicensed. • CODY ALAN WINGO, 24, was booked into the
- county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500. • SAMANTHA DONNELL DAWSON, 25, was
- booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of a protective order and municipal capias warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to
- BRITTNEY DANIELLE HILARIO, 21, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct fighting.
- CHRISTINA MENCHACA, 25, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of disorderly conduct – fighting.
- ELIZABETH MARIA LUERA, 27, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on municipal capias warrants for speeding in a school zone and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.
- ELADIO ZUBIATE, 36, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information and driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- SHERRY RENEE KINSLEY, 44, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on a Dallas warrant for theft by check.
- BRYAN ALLEN KENNEMUR, 32, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled sub-
- DOUGLAS VIRGIL PAXTON, 29, was arrested

Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of 17th Street and Goliad. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2800 block of
- Sherman Road. One person was transported to

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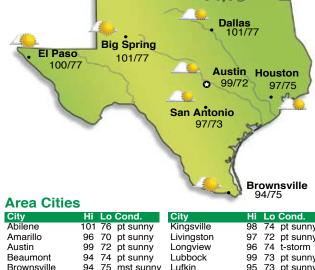
- Coahoma High School classes of 1952 through 1956 will hold a reunion at Papa Chon's Restaurant at 6 p.m. Friday, July 19.Contact Sue Buchanan Tindol at 432-394-4363 for more information or to reserve a seat.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Crispy's Cafe, located near the intersection of Birdwell Lane and FM 700. The local group is looking for new members and would like to encourage anyone interested in joining to attend the meeting. For more information on the Howard County Sheriff's Posse or the meeting, contact Steve Gray at 432-213-6104 or Bert Sheppard at 432-263-4483.
- Diabetes and Nutrition will be the August Healthy Woman event in Room 215 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Paula Sue Sisson, new SMMC dietitian, will be the featured speaker. Find out about inpatient and upcoming outpatient services regarding diabetes and nutritional consultations. The event, set Aug. 8 with a Lunch n Learn at 11:30 a.m. and refreshments and light snacks at 5:30 p.m., is free to the public, as always. For more information or to RSVP, call 268-4842 or 268-4721.
- Coahoma High School will hold an All-School Reunion on Saturday, July 20, at the Elementary School in Coahoma. egistration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch can still be reserved for \$10 with one of the officers listed here, or will be available at the door for \$12. The reunion will last until 3:30 p.m. and will include an auction and raffles to raise money for college scholarships to CHS students. Items for the auction will appreciated. A CHS Reunion Social for all classes will be held at Kokapelli's in Big Spring from 6-11 p.m. For further information or to reserve lunch, contact Joyce York Baumann, president, jefnjoyce@yahoo.com or 432-816-1588 or Cindy Parrish Klaus, secretary, cindy.claus@whiting.com or 432-466-1298.
- Parenting classes will be held in room A-10 at Howard College from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information, call 263-2673 and ask for Linda.
- Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.
- · 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-
- Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.
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I	Fort Stockton	97	71	mst sunny	Sweetwater	101	76	pt sunny	
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Dallas			pt sunny	San Francisco	62	53	pt sunny
Denver	94	68	mst sunny		71	55	sunny
Houston	97	75	pt sunny	St. Louis	87	66	sunny
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Miami	88	78	t-storm				

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- 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.



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Texas House provisionally approves abortion law

CHRIS TOMLINSON

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas House on Tuesday night provisionally approved tough new abortion restrictions, making good on a third attempt to pass the measure this year.

Activists on both sides of the issue from across the state and nation descended on the Capitol building, and the demonstrators erupted into screams, cheers and chants immediately following the

Lawmakers debated for more than 10 hours Tuesday, before voting on the Republicans' signature legislation. They approved the bill mainly along party lines.

A final, formal vote is scheduled today. The measure will then go to the Senate, where the Republican majority is also expected to approve the

Republican Rep. Laubenberg of Parker outlined the bill that would require doctors to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals, only allow abortions in surgical centers, dictate when abortion pills are taken and ban abortions after 20 weeks. Exceptions to the ban would only be allowed when the women's life was in imminent danger.

Democrats and women's rights activists have protested the bill for weeks. The measure failed to win enough support during the regular session, then died in the first special session due to a 13hour filibuster by state Sen. Wendy Davis, a Fort Worth Democrat.

Republican leaders, including Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, are intent on passing it quickly through the Republican-controlled Legislature in a second special session. Democrats can do little but slow the bill down, attract as much attention as possible and lay the groundwork for a federal lawsuit to block it once it be-

Davis' successful filibuster put the Texas bill in the spotlight of the national abortion debate. On Monday night, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee spoke to abortion rights opponents. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America announced a statewide bus tour Tuesday morning, dubbed Stand With Texas Women.

"It seems like every time women looked up from doing their laundry of helping children with their homework, the Texas Legislature is right there taking aim at them

again," said Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. "Over the past few years, more than 50 women's health centers have been shut down."

Women from both parties who support abortion rights introduced a series of amendments to water down House Bill 2, hanging coat hangers on the front podium to symbolize illegal abortions, which they say will become more common if the law is enacted. Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, called for an exception to the 20-week ban in cases of rape and incest, but Laubenberg rejected the

An anti-abortion voting record is critical to winning Republican primaries in Texas. Texas Alliance for Life, a Christian group that maintains a scorecard on lawmakers, sent out messages on Twitter opposing each amendment, signaling how lawmakers should vote for a high score.

Supporters of the restrictions insist that they will improve the health care women receive by placing more stringent conditions on abortions. Laubenberg told the House on Tuesday that her bill would ensure that women get high-quality treatment while protecting "babies" after 20 weeks of gestation.

"What we're talking about today truly is about the health and safety of a woman who would undergo an abortion, but also, I want to point out, we are talking about an unborn child," she said.

Federal courts have ruled that states can regulate abortions but not to the extent to make them impossible to obtain. That hasn't stopped Republican-led legislatures in Texas and several other states from passing laws in recent years that test the legal limits.

Opponents of the Texas restrictions say they would effectively ban abortion in much of the nation's second most-populous state by causing the closure of 37 of its 42 abortion clinics.

Houston Rep. Sarah Davis, the only Republican opposed to the law, warned that the bill as written is unconstitutional and she offered an amendment to make it less stringent. "I believe the bill as drafted

will be a de facto ban on abortion," she said. "No one wants to see abortions, it's a terrible way to end a pregnancy, but it is a constitutionally protected right."

They also say the Texas restrictions and those passed by other states conflict with the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, which established that a woman has the right to get an abortion until her fetus could viably survive outside of the womb, which is generally at 22 to 24 weeks of the pregnancy.

It's unclear if the Texas restrictions could survive a court challenge. Federal courts have suspended aspects of the bill passed by other states. On Monday, a federal judge blocked enforcement of a Wisconsin abortion law requiring admitting privileges.

The Texas Medical Association, the Texas Hospital Association and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology oppose the bill, calling it unnecessary.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has more than doubled the number of troopers at the Capitol due to the rallies and marathon hearings, said Sen. Kevin Eltife, a Tyler Republican who oversees the Senate Administration Committee.

He declined to reveal the exact number of troopers or how much the boost in secu-

Lawmakers told the DPS they wanted plenty of troopers on the ground no matter the expense, he added.

COUNCIL

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are there, but they couldn't find anywhere to live," Fernandez said. "I know houses have been listed at 9 a.m. and sold at 10 a.m. ... We do have a crisis right now. I'm not saying this is the solution to it, I just think it's an option we need to look at with our eyes and go and visit and look.'

Benavides questioned the long-term viability of the 320-square-feet homes, saying once the oil boom goes bust, no one will want them.

"I'm in the financial service business and I deal with people who work to retire and they get excited about retiring," Benavides said. "They are going to travel and get their RV or motor home. I can't tell you the number of times six to nine months later they come back to my office and I ask them what happened, and they say, 'We hated it.' You get claustrophobic in those

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McLellan suggested the council pass the ordinance as presented including the ban — and to revisit the matter in the future if the Avants can present the necessary documentation to have the tiny domiciles approved by city code enforcement.

Also Tuesday, the council approved first reading of an ordinance that will do away with the \$54 tipping fee at the municipal landfill and implement a fee scale based on the weight of the refuse.

"This will eliminate the \$5 fee and set all fees at \$40 per ton," Public Works Director Johnny Womack said. "The minimum fee will be \$10 for residential and \$20 for commercial and that fee will be charged every time they cross the scales. We're also requiring two forms of identification to establish they are a resident and not just someone bringing garbage in from another county or

The proposed fee system drew the ire of Fernandez, who said the average citizen can't afford \$20 for two trips to

the landfill in a day.

"People can't afford this," Fernandez said with frustration.

Womack said the fee increases are unfortunate, however, the funds to build a new landfill will either have to come from the customers of the landfill or city tax-

"We have to pay for it one way or the other," Womack told Fernan-

First reading of the ordinance was approved on a 4-3 vote with council members Fernandez, Harbour and Boyd voting against it. Council members Carrigan, Mc-

Donald, Benavides and McLellan voted in favor of the measure.

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officials are considering a 3 percent from midpoint raise for all employees this coming fiscal year which would cost the district about \$650,000, but are keeping their options

"(Trustees) may have other options they want us to explore," Green said. "Either way, it's to a point where we need to start firming things up."

The clock is indeed ticking for instituting a pay raise the district has little more than a month before trustees must approve a new budget.

In other business Thursday, trustees will consider:

- Updated legal and local policies.
- Approval of the Howard County Tax Appraisal District's budget.
- · Employment recommenda-

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12-pack of glass bottled Dos Equis beer, a 12-pack of Miller Lite cans, a 12-pack of Coors Light glass bottles, an 18-pack of Bud Light cans and a 12-pack of Bud Light glass bottles. The two suspects then exited the store at approximately 1:07 a.m. and on the surveillance monitors can be seen heading westbound." A little more than 24

hours later — at approximately 2:52 a.m. on July 4 — the same two suspects broke into the Dollar General store at 501 S. Birdwell Lane, in the College Park Shopping Center. "The same subject —

wearing a red T-shirt,

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dark colored jean shorts and a red baseball-type cap — entered the business, along with another male who was wearing a black long sleeve shirt and dark colored jeans," Thomas said. "The subject wearing the red Tshirt is slightly smaller in stature. Once inside the business, both subjects went to the beer cooler and immediately started grabbing 12 packs of beer.

"The subject in the black long sleeve shirt placed several 12 packs in a shopping cart, then attempted to gain entry into the cigarette case, but was unsuccessful.

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Anyone with information on these — or any other crime — is asked to call Big Spring and Howard County

Crimestoppers at 432-263-8477. No caller ID is ever used and tipsters may remain anonymous.

Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 in cash for information leading to the arrest or prosecution of the guilty parties.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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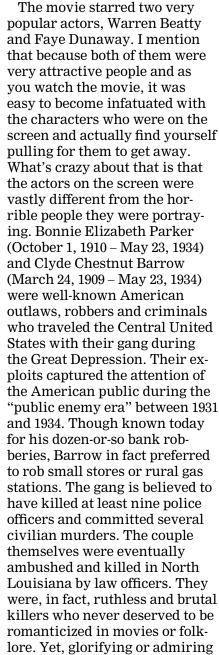
Daily Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to always respect others and treat them as we would want to be treated. Amen

Of heroes and celebrities

remember a movie becoming immensely popular back when I was in high school. ■ The year was 1967 and everybody I knew was going to the theater to watch "Bonnie and Clyde." I never saw it back then, although I have since watched it on

television. I think it was grossly understated when it was described by one publicity release as, "A somewhat romanticized account of the career of the notoriously violent bank robbing couple and their gang." Somewhat romanticized is putting it mildly.



The terms "fame" and "infamy" are sometimes used interchangeably by people who do not fully understand them. In fact,

ing for centuries.

terrible people has been happen-

while both suggest widespread knowledge of a person or deed, one has a negative connotation while the other has a positive one. Unfortunately, we live in a society where terrible deeds are often rewarded with copious public attention and the line between fame and infamy becomes blurred to the point that some very despicable characters become heroes to a small subcul-Fame refers to renown and

reputation, or a position of public prominence. Someone can be famous for making a scientific breakthrough, being skilled at a sport, producing remarkable art, or being a great humanitarian. Most of the associations with fame are generally positive, implying the person is respected and honored as well as being famous. To say that someone has fame or is famous is a usually considered a great compliment.

On the other hand, infamy is a dubious social distinction gained by committing a terrible act. Hitler is infamous, while Billy Graham is famous. The associations with infamy are negative, suggesting that although someone and his or her actions are well-known, they do not represent principles or actions worthy to be admired. Well known criminals can be said to have infamy, because although they are famous in the sense of being well known, they have committed deeds of questionable morals to become well known.

A related concept is the idea of celebrity, which was originally used in the same way that the word fame was. However, the meaning of the word changed, and began to be used to describe people who lived in infamy as well as people who were famous. Thinking about the confusion

that reigns in our star-struck society where anyone, good or bad who is in the spotlight is considered a VIP, makes me wonder how we drifted so far off course when it comes to what makes someone admirable. People's insatiable desire to be famous, combined with a public whose priorities are so convoluted that they will put almost any selfpromoting character on a pedestal, has created a dysfunctional concept of fame and infamy. We really need to be able to discern between a true hero and a mere celebrity, especially those celebs

who are bigger than life in their own eyes.

I know it is inaccurate to paint every people-group with the same broad brush, and certainly good folks in our world are plentiful and often become recognized and admired. But it is undeniable that fame, fortune, and fan-worship have the ability to create a serious temptation to be misled concerning one's self-worth. Heroes are admired for bravery, nobility, honor, and character. Celebrities are admired for beauty and talent. Heroes grow through suffering and we respect them for it. Celebrities flounder in dysfunction and we are amused by it. Heroes serve others with or without being noticed. Celebrities perform to be seen by others. Heroes don't look for status, recognition, or payment. Celebrities look for the cameras and for lucrative compensation. Heroes desire to sacrifice for others. Celebrities enjoy others sacrificing for them. Heroes admit their faults. Celebrities arrogantly flaunt their status. Heroes deflect praise. Celebrities crave it. Heroes edify. Celebrities entertain.

Of course, not all celebrities have a negative impact on society or the lives of their fans and the general populace. There are actors who lend support to charities, athletes who launch after-school programs and comedians who visit hospitals to cheer up patients. These are the "unsung hero" aspects of celebrity personalities that make them inspirational and worthy of admiration. But as a general rule, it's still far too easy for the "Bonnie and Clyde" syndrome to thrive. Star athletes on steroids and illegal growth hormones, movie stars bigger than the law or decency, and a "get out of jail free" card too often being handed freely to political scoundrels because they are famous, is just not right and should not be acceptable. It's time to re-introduce the term infamous into our

vocabulary. You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

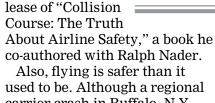
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Buckle up and stop whining

used to pack a smoke hood in my carry-on luggage. I knew that most passengers survive a plane crash on impact but that many die before they can escape the toxic smoking fuselage of an airplane. But I didn't pack

a smoke hood for the trip that ended with a safe landing at San Francisco International Airport on Friday.

I figured my old smoke hood had outlived its shelf life. My husband, Wesley J. Smith, bought it for me in 1994 on the re-



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used to be. Although a regional carrier crash in Buffalo, N.Y., killed 50 people in 2009, there hasn't been a fatal accident with a major American airline in more than a decade. (For the record, Asiana Airlines is a South Korean carrier.)

Credit federal safety regulations for reducing seat flammability and the danger of seat collapse inside the Boeing 777 jetliner. Those advances allowed Asiana Flight 214 passengers to get out of the wreckage.

Flying never will be risk-free

— as the families of the two dead 16-year-old girls, as well as the seriously injured civilians and crew members, can attest. But air travel has become so safe that rather than worry about falling out of the sky, the flying public obsesses about the indignity of TSA searches and having to pay for airline food. We live in this amazing age that allows people to fly from one end of the country to the other in six hours — and at affordable prices — and all we do is complain that flying isn't so glamorous as it used to

The Sunday New York Times had the unfortunate timing to run an opinion piece titled "Class Struggle in the Sky," by contributor James Atlas.

It was about the travails of flying coach — bad snacks, less legroom, too many people. Atlas likened flying coach class to sailing in steerage. He marveled, "The hardships of economy (class) don't seem to deter us from air travel."

Hardships? We in the writing class truly are a bunch of crybabies. Atlas should ask those in the Donner party how they liked their snacks.

Like many journalists, I am a world-class complainer. My repertoire of airline horror stories includes a 48-hour hitch at O'Hare. I can talk for a full five minutes about the challenges involved in getting to the Republican National Convention in 2000. (Long story short: After sitting on a tarmac for hours and not getting my luggage, I had to take the train from Chicago to Philadelphia.) I don't like sitting in the middle seat. I hoard my miles so that I can fly business class on international flights. I envy those with "elite" frequent

flier status. But I also know that I get to fly because I live in a country where middle-class people have the wherewithal to see different continents. Because of airline regulations and smart engineering, it's more dangerous to drive to the airport than it is to get on the plane. I started to feel silly carrying a smoke hood, although I always spend a moment to scope the exit options at takeoff.

And at the end of a journey that takes hours, not weeks, if you're lucky, you get to complain — about peanuts.

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News in brief

Texas senator says Capitol security has 'doubled'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Security at the Texas Capitol has "at least doubled" to handle crowds after an outburst last month in the Senate chamber shut down a deadline vote on an abortion restrictions bill, a state senator said Tuesday.

Sen. Kevin Eltife, chairman of the Senate Administration Committee. said lawmakers told the Department of Public Safety to increase Capitol security no matter what the cost following the outburst June 25 by hundreds of protesters in the gallery.

"We want the place secure. We want plenty of officers on the ground," Eltife said Tuesday.

He declined to reveal the exact number of troopers or how much the boost in security is costing. DPS spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger also declined to comment on the level of security or expense.

"We do not discuss Capitol security plans," she said. "However, when necessary, we will adjust our security measures as a situation merits."

Senate security officers were heavilv outnumbered when demonstrators in the gallery erupted and kept shouting and clapping for about 15 minutes at the end of a nearly 13-hour filibuster by Sen. Wendy Davis of Fort Worth.

The outburst effectively shut down a vote on the abortion bill before the midnight deadline of the first special session, prompting Gov. Rick Perry and other top Republicans to complain that an "unruly mob" had thwarted democracy.

Sheriff: N. Texas teen drunk before deadly wreck

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A teenage driver who caused a horrific wreck that left four people dead in North Texas was under the influence the night of the crash, authorities said Tuesday.

The 16-year-old's blood-alcohol level was 0.24 percent, three times the legal limit for drivers 21 and older, Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson told reporters at a briefing on the investigation. He and other friends were seen on surveillance video stealing two cases of beer from a Wal-Mart before the crash, Anderson said.

The teen crashed his pickup truck in southern Tarrant County, killing 24-year-old Breanna Mitchell, the driver of a disabled SUV, and three people trying to help her.

"During my time at the sheriff's office, I truly believe this is probably the most difficult accident scene we've ever had to work," Anderson said.

The 16-year-old had seven teenagers in his truck, Anderson said. One of them remains hospitalized in serious condition. Anderson said authorities believe the group was drinking before they stole the beer.

The sheriff's office referred the

case to the Tarrant County district attorney's office. Anderson said the 16-year-old likely would be tried as a juvenile. Melody McDonald, a spokeswoman for the Tarrant County district attorney, said she was unable to say when and what charges will be

"Although initial paperwork has been received, there are still significant details that need to be developed," the email said. "We have not yet received all of the information necessary for us to properly prepare

The crash also killed 21-year-old Shelby Boyles, her 52-year-old mother, Hollie Boyles, and 43-year-old youth pastor Brian Jennings, who were trying to assist Mitchell.

Randy Travis remains in critical condition

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer Randy Travis remained in critical condition Tuesday in a Texas hospital after doctors inserted a device to stabilize his weakened heart.

Travis' publicist, Kirt Webster, said in a news release Tuesday that the singer underwent the procedure after checking into the hospital Sunday with viral cardiomyopathy, a heart condition caused by a virus.

Webster said the left ventricular assist device was used to stabilize Travis's heart prior to a hospital transfer to Dallas. Travis lives about 60 miles from Dallas in Tioga.

The device used to help Travis is a small pump inserted with a catheter that assists the heart to pump blood.

Travis, 54, became ill after a virus infected his heart muscle, causing it to become weakened and enlarged so that it could not pump properly. Cardiomyopathy can lead to heart fail-

No other details about the Grammy award-winning singer's condition were available Tuesday afternoon.

Several country stars conveyed their best wishes for Travis' recov-"Sending healing strength and love

to you this morning @randytravis,' Keith Urban said in a message to Travis on Twitter.

And Carrie Underwood, who Travis won a Grammy Award with in 2010, wrote: "Thinking about my friend, @randytravis, tonight. Hope he gets better soon...'

Jury selection continuing in Fort Hood trial

tial jurors will be questioned individually Wednesday as jury selection continues in the murder trial of the Army psychiatrist charged in the 2009 mass shooting at Fort Hood.

Maj. Nidal Hasan declined to question the first group of 20 officers from Army posts nationwide when jury selection began Tuesday. He's serving as his own attorney.

Six potential jurors were dismissed at prosecutors' request. Among them was an officer who knew one of the 13 killed on Nov. 5, 2009.

Hasan faces execution or life without parole if convicted in the rampage that left 13 dead and nearly three dozen wounded on the Texas Army post.

Agroup of officers who equal Hasan's rank or higher will arrive each week until a 13- to 16-member jury is chosen for Hasan's court-martial.

Dallas judge orders life term for child predator

DALLAS (AP) — A judge in Dallas has ordered life in prison for a convicted child sexual predator who violated rules of his civil commitment to a halfway house.

The Dallas Morning News reports 62-year-old Paul Harvey Andrews was sentenced Tuesday following emotional testimony from one of his victims.

Andrews was convicted in 1975 and 1985 of kidnapping and sexually assaulting children in Dallas County. He was sentenced to 75 years in prison in the 1985 case.

Andrews in 2010 was paroled but was deemed a sexually violent predator. He was sent to a halfway house where administrators say he refused to take prescribed medications, walked out of a sex offender treatment session and didn't properly charge a GPS tracking device.

A manager testified Andrews said he wanted to return to prison.

Off-duty Irving officer shot in domestic dispute

IRVING, Texas (AP) — An off-duty North Texas police officer has been shot twice during a domestic dispute with his estranged wife and she later allegedly took her own life.

The Tarrant County Sheriff's Office says the wife apparently shot her husband Tuesday night while at the Irving officer's home near Mansfield. Authorities say the wounded officer managed to get to a neighbor's place

to summon help.

Investigators say a body believed to be the woman was later discovered in a car in neighboring Johnson County. Authorities say the woman apparently committed suicide.

Officials say the wounded officer has injuries not believed to be lifethreatening. Names of the couple and further details weren't immediately

Boil water order lifted for Texas town after blast WEST, Texas (AP) — Experts say

it's now safe to drink water from all public supplies in a Central Texas town decimated nearly three months ago by a deadly fertilizer plant blast.

City officials in West on Tuesday rescinded the public boil water notice.

The April 17 blast claimed 15 lives, left about 200 people hurt and damaged water and sewer systems. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality cited numerous water main breaks in requiring residents to boil water before drinking.

West officials cited improved system pressure and chlorine levels in lifting the citywide boil water notice as of 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The notice came the same day that Gov. Rick Perry asked federal officials to reconsider their denial of major disaster aid to West.

Texas man jailed after 75-mile chase in N.Y.

ADAMS, N.Y. (AP) — Authorities say a Texas man has been arrested after leading police on a 75-mile chase through four central New York coun-

State police say troopers tried to stop 33-year-old Christopher Moore of Dallas around 9 p.m. Tuesday for speeding in a pickup truck on Interstate 81 in the Cortland County town of Preble, 20 miles south of Syracuse. Police say he refused to pull over and continued driving north on I-81 through Onondaga County, the city of Syracuse and Oswego County.

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Firefighter camaraderie draws thousands to Arizona memorial for 19 elite crew killed in blaze

PRESCOTT VALLEY, Ariz. (AP) — Firefighters William Benitez and Lou Larosa were fresh out of the New York City Fire Department when terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, killing nearly 3,000 people, including hundreds of first responders.

The days ahead were tough as the two rookies and their colleagues attended dozens of funerals, while thousands of their fellow firefighters came from around the country to show support.

It's that camaraderie among firefighters that drew Benitez, Larosa and nearly a dozen others from their department, including the chief, to a massive memorial service in Arizona honoring 19 members of the Prescott-based Granite Mountain Hotshots. The elite crew died June 30 when a wind-fueled, out-of-control fire overran them as they tried to protect a former gold-mining town from the inferno.

the family there are people there for them," Benitez said Tuesday after the service that drew some 8,000 people to the minor league hockey arena.

"It's very important to have a big showing ... show

"I always feel like the best part of it is when wives, siblings, get to see the amount of people showing up," Larosa added.

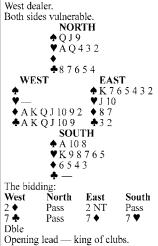
Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood says it will refuse any offer to join a new government

CAIRO (AP) — A spokesman for Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood says the group will reject any offer to



By Steve Becker

Practical Analysis



Dear Mr. Becker: I suffer from nightmares — bridge nightmares, that is — and I keep having this distressing dream where I always hold the West hand. You might wonder why anyone holding such a hand would complain, but the fact is that it's driving me crazy, and I don't know what to do.

The bidding always goes as shown, and South, whom I have by now grown to hate, invariably bids seven hearts. I double, but South always makes the contract. He is a very smart cookie and does not make

the mistake of trying to trump all of his diamond losers in dummy. If he did that, my partner would sooner or later score a trump trick and defeat the contract. Instead, South ruffs the club lead,

plays a trump to dummy's queen and collects three spade tricks, winding up in his own hand. These are the remaining cards:

North ▼A432 ♣8765 West **♣**A Q J 10 South ♥K987 ♦ 6 5 4 3

South leads his king of trumps, and I am a dead duck. If I discard a diamond, South stays in his hand and establishes his fourth diamond by trumping three diamonds in dummy; if I discard a club, he overtakes the heart king with ace and trumps three clubs in his hand. Either way, he makes the grand slam.

I have seen quite a few psychiatrists about my problem, and they all tell me the same thing. They say I should pass the West hand as dealer, in which case everyone else would pass and my problem would simply disappear!

Sorrowfully yours, Constant Reader.

Tomorrow: Lay that pistol down. ©2013 King Features Syndicate Inc

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Splish Splash!

Presenting aquatic feats from freestyle jumps to human pyramids, amateur water ski show clubs across America put on shows each summer on community lakes.



join an interim government to replace the administration of ousted President Mohammed Morsi.

Newly appointed Prime Minister Hazem el-Beblawi is to begin forming a Cabinet on Wednesday, and has said he will offer the Brotherhood — which helped propel Morsi to the presidency — posts in a new government. A Brotherhood spokesman dismissed any talk of

joining a military-backed administration, and said talk of national reconciliation is "irrelevant." He spoke on condition of anonymity because of concerns for his security. Morsi was deposed on July 3 after four days of

massive protests demanding he step down, prompting the military to step in and oust him.

Quebec police treating oil-train derailment site as crime scene; death toll reaches 15

LAC-MEGANTIC, Quebec (AP) — Quebec police are pursuing a painstaking, wide-ranging criminal investigation of the inferno ignited by the derailment of a runaway oil train that killed at least 15 people and left dozens missing in the burned-out ruins of a downtown district.

Quebec police inspector Michel Forget ruled out terrorism as a cause, but said Tuesday that an array of other possibilities remain under investigation, including criminal negligence. Other officials have raised the possibility that the train was tampered with before the crash early Saturday.

"This is an enormous task ahead of us," Forget said. "We're not at the stage of arrests."

The heart of the town's central business district is being treated as a crime scene and remained cordoned off by police tape — not only the 30 buildings razed by the fire but also many adjacent blocks.

Investigators continued searching for the missing, fearing three dozen more bodies are buried in the downtown area closest to the tracks. The death toll rose to 15 with the discovery of two more bodies Tuesday. The bodies that have been recovered were burned so badly they have yet to be identified.

New details in airliner probe raise questions over use of auto controls, other factors

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (AP) — Investigators are trying to understand whether automated cockpit equipment Asiana flight 214's pilots say they were relying on to control the airliner's speed

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may have contributed to the plane's dangerously low and slow approach just before it crashed.

New details in the accident investigation that were revealed Tuesday by National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Deborah Hersman were not conclusive about the cause of Saturday's crash, but they raised potential areas of focus: Was there a mistake made in setting the automatic speed control, did it malfunction or were the pilots not fully aware of what the plane was doing?

One of the most puzzling aspects of the crash has been why the wide-body Boeing 777 jet came in far too low and slow, clipping its landing gear and then its tail on a rocky seawall just short the runway. The crash killed two of the 307 people and injured scores of others, most not seriously.

Among those injured were two flight attendants in the back of the plane, who survived despite being thrown onto the runway when the plane slammed into the seawall and the tail broke off.

The autothrottle was set for 157 mph and the pilots assumed it was controlling the plane's airspeed, Hersman said. However, the autothrottle was only "armed" or ready for activation, she said.

The price of surveillance: Phone companies charge millions for costs, while web data is cheap

WASHINGTON (AP) — How much are your private conversations worth to the government? Turns out, it can be a lot, depending on the technology. In the era of intense government surveillance and

secret court orders, a murky multimillion-dollar market has emerged. Paid for by U.S. tax dollars, but with little public scrutiny, surveillance fees charged in secret by technology and phone companies can vary wildly.

AT&T, for example, imposes a \$325 "activation fee" for each wiretap and \$10 a day to maintain it. Smaller carriers Cricket and U.S. Cellular charge only about \$250 per wiretap. But snoop on a Verizon customer? That costs the government \$775 for the first month and \$500 each month after that, according to industry disclosures made last year to Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass.

Meanwhile, email records like those amassed by the National Security Agency through a program revealed by former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden probably were collected for free or very cheaply. Facebook says it doesn't charge the government for access. And while Microsoft, Yahoo and Google won't say how much they charge, the American Civil Liberties Union found that email records can be turned over for as little as \$25.

Industry says it doesn't profit from the hundreds of thousands of government eavesdropping requests it receives each year, and civil liberties groups want businesses to charge. They worry that government surveillance will become too cheap as companies automate their responses. And if companies gave away customer records for free, wouldn't that encourage uncalled-for surveillance?

Boston Marathon bombing suspect heads to first

public court appearance

BOSTON (AP) — Survivors of the Boston Marathon bombing will watch as the young man who could face the death penalty for the attack appears in court for the first time since he was found bleeding and hiding in a boat in a suburb days after the April 15 explosion.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's arraignment was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon in federal court in Boston. He has been charged with using a weapon of mass destruction in the bombings that killed three people and wounded more than 260.

The courthouse is expected to be jammed for 19-year-old Tsarnaev's appearance. A spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office said space is being reserved in the main courtroom for victims' families, but she wouldn't indicate how many planned to attend. Court officials have set aside an overflow courtroom to broadcast the court hearing.

Tsarnaev has yet to appear publicly since his April 19 arrest. His initial court appearance took place at a hospital, where he was recovering from injuries suffered in a shootout with police the day before in the Boston suburb of Watertown.

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Mark Adams headed to TTU

Title winning Howard College basketball coach takes director of basketball operations job



HERALD file photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College Head Men's Basketball Coach Mark Adams cuts down a portion of the net after winning the 2010 JUCO National Championship Tournament. Adams will be departing for a position at Texas Tech.

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

At the end of every Howard College basketball game, the lazy western melody, "Happy Trails" — made famous by the radio show Roy Rogers back in the '40s — plays over the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum PA system as patrons exit the arena.

This time, it's Head Coach Mark Adams who is hitting the dusty trail. Except Adams is headed north to Lubbock, where he will assume the title: director of basektball operations at Texas Tech University.

Adams served nine years as coach of the men's basketball program at Howard College and took three teams to the national tournament, including a successful national championship run in 2010, giving HC its first national title in the sport.

A Lubbock native, Adams said TTU is a good fit for him and his family.

"There are a lot of reasons I decided to take the position at Tech," Adams explained. "An opportunity to coach at Tech was a lifelong dream of mine. It's something I have hoped to do ever since I was a student assistant manager here years ago. And it's home. I went to school 30 miles from there. Both of my children are attending Tech. I have a son playing basketball, he will be a junior next year. It will be nice to be involved with the same program he's in. I thought the timing was right."

Adams is excited about the chance to broaden his horizons, as well as work with a world-class coach such as Tubby Smith, who took the reins this year.

"It's an honor to have the opportunity to work with Coach Smith," Adams said. "He's a legendary coach. It's a level up for me in my professional career to be involved with a Division I program. I'll have the opportunity to do a lot of other things around the game of basketball."

Some of the duties Adams will

assume includes overseeing day-to-day aspects of the Red Raider basketball organization. He will be tasked with monitoring player academics, the team's travel, some recruiting and scouting, but perhaps the biggest change will be adjusting to the move from courtside to the front office.

"It will be a challenge for me" he

"It will be a challenge for me," he said.

Although Adams is ascending in the world of collegiate sports, he emphasized how valuable his time in big Spring has been.

"I'm going to miss a lot of good people here at Howard College," said Adams, who was also the Intermin Athletic Director at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID). "I will always remember the help and support I got from the staff here. Dr. (Cheryl) Sparks believed in me, I am grateful to her. I had the honor to work with Harold Wilder and Harold Davis (both former Howard College coaches, now deceased) — they were two of the biggest influences I have had. Harold Wilder was my first mentor, Harold Davis was unbelievably supportive of me. I will miss the whole athletic department. I will miss the players, too. You form a bond with these guys and I always enjoyed that aspect of coaching."

Coaching Jae Crowder, who is now in the NBA playing for the Dallas Mavericks, sending more than 50 players on to Division I programs and of course, bringing home a JUCO national title in 2010 were some of the highlights of his time with the Hawks. Adams is also proud of the accomplishments made within the athletic programs at SWCID, which had representatives in both the men and women's national deaf basketball tournaments this past year in King of Prussia, Penn.

As for Dr. Sparks, President of Howard College, she wishes Adams the best

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Beltre blasts two, Rangers top Orioles

BALTIMORE (AP) — The way Adrian Beltre has been hitting the baseball lately, it seems hard to imagine he recently endured 22 straight games without a home run.

Beltre went 4 for 4 with two homers and a seasonhigh five RBIs to help the surging Texas Rangers beat the Baltimore Orioles 8-4 Tuesday night.

Beltre hit a solo shot in the second inning and a three-run drive in the fifth, both off Zach Britton (2-3). Beltre has six home runs in his last six games and is batting .488 (21 for 43) during an 11-game hitting streak that began on June 28.

He also singled in the fourth, received an intentional walk in the seventh and delivered an RBI single in the ninth. The two homers gave him 20 for the season and put him in a tie with teammate Lance Berkman for 74th on the career list with 366, according to the Rangers.

Before his current power surge, Beltre went from June 10 to July 3 without launching a ball out of the park. It was his longest home-run drought since he joined the Rangers in 2011.

"He's been hot and cold and he's picked it up again. He picked it up at the right time," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "When Adrian is getting



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Ron Washington said. "When Adrian is getting Texas' Jurickson Profar chases a ground ball as teammate Adrian Beltre looks on during the fourth inning of Tuesday's 8-4 win over the Baltiomore Orioles.

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Documents point to Hernandez as gunman

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) — An associate of former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez said he was told Hernandez fired the shots that resulted in the death of a semi-pro football player, according to documents filed in Florida.

The records, obtained by The Associated Press, also show that a vehicle wanted in a double killing in Boston a year before had been rented in Hernandez's name.

Togother, the revelations pro-

Together, the revelations provide the most damning evidence yet against the 23-year-old star athlete.

athlete.
Hernandez has been charged in the June killing of Boston semipro athlete Odin Lloyd. The re-

cords say Hernandez associate Carlos Ortiz told Massachusetts investigators that another man, Ernest Wallace, said Hernandez shot Lloyd in an industrial park near Hernandez's home in North Attleborough.

The gun used in the killing has

The gun used in the killing has not been found.

The documents were filed

The documents were filed in court by the Miramar, Fla., police department to justify a search of Wallace's mother's home in that city.

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The records also show that police, while investigating Lloyd's killing, searched in Hernandez's hometown of Bristol, Conn., and found a vehicle wanted in con-

nection with a July 2012 double

homicide near a Boston night-

club.

Hernandez has pleaded not guilty in Lloyd's killing. His legal team did not return email messages Tuesday. Wallace faces an accessory to murder charge in the case and has pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutors say Hernandez

Prosecutors say Hernandez, Wallace and Ortiz drove with Lloyd in a rented Nissan Altima to the industrial park where Lloyd was fatally shot.

Ortiz told police that during the drive, Hernandez told Lloyd that Lloyd had been "chilling" with people Hernandez had problems with, the documents say. But Ortiz told police the two men

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Lions, QB Matt Stafford reportedly agree to deal

DETROIT (AP) — Matthew Stafford's career with the Detroit Lions just got longer.

Stafford and the Lions have agreed to terms on a \$53 million, three-year extension to keep him under contract through 2017, according to a person familiar with the deal.

The person, who spoke Tuesday to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the agreement has not been announced, \$41.5 million in guarantees as part of a new contract.

Detroitdrafted Stafford No. 1 overall in 2009 and signed him to a six-year contract worth as much as \$78 million with \$41.7 million in guarantees. After two injury-shortened seasons, he helped the franchise reach the playoffs two years ago for the first time in more than a decade.

A month ago Stafford

A month ago, Stafford vowed that he would

said Stafford will make See **DEAL**, Page 13

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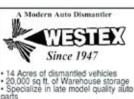
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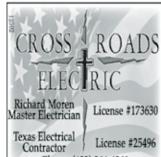
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("project" action "regulations"): the final enactment. adoption, and approval of the proposed Subdivision and Manufactured Home Rental Community Regulations for Glasscock County, Texas. The County proposes to enact, adopt, and approve said regulations after compliance with all notice procedures required by

The proposed regulations and the TIA may be inspected, and copies obtained, at the Office of the County Clerk, Glasscock County, Glasscock County 117 East Courthouse, Currie Street, Garden City, Texas 79739. The proposed regulations 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 proposed regulations and project are exempt from coverage under or application to Chapter 2007. Further, the public purposes the proposed regulations and project, among other things, involve the following: (a) the proposed regulations shall govern plats and subdivisions of land and manufactured home rental communities within the unincorporated areas of the County in order to promote the health, safety, morals, an general welfare of the County and the safe, orderly, and healthful

areas of the County; and (b) the proposed regulations shall ensure that adequate plats, plans, design and planning procedures, water and sewer facilities, and utility and transportation infrastructure facilities are provided in the unincorporated areas of the County. The enactment, adoption, approval and enforcement of the proposed regulations shall accomplish, advance, and substantially achieve all public purposes described in the TIA and proposed regulations as authorized by federal and state law. As stated in the TIA: (a) the proposed regulations and project are exempt from coverage under or application to Chapter 2007: (b) no new public interests are purported to be created, established. transferred to the County by the proposed regulations; (c) no new burdens or restrictions are imposed or created by the proposed regulations with respect to any private real property; and (d) no taking of private real property or rights private real property as defined by Chapter 2007 will occur as a result of the proposed regulations. The proposed regulations and project are authorized to be enacted, adopted, approved, and enforced by the County pursuant to the ex-

Therefore, a "No Private Real Property Impact Determination" was made by the County in the TIA pursuant to Chapter 2007. The County hereby hives notice of its intent to engage in the proposed governmental action

press and implied authority under

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SIGNED on the 8th day of July,

Kim Halfmann, County Judge Glasscock County, Texas Attest: Rebecca Batt Glasscock County Clerk #7866 July 10, 2013

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2) Howard County Detention Center

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split among his seven children. He doesn't want to give us anything. But without my signature, he can't sell the property. I'm concerned that this woman is taking advantage of my father. What should I do? — Not

Dear Not Fair: Unless your mother put in her will that the property should go to her children, please give it to Dad without strings. He has been living with this woman for four years. There doesn't seem to be any physical or emotional abuse, nor is she trying to steal his money and leave him. If she's taking advantage of him, he doesn't object. We know you want to protect Dad, but if he is of sound mind, please let him make these decisions on his own — for better or worse.

Dear Annie: I was sitting in my car at the drugstore when a couple came out of the building, and the man started taking pictures of my car with his smartphone. I put my hand up and asked him to stop photographing me. The woman started yelling, saying I was in a parking lot and she could take pictures of whatever she wants.

Why does everyone think that just because their phones can snap pictures they can take a photo of anyone they want, whenever they choose? — *Annoyed*

Dear Annoyed:

Because they can. Unless they use the photo for illegal purposes, they can take pictures of your car and anything else. If you see the photo posted online, you can ask that it be removed, but there are no guarantees they will cooperate. In fact, this particular couple sounds excessively rude, irritating and a bit immature. Unfortunately, there's not much you can do about it.

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Pet Talk: Adopting an older pet

There's no mistaking it, baby pets are adorable and many grow up to become magnificent companions. Unfortunately pet owners often forget the trouble involved with raising a pet from infancy, and overlook the countless mature dogs awaiting adoption from shelters and rescue organizations.

"Consider adopting an older pet if you want to skip the house-training and want an animal that may already be obedience trained," said Dr. Mark Stickney, Clinical Associate Professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Science (CVM). "Another benefit with older pets is that their personality is set when you meet them, and any health issues or special care needs may already be evident."

Within the first week of bringing home an older pet, schedule a visit with your veterinarian to identify any health concerns and to update vaccinations, heartworm prevention and parasite prevention.

"When selecting a pet to bring home make sure their behavior and activity level will fit into your lifestyle, which is much easier to determine when you meet an older pet," said Stickney. "For example, a pet that is calm and relaxed for a

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smaller house versus super-active pets that need room to move around and a large yard. You should also have it meet all of the family to make sure the pet will get along with the children, males, and females living in your home.

It is also important to ask the shelter or rescue organization about any known health or behavior issues, or if the pet has been around other pets before or not.

Preparing your home for an older pet is not that much different than a younger one, with a few exceptions that many find easier.

"When bringing home any pet, it is important to have things such as the appropriate food, bedding, bowls, and the appropriate toys

like chew objects for dogs or a scratching tree for cats," said Stickney. "It is also essential to have a carpet cleaner around for a few accidents until the pet understands your house's routine, and to make sure your yard is fenced with no breaks where the pet could escape and get lost. If your pet has arthritis and has trouble moving and jumping, you may need a ramp to help it maneuver steps."

Older pets can also be easier to train because they do not get distracted as easily as puppies. However, if they have already learned certain commands you will need to stick with the same command words and gestures instead of trying to use new commands for the same trick.

To view adoption services and to adopt an older pet of your own, check out services such as petfinder.com or visit the local Aggieland Humane Society.

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Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.

Dear Ann Landers: I am planning to marry the love of my life in June. "Phillip" is a terrific guy except when it comes to my 12-yearold daughter, "Beth,' who is

very sweet but has attention deficit disorder. Phillip does not

understand that she needs to be reminded of things over and

over. When he asks her to do a chore, he expects her to jump to it immediately. He doesn't realize that Beth is easily distracted and forgets. She isn't being deliberately disobedient.

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I think Phillip is being too hard on Beth when he says she needs more discipline. I agree that Beth may resent Phillip's presence in my life, but it doesn't help when he yells at her all the time. I love him dearly, but I'm having second thoughts about

what marrying him might do to my daughter. Help me make the right choice. — Unsure in Baltimore

Dear Unsure: Put Phillip in touch with the authority who diagnosed Beth's problem. When he understands it better. he will be a lot less judgmental. Work at smoothing the way between him and Beth. And don't let Phillip get away. In a few years, Beth will be gone, and you could be very much

Dear Ann Landers: I take issue with "Jov in Mudville," who said the Internet is not a source of information but a tool for communication. She has it half right.

Joy is confusing the Internet with electronic mail. Email is only as reliable as the sender, but the Internet is the biggest, grandest encyclopedia anywhere. I can find revolving 3-D images of the inside of the space shuttle and pictures of the Louvre in Paris or the Sistine Chapel in Rome. I can read The Washington Post or the complete works of Shakespeare, get the latest news from Reuters or order a book for my

mother's birthday. Saying the Internet is just a form of communication is like saying the Library of Congress is just a lot of books or that Yale is just a lot of buildings. To lump email chat rooms in with the highly reputable sites that are available through the Internet is inaccurate. Saving "I read it on the Internet" could be the same as saying "I read it at the library." The Internet is a tool. How you use it is up to you. Sign my letter — Web-Head in the USA

Dear Web-Head: Get out the wet noodle. My readers have convinced me that the Internet, when used properly, has a lot more to offer than I thought. It appears that people can now get what is tantamount to a college education without leaving their homes. This is truly remarkable.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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Leo Moon Playtime

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The Leo moon is childlike, playful and imaginative with an instinct to entertain. Who would you like to get closer to? You might do this in an unusual way. Teasing and flirting heighten attractions between people. The Cancer planets warn that everyone is sensitive, though, so do use your tact and discretion

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll get organized with calendars and contacts. Each event and every person on the list gives you a feeling. Is it time to make some additions and deletions? Your contact list should be rich with uplifting people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's good to be needed, but not too much

— it's a lot of pressure. In situations of dependency, it's difficult to control the amount and intensity of the need. So teach others to be as self-sufficient as possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Can you make the point and make someone laugh at the same time? Can you be so breezy in making your point that no one is embarrassed, ashamed or made wrong? A resounding "yes" is the answer, and you'll prove it today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You cherish someone, and it's felt. It's in the tenderness of your eyes, the thoughtfulness of your words and the intention of your touch. You will get as much from the exchange as the one you cherish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You'll be working on a pretty attitude to match your face. Sometimes it doesn't come easily. Challenging, immature and ungrateful people make it hard to smile and be positive, encouraging and easy-going.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're sensitive and soulful today. Good music is a must. The one who controls the radio dial or the playlist that's running through the speakers controls the mood of the space. Let that person be you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Thinking can solve as many problems as it creates. There's a point at which it's wise to stop with the thoughts and start with the feelings. Don't let your mind drown out the knowingness in your

body and soul.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your heart does more than pump blood. It wants to get involved in everything today, to beat for more than you, to process the joy of the world. Your big heart cannot be contained.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll get a break from the cacophony of daily life. As the silence thickens you are drawn to a hidden part of yourself that's demanding release. Why haven't you heard this voice before?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're about adventure, being free, finding out what's going on over there, and over there, too. As for your responsibilities, you've managed them well, and you'll be back. In the meantime, they can wait.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's something you must do that you don't like doing at all. Do it first. This will improve the overall quality of your day. Otherwise, you'll spend the whole day cozied up to a nagging feeling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Extraordinary beauty is created with consistent and simple acts. Don't forget this when you observe a beautiful result. Instead, remember that you, too, can do this with the right plan.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 10). You'll see the options you missed before in your personal life. A new friend colors your world this month and next. By September, things develop into a more formal arrangement. Your time with a mentor will end, and you'll pay it forward by taking on students in September. November and February bring bonus money. Aquarius and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 10, 38, 12 and 50.

DEVELOP YOUR INTUITION, GEMINI: As the sign of communication, Gemini people typically possess a rare freedom of expression. Each time they speak their minds

and hearts, they strengthen the connection between intuition and verbalization. On those occasions when the twins do not say what's on their minds and hearts, blockages occur. The unspoken words go nowhere. They stay lodged in the heart and soul, cluttering the channel between intuition and the outside world. If a Gemini is feeling blocked, he or she can say the unsaid words out loud to clear the channel. It isn't necessary to say them to anyone in particular. Just saying them aloud and feeling the associated emotions — letting it all come out —is often enough to get back in touch with intuition and free expression.

intuitively blocked and cannot figure out what the unsaid message causing the blockage is, there are other verbalizations that can help. Humming, singing, chanting Sanskrit, reciting scripture or other affirmations can be effective. As a bonus, these kinds of verbalizations typically resonate through the entire body with healing sound waves. In choosing what song to sing or what words to say, know that the best choice is going to be the words that feel

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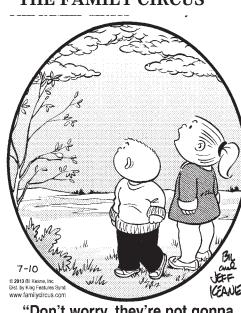
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place in Dayton, Tenn., in the trial of John T. Scopes, charged with violating the law by teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (Scopes was convicted and fined, but the verdict was overturned on a technicality.) In 1929, American paper cur-

rency was reduced in size as the government began issuing bills that were approximately 25 percent smaller. In 1940, during World War II,

the Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces began attacking southern England by air. (The Royal Air Force was ultimately victorious.) In 1951, armistice talks aimed

at ending the Korean War began at Kaesong. In 1962, AT&T's Telstar 1

communications satellite, capable of relaying television signals and telephone calls, was launched by NASA from Cape Canaveral.

In 1973, the Bahamas became fully independent after three centuries of British colonial rule. John Paul Getty III, the teenage grandson of the oil

tycoon, was abducted in Rome by kidnappers who cut off his ear when his family was slow to meet their ransom demands; young Getty was finally released in December 1973 in exchange for nearly \$3 million.

In 1991, Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic. President George H.W. Bush lifted economic sanctions against South Africa. Today's Birthdays: Former

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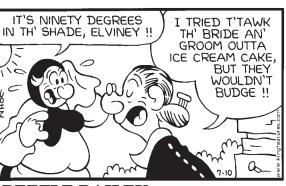








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shook hands and the seemed problem smoothed over. However, the Altima soon stopped, and everyone but Ortiz got out to urinate, according to Ortiz's account.

The witness told police he then heard gunshots before Hernandez and Wallace got back into the car without Lloyd and the car sped away.

Ortiz said he couldn't see who fired the shots because it was dark. Back at Hernandez's home, Ortiz said, Wallace asked him to get a small gun out from under the driver's seat. Ortiz said he did and gave it to Hernandez once they were inside.

Ortiz said he then went to sleep. When he woke up in the afternoon, ac-

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the team negotiated.

game to win games."

ADAMS

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"We are very excited

about this career move

for Coach Adams, but

we are sad to see him

leave" she said in a press

release. "He has been

instrumental in con-

tinuing a rich history of

success in our program.

He is one of the most

highly respected coach-

es in our conference as

Agreeing with that

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well as the nation."

focus on football while his agent and

"I don't play this game to get con-

tracts," he said in June. "I play this

Stafford threw more interceptions

DEAL

the three men returned the Altima and rented a Chrysler 300 before leased him. returning to Hernandez's home. Ortiz and Wallace then went to an apartment in the area that Hernandez and other football players used. Wallace let Ortiz in before leaving for a long time, the documents say. The two then drove to Bristol. Ortiz told police that Wallace said Hernandez shot Lloyd. Hernandez. Wallace

and Ortiz appear linked through Bristol. Meanwhile, eight search warrants were unsealed in Massachusetts after organizations sought access to them. The warrants reveal the breadth of the investigation, with authorities scouring through everything from Hernandez's house to his phone to the contents of his

cording to his account, team locker, which the Patriots emptied into a container after they re-

A rifle, ammunition and video surveillance equipment were among the items police seized Hernandez's from home.

Records show Hernandez, who played tight end, became "argumentative" during his first encounter with police at his home about five hours after Lloyd's body was found by a jogger. Hernandez told police he had last seen Lloyd in Boston the day before. He asked, "What's with all the questions?" and locked the door behind

He then returned with his attorney's business card but didn't respond when police told him they were investigating a death, the records show.

down passes in 2012 as he did the pre-After playing in just 13 games over

two seasons, he flourished in his first full year with 41 TD passes while completing 64 percent of his attempts and throwing 16 touchdowns.

but his passing percentage dipped as did his TD passes (20) while he threw one more interception.

He has looked back to analyze the previous season, seeing when it was good to take chances with passes.

and had less than half as many touch-

He stayed on the field last season,

The Lions didn't do much of that last year, losing their last eight games to flop to a 4-12 record after a 10-win

Baseball Coach and Athletic Director Britt Smith, who believes Adams' success will follow him to TTU. "He will be fantastic," Britt Smith said. "He has

done a great job for us. He's a great basketball coach and this was an opportunity he couldn't pass up. I can't fault him. He had a chance to coach in the Big XII, at a D-1 school in his home town. We will definitely miss him, but I am sure he will do well in Lubbock."

Adams' successor has already been named.

Scott Raines, who has eight years with Howard College in various capacities including assistant basketball coach, director of the Harold Davis Fitness Center and Dean of Students, will assume the role of head coach for the 2013-14 season.

Raines is the husband of HC Head Softball Coach Kelly Raines.

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RANGERS

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it done it usually relaxes everybody else. That is what the big guy does in the middle of the lineup." With Beltre leading

the way, Texas has won 14 of 19 to move a season-high 16 games over .500 (53-37) — tied the second-best record in franchise history after 90 games. The Rangers have scored at least five runs in six straight games and have won four in a row on the road.

"We were having trouble driving in runs and all of a sudden Adrian started driving them in and everybody started relaxing," Washington said. "Now we're putting runs on the board. I hope it can continue."

Beltre said, "We all contribute some way or another. I think we are good as a group. There's not one guy who can say he's the main guy. I think everybody's contributing right now. There's a couple games that I'm contributing a lot better than I did before."

Manny Machado homered for the Orioles, who have lost six of eight. Baltimore is 3-12 in its last 15 regularseason games against Texas.

After going 1 for 12 with runners in scoring position in a loss to Texas on Monday, the Orioles were 2 for 7 in that situation on Tuesday. Their biggest problem on this night was containing Beltre.

"You know he's a good hitter, and then when you make bad pitches on top of that he's not going to miss them," manager Buck Showalter said. Britton gave up five

runs and eight hits in five innings. After the game, he was optioned along with reliever Kevin Gausman to Triple-A Norfolk. The corresponding moves will be announced Wednesday, with one of them being the activation of left-hander Wei-Yin Chen from the disabled

Martin Perez (3-1) allowed four runs, two earned, and six hits in six-plus innings for the Rangers. The lefthander is 3-0 with a 1.44 ERA in four starts since being recalled from Triple-A Round Rock on June 22.

"I can't finish the seventh inning but I'm happy what I'm doing tonight," Perez said.

Perez, who came in with a run of 17 straight scoreless innings, added to the total with a perfect first. But the streak ended in the second when the Orioles

used singles by Matt Wieters, Nate McLouth and Brian Roberts to pull even at 1.

Machado hit a solo drive in the third, his seventh of the season and only the second since May 5.

Texas went up 5-2 in the fifth. After Nelson Cruz singled in a run, Beltre hit a shot into the left-field seats for his 25th career multihomer game.

"I was looking for a pitch up in the zone that I could drive, and that's what I got," he said.

The Orioles closed to 5-4 in their half of the fifth. Two botched grounders preceded a two-out, two-run single by J.J. Hardy.

The Rangers added two runs in seventh. Leonys Martin walked and scored on a double by Jurickson Profar, and A.J. Pierzynski hit an RBI single following an intentional walk to Beltre.

NOTES: Chen is slated to start Wednesday night. Texas will counter with right-hander Josh Lindblom, who will be making his first start since June 20. ... Texas RHP Colby Lewis threw live batting practice Tuesday in his bid to return from offseason surgery on his right arm. Beltre has six HRs in his last 11 games at Camden Yards.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

On May 31, 2013, as required by the order of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") in Docket No. 39592, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland Utilities"), a regulated electric utility company, filed an application with the Commission entitled Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. to Establish Retail Delivery Rates, Approve Tariff for Retail Delivery Service, and Adjust Wholesale Transmission Rate ("Application").

This Application has been assigned Docket No. 41474. Interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to participate in this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is August 9, 2013, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by

The Application is based on a twelve-month test year ending December 31, 2012, and supports a retail distribution base rate revenue requirement of \$75,116,884. Additionally, Sharyland Utilities proposes to recover an annual amount of \$3,839,015 through various riders. The primary purpose of this proceeding is to establish tariffs that will set the nonbypassable rates retail electric providers will be charged for delivery of electricity from the retail electric provider to the customer in order to transition to retail competition. The rates are to be effective on May 1, 2014, or ninety (90) days after Sharyland Utilities files its tariffs to implement the final Commission order approving the rates, whichever is later. The Application also supports rates sufficient to recover a revenue requirement of \$26,941,935, including amounts recovered through riders, for wholesale transmission service.

The Application potentially affects all customers and classes of customers in Sharyland Utilities' Brady, Celeste, Colorado City, and Stanton Divisions, but it does not affect retail delivery rates for Sharyland Utilities' McAllen Division. The Application also affects all customers taking service under Sharyland Utilities' Tariff for Wholesale Transmission Service.

A complete copy of Sharyland Utilities' Application is available for inspection at Sharyland Utilities' offices located at 1031 Andrews Highway, Suite 400, Midland, Texas 79701 and 1807 Ross Avenue, Suite 460, Dallas, Texas 75201, and at the office of Sharyland Utilities' legal representative, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, at 600 Congress Avenue, Suite 2000, Austin, Texas 78701. If you have questions about PUC Docket No. 41474, please contact Bridget Headrick at Sharyland Utilities at (512) 721-2668.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326 with reference to Docket No. 41474. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or (800) 735-2989. All communications should refer to Docket No. 41474.



Class status denied in Ellington 3rd guard to

(AP) — A judge on Tuesday denied class-action status in a lawsuit filed by ticket-holders who were displaced when seats weren't properly installed for the 2011 Super Bowl in Texas.

The ruling issued by U.S. District Judge Barbara Lynn denied classaction status to fans who were denied seats, those who were moved to other seats and people who claim they had obstructed views that weren't disclosed on the tickets.

About 1,250 temporary seats at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington were deemed unsafe just hours before the Green Bay Packers beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25. That forced about 850

ARLINGTON, Texas ticket-holders to move to view seats. new seats and 400 others to watch from standingroom locations.

> Lynn ruled that the plaintiffs failed to prove that the number of people suing was large enough to require that common issues prevailed over individual concerns. The ruling also said there wasn't a universal way to calculate damages because fans incurred different expenses.

"The Court, therefore, concludes that the variation in the materiality of the omissions combined with the individual questions of reliance and damages predominate over common issues," the ruling stated in denying class status for fans with obstructed-

The NFL said it was pleased with a ruling "refusing to certify any class in this case.'

Plaintiffs attorney Michael Avenatti said he would move on with individual breach of contract lawsuits.

"We are disappointed with the Court's ruling but look forward to representing hundreds of our clients this year in the trials against the NFL," Avenatti said. "During those trials, we will prove that the NFL defrauded its fans."

Last year, Lynn dismissed the Dallas Cowboys as a defendant in the lawsuit, ruling that the tickets were a contract between the buyers and the NFL.

Super Bowl seating lawsuit join Mavs in free agency

DALLAS (AP) — Wavne Ellington has become the third guard to join the Dallas Mavericks in free agency.

Ellington tweeted late Tuesday night that he had agreed to a contract with Dallas. The deal is reportedly for two years and \$5 million.

The 6-foot-4 shooting guard split last season between Memphis and Cleveland. He was traded to the Grizzlies last summer and went to the Cavaliers midseason in a four-player

The 25-year-old has never averaged double figures in four years, but did score 10.4 points per game in the second half of last season with Cleveland. His career scoring average is 6.9 points. The Mavericks have also agreed to

deals with Jose Calderon and Devin

A fourth guard, Gal Mekel, is coming over from Israel.

Wainwright wins 12th Cards' 9-5 victory over Astros ST. LOUIS (AP) — and Matt Holliday hit the NL, was in com-

Adam Wainwright can't explain his mastery over the Houston Astros. St. Louis' All-Star is simply enjoying the ride.

Wainwright picked up his National Leaguetying 12th win with seven scoreless innings

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his team-high 13th home run to lead the Cardinals to a 9-5 win over the Astros on Tuesday night.

Matt Carpenter had three hits and drove in three runs for St. Louis, which has won four in a row and five of six.

Houston dropped its ninth in the last 11 and leads the majors with 58 losses.

Wainwright (12-5)improved to 13-1 in 15 career starts against Houston. His 1.56 ERA against the Astros is his lowest for any oppo-

"It's just one of those weird things," he said. "I've matched up well with them over the years. I think my first real quality game as a starter in 2007 came against them."

Wainwright three successive starts against Houston at the beginning of the 2007 campaign. He allowed just four runs over 20 innings in beginning his personal run against the Astros.

He allowed five hits, struck out nine and walked one on Tuesday. The right-hander, who will make his second All-Star appearance next week, has won seven successive starts against his former NL Central rival. His lone loss to the Astros was a 2-0 setback on Aug. 2,

Wainwright, who is tied with Washington's Jordan Zimmermann (12-3) for most wins in plete control. He retired the first five batters and never looked back.

"It's never against a big-league squad, but I felt I stayed out of trouble for the most part," Wainwright said.

St. Louis manager Mike Matheny agreed.

"He just came out and established his breaking ball," Matheny said. "He used different speeds and moved in-and-out with his fastball. Just terrific."

closer St. Louis Edward Mujica struck out J.D. Martinez with two on and two out to pick up his 24th save in 25 opportunities.

The Cardinals, who

jumped out to a 7-0 lead,

battered former nemesis Bud Norris (6-8) for seven runs and 11 hits in five innings. Norris entered the game with an 8-5 mark and a 2.74 ERA against St. Louis.

Norris won his first four starts against the allowing Cardinals just one run over 26 innings.

"I've been throwing the ball pretty well, but today wasn't my day," Norris said. "I made some good pitches, I made some bad pitches. That's a good ballclub over there. They know what they're doing."

Holliday slammed Norris' seventh pitch of the game over the leftfield wall for a 2-0 lead. Carpenter highlighted a three-run rally in the fourth with a two-run double.



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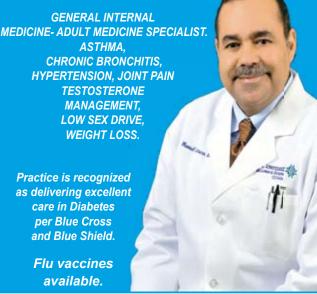
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