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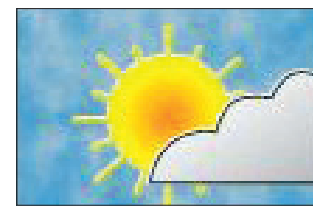
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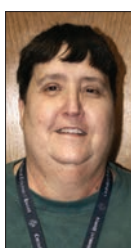


Salvation Army to begin taking Angel Tree apps

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Salvation Army will begin accepting applications for its annual Angel Tree program Monday, as the local charity gets ready to step up its operations for the holiday season.

According to Salvation Army officials, the annual program — which provides Christmas gifts for the children of area low income families



Lafler

struggling through the holiday — has been a huge success in years past, and with economic times still extremely tough for many West Texans, this year’s Angel Tree will be no exception.

“The Angel Tree program has helped so many families that are struggling just to make ends meet,” said Salvation Army Social

Worker Paula Lafler. “It’s a sad thing to think about, to realize a lot of these children wouldn’t otherwise have had a single present under the Christmas tree come the holiday. And with the economy still struggling, especially out there in West Texas, we’re expecting the demand to be just as high or higher than last year.”

Lafler said area families wanting to apply for assistance through the Angel Tree program can do so beginning

Monday at 9 a.m.

“We’ll be accepting applications Monday and continue through Friday,” she said. “We’ll also accept applications the following week, from Oct. 11 until Oct. 15. All they have to do is come by the office between 9 a.m. and noon, or 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.”

The application process is simple, according to Lafler, and for some

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Help!

Free depression screenings to be offered Thursday

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital and West Texas Centers will offer free and confidential depression screenings Thursday on National Depression Screening Day.

Big Spring State Hospital and West Texas Centers began offering the screenings in 2000 to the Howard County community. Scenic Mountain Medical Center in 2007 began its partnership with the two agencies to provide screenings in Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The screenings will be held on the fourth floor at SMMC, 1601 W. 11th Place, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Screenings are free and are open to people of any age, said Kathy Salazar, Big Spring State Hospital’s director of social services. Upon arrival, attendees are provided with a short questionnaire and will visit with a mental health professional to review the answers.

“These are questions provided by the National Depression Screening Day organization,” Salazar said. “The answers to this set of questions give us good insight and a good starting-off point for dialogue.”

The clinicians and attendees review the answers together, which gives the mental health experts a good idea if follow-up care for depression is necessary or if the person is only experiencing a sad period in his or her life.

“The screening tool has really been very helpful in determining whether the attendees need to be seen for follow-up care either as an outpatient or an inpatient,” said Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers’ chief executive

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PRESSURE-IZED



Big Spring defensive end Devante Lloyd takes down Greenwood quarterback Jesse Madrid during the Steers’ 47-7 win over the Rangers Friday in Greenwood. See story and photo, Page 1B.

HERALD Photo/Tony Claxton

Ready or not?

Outreach tour visiting today to encourage preparedness

Special to the Herald

The Texas Department of State Health Services wants to teach you how to prepare for emergencies — man-made and otherwise.

The TDSHS “Ready or Not” outreach tour will make a stop at the Big Spring Wal-Mart Supercenter from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

The “Ready or Not” exhibit is part of a 17-city tour the agency is making throughout Texas this year to better inform citizens how they prepare and react to emergencies.

DSHS and local emergency preparedness personnel will be at the event and experts will be available to answer questions from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Aside from DSHS personnel, representatives from Big Spring Fire Department, American Red Cross, national Weather Service and the Citizen Emergency Response Team will be on hand at the Sunday exhibit.

The tour will be held under a tent with informational displays about emergency planning, including a sample disaster supply kit, organizers said.

Free checklists and waterproof document bags will be distributed and visitors can make copies of their important documents on site.

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Local theater’s projectors upgraded

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area movie goers will no longer have to go out of town to enjoy a digital 3D experience, as Cinema 4 announced this week the local theater has undergone some exciting upgrades.

According to James Meredith, vice

president of marketing and communications for Cinemark U.S.A. Inc., the upgrade to all-digital projectors was completed at the end of September, making Cinema 4 one of the most technologically advanced theaters in the area.

“The Cinema 4 has gone through a

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GOLD RUSH

Chavarria, secondary lead Steers to 47-7 win over Greenwood



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Big Spring running back Pete Chavarria runs for a touchdown during the Steers' 47-7 win over Greenwood. He finished with 182 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

GREENWOOD — It's no surprise one of the immediate talking points after the Big Spring Steers' 47-7 win at Greenwood Friday was the tall task that lies about 200 miles away from the Crossroads area.

Head coach Phillip Ritchey painted the scenario for next week's game at No. 1 Brownwood for his players after Friday's win — few get the chance the Steers will. Players knew they needed to end non-district play on an emphatic high note.

And they did. In fact, the Steers might be playing their best football right now.

"We feel like we're going into this game with some momentum," Ritchey said of facing No. 1 Brownwood. "We've just got to work really hard this week and try to find some weak spots in this team. There's no team that's perfect everywhere."

The Steers had standout performances from Pete Chavarria, Mike Menefield and the secondary to wrap up the non-district slate.

Chavarria shined with 15 carries for 182 yards and two touchdowns. The passing attack thrived once again with Menefield catching three balls for 77 yards and two scores.

The secondary might have been the difference.

Menefield, Dayvion Young and Dennis Merworth all had picks. Young — replacing an injured Terrell Demerson — essentially ended the game with his pick at 4:16 in the second, putting the Steers up 21-7. Menefield's came at 1:25 in the second to end a Greenwood drive. After that, Menefield caught a 46-yard strike to put Big Spring up 28-7 right before halftime.

Merworth's interception came on the first play of the

second half.

In addition to all that, Devante Lloyd's fumble recovery late in the third led to a three-yard touchdown run from Alex Gonzales.

It might have been the most proactive the Steers' defense has been this year.

"We made some mistakes, but we were getting after it," defensive coordinator Don Kelso said. "We were flying around the football. We weren't waiting for things to come and happen for us. We were going and making things happen. That's what I'm most proud of."

This was really the first time the secondary had seen anything like Greenwood.

Defensive backs coach Nick Roberson said the Steers have faced a handful of team that like to control the clock with the ground attack and there hasn't been too much passing involved.

But once again, Roberson said it was good to get exposed to an offense like this, considering who the Steers play next week.

"Other than the Wing-Ts and the I-formation teams doing play action, we hadn't really just seen a true spread team," he said. "I know we're getting ready to see a good throwing team in Brownwood. This was a great opportunity to see it."

But Chavarria was the catalyst for the offense.

His longest run came on a 54-yard touchdown at 7:32 in the third quarter and he did what he's done best for this offense, break tackles and carry tacklers.

Chavarria said the holes were there for him to run through.

"They were pretty spread out as far as reading the defense and the O-line was doing a pretty good job (pushing them) to one side of the field and the oppo-

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Bulldogs beat Bearcats to even district record

BY ADAM COLEMAN

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — If Coahoma head coach Trey Gardner had his way, the Bulldogs wouldn't have even played Friday night.

Their matchup against Hawley would've happened as soon as the Bearcats could get to Bulldogs Stadium. It's safe to say Coahoma was anxious to make the loss at Stanton last week a distant memory.

"If we could've played on Monday this week, I would've played on Monday," Gardner said. "Because we wanted to get that other one out of our minds."

The Bulldogs' anxiousness, among other things, pushed them to a 46-14 win over Hawley in CHS' homecoming game Friday. With Stanton losing to Idalou, the Bulldogs are right back in the dis-

trict race as it begins to take shape.

Friday didn't come without its adversity, though.

Gardner said he was surprised that his defense didn't dominate early in the game like it usually does. It was most notable in the second quarter with the Bearcats putting up 14, cutting into Coahoma's lead 26-14.

The second and final score from Hawley — which Gardner said was a bad call on his part — made the score too close for comfort for Gardner. He said he was proud of the way the defense stepped up in the second half.

"Coach (Raul) Sanchez did a pretty good job making adjustments at halftime," Gardner said. "I think we gave up 80-something yards in the first and eight in the second, and you can add three picks on to that."

The other hurdle seems like it was more serious.

Quarterback Tanner Ruiz didn't play the whole second half with a wrist injury. Gardner said he was unsure of the diagnosis as of Saturday morning, but if it is serious enough to the point Ruiz has to miss time, the Bulldogs have Pete Acosta.

Acosta took the rest of the snaps under center and finished completing 4-of-6 passes for 65 yards and two touchdowns.

It's certainly not unusual to see Acosta at quarterback. He was named the starter at the beginning of the season and still takes a few snaps here and there even though his duties have been needed elsewhere on offense and as a defensive back on defense.

Gardner said he was conservative at first when

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HERALD Photo/ Angie Sloan

Coahoma's Dakota Griffith drags tacklers in the Bulldogs' 46-14 win over Hawley Friday.

Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club

The club meets every Monday at 7 p.m. All parents of football players 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

Over 80 2-man scramble

Gaines County Golf Course is hosting an over

80 2-man scramble on Oct. 23 and 24. The starting times are at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The entry fee cost \$80 per person plus the cart. The entry fee also includes lunch on Oct. 23. For more information or to enter call (432) 758-3808.

Washer tournament

There will be a washer tourney at 2 p.m. on Oct. 9 at Comanche Trail Park.

Entry fee is \$50 per team and the deadline is at 1 p.m. Oct. 9. Prize money depends on the number of entries. For more information call Gilbert at (432) 816-3014.

Coahoma Girls Softball Association

The group is meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the community center in Coahoma. Everyone is welcome.



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WATER: Drink in the Facts

FAMILY FEATURES

Water is an essential element for the human body, and we need it to stay hydrated and healthy.

But where should we get our water — from the tap or a bottle? Many people drink both, depending on taste and accessibility. To help you make an informed decision, here is some new information about the different refreshment choices you can make.

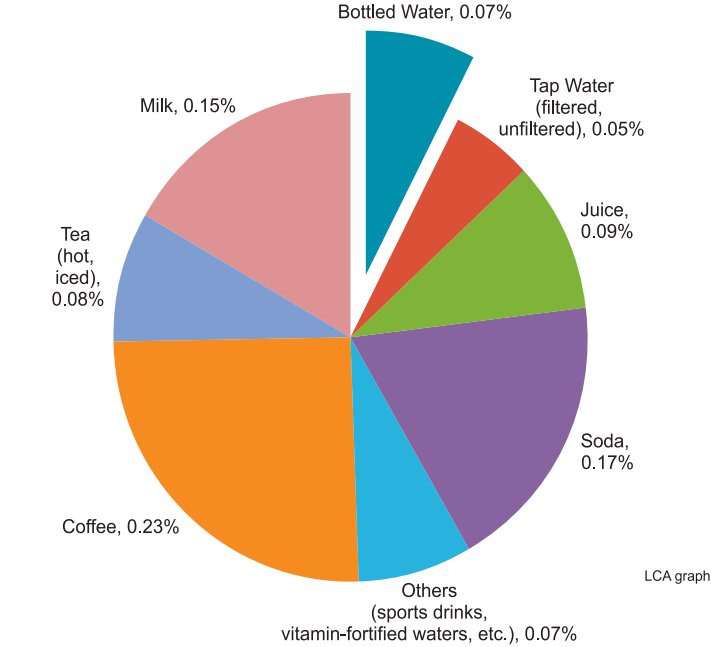
Environmental Impact

Perhaps the biggest debate is around the environmental impact of bottled water. A first-of-its-kind life cycle study recently commissioned by Nestlé Waters North America examines the environmental impact of tap water, filtered tap water, bottled water and other packaged beverages. Here are a few findings:

- Water — in all its forms — is the best beverage option for the environment.
- Among packaged beverages evaluated in the study, bottled water has the lightest environmental impact. So, people can lighten their own environmental impact simply by drinking bottled water instead of packaged soda or sports drinks.
- Just by recycling the water bottle, the environmental impact is reduced by 25 percent.

Bottled water companies are working to reduce their environmental impact. For example, over the past 15 years Nestlé Waters North America has reduced the amount of plastic in its bottles by 60 percent, avoiding 475,000 tons of carbon emissions — that’s like taking more than 82,000 cars off the road for an entire year.

Climate change impact of non-alcoholic beverage consumption



Non-alcoholic beverages make up 0.92 percent of the average consumer’s total carbon footprint. This chart shows the percent of total lifestyle impact these beverages have.

Why is bottled water better for the environment than other packaged drinks? Bottled water has no “grown” ingredients like sugar, which eliminates the environmental impact of additional water, pesticides and energy usage associated with harvesting those ingredients. Soda has nearly twice the environmental impact as bottled water, largely because of its ingredients, the heavier bottles required for carbonation, and the amount of water used during production.

The good news is that more and more people are drinking water — from the tap and from a bottle. Studies show if bottled water is not available, two-thirds of people will choose other packaged drinks that produce more carbon emissions and, typically, are more calorie-intensive.

How can you be sure your water is safe?

- Learn the facts. Tap and bottled water are regulated by the government with public health and safety in mind. By law, FDA standards for bottled water must be as stringent as EPA standards for public water supplies. And in some cases, FDA bottled water standards are more stringent than the EPA’s, such as for coliform bacteria, fluoride and lead.
- Read your municipal water quality report. Municipal water suppliers are required to produce quality reports each year. Contact your local water supplier to find out how to access these reports. Or, visit www.epa.gov/safewater.
- Find out the source and contents of your bottled water. Some bottled water brands provide information on how to access source and quality information, so you know exactly where your water comes from and what’s in it.

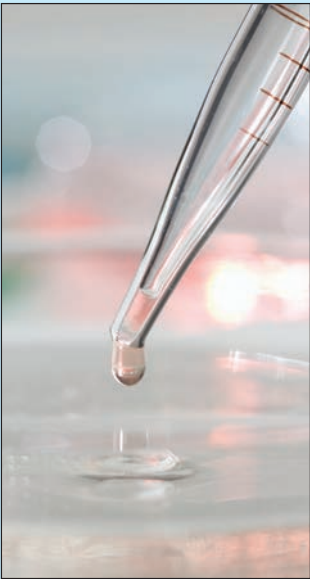


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“Our customers want to know what they’re buying and consuming,” says Nick Dege, director of quality assurance at Nestlé Waters North America. “We make it easy by publishing quality reports from independent testing results, which our customers can access through our website and via a toll-free phone number, both of which can be found on the label of every bottle.”

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Obituaries

Violet Patterson

Violet Patterson, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, 2010, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Matthew Prince officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Violet was born April 9, 1930, in Avoca to Bertha and Jimmie Rodgers. She married Alex Patterson on Sept. 12, 1945, in Stamford. He preceded her in death Oct. 10, 2008. She had been a resident of Big Spring for more than 64 years. She was a homemaker but also worked as a cook at Wagon Wheel, Terry's Drive Inn and Al's Bar-B-Q. She later sold Avon and worked at Koshmoore Kasuels. She was a member of Grace Fellowship Church of God.

She is survived by one daughter, Helen Richardson and her husband, Ronnie, of Big Spring; one son, Dale Patterson and his wife, Linda, of Big Spring; two daughters-in-law, Reveille Patterson and Jo Vann, both of Big Spring; one son-in-law, Bootie Sherman of Big Spring; nine grandchildren, Teresa McGuire and her husband, Jerry, Cecil Sherman and his wife, Dafna, Janet Kilgore and her husband, Ben, Leslie Stevens and her husband, Thomas, Angie Patterson, Tori Patterson, Mike Knowles and his wife, Lisa, Melonie Patterson and Brian Patterson and his wife, Amanda, all of Big Spring; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Johnny Rodgers of Big Spring; and one sister, Dora Davis and her husband, Wadie, of Aspermont.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Harvey Patterson; and one grandson, Alex Sherman.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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Take Note

• St. Mary's Church will offer "Blessing to all of God's Creatures" in observance of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. The annual event is open to the public and will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday in the church's Bennett Garden. Bring your special friends in your stewardship care — leased or caged — for a special blessing by the Parish priest — the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris. "Blessing of the Animals" will be held at Canterbury, 1700 S. Lancaster, on Monday beginning at 2 p.m. for South and 2:30 p.m. for North.

• A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarria family, who lost all of their possessions in a recent house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

Lottery

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the "Mega Millions" game were:
03-08-21-28-52, Mega Ball: 43
Estimated jackpot: \$32 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-18-29-34.
Number matching five of five: None.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night, in order:
4-8-1-6. Sum It Up: 19.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night, in order:
7-6-5. Sum It Up: 18.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday afternoon, in order:
4-0-1-6. Sum It Up: 11.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday afternoon, in order:
2-9-0. Sum It Up: 11.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday (Editor's note: Jason Threats, who was scheduled to stand trial Tuesday on felony delivery of a controlled substance charges, had charges dismissed against him):

- TONYA LADAWN YAGER, 39, 1904 Alabama, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JACOB DANIEL PETROWSKI, 21, 2803 Apache, was arrested on a charge of theft over \$500 but less than \$1,500.
- JAMES JARETT FERGUSON, 29, 623 Caylor, was arrested on a warrant charging expired vehicle registration certificate, expired license plate and two counts of failure to appear.
- ISABEL LOMAS, 54, 806 N. Goliad, was arrested on a warrant charging no driver's license and failure to appear.
- GILBERT RECIO JR., 37, 1007 Wood, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct/language.
- ANDRES AGUIRRE DUENES, 37, 1206 E. 11th Place, was arrested on a warrant charging driving into a block where a fire engine is stopped.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 600 block of Caylor, the 1000 block of E. 15th and the 1600 block of Mesquite.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. Medical lectures and information for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetics and caregivers. Call 267-3806 for information.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

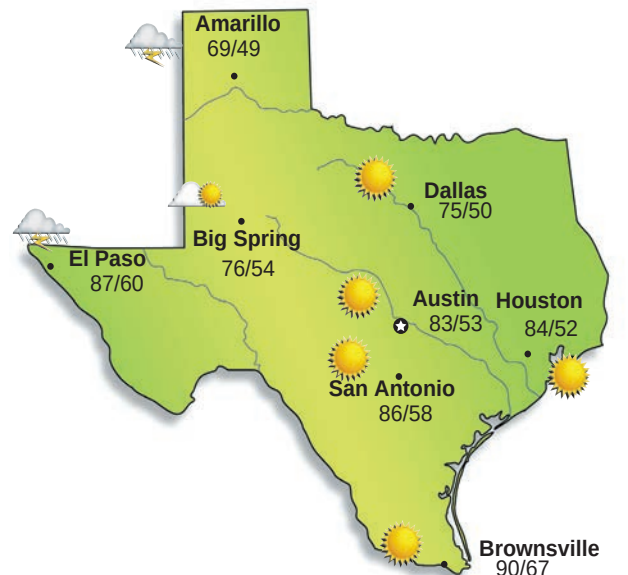
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 10/3	Mon 10/4	Tue 10/5	Wed 10/6	Thu 10/7
				
76/54 Partly cloudy skies. High 76F. Winds E at 10 to 15 mph.	81/55 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	80/54 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	79/51 Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	79/51 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 7:28 PM	Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 7:27 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 7:26 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 7:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 7:23 PM

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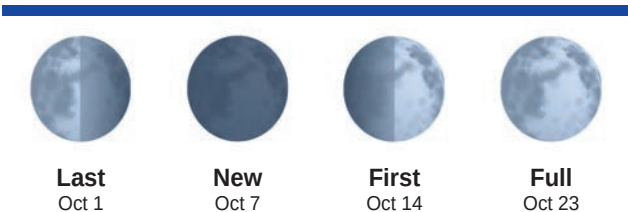
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Amarillo	69	49	t-storm	Livingston	81	45	sunny
Austin	83	53	sunny	Longview	75	46	sunny
Beaumont	83	50	sunny	Lubbock	72	50	t-storm
Brownsville	90	67	sunny	Lufkin	80	46	sunny
Brownwood	79	53	mst sunny	Midland	80	57	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	87	62	sunny	Raymondville	91	64	sunny
Corsicana	75	47	sunny	Rosenberg	85	51	sunny
Dallas	75	50	sunny	San Antonio	86	58	sunny
Del Rio	88	59	mst sunny	San Marcos	84	53	sunny
El Paso	87	60	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	74	49	sunny
Fort Stockton	83	58	windy	Sweetwater	77	55	pt sunny
Gainesville	72	46	sunny	Tyler	75	45	sunny
Greenville	73	46	sunny	Weatherford	74	48	mst sunny
Houston	84	52	sunny	Wichita Falls	74	49	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	70	45	sunny	Minneapolis	60	40	sunny
Boston	60	51	pt sunny	New York	64	54	pt sunny
Chicago	58	39	mst sunny	Phoenix	96	74	pt sunny
Dallas	75	50	sunny	San Francisco	66	56	pt sunny
Denver	78	52	mst sunny	Seattle	59	50	pt sunny
Houston	84	52	sunny	St. Louis	63	41	sunny
Los Angeles	76	58	pt sunny	Washington, DC	68	54	rain
Miami	87	72	mst sunny				

Moon Phases



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Mr. and Mrs. Coby Edmiston

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Krystal Lanae Hughes and Coby Chase Edmiston, both of San Angelo, were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at 4 p.m. Sept. 11, 2010, at Southland Baptist Church by long time friend of the bride, James Fryar of Coahoma Church of Christ.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Laura Hughes of Big Spring and granddaughter of Esther Hughes of Big Spring and Joan Howard of Anchor Point, Alaska. The groom is the son of Jim Bob and step-mother Tricia Edmiston of McCamey.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by both her parents, the bride wore an elegant ivory satin gown with a v neck and off-the-shoulder cap sleeves with a small pearl clasp at the waist. The bride carried a bouquet of white roses tied with ribbon.

Amber Mayes of Keller, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Kristin Heilman and Janae Giles, both of San Angelo. They each wore Dallas Cowboy

colors, blue cocktail dresses and carried a smaller bouquet of white flowers tied with silver and blue ribbon.

J.R. Edmiston of Odessa, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Brian Sproul and Cory Heilman, both of San Angelo. The groom, best man and groomsmen all wore black tuxedos with Dallas Cowboy silver vests and ties and a single white rose with blue ribbon boutonnieres.

Flower girls were Madyson, Reagan and Kennedy Miller of Midland, nieces of the bride, all wore ivory colored, ankle-length dresses with pearl beading and with baby's breath in their hair and carried a small version of the bride's bouquet. Ring bearer was Landon Sproul, wearing a black tuxedo and silver vest and tie.

Aaron Hughes, brother of the bride, and Asa Nixon, cousin of the groom, served as ushers, both wearing khaki slacks and dark blue sports coats.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Commissary at Fort Concho

with a full barbecue meal served and provided by the groom's parents. D.J. Randall Clinkinbeard provided music for all to dance to. A special song, "Keeper of the Stars," was played for the bride and groom for their first dance. The bride and bridesmaids changed into cowboy boots for the reception. The bride wore boots given to her by the Edmiston family that had belonged to the groom's grandfather, Orval Edmiston of Eldorado.

A three-tiered, ivory colored wedding cake, with the Willow Tree bride and groom together topper was on the bride's table along with the groom's cake which was a chocolate, double-layer with white filling Oreos cookie cake. There was also a chocolate fountain with strawberries, marshmallows and Rice Krispie Treats served and punch.

After a honeymoon trip to the Breezes Resort in Nassau, Bahamas, the couple will make their home in San Angelo.

Wilkinson-Wolfe

Lacey Renee Wilkinson and Weylin Craig Wolf were united in marriage at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 26, 2010, at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring. The Rev. Ken McMeans, of College Baptist Church in Big Spring, officiated.

Following the ceremony, the bride and groom were honored with a reception of dinner and dancing at Kokopellis.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Brenda Wilkinson and David and Kandi Burris, all of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Wil-

lie and Ann Wilkinson of Falfurrias and the late Bobbie and Rosetta Swartz of Premont.

The groom is the son of Steve and Jean Ann Wolf of Vincent and the grandson of the late Jack and Wanda Wolf of Coahoma, the late Don Parks of Sand Springs and Kenneth and Mona Langley of Ennis.

Presented in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a beautiful and unique strapless, white, A-line gown of tulle and organza with intricate beading on the bodice and a vertical ruffled skirt. She carried a bouquet of fresh garden roses, calla lilies and an assortment of other pink flowers along with her grandmother's wedding ring tied in.

Sarah Wilkinson Chrane of Big Spring, the bride's sister, served as matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Amy Frost of Universal City, Texas, Teresa Burris of Oak Point, Jessica Cogdill of Denver, Colo., and Lauren Kulesz of Arlington. The bridal party



Mr. and Mrs. Weylin Wolfe

wore pewter, strapless, knee-length dresses and carried bouquets.

Lorin Wolf of Brownwood, the groom's brother, served as best man. Groomsmen were Michael Brooks of Coahoma, Tom Griffin of Vincent, D.D. Wright of Burkburnett, John Stewardson of San Saba and Cash Berry of Big Spring.

Ushers were Shane Kemper, Clint Kemper, Chris Burris and Jonah Chrane.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2006 graduate of Howard Payne University where

she received a degree in elementary education and was a member of the Chi Alpha Omega sorority. She is now a teacher at Coahoma Elementary School.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 2004 graduate of Tarleton State University where he received a degree in agriculture services and development. He is currently co-owner of Wolf Dirt Contractors, as well as a farmer and rancher.

Following their honeymoon in Costa Rica, the couple make their home in Vincent.

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Local TxDOT employees honored

MARY BETH KILGORE

Special to the Herald

ABILENE — Julian Valle Jr., Cassie Caudill, Larry Sneed and Ramone Ortega, all Big Spring residents, were recently recognized for their years of service to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Valle and Caudill are five-year employees with TxDOT. Valle is a materials inspector in the Big Spring area office and Caudill is the area office's construction recordkeeper.

Sneed, a 10-year employee, is a crew chief in the Howard County maintenance section and Ortega, a 5-year employee, is a maintenance technician for the section.

The employees were presented framed certificates of service and service pins to represent their tenure with the department. In addition, they received gifts of their choice: Valle



Four Texas Department of Transportation employees working in Howard County were recently honored for their service to the department. From left are: Julian Valle Jr.; Cassie Caudill; District Engineer

selected a TxDOT coffee mug, Caudill got a black leather portfolio, Sneed chose a Rosewood pen and Ortega picked a copper travel mug.

Abilene District Engineer Lauren Garduño presented the awards during a supervisors meeting that was held recently in Abilene.

SCREENINGS

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officer. "Some years, we have seen people in our depression screenings who had lived with depression for years and needed professional help for their illness."

Mental health professionals do not diagnose depression but suggest avenues participants

can pursue based on their answers to the questionnaire and the ensuing interview, she said.

Depression affects more than 15 million Americans each year, according to the National Mental Health Association. Clinical depression is treatable through a variety of methods, including medications and psychotherapy or a combination of the two.

Other people may be liv-

ing with periods of sadness or have experienced a difficult time and are feeling that they will never be happy again.

"Many of the people we see every year are those who are just not sure if they are clinically depressed or if they just need to work through a particular issue that may be experiencing," Salazar said.

Each attendee will be given educational literature and the names and phone numbers of

community resources.

Screenings are free and confidential, Smith said. They are offered at more than 1,500 locations across the United States.

West Texas Centers also operates a 24-hour mental health crisis hotline, 1-800-375-4357. The line is available for those who are in a crisis or need mental health services, Smith said.

For more information, call 432-816-9257.

UPGRADE

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projector upgrade in all of its auditoriums to create the first all-digital projection theatre in the area," Meredith said. "The upgrade, which was completed Sept. 30, includes one digital 3D capable auditorium and three other digital systems in the remaining auditoriums."

Meredith said he's very excited about

being able to offer the digital systems to the company's Big Spring customers, a service local residents would have had to drive to Midland or further to enjoy.

"We are very excited to offer state-of-the-art digital projection to our valued customers in Big Spring," Meredith said. "Cinema 4 has long been an outstanding theatre and these new digital projectors will provide an even better movie-going experience, including the ability to

see all of the latest 3D movies."

Cinema 4 in Big Spring — which was acquired by Cinemark in 2006 — is located at 1801 East FM 700, in the Big Spring Mall.

In addition to the new digital projection, online ticketing is available at www.cinemark.com to

make it easy for patrons to purchase tickets in advance from the comfort of their home or office, and Cinemark Gift Cards are always on sale online or at the theatre box office.

Cinemark currently operates 425 theaters in 39 states.

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

READY

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They also can participate in the "Checklist Challenge," an exercise that tests people's knowledge about essen-

tial emergency supplies. Preparedness professionals will "grade" participants' performance.

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Belton 41, Killeen Harker Heights 37
Bryan 14, Killeen Shoemaker 0
Cedar Hill 49, Mansfield Timberview 28
Colleyville Heritage 55, Irving MacArthur 23
Conroe Oak Ridge 59, Conroe 28
Coppell 31, Denton Guyer 14
Copperas Cove 42, Temple 7
Cypress Ridge 31, Cypress Fairbanks 17
Dallas Jesuit 52, Richardson Berkner 29
Dallas Skyline 16, Richardson 3
Dickinson 20, Clute Brazoswood 14
Duncanville 51, Midlothian 13
EP Franklin 38, EP Bel Air 18
EP Montwood 21, EP El Dorado 14
Fort Bend Dulles 26, Fort Bend Austin 17
Fort Bend Kempner 21, Fort Bend Willowridge 13
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Garland Sachse 42, Garland Lakeview Centennial 17
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Laredo United 28, Del Rio 13
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Northside Marshall 16, Northside O'Connor 9
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Plano 33, Lewisville Hebron 6
Plano East 35, Plano West 14
PSJA Memorial 21, Edinburg North 16
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Round Rock Stony Point 37, Round Rock McNeil 8
SA Madison 28, SA Johnson 6
SA Roosevelt 35, SA MacArthur 34, OT Southlake Carroll 47, Keller 17
Weslaco 53, Brownsville Porter 6

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Alice 41, CC Tuloso-Midway 0

Amarillo Caprock 49, Wolfforth Frenship 35
Amarillo Palo Duro 35, Plainview 23
Austin Lanier 56, Austin Reagan 35
Austin McCallum 55, Austin Eastside Memorial 6
Barbers Hill 26, Baytown Lee 7
Beaumont Central 28, Livingston 21
Brenham 21, Waller 10
Bryan Rudder 27, Bastrop 21
Burleson 36, Cleburne 14
Canutillo 47, EP Ysleta 13
Canyon Randall 28, Canyon 7
CC Calallen 49, CC Moody 0
CC Ray 60, Kingsville King 20
Cedar Park 36, Cedar Park Vista Ridge 35
Conroe Caney Creek 54, Huntsville 0
Corsicana 44, Mesquite Poteet 10
Crosby 45, Houston North Forest 12
Dallas Carter 35, North Dallas 26
Dallas Conrad 20, Dallas Wilson 19
Dallas Highland Park 63, Wylie East 12
Dallas Kimball 23, Dallas South Oak Cliff 14
Dallas Lincoln 38, Dallas Adams 6
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Dripping Springs 32, Austin Vandegrift 30
El Paso 30, EP Jefferson 17
EP Andress 48, EP Irvin 0
EP Burges 31, EP Austin 28
EP Chapin 41, EP Bowie 27
EP Del Valle 33, Clint Horizon 10
EP Parkland 31, San Elizario 19
EP Riverside 21, Clint Mountain View 20
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Freeport Brazosport 35, Bay City 12
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Frisco Liberty 71, Frisco Heritage 7
Frisco Wakeland 44, Carrollton Smith 27
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Houston King 33, Baytown Goose Creek 21
Houston Stratford 49, Houston Northbrook 19
Houston Waltrip 17, Houston Reagan 13
Houston Yates 34, Houston Sharpstown 0
Humble 49, Brownsville Porter 0
Humble Kingwood Park 38, Humble Summer Creek 24
Hutto 48, Manor 0
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Kerrville Tivy 63, SA McCollum 13
Kilgore 38, Longview Pine Tree 7
Little Cypress-Mauriceville 24, Beaumont Ozen 15
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Lumberton 21, Vidor 6
Mansfield Summit 35, Crowley 6
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Waxahachie 33, Forney 21
Weslaco East 70, Roma 20
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Willis 53, New Caney 6

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Alvarado 22, Waco Connally 12
Andrews 33, Pecos 6
Anthony 28, Lordsburg, N.M. 7
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Aubrey 16, Arlington Grace Prep 7
Big Spring 47, Midland Greenwood 7
Bridgeport 34, Graham 21
Brownwood 59, FW All Saints 13
Caldwell 21, Brookshire Royal 15
Carrizo Springs 27, Pearsall 19
Celina 35, Lake Worth 17
Columbus 48, Smithville 0
Commerce 41, Caddo Mills 0
Cuero 21, La Vernia 14
Decatur 42, Burkburnett 21
Devine 52, Lytle 7
Gonzales 41, Poteet 0

Hidalgo 31, La Joya Juarez-Lincoln 13
Hondo 48, Crystal City 6
La Grange 30, Bellville 15
Lamesa 14, Fort Stockton 0
Monahans 21, Borger 15
Navasota 49, Wharton 12
Orangefield 49, Jasper 30
Paris North Lamar 45, Bonham 14
Perryton 27, Stratford 24
Pleasanton 26, Yoakum 14
Quinlan Ford 32, Anna 14
Robstown 38, Ingleside 30
Rusk 44, Diboll 33
Sealy 38, Needville 6
Sinton 34, Orange Grove 12
Snyder 57, Pampa 0
Splendora 21, Cleveland 3
Tyler Chapel Hill 30, Center 0
West Columbia 41, Stafford 0

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Altair Rice 24, Hallettsville 22
Amarillo River Road 40, Slaton 19
Anahuac 56, Kountze 14
Ballinger 17, Tuscola Jim Ned 14
Bangs 33, Brady 22
Banquete 21, Hebbronville 16
Bells 27, Bogata Rivercrest 25
Boling 37, East Bernard 6
Breckenridge 56, Whitney 35
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Franklin 41, Jarrell 7
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► Anniversary

Anderson 50th

Lonnie and Mary Anderson of Coahoma will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Coahoma Church of Christ fellowship building. Friends are invited to share in the celebration.

Lonnie was born in Big Spring and is the son of the late Bud and Vera Dell Anderson. Mary was also born in Big Spring and is the daughter of the late Chester E. and Iva Kiser. Both are members of the Coahoma Church of Christ.

The couple first met at Coahoma High School when Mary moved back to Coahoma from Pasadena, Texas, her junior year. They were married Oct. 7, 1960, by her father, Chester E. Kiser.

Lonnie attended Howard College and worked for Texas Electric. After graduation, the couple moved to Lub-

bock where he attended Texas Tech University and worked for Lubbock Power and Light.

They returned to Coahoma in 1964 when Lonnie and his brother took over ownership of his uncle's grocery business, Cramer Bros. Grocery. The grocery store was later renamed Lil' Sooper Market.

Lonnie retired from the grocery business in 1985 and started Anderson Construction. He retired from the building industry in 1998.

Mary was co-owner of the Coahoma Insurance Agency until 1989. She then went to work for the Coahoma Independent School District, retiring in 2003.

The Anderson's children are Shana Blagrove and husband, Doug, of Ackerly and Kelley Hankins of Big Spring. They have four grandchildren, Chaz Sloan and wife, Erin, of San Angelo, Lauren Rubio and husband, Jake,



Lonnie and Mary Anderson

of Big Spring, Brittany Hankins of Big Spring and Kayla Murphy and husband, Lance, of Big Spring. They also have four great-grandchildren, Caleb Sloan, Ben Rubio

and Rylan Rubio.

The Andersons agree that their greatest enjoyment is being with family and friends. "It has been a good life and a good 50 years of marriage," they said.

► Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Cereal variety, sausage patty, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Corndog, potato rounds, orange smiles, broccoli, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Biscuits, chicken nuggets, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Nacho grande, ranch beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple chunks, salsa, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Baked cheese sticks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, macaroni

and cheese, carrots, brownies, pears, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Pancake and sausage on a stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Spaghetti, garden salad, corn, strawberries, roll, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cherry frudel, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch - Turkey and cheese sandwich, Baked Lays, orange-pineapple jello, fresh fruit, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Cin-

namon roll, juice, milk. Lunch - Cheeseburger, veggies, Fynyuns, baby carrots, apple and orange smiles, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Fish, macaroni and cheese, cooked carrots, hushpuppies, fishes in the sea, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Biscuit, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - Burrito, Spanish rice, pinto beans, rosie applesauce, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Sausage on a stick, juice, milk.

Lunch - Pizza, seasoned corn, blushing pear, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cereal variety, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, hot roll, fruited gelatin, milk.



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DAR

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met May 15. Regent Mary Schuelke gave a program on doing genealogical research at the LDS Library in Salt Lake City. The members voted to honor deceased member Diane Powell Carter in this year's magazine ad. Several members purchased a new Junior pin and other products to support the Juniors of TSDAR.

Division VIII Chairman Sandra Franke of San Angelo installed officers for the coming 2010-2012 term. Her theme was "Third Class Stagecoach Passengers," who were required to do whatever was necessary to keep the stage moving. The newly-installed

officers were; Regent Anne Witherspoon, Vice Regent Hollis McCright, Chaplain Clara Lewis, Recording Secretary Sara Tipton, Corresponding Secretary Jessica Williams, Treasurer Mary Schuelke, Registrar Sue Ann Damron, Historian Heather Schafer, Librarian Luci Gabehart and Parliamentarian Carol Scott.

June 26 the chapter held a Lineage Research Workshop for prospective members at the Howard County Library. McCright showed the DVD "Today's DAR." Schuelke and Damron conducted the workshop, explaining what constitutes proof of service and proof of lineage. Carole

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEW

Creed lays out what we all try to do every day

Today marks the start of National Newspaper Week, which since 1940, has been a week-long celebration showcasing the impact of newspapers on the everyday lives of citizens.

In celebrating the role newspapering plays in American society, we are again reminded of “The Journalist’s Creed,” penned by Walter Williams, dean and founder of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri from 1908 to 1935. We believe it warrants reprinting on an annual basis.

The Journalist’s Creed

I believe in the profession of journalism.

I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of their responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of a lesser service than the public service is betrayal of this trust.

I believe that clear thinking and clear statement, accuracy, and fairness, are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true.

I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one’s own pocketbook is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another’s instructions or another’s dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that the supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds best — and best deserves success — fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent, unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power, constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and, as far as law and honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship; is a journalism of humanity, of and for today’s world.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we make You our coach, Lord.

Amen

Newspapers will still be around

The way that people consume information is changing rapidly, and I hear frequently that the death of newspapers is imminent. I think that people feel this way because they aren’t regular newspaper readers or they just don’t think that other people read newspapers as much as they did 10 years ago.

If they’re referring to the printed newspaper, they are usually correct.

We’ve seen printed newspaper circulation declines for more than 10 years. However, many of us in the industry are, slowly but surely, realizing that we’re not in the printed paper business, but in the information business.

This transformation of our attitude about print has not been easy. Many of us like our printed paper traditions, and many readers are very loyal. Printed newspapers often sell out after elections, weather disasters and other significant events. People still buy copies of the newspaper when their child makes the honor roll or their team has a win, and for many, the newspaper obituary is the defining memorial for a loved one.

Printed newspapers are one of the few mediums where people actually look forward to the advertisin, and research indicates that ads are a desired part of the experience. The ritual of reading a Sunday paper continues to be strong and many community newspapers have experienced circulation stability and even growth in the past decade.

But there is no question that the circulation of the daily print newspaper is down and still declining. The value of instant information on the internet is readily apparent.

While many of my friends still value their printed newspapers, their grown children often get their news via the internet, and increasingly, on their cell phones. The good news for people who like the information they get from newspapers and want to see it continue is that in most American markets the number one source for local information is the newspaper’s website.

A recent comScore survey ranked local newspaper websites first among all sources for trustworthiness, credibility and most

informative place to find local content of all types, including news, information, entertainment and sports.

Newspaper websites have the devoted readership that many advertisers covet. While newspapers are still figuring out the best formula for monetizing their new products in the changing world of media consumption, the fact that more people than ever are reading their combined products will ultimately assure their longevity.

The way that people get their information is changing, but newspapers usually have more reporters than all other organizations combined in almost every community and no one covers local news better.

Newspapers will continue to report the news that is relevant to their community.

We can be assured of continued change, but we can also expect that newspapers will be around tomorrow, providing local information better than everyone else in a multitude of options.

Dean Ridings is president and CEO of the Florida Press Association and a former publisher. He can be reached at deanr@flpress.com.

DEAN RIDINGS

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

If you haven’t been by the Senior Citizens Center at the industrial park lately, you are in for a pleasant surprise.

Sheriff Stan Parker has his crew cut the grass and edge the surrounding lots. Hats off to them.

I’m not knocking the city crews. They do a good job, too, working on the buildings and other things.

Again, thanks for a job well done.

BILL HOGAN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is to ask that all pet owners to please respect the city of Big Spring’s leash law. The law is in place for a reason.

This past weekend my 5-year-

news programs and reading about priests that get away with pedophilia.

I also lost my wife to a priest. I, too, have chosen to leave Catholicism.

As a predictable pattern in co-dependency, I now seek another political, capitalistic, controlling religious system to replace Catholicism.

ORAND CARROLL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is to ask that all pet owners to please respect the city of Big Spring’s leash law. The law is in place for a reason.

This past weekend my 5-year-

old son and I were walking a small chihuahua down our street. While we were talking to a neighbor, an extremely large German shepherd charged and grabbed the small dog. As it proceeded to shake the chihuahua, I was trying to push my son out of the way. I was bitten in the process.

The owner was with this German shepherd and her excuse for his behavior was that he didn’t like small dogs. I’m pretty sure that is a good reason for him to be either on a leash or locked in his yard.

What if he didn’t like small children? My son could have been seriously hurt or killed by this dog

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Bringing us together...

Lyndon Johnson once said of Gerald Ford that he “played too much football with his helmet off.” Theodore Roosevelt once called William Howard Taft “a fathead with the brains of a guinea pig.” Harper’s Weekly once described Ulysses S. Grant as “a drunken Democrat dragged out of the Galena (Ill.) gutter.”

Which was positively charitable compared to the magazine’s take on Abraham Lincoln, “a filthy storyteller, despot, liar, thief, braggart, buffoon, usurper, monster, ignoramus, old scoundrel, perjurer, robber, swindler, tyrant, field-butch, land-pirate.”

So perhaps we can dispense with the notion that incivility is somehow new to American political discourse.

And as Eric Burns illustrates in his book, Infamous Scribblers: The Founding Fathers and the Rowdy Beginnings of American Journalism, slanted reporting is no modern innovation, either. To the contrary, Colonial-era papers were not simply open in their support or opposition to a given politician or policy, but often came into being for that express purpose. As the editor of a paper in Danbury, Conn. put it two centuries ago, “A despicable impartiality I disclaim.” So no, bias is not new.

And yet...

It is difficult to escape a nagging sense that something fundamental has changed in American journalism, that the aggressive but fair kind of reportage many of us grew up yearning to emulate — Cronkite, Murrow, Woodward, Bernstein, Pyle — has been superseded by something coarser and much less concerned with truth.

Consider the tale of Shirley Sherrod. As even residents of the rainforest must know by now, she was the black Agriculture Department employee who was depicted as a racist in a video posted by blogger Andrew Breitbart. She had been fired from her job and nationally reviled before the truth came out: the video had been selectively edited and Sherrod was actually the opposite of a racist.

And there you have it, the thing that’s new: not the libel, not the bias, but the reach, the ability of a single individual, lacking a newsroom or traditional distribution machinery, to elbow his way into the national discourse, and in this case, to cost a woman her reputation and livelihood, through the simple expedient of a shameless lie. A lie, Mark Twain once observed, can get halfway around the world while the truth is still pulling on its pants.

Not to put too fine a point on it, but Twain died in 1910, decades before CNN was founded and the world wide web became part of our daily lives. If lies moved that fast in his era, their speed is incalculable now.

Therein lies the challenge. Where once we were all restricted to the same body of verifiable facts upon which to base our arguments and disagreements, the very ubiquity of untruth has removed that necessity. I am not required to hear — much less credit — any facts I don’t like. In the 21st century, I choose my beliefs first, then am provided with “facts” to support them.

The result is that it becomes literally impossible to have reasoned debate or even argue effectively, because we begin with no assumptions in common. You have your “facts” and I have mine and never the twain shall meet.

Both major political ideologies have exploited this gap, as witness the liberals who use “facts” to insist no airplane struck the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. But it is undeniably conservatives who have done the most to exploit the gap — not simply by peddling birther canards, but also by constructing what amounts to a social isolation chamber to prevent contamination from competing facts.

It began with conservative cable news and conservative radio. It has been followed by a conservative alternative to the Bible, a conservative alternative to Wikipedia, a conservative alternative to the AARP, a conservative alternative to Webster’s Dictionary, a conservative alternative to YouTube and — you can’t make this stuff up — even a conservative alternative to ice cream.

It is not too much to say that we are witnessing an act of intellectual secession.

The irony of the age, then, is this: the humble newspaper, beset by financial challenges, fighting for its life, is the one medium that has proven relatively resistant to this intellectual partitioning. Maybe the partitioners just don’t care enough about newspapers to subvert them; one wonders if Andrew Breitbart even knows such a thing as a “newspaper” exists.

Whatever the cause, the effect is that in what some fear are their waning days, newspapers assume a paradoxical significance. Because they do not deal in designer facts, because they still try and occasionally succeed, in getting it right, in telling the story fully and fairly, they become the closest thing American political discourse has to an honest broker. That function has seldom been more critically important than it is now.

A nation where everybody acts upon his or her own “facts” is a nation pulling apart. By behaving as if truth is not multiple choice, as if facts are knowable and knowing them matters, newspapers pull us together.

Some days, it feels as if they are the only thing that does.

Leonard Pitts Jr. is a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist.

LEONARD PITTS

Week 5: Stanton drops first game, GCHS wins

Idalou 23 Stanton 0

IDALOU — Stanton looked unstoppable for five weeks, but as head coach John Peterson said, they just ran into a better team.

The offense couldn't get going and the defense couldn't hold the Wildcats down enough as Stanton took its first loss of the season.

Stanton wasn't able to do much on offense, gaining 43 yards rushing on 33 attempts and 28 yards through the air.

Peterson said his team will bounce back from the loss and while the Buffs will continue to work on offense, it's not time to panic.

"No, they were a good team," he said. "We've got some things we're going to continue to work on. Just a good hard fought football game."

IDALOU 23, STANTON 0
Stanton 0 0 0 0-0
Idalou 0 7 9 7-23

Second Quarter
IHS — Bradley Adkins 64 pass from Alec Estes (Nick Gary kick), 0:45.

Third Quarter
IHS — Safety, 2:11.
IHS — Brent Turner 23 pass from Estes (Gary kick), 0:33.
IHS — Garrett Sosa 7 run (Gary kick), 1:19.

	SHS	IHS
First downs	5	10
Rushes-yards	33-43	38-121
Passing yards	28	113
Comp.-att.-int.	3-14-1	4-10-2
Punts-avg.	5-39.4	6-38.6
Fumbles-lost	3-1	5-1
Penalties-yards	1-5	1-15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING — Stanton: Fulton 18-24, Cortez 4 (-3), Chavez 4-10, Evans 7-12. Idalou: Gary 22-64, Sosa 5-20, Johnson 3-6, Schilling 3-15, Estes 4 (-15), Dowdy 1-16.
PASSING — Stanton: Fulton 3-13-28, Evans 0-1-0. Idalou: Schilling 0-1-0, Estes 4-9-113.
RECEIVING — Stanton: Ramos 2-19, Evans 1-9. Idalou: Gary 1-2, Adkins 1-64, Dowdy 1-26, Turner 1-23.

Garden City 60 Ropes 26

GARDEN CITY — Now, Garden City can worry about Borden County.

Garden City cruised to another victory after battling against Ropes Friday night. The Bearkats gained 573 yards of total offense — 346 of those coming through the air.

Quarterback Blayne Batla completed 12-of-18 passes for 285 yards and five touchdowns.

GARDEN CITY 60, ROPES 26
Ropes 6 6 8 6 --26
Garden City 6 22 13 19 --60

First Quarter
GCHS - Colunga 19-yard run (kick failed), 4:54
RHS - Lara 3-yard run (kick failed), 2:49
Second Quarter
GCHS - Chudej catches a 5-yard pass from Batla (kick failed), 9:13
GCHS - Ian Schaefer catches a 35-yard pass Batla (kick good), 4:31
RHS - Jackson 5-yard run (kick failed), 2:30
GCHS - Chudej catches a 13-yard pass from Batla (kick good), 1:01
Third Quarter
GCHS - Hirt catches a 39-yard pass from Batla (kick failed), 8:36
RHS - Jackson catches a 3-yard pass from Lara (kick good), 3:48
GCHS - Colunga with a 24-yard run, (PAT good), 1:04
Fourth Quarter
RHS - B. Jackson with a 3-yard run (kick failed), 8:45
GCHS - Hirt catches a 15-yard pass from Colunga (PAT good), 6:23
GCHS - Chudej catches a 36-yard pass from Colunga (kick failed), 4:26
GCHS - Chudej catches a 78-yard pass from Batla (kick failed),

2:35

	RHS	GCHS
First Downs	10	18
Rushes-Yds.	28-186	32-227
Passing Yds.	195	346
Comp.-Att.-Int.	18-37-2	14-21-0
Punts-Avg.	3-23.3	n/a
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yds.	2-10	2-10

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING — Ropes: Kendall Lara 99 yards. Garden City: Colunga 22-167
PASSING — Ropes: Taylor Jackson 15-25-2-148. Garden City: Blayne Batla 12-18-0-295
RECEIVING — Ropes: Tanner Drake 5-65. Garden City: Chudej 8-237

Grady 64 Sterling City 50

LENORAH — Jake Rodriguez, Joe Cook and Shane Teague are becoming a household name for the Grady Wildcats. The trio once again led Grady to a win, this time over Sterling City at home. Rodriguez and Cook combined for 333 yards on the ground. Either Rodriguez or Cook was involved in every score for the Wildcats. Teague was 5-of-8 for 104 yards.

GRADY 64, STERLING CITY 50
Sterling City 20 16 8 6 --50
Grady 14 30 14 6 --64

First Quarter
SC -- 29 run (kick good), 7:56
G -- Jake Rodriguez 8 run (kick failed), 7:29
SC -- 49 pass (kick failed), 7:16
SC -- 3 run (kick failed), 4:42
G -- Rodriguez 82 kick off return (Anibol Medina kick), 4:30
Second Quarter
G -- Joe Cook 3 run (Medina kick), 7:33
G -- Rodriguez 61 run (Medina kick), 5:58
G -- Cook 16 run (kick failed), 5:39
SC -- 13 run (kick good), 2:45
G -- Rodriguez 25 pass from Shane Teague (Medina kick), :43
SC -- 26 pass (kick good), 0:00

Third Quarter
G -- Rodriguez 55 run (kick failed), 8:08
SC -- 1 run (kick good), 1:16
G -- Rodriguez 25 run (Medina kick), :50
Fourth Quarter
G -- Joe Cook 15 pass from John Ramirez (kick failed), 3:44
SC -- 66 pass (kick failed), 3:21

	SCHS	GHS
First Downs	13	14
Rushes-Yds.	32-240	34-400
Passing Yds.	258	141
Comp.-Att.-Int.	22-34-1	10-14-0
Punts-Avg.	1-22	2-28
Fumbles-lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yds.	1-5	4-35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING -- Grady, Jake Rodriguez 11-189, Joe Cook 15-144
PASSING -- Grady, Shane Teague 5-8-0-104 yards
RECEIVING -- Grady, Alfredo Ramirez 2-47, Johan Wiebe 1-52

Sands 60 Dawson 6

ACKERLY — Sands ended non-district play on a good note with the win against Dawson.

Junior Rogers and Hayden Ware teamed up to spur the ground attack and they did it in just a handful of carries. Rogers had 108 yards on three carries and Ware had 106 yard on five.

SANDS 60, DAWSON 6
Dawson 6 0 0 x-0
Sands 30 30 x x-60

	DHS	SHS
First downs	4	7
Rushes-yards	20-28	15-237
Passing yards	111	74
Comp.-att.-int.	5-14-1	2-2-2
Punts-avg.	1-55	0-0
Fumbles-lost	5-2	2-1
Penalties-yards	3-5	3-20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING — Sands: Rogers 3-108, Ware 5-106
PASSING — Sands: Ybarra 2-2 74
RECEIVING — Sands: Rogers 1-42, Thomasson 1-32

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Daughter of conjunto music producer recalls youth

CRYSTAL OLVERA

The McAllen Monitor

McALLEN — Juanita Garcia can still recall the smell of the freshly grilled burgers her parents used to buy her at the late Sunday afternoon tardeadas in Weslaco and Hidalgo. Tardeadas were afternoon gatherings often held at town parks where families danced and listened to local conjunto acts in the 1950s and '60s. Juanita said her father, Cristobal Garcia,

spent most of his time on the dance floor with his wife Guadalupe.

"They would buy us hamburgers and orange sodas, and then were off to the dance floor," Juanita recalls. "It was a very festive atmosphere, always muy alegre."

She spent much of her youth attending the park bailes with her family and fell in love with the sound of the accordion. Her father would often stick around after shows to make

small talk with many of the musicians that performed. But little did Juanita know that their weekend celebrations would become the inspiration behind her father's biggest accomplishment: Discos Del Valle.

Even though legendary conjunto labels like Discos Falcon and Discos IDEAL have long been regarded as the most popular studios during the genre's golden era, Discos Del Valle was not far behind. The studio, where norteno and conjunto pioneers such as Paulino Bernal and Ramiro Cavazos first recorded, is a little-known venture that became one of the building blocks of conjunto history.

Juanita and her sister Emelia grew up with the sounds of the bajo sexto and accordion in their McAllen home on 25th Street and Beaumont Avenue. Their father was an avid music fan who owned a small TV and radio re-

pair shop on 17th Street in the mid '50s.

Cristobal had come a long way from his home in Montemorelos, Nuevo Leon. He was born in San Benito, and had only made it to the third grade before he was forced to move to Mexico and help support his family. When Cristobal reached his teen years, he moved to McAllen and began studying TV and radio repair.

"There were a lot of factories all down (Old Business 83), so he started working there. He also worked for the railroad companies here in town. Mom used to tell us when they first started out, they went to Mr. Whalen's of Whalen's Furniture and asked him for a \$100 loan to start their own business."

But it wasn't until the late '50s that Cristobal decided to open his own recording studio.

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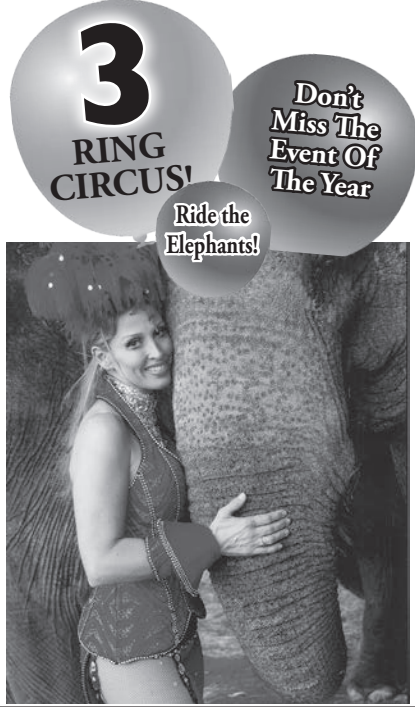
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Births

Noe Blanco IV, a boy, was born July 13, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. He is the son of Noe Blanco III and Crystal Blanco of El Paso.

Grandparents are Lorenza Martinez of Big Spring, the late Noe Blanco Jr. and Grace Blanco.

He was welcomed home by older sisters Trinity and Noelani.



Samuel Sebastain Camacho, a boy, was born at 10:31 a.m. Sept. 10, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long. He is the son of Nancy and Samuel Camacho of Atlanta, Ga.

Grandparents are Vlaney Larraga and Angel Ortiz and Marta and Ruben Camacho.



Kynslea Myla Mata, a girl, was born Sept. 3, 2010, weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. She is the daughter of Megan Simpson and Joey Mata of Big Spring.

Grandparents are Shawn Ann Simpson, Lana Hurst and James Greenhill, all of Big Spring, and Johnny Mata of Kerrville.

Kynslea was welcomed home by older brother, Kylor Jay Mata.



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Lawson assisted the prospective members with their worksheets.

Witherspoon represented the chapter at Continental Congress

in Washington, D.C., on July 7-11. She paged at the Texas Tea and worked in the Junior Shoppe. Her comical skit "Page Idol," which had been presented at the Texas State Conference in March, was chosen to be the entertainment for the 800-plus

attendees at the National Junior Luncheon. She was awarded the Golden Stiletto for submitting the best State Junior Membership report the national.

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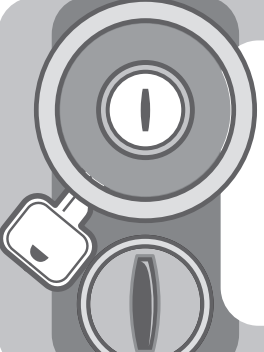
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One click or one call: TxDOT system making it easier to report road problems

MARY BETH KILGORE
Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation launched a new reporting system this week that makes it easier and faster for Texans to report maintenance issues on Texas highways.

The new, more efficient system also gives citizens a better opportunity to be a part of the maintenance solu-

tion by providing several million additional pairs of eyes to help TxDOT crews identify problems and preserve the state's expansive transportation infrastructure.

TxDOT's newly launched "Report a Pothole" initiative is available online at www.txdot.gov or the toll-free number at 888-885-8248.

With just a click of a mouse or a quick phone call, citizens can report

a pothole, including the location of the damage.

The new system is part of the agency's ongoing move toward transparency and better customer service, said Amadeo Saenz, TxDOT's executive director.

But it's also about enlisting Texans to help us maintain the state's transportation system," Saenz added. "Citizens reporting problems on the

highways — it just makes sense. It's like an extension of our maintenance forces. In today's environment of diminishing resources, it helps to have every citizen engaged."

Operators will answer phone lines from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Evening and weekend calls will go to voicemail and be returned the next morning or on the first working day of the following week.

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area children it could be the difference between waking up with gifts under the tree Christmas morning and waking up to nothing.

"They need to come in and bring a picture ID for all of the adults, Social Security cards for all of the household members living there and proof of income," said Lafler. "That means check stubs from work, food stamps, AFDC, TANIF, HUD or any of those types of income. They need to bring those in with them, because we do verify them. They also need to

bring in a copy of all of their expenses, as well as a list of what their children might want for Christmas, including clothes sizes and shoe sizes.

"The picture ID has to be a state issued ID, not the kind you can get at certain convenience stores. Also, they need

to be sure to bring either the Social Security card itself, or a print out from the Social Security Office. It has to appear on something official, even DHS (Department of Health Services) records."

Once the names and gift ideas are collected and put on the Angel

Trees in the form of cards, area shoppers will have the opportunity to brighten a child's holiday by choosing one and purchasing items for them.

The trees will be erected in area stores and shops, according to Lafler.

"The plan, as of right

now, is to have the trees located at the same places as last year," said lafler. "However, we really haven't gotten that far yet, so there could be some minor changes. As soon as we have that part of the program solidified, we'll get the word out to the public."

For more information on the Angel Tree program, call 267-8239 or stop by their office, located at 811 W Fifth Street.

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

LETTERS

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and his owner.

I understand that a dog does sometimes get out of the yard, but this owner's actions were completely irresponsible. She was with the dog walking him without a leash and she knew this could potentially happen.

I have now spent \$200 on medical bills for the bite I received, as well as my son being traumatized by seeing the attack happen. I cannot let my son play in the front yard anymore for fear of this dog attacking.

So, pet owners, please keep your dogs on a leash for the safety of the community, as well as our pets.

Also, animal control and police officers, if you see a dog walking without a leash, please fine the owner and remove the animal to the pound until the fine is paid. Maybe this will help to point out how important the leash law is.

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Census finds record gap between rich, poor

HOPE YEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The income gap between the richest and poorest Americans grew last year to its widest amount on record as young adults and children in particular struggled to stay afloat in the recession.

The top-earning 20 percent of Americans — those making more than \$100,000 each year — received 49.4 percent of all income generated in the U.S., compared with the 3.4 percent earned by those below the poverty line, according to newly released census figures. That ratio of 14.5-to-1 was an increase from 13.6 in 2008 and nearly double a low of 7.69 in 1968.

A different measure, the international Gini index, found U.S. income inequality at its

highest level since the Census Bureau began tracking household income in 1967. The U.S. also has the greatest disparity among Western industrialized nations.

At the top, the wealthiest 5 percent of Americans, who earn more than \$180,000, added slightly to their annual incomes last year, census data show. Families at the \$50,000 median level slipped lower.

“Income inequality is rising, and if we took into account tax data, it would be even more,” said Timothy Smeeding, a University of Wisconsin-Madison professor who specializes in poverty. “More than other countries, we have a very unequal income distribution where compensation goes to the top in a winner-takes-all economy.”

Lower-skilled adults ages 18

to 34 had the largest jumps in poverty last year as employers kept or hired older workers for the dwindling jobs available, Smeeding said. The declining economic fortunes have caused many unemployed young Americans to double-up in housing with parents, friends and loved ones, with potential problems for the labor market if they don’t get needed training for future jobs, he said.

Rea Hederman Jr., a senior policy analyst at The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, agreed that census data show families of all income levels had tepid earnings in 2009, with poorer Americans taking a larger hit. “It’s certainly going to take a while for people to recover,” he said.

The findings are part of a broad array of U.S. cen-

sus data being released this month that highlight the far-reaching impact of the recent economic meltdown. The effects have ranged from near-historic declines in U.S. mobility and birth rates to delayed marriage and the first drop in the number of illegal immigrants in two decades.

The census figures also come amid heated political debate in the run-up to the Nov. 2 elections over whether Congress should extend expiring Bush-era tax cuts. President Barack Obama wants to extend the tax cuts for individuals making less than \$200,000 and joint filers making less than \$250,000; Republicans are pushing for tax cuts for everyone, including wealthy Americans.

The 2009 census tabulations, which are based on pre-tax income and exclude

capital gains, are adjusted for household size where data are available. Prior analyses of after-tax income made by the wealthiest 1 percent compared to middle- and low-income Americans have also pointed to a widening inequality gap, but only reflect U.S. data as of 2007.

Among the 2009 findings:

- The poorest poor are at record highs. The share of Americans below half the poverty line — \$10,977 for a family of four — rose from 5.7 percent in 2008 to 6.3 percent. It was the highest level since the government began tracking that group in 1975.

- The poverty gap between young and old has doubled since 2000, due partly to the strength of Social Security in helping buoy Americans 65

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CLASS OF '65 ENDOWMENT



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Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks, center right, receives a check from Ann Duncan, representing the Big Spring High School Class of 1965. The BSHS alumni recently endowed a \$5,000 scholarship to Howard College in the class' name.

TSSRM annual meeting set Oct. 13-15 in Odessa

Special to the Herald

ODESSA — The Texas Section Society for Range Management will be holding its annual meeting Oct.13-15 at the MCM Fun Dome Hotel and Conference Center in Odessa.

TSSRM is a professional organization composed of individuals with a common interest in the study, management and rational use of rangelands and related ecosystems.

This year's meeting theme, “Opportunities under the Western Sky: Planning, Persistence and Profitability” will offer a variety of education and outreach for all of those with an avid interest in Texas rangelands. Texas is host to some of the most diverse land regions and operation conditions and the management needs of rangelands are as diverse as the state.

Innovative approaches for good

management, water quantity/quality, chemical/mechanical rangeland improvements and the overall importance of Texas rangeland are just a few of the topics on this year's agenda.

A ranch tour of the West Texas Railway Ranch will take place Oct.14 and will showcase various conservation efforts and practices. The tour will present different treatment methods on Creosote, Tarbush and African Rue that have been completed on the ranch. There will be onsite demonstrations on “Wildlife Habitat Management” by Dale Rollins, “Pipeline Safety” by Bill Lewis and “Geology Descriptions” by Dan Womochel. Each participant on the tour will receive a range stick from the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) and Natural Resources Conservation Service Rangeland Management Specialist Mark Mosley

will demonstrate its uses.

Members of TSSRM feel that youth education is one of their most important duties. This year's meeting will offer presentations for career opportunities and career advancement in the public and private sector. At the conclusion of the presentations, young professionals will have the opportunity to interview with agency officials on-site.

Results for this year's photo contest will be on display throughout the meeting and for those interested a plant identification contest will take place. The meeting will come to a close with an awards banquet and dance.

For more information about TSSRM and this year's meeting log onto www.rangelands.org/texas or contact one of the event co-chairs: Steve Hartmann at (432) 684-4404 or Ray Schimcek at (432) 684-8722 ext. 3.

Despite economy, Americans don't want farm work

GARANACE BURKE

Associated Press Writer

VISALIA, Calif. — It's a question rekindled by the recession: Are immigrants taking jobs away from American citizens? In the heart of the nation's biggest farming state, the answer is a resounding no.

Government data analyzed by The Associated Press show most Americans simply don't apply to harvest fruits and vegetables. And the few Americans who do usually don't stay in the fields.

“It's just not something that most Americans are going to pack up their bags and move here to do,” said farmer Steve Fortin,

who pays \$10.25 an hour to foreign workers to trim strawberry plants at his nursery near the Nevada border.

The AP analysis showed that, from January to June, California farmers posted ads for 1,160 farmworker positions open to

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Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wachovia Securities Midland office.

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



Let's look at the facts following the major stock-market averages' breakout to new four-month highs on Monday, Sept. 20. This occurred on the same day that the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) called an end to the recession that began in December 2007.

Apparently, our most recent recession began two months following the major peak in the stock market and the NBER has declared that it ended in June 2009.

Despite this, our Macro Strategy Group has pointed out that high unemployment, lingering credit problems and a weak housing market continue to dampen consumer spending while inventory rebuilding, exports and rising profits are supporting business spending and production.

This assessment is consistent with how the NBER describes the early phases of economic expansion as a period of below-normal activity that sometimes remains the environment well into the expansion.

There were more data last week reinforcing our contention that the economy is still working through a soft patch: Two measures of manufacturing fell well short of expectations and a consumer confidence index declined to a one-year low.

Technical facts are signaling the stock market is short-term extended after the S&P 500 index stretched its September rise to 8.9 percent as of the Monday's close.

Overbought extremes have been reached by some indicators with the recent quick rise. Measures of the recent advance's breadth have lagged previous rallies this year.

Investor sentiment has also shown a decided turn in a few short weeks. As quickly as sentiment turned to a pessimistic extreme in late August, September's rally has now turned these measures back to levels where they are approaching bullish extremes.

Volume remains light reflecting investor lack of conviction and confidence.

So, is it off to the races now, and is the stock market ready to soar higher after the breakout?

Strategists' opinions vary widely right now from the market being on the verge of breaking out to new post-April 2010 highs and starting the most bullish period of the presidential stock market cycle on one extreme to those that are still hanging onto the double-dip recession scenario and a corresponding plunge in the stock market on the other.

Our interpretation of the facts is that the market still needs time to work through weak economic data and uncertainties surrounding the elections and tax policy. We believe a significant low is nearing for the stock market and more time is necessary before investors begin to look forward to a better 2011 performance for stocks.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced Sept. 21 by Scott Marcouiller, Wells Fargo Advisors' chief market strategist. The opinions expressed in the report are those of the authors and are not necessarily those of Wells Fargo or its affiliates. Additional information is available upon request 432-684-7335.

Search teams seek U.S. man shot in Mexican waters

PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Texas officials renewed warnings Friday about pirates marauding on a U.S.-Mexico border lake after a Colorado tourist was gunned down in Mexican waters while his wife dodged bullets and raced her Jet Ski back to American soil.

Search teams combed the U.S. side of Falcon Lake for David Michael Hartley, 30, whose wife told police he was shot in the back of the head Thursday after being ambushed by gunmen on boats.

The gunmen are suspected pirates who have turned Falcon Lake, a water-skiing and bass fishing hotspot down the border from Laredo, into uneasy waters for fishermen and boaters. There have been at least five reported run-ins with pirates on the lake this year, though prior holdups had never been deadly.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said Friday that Hartley was believed to be killed, but nearly 24 hours after the shooting, there was still no word whether the oil industry worker had been found.

U.S. Border Patrol spokesman Narcizo Ramos said he didn't know whether Mexican authorities were searching their side.

The shooting led Texas DPS to again urge boaters to stay on the U.S. side of the 60-mile lake, five months after issuing its initial advisory following three pirate attacks.

But state Rep. Aaron Pena, a south Texas lawmaker briefed on the pirates earlier this year, said it has become dangerous enough to stay off the lake altogether.

"I wouldn't do it," Pena said. "When I go out there I have all the protection Texas can provide. But the average fisherman doesn't have that."

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS:

About 50 arrested prior to Texas, OU game

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police say they have arrested nearly 50 people for public intoxication on the eve of the college football rivalry game between Oklahoma and Texas.

Most of the arrests Friday night and early Saturday morning were in the West End area, where police say large crowds gathered most of the night.

Police say in a news release there were also 300 parking citations issued and two vehicles towed.

UNT player killed in auto accident

DENTON (AP) — North Texas freshman wide receiver Josh Rake has died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

The university said in a statement that Rake died Friday, a day after he was injured.

The 20-year-old Rake joined the team in September as a walk-on. He played for North Texas head coach Todd Dodge as a freshman and sophomore when Dodge coached at Southlake Carroll High School. Rake graduated from Southlake in 2009.

Nocona youth shows champion steer

DALLAS (AP) — Silver Bullet earned a record \$101,000 at the annual Youth Livestock Auction at the State Fair of Texas — and that produced smiles from his 15-year-old handler, Shelby Womack of Nocona.

The Dallas Morning News reported Friday that the buyer of the 1,325-pound grand champion steer was the team of JQ, an engineering and consulting firm, and Phoenix I Restoration and Construction.

The grand champion steer winner gets \$30,000, and the rest of the proceeds fund State Fair scholarships.

Shelby plans to apply his winnings to college, and he's thinking about studying wildlife.

San Antonio soldier dies in Afghanistan

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Military officials say a soldier stationed at Fort Bragg has been killed in Afghanistan.

The Department of Defense announced Friday that 31-year-old Sgt. 1st Class Calvin B. Harrison of

San Antonio died Sept. 29 in Uruzgan province. Officials say Harrison was wounded when insurgents attacked his unit with small-arms fire.

Harrison was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg.

More handgun permits issued in suburbs

DALLAS (AP) — More women and suburban residents in Texas are taking out concealed handgun permits.

The Dallas Morning News reports almost 31,000 women obtained licenses last year. That's the most since the state started issuing permits in 1996.

The newspaper also reports that 27 of the 30 Texas ZIP codes where the most people took out licenses last year were in Houston, Dallas or Fort Worth suburbs.

The Morning News based its report on a review of Department of Public Safety records.

Former state Rep. Ray Allen owns a training school in the Dallas suburb of Grand Prairie. He says more "family folks" are seeking permits because they feel threatened by random violence.

Overall, Texas issued nearly 139,000 handgun permits last year, up from about 86,000 in 2008.

Man gets 25 years in church arson case

BEAUMONT (AP) — A southeast Texas man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison on charges that he burned down a church to cover up a \$40 theft.

Twenty-year-old Daniel James Allen pleaded guilty Friday to charges of arson and burglary of a building stemming from a fire last year that destroyed Fletcher Emanuel Church Alive in Lumberton.

Investigators say Allen admitted burglarizing the fellowship hall, taking about \$40 from a safe and setting the church offices on fire. No one was injured.

Hardin County District Attorney David Sheffield tells Beaumont television station KFDM that Allen also was sentenced to 25 years in prison for threatening a jailer earlier this year.

Hearing delayed in teacher stabbing case

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court on Friday ordered a juvenile court to delay a hearing on whether a teenager accused in the 2009 fatal stabbing of his teacher in a Tyler classroom should be

tried as an adult.

The state's highest civil court ruled that a mental health evaluation should be completed before the 17-year-old suspect had a hearing that could move his case to adult court.

According to court filings, a psychologist assigned in November to evaluate the youth, cut the process short because she determined him unfit for legal proceedings. The teen was sent to Vernon State Hospital for 90 days of mental health treatment, after which another psychologist determined him fit to proceed.

Smith County Juvenile Court Judge Floyd Getz reviewed those two psychologists reports and an evaluation from a 2007 incident involving the teenager and said in May he had enough information to determine whether the youth should be sent to an adult court.

He scheduled a transfer hearing, but that was put on hold after defense attorney Jim Huggler objected on grounds that state law requires that a more thorough and complete diagnostic examination should be done. An appeals court rejected that argument, but the Texas Supreme Court agreed.

"I'm glad that they analyzed the case and issued the order that they did," Huggler said.

Smith County Assistant District Attorney Tonda Curry said the high court's ruling is consistent with the position the state took, "that it would be the more prudent path to ensure that we have a complete study now rather than risk a reversal on appeal after the entire proceeding was finished."

Huggler has said the youth has a lengthy history of mental illness. He spent two years in juvenile custody for aggravated assault in the 2007 incident but was discharged last summer because of schizophrenia and other issues, the attorney said.

The teen now faces a juvenile murder charge in the September 2009 slaying of Todd Henry, 50, a special education teacher and newlywed, who was fatally attacked in his classroom at John Tyler High School.

Huggler said a routine custody hearing will be held in Tyler on Monday — every two weeks, a juvenile who is being held has a hearing to keep him in custody. The defense attorney did not know whether the judge would direct the original psychologist to complete her mental health study of his client then or at a later hearing.

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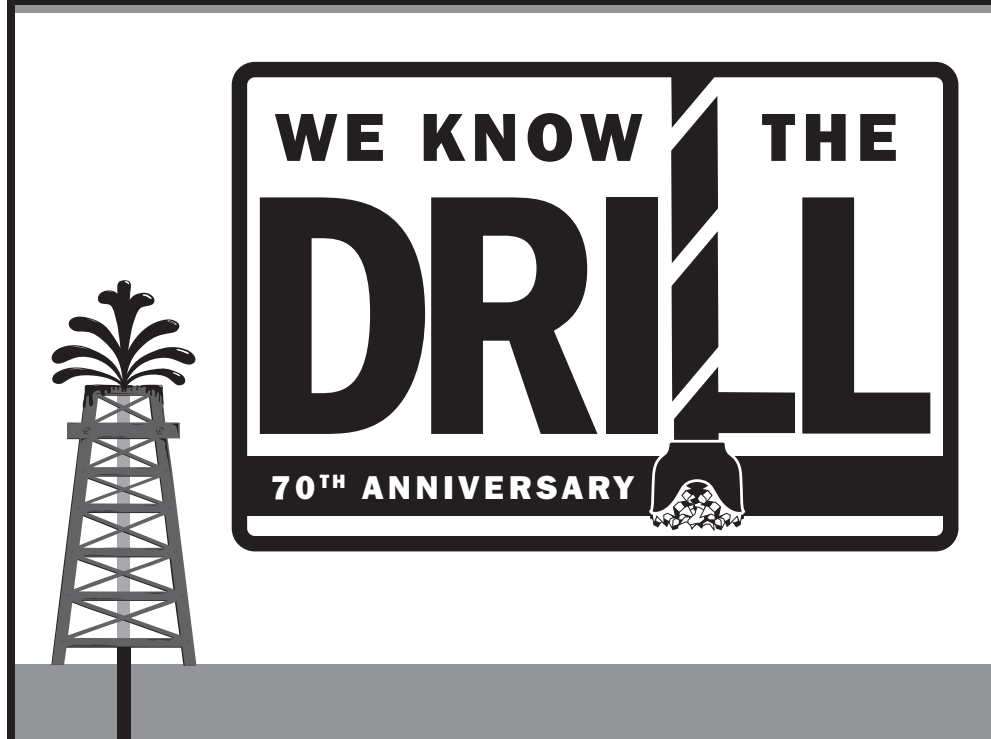
Judgment and Sentence: Antonio Limon Ibarra, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Joe Morris Hays, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$450 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Brian Michael Garza, failure to identify - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, five days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Joe Saldona, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Suzanne Marie Irvin, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Mario Idefonso Salazar, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 45 days in jail.



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The World Briefly:

Intelligence officials: U.S. missile strikes kill 12 in NW Pakistan amid border tension

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Two suspected American missile strikes killed 12 alleged militants in a northwestern Pakistan tribal region Saturday, intelligence officials said, a sign the U.S. is unwilling to stop using the unpopular tactic despite heightened tensions between the two countries over recent border incursions by NATO.

The Pakistani Taliban, meanwhile, claimed responsibility for an attack on NATO oil tankers in Pakistan’s south, saying they were avenging the killing of three Pakistani border guards by NATO helicopters. In apparent retaliation for the killings, Pakistan has cut off a key U.S. and NATO supply line on its soil.

A surge in reported U.S. drone missile strikes in Pakistan along with NATO operations along the border suggest Western forces are cracking down on insurgents who easily move across the porous border between Afghanistan and Pakistan — something Islamabad has been slow to do despite pleas from Washington. Pakistan’s willingness to block the supply line amid public outrage, however, shows the leverage it has over the U.S. and NATO.

Four suspected U.S. missiles struck a house Saturday morning in Datta Khel village in the North Waziristan tribal region, killing eight suspected militants, the Pakistani intelligence officials said.

9 years on, despite the record, conspiracy theories about 9/11 rife in Muslim world

ISTANBUL (AP) — About a week ago, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad declared to the United Nations that most people in the world believe the United States was behind the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

To many people in the West, the statement was ludicrous, almost laughable if it weren’t so incendiary. And surveys show that a majority of the world does not in fact believe that the U.S. orchestrated the attacks.

However, the belief persists strongly among a minority, even with U.S. allies like Turkey or in the U.S. itself. And it cannot be dismissed because it reflects a gulf in politics and perception, especially between the West and many Muslims.

Compassion for the United States swept the globe right after the attacks, but conspiracy theories were circulating even then. It wasn’t al-Qaida, they said, but the United States or Israel that downed the towers. Weeks after the strikes, at the United Nations, President George W. Bush urged the world not to tolerate “outrageous conspiracy theories” that deflected blame from the culprits.

However, the subsequent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan provided fodder for the damning claim that the U.S. killed its own citizens, supposedly to justify military action in the Middle East and to protect Israel. A 2006 survey by the Pew Global At-

titudes Project found that significant majorities in Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan and Turkey — all among the most moderate nations in the Islamic world — said they did not believe Arabs carried out the attacks.

Two years later, a poll of 17 nations by WorldPublicOpinion.org, an international research project, found majorities in nine of them believed al-Qaida was behind the attacks. However, the U.S. government was blamed by 36 percent of Turks and 27 percent of Palestinians.

Such beliefs have currency even in the United States. In 2006, a Scripps Howard poll of 1,010 Americans found 36 percent thought it somewhat or very likely that U.S. officials either participated in the attacks or took no action to stop them.

Indonesian train slams into another at station; at least 36 killed, dozens injured

PETARUKAN, Indonesia (AP) — A train crashed into another parked at a railway station in central Indonesia early Saturday, killing at least 36 people and injuring dozens, many seriously, officials and witnesses said.

Rescuers spent hours searching through the mangled wreckage for trapped survivors of the accident, which occurred just before 3 a.m., as many passengers were sleeping.

A train from the capital, Jakarta, plowed into the rear of a train that was sitting at a station in Petarukan, a coastal city in Central Java province, said Transportation Ministry spokesman Bambang Ervan.

The force of the crash knocked several carriages off the track, and twisted debris from the train littered the area.

It took almost an hour for rescue workers and ambulances to arrive.

Villagers and railway officials used their bare hands and bamboo sticks to search for survivors. Eventually, heavy cranes arrived to help move slabs of metal, helping speed rescue efforts.

Investigators were trying to determine if human error was to blame.

Nobel experts predict low-key peace prize after Obama stunner from last year

STOCKHOLM (AP) — As the secretive Nobel Prize committees huddle for their final deliberations to select the 2010 winners, the question looms large: Are the jurors preparing another Obama-style shocker?

After the unusual ruckus caused by honoring Barack Obama less than nine months into his presidency, Nobel experts believe the peace prize committee will opt for a more low-profile choice.

“I do not foresee a similar level of risk-taking as last year,” says Kristian Berg Harpviken, Director of the Peace Research Institute in Oslo.

Front-runners in the guessing game for the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize include Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo and Russian human rights activist Svetlana Gannushkina.

Harpviken, whose institute has made it a tradition to speculate on peace winners, said his top choice was Sima Samar, an Afghan women’s rights activist who leads the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission.

Get into the beet: Studies say beetroot juice could help athletes exercise longer

LONDON (AP) — When Chris Carver ran an ultra-marathon in Scotland last year, which challenges athletes to run as far as possible within 24 hours, he ran 140 miles (225 kilometers).

Determined to do better in this year’s race, Carver added something extra to his training regime: beetroot juice. For a week before the race, he drank the dark purple juice every day. Last month, Carver won it by running 148 miles (238 kilometers).

“The only thing I did differently this year was the beetroot juice,” said Carver, 46, a professional runner based near Leeds, in northern England.

He said more exercise would have improved his endurance, but to get the same result he attributes to the juice — an extra eight miles — it would likely have taken an entire year.

Some experts say adding beetroot juice to your diet could provide a performance boost even beyond the blood, sweat and tears of more training.

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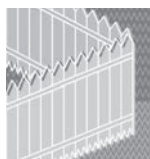
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Debate gives Whitman chance to regain momentum with California Hispanics

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Republican gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman had hoped Saturday's debate in the heart of California's Central Valley would showcase her economic credentials and help siphon the support of independent and Hispanic votes away from Democrat Jerry Brown.

Instead, Whitman finds herself on the defensive and seeking to regain momentum with those voters after a tumultuous week in which she was forced to explain how she had an illegal immigrant housekeeper on the payroll for nine years and, according to her, didn't know it.

She also is addressing allegations from the housekeeper's attorney that she and her husband should have suspected the worker's status because of a Social Security Administration letter mailed to their home in 2003.

The billionaire former chief executive of eBay has worked hard to court independents and Hispanics, who are crucial to the campaign of any Republican running in a state in which Democrats hold a 13.4 percentage point edge among registered voters. She has trained a large share of her campaign account — \$119 million of it from her personal fortune — on the Central Valley, which has been hit hard by the recession and is filled with communities where unemployment afflicts a quarter of the population or more.

The forced acknowledgment by Whitman and

her husband this week that they fired Nicky Diaz Santillan when she confessed to being an illegal immigrant in June 2009 has thrown off Whitman's controlled campaign messages about reviving the economy, controlling state spending and reforming education as the candidates head into their second debate. The forum at California State University, Fresno is hosted by Spanish-language network Univision and targets a Hispanic audience.

Labor, civil rights groups to rally voters at Lincoln Memorial a month before elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Organized labor and civil rights groups are looking to energize their supporters with a rally at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, where a month ago tea party activists gathered to hear conservative commentator Glenn Beck.

More than 400 organizations, ranging from labor unions to faith, environmental and gay rights groups, expected tens of thousands of activists to participate in Saturday's "One Nation Working Together" rally.

With a month of campaigning to go and voter unhappiness high, the Democratic-leaning groups are banking that the four-hour program of speeches and entertainment will unify the activists who are crucial if Democrats are to retain their majorities in the House and Senate.

At the same time, Republicans are hoping to ride voter anger to victories in the November midterm congressional elections and regain control of the House and possibly the Senate.

Organizers insist the rally is not partisan and say the message will be about job creation, quality education and justice. However, the largest of the organizers, such as the AFL-CIO and the Service Employees International Union, tend to back Democratic candidates.

Obama promotes investments in clean energy technology, jobs for the future

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is promoting his administration's investments in clean energy technologies like wind and solar, arguing they produce jobs and are essential for the country's environment and economic security.

In his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday, a month out from crucial midterm elections, the president also accused Republicans of wanting to scrap incentives for such projects.

"That's what's at stake in this debate," the president said. "We can go back to the failed energy poli-

cies that profited the oil companies but weakened our country. We can go back to the days when promising industries got set up overseas. Or we can go after new jobs in growing industries. And we can spur innovation and help make our economy more competitive."

Part of the House GOP's recently released "Pledge to America" calls for freezing spending from last year's stimulus bill. The stimulus included \$90 billion for clean energy projects ranging from electric vehicles to solar loan guarantees, although a big chunk of the money has already been obligated or spent.

Obama cited a solar power plant breaking ground in the Mojave Desert this month thanks to government incentives.

Republicans disputed Obama's criticism, saying they support investments in renewable energy technologies.

CNN's Rick Sanchez is fired a day after he calls Jon Stewart a bigot on satellite radio

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN fired news anchor Rick Sanchez on Friday, a day after he called Jon Stewart a bigot in a radio show interview where he also questioned whether Jews should be considered a minority.

Sanchez, who was born in Cuba and had worked at CNN since 2004, was host of the two-hour "Rick's List" on CNN's afternoon lineup.

He did a prime-time version of that show in recent months, but that ended this week because the time slot is being filled by a new show featuring former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer and columnist Kathleen Parker.

Stewart had frequently poked fun of Sanchez on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," most recently for saying on the air that his show had received a tweet from House Republican leader John Boehner. Stewart called it a case of "send a twit a tweet."

"He's upset that someone of my ilk is almost at his level," Sanchez said during a satellite radio interview with Pete Dominick. Details of the interview were posted on the Mediaite website Friday and quickly became a topic of conversation in the media world.

Sanchez said that Stewart is bigoted toward "everybody else that's not like him." He said Stewart "can't relate to what I grew up with," saying his family had been poor and he had seen prejudice directed at his father.

Sanchez dismisses it when Dominick points out that Stewart, who is Jewish, is also a minority.



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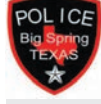
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Life is a dance party under the Leo moon. There may as well be swirls of glitter in the air, dancing lights and a thumping beat to keep the energy strong. Well, maybe it's more of a feeling than a reality. But the showy excitement makes this a memorable time. Mercury in Libra suggests that we grab a partner and get into the groove.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may feel comfortable being yourself in all

circumstances, but your loved one is not as outgoing. When this person becomes stiff and unsure while meeting new people, you'll loosen things up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your idea about how to make money will be very different from that of your boss or colleague. Keep talking, though. Compromise will be lucrative. There is a middle ground that will work better than your original idea.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's your job to provide reassurance for those around you who need it — and there will be plenty who do. You may even be feeling a bit insecure yourself, but being supportive of others will give you confidence.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You need to decide on an exact date in order to make your goal happen. Without a specified date, there will



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

be very little energy behind your actions, and you'll tire out. Be reasonable in your estimation of time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As soon as you finish one task, you'll immediately want to take on the next one. You're a machine! This exciting momentum will continue over the next three days, so make the most of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Be prepared to defend your work. When you're ready to do so, you probably won't have to. Having to go through the motions will be an informative exercise and will make what you do even better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know who the VIPs are, in part because people around them treat them like they're someone special. Surround yourself with people who treat you like you're someone special, and you'll make the same impression.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's not enough to have a talent; you have to master it. It's the time you put in that matters. The command you have over your gifts is more important than which gifts you have.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's natural for you to be supportive, and now it's time to direct your kindness in a proactive way. Look for reasons to give honest compliments. Create occasions to celebrate your peers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You keep finding reasons not to do the things on your list. Either that, or you didn't even make a list today, opting instead to "wing it." Get serious after

lunchtime. That's when it will really matter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Trust your innate guidance system. You might not know exactly where you're going or how to get there, but you know people. And that's the knowledge that will take you anywhere in the world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll get more than your fair share of attention. Then again, why shouldn't you be the star? You'll be given a gift. It might not be something you'll use, but you'll be flattered by the sentiment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 3). This year, you have passion, talent and a supportive team. The combination helps you feel pretty sure of yourself as you move ahead. Your public image gets a boost in November. A new source of income opens up in December. March brings excitement to your family scene. Friends fulfill your wishes in May. Capricorn and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 3, 33, 20 and 1.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Venus is always up to something. For all her beauty and grace, she just can't be totally trusted. For example, there was that time when Venus (otherwise known as Aphrodite) got invited to the king's wedding, along with some of the other goddesses of note. One uninvited goddess was angry at the oversight and decided to wreak havoc. Just when the party started to really swing, she threw a golden apple labeled "to the fairest" onto the dance

floor. Of course, each of the goddesses at the ball thought the apple was for her. A fight broke out. Someone impartial would have to choose the fairest. The honor went to Paris, a Trojan prince. Each goddess in attendance tried to bribe him. Leave it to Venus to make the most enticing offer of all: She offered Paris the beautiful Helen of Troy, who just happened to be the wife of a king. Oops. So began the Trojan War. The moral of the story applies to this week's romantic action. As Venus goes retrograde in Scorpio, we must be careful what we do out of vanity and ego. Our own lives will not be the only ones affected.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Gwen Stefani has always had her own special style and was known to make her own clothes even as a youngster. Now, she's not only one of the perennially hottest acts in pop music, but she's also a fashion designer with her own mega-hot labels, L.A.M.B. and Harajuku Lovers. Stefani has her sun, Mercury, Jupiter and Uranus in Libra, the sign of excellent taste.

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ConocoPhillips Company, 3300 North A Street, Building 6, Midland, Texas 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation, Settles, W.R. -A- Well No. 120W. The proposed injection well is Located 3 miles South of Forsan, Texas in the Howard Glasscock Field in Glasscock County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the subsurface depth interval of 1210 feet to 2520 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27

of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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

#6718 October 3, 2010

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR FLUID INJECTION
WELL PERMIT

ConocoPhillips Company, P.O. Box 358, Borger, Texas 79008-0358 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorieta Formation, Chalk, G.O. -C- No. 20W. The proposed injection well is 7.5 miles Northeast of Forsan located in the Howard Glasscock (Glorieta) Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the subsurface depth interval from 2912 feet to 3050 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27

Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR FLUID INJECTION
WELL PERMIT

ConocoPhillips Company, 3300 North A Street, Building 6, Midland, Texas 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Grayburg- San Andres formation, Settles, W.R. -B- 15. The proposed injection well is located 12 miles Southeast of Big Spring, Texas in the Howard Glasscock (Glorieta) Field in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the subsurface depth interval of 3050 feet to 3900 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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#6720 October 3, 2010

Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR FLUID INJECTION
WELL PERMIT

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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#6719 October 3, 2010

Legals

Notice of Public Hearing
Proposed US 87 Truck Relief Route west of Big Spring, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 4, 2010. The hearing will be held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center at 100 Whipkey Drive, in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the social, economic, and environmental effects and present the preferred alignment of the proposed truck relief route from the intersection of US 87 and FM 700 north of Big Spring to the intersection of US 87 and RM 33 south of Big Spring. Beginning at 1:00 PM exhibits and maps of the proposed route will be on display at the Dora Roberts Civic Center until the beginning of the hearing. Registration for the hearing will open at 5:30 PM and the hearing will begin at 6:30 PM. The public is invited to view the exhibits beginning at 1:00 PM. Members of the Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District staff will be available from 1:00 PM until the beginning of the hearing to answer questions and take comments. There will be an opportunity at the conclusion of the proposed project presentation for the public to comment either orally or in writing. Comment will also be accepted for ten day after the date of the hearing.

The proposed project would consist of acquisition of new right-to-way, vary in width from 250 feet minimum to 360 feet maximum, construction of a four lane divided controlled access roadway 14 miles in length, bridges, intersection connections, drainage structures, and landscaping that would remove through truck traffic from the current alignment of US 87 through Big Spring. Upon completion of the proposed roadway the current alignment of US 87 would be re-designated as Business US 87. The proposed project will require the acquisition and relocation of residences and commercial operations. The state Relocation Assistance Program which includes property and damages compensation, location and acquisition of replacement residences and commercial structures will be presented during the hearing. Portions of the proposed alignment will intersect mapped floodplains. The proposed project design would not increase the base flood elevation to level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances. The current estimated total project cost is \$148,000,000.00. Schematic layouts showing the

location and design for the proposed project, the environmental assessment, the tentative construction schedule and other related information would be available for inspection and copying at the Big Spring Area Office located at 1301 North SH 350 in Big Spring and the Abilene District Office located at 4250 North Clack in Abilene. Citizens not able to attend the hearing may view the information and comment prior to the hearing date and for ten days after the date of the hearing at either of the two locations.

If there are any questions concerning the meeting location and time please contact Mr. Roy Dill P.E., Big Spring Area Engineer at (432)263-4768.

All interested citizens are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. The civic center is handicap accessible. Anyone wishing to attend the hearing with special needs please contact Ms. Mary Beth Kilgore at (325)676-6806 at the number above at least five days prior to the hearing date.

Aviso de audiencia publica
Propuso la ruta US 87 Truck socorro al oeste de Big Spring, Texas

El departamento de transporte de Texas llevara a cabo una audiencia publica el 4 de noviembre de 2010. La audiencia se celebrara en el centro civico de Roberts de Dora en 100 Whipkey Drive, en Big Spring, Condado de Howard, Texas. El proposito de la audiencia es debatir los efectos sociales, economicos y ambientales y presentar la alineacion preferida de la ruta de socorro de camion propuesto desde la interseccion de Estados Unidos 87 y FM 700 al norte de Big Spring a la interseccion de Estados Unidos 87 y RM 33 al sur de Big Spring. Comenzando a las 1:00 PM. exhibiciones y mapas de la ruta propuesta estara en exhibicion en el centro civico de Roberts de Dora hasta el comienzo de la audiencia. Se abrira la inscripcion para la audiencia a las 5:30 PM y la audiencia comenzara a las 6:30 PM. El publico esta invitado a ver a las exhibiciones, emezando por los diputados a 1:00 PM: el departamento de transporte de Texas, distrito de Abilene personal estara disponible desde las 1:00 PM hasta el comienzo de la audiencia para contestar preguntas y observaciones. Al final de la presentacion del proyecto propuesto para el publico en hacer un comentario ya sea verbalmente o por escrito, sera una oportunidad. Tambien se aceptaran comentario para diez dias despues de la fecha de la audiencia.

El proyecto propuesto seria consisten en la adquisicion del derecho de paso nuevo, varian en ancho de 250 pies de minimos a maximos 360 pies, construccion de un carril cuatro divide la carretera de acceso controlado 14 millas de longitud, puentes, conexiones de interseccion, estructuras de drenaje y paisajismo que eliminaria a traves del trafico de camiones de la alineacion actual de Estados Unidos 87 a traves de Big Spring. A la finalizacion de la carretera propuesta la alineacion seria de Estados Unidos 87 actual redesignada como Business US 87. El proyecto propuesto requerira la adquisicion y la reubicacion de las residencias y operaciones comerciales. El estado de programa de asistencia de reubicacion que incluye una indemnizacion de propiedad y danos y perjuicios, la ubicacion y la adquisicion de residencias de sustitucion y las estructuras comerciales seran presentado durante la audiencia. Porciones de la alineacion propuesta interseccion llanuras aluviales asignadas. El diseno del proyecto propuesto no aumentaria la elevacion de inundacion base al nivel que violaria la planicie aluvial aplicables reglamentos y ordenanzas. La corriente estima el costo total del proyecto es de \$148,000,000.00. Disenos esquematicos que muestra la ubicacion y el diseno para el proyecto propuesto, la evaluacion ambiental, el calendario tentativo de construccion y otros relacionados con la informacion estaria disponible para la inspeccion y la copia en la Oficina de area de Big Spring ubicado en 1301 North SH 350 en Big Spring y la Oficina del distrito de Abilene ubicado en 4250 del Norte Clack en Abilene. Los ciudadanos no pueden asistir a la audiencia pueden ver la informacion y el comentario antes de la fecha de la audiencia y diez dias despues de la fecha de la audiencia en cualquiera de las dos ubicaciones.

Si hay alguna pregunta relativa a la ubicacion de la reunion y tiempo, por favor pongase en contacto con el Sr. Roy Dill P.E., area de Big Spring ingeniero en (432)263-4768. Se invito a todos los ciudadanos interesados y se alienta a asistir a la audiencia publica. El centro civico es accesible de handicap. Cualquier persona que deseen asistir a la audiencia con especial necesita contacte a la Sra. Mary Beth Kilgore en (325)676-6806 en el numero por encima de al menos cinco dias antes de la fecha de la audiencia.

#6722 October 3 and 24, 2010

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CITY OF BIG SPRING
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Big Spring, TX 79720-2657
432-264-2513

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE 1 ENTITLED "UTILITY EXTENSIONS" BY AMENDING SECTION 16-6 ENTITLED "FEES PRESCRIBED" AND BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 ENTITLED "UTILITY SERVICE CHARGES" BY AMENDING SECTION 16-70 ENTITLED "CHARGES FOR WATER RATES", ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICES FOR 2010-11; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS DISCUSSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

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ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY
#6716 October 1, and 3, 2010

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ACROSS

- 1 Parodies
5 Shoot shout
15 Old Line State symbol
16 Frequently seen billboard message
17 Cacao cousin
18 Mulch candidate
19 Zool construction
20 Iffy no.
21 Wane, with "out"
22 Cohen of cones
23 Vineyard Cup competitor
26 Japan Airlines rival
27 Sea ____
29 Follow the bears
30 Help with a job
31 Once-fashionable tableware
33 John Deere product
35 Marine-training subject
37 Morning moment
41 A thing of the past
43 Lapsed
44 Administrative div.
47 Radio-wave reflection
49 Goes quickly
50 When doubled, enthusiastic
51 Note
53 Equivalent of *de*
54 Mariah Carey #1 tune of '97
56 It means "thoroughly"
57 Cement storer
58 Demanded
61 Form a furrow
62 Off-limits, in a way
63 Harald V's father

- 64 Victim of the '71 "rural purge"
65 Certain caterpillar's creation
- DOWN
- 1 It was used to discover fermium
2 Term popularized by Sir Thomas Lipton
3 In an aimless way
4 Insignificant row
5 Overly assertive
6 Blocks and tackles
7 Emmy-winning role of '67
8 Italian cardinal
9 Start of many city names

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- 10 Polished
11 Exultation
12 Levi's feature
13 Debra Messing, in *Garfield: The Movie*
14 Regard
23 Popular origami sculpture
24 Financier of Lansing's tallest building
25 *Nelson the Newsboy* author
28 Where the Dalai Lama was a Distinguished Professor
30 Concert venue
32 Lion
34 Get around
36 Quirks
- 38 Couric succeeded her on *Today*
39 Bank asset
40 2001 Winter X-Games host
42 American relative
44 Military activity
45 First Best Actress Oscar winner
46 Stainless
48 Old Line State symbol
51 First "Come on down!" announcer
52 Windmill blades
55 ____ belt
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59 Chorus-line opener
60 Key for getting out

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The Perfect Chicken Sandwich

MAKE ANY NIGHT Sandwich Night

FAMILY FEATURES

From PB&Js to pitas, muffalettas to melts — any way you slice them, sandwiches are one of America’s favorite foods. In fact, it is estimated that Americans consume 300 million sandwiches each day.

Making one night a week Sandwich Night is a great way for the whole family to enjoy a nutritious dinner that doesn’t take a lot of time. The Grain Foods Foundation has some fun ideas and recipes for making your Sandwich Night special:

- Set up a sandwich bar in your kitchen or on a table with a variety of different breads, meats, cheeses and veggies. Let the kids customize their own creations — you might be surprised by what they make.
- Designate someone different to be in charge of Sandwich Night each week to get the whole family involved in identifying and putting together healthy choices everyone will enjoy.
- Add some sizzle to your Sandwich Night — set up a Panini press for those who like their sandwich warm and toasty. Or, create theme nights to spark creativity.

These sandwich recipes, created exclusively for the Grain Foods Foundation by Jamie and Bobby Deen, hosts of the Food Network’s “Road Tasted” and sons of Paula Deen, will put a smile on everyone’s face. Before you know it, your family will be asking for Sandwich Night more than just once a week.

To get more tips and recipes from the Deen brothers and to add your favorite recipe to the Endless Sandwich recipe database, visit www.gowiththegrain.org or GoWithTheGrain on Facebook and Twitter.



Jamie and Bobby Deen

The Perfect Chicken Sandwich

4 servings

Total time: 18 minutes

- 8 slices multi grain bread
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 roasted chicken breasts, sliced (use leftover roasted chicken or rotisserie chicken)
- 8 thin slices Gruyere cheese
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 6 basil leaves, finely chopped
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- Salt and pepper

In small mixing bowl, stir together mayonnaise, basil, zest and juice. Salt and pepper to taste.

Brush one side of each slice of bread with olive oil. Spread basil mayonnaise on the opposite side of each slice. Top four of the slices of bread (olive oil side down) with chicken. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add two slices of cheese over chicken and top with remaining four pieces of bread (olive oil side up).

Heat sandwich press and cook sandwiches until golden and cheese has melted.



Grilled Bacon Pimento Cheese Sandwich



Crunchy Super Kid’s Sandwich



Roast Beef and Southern Sweet Coleslaw Sandwich

Grilled Bacon Pimento Cheese Sandwich

4 servings

Total time: 23 minutes

- 8 slices white bread
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 2 ounces cream cheese
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- Pinch of garlic powder
- 1/2 cup grated Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/2 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 4-ounce jar of pimentos, drained and diced
- 1 teaspoon grated onion
- 8 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- Salt and pepper to taste

In medium mixing bowl using a hand held mixer, beat cream cheese, mayonnaise and garlic powder until smooth. Add in Jack and cheddar cheese, pimentos and grated onion. Beat until well blended. Stir in crumbled bacon. Salt and pepper to taste.

Butter one side of each slice of bread. Top 4 of the slices with bacon pimento cheese spread. Top with the remaining 4 slices of bread (butter side out).

Heat grill pan or griddle to medium. Grill sandwiches until golden brown on one side.

Flip and cook the other side until golden brown. Serve warm.

Crunchy Super Kid’s Sandwich

4 servings

Total time: 13 minutes

- 8 slices raisin bread
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 banana, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 cup granola (use your kid’s favorite)

Spread butter on one side of each slice of raisin bread. Spread

peanut butter on the other side of four of the slices. Top peanut butter with thinly sliced bananas and honey.

Sprinkle granola over honey and top with remaining slices of bread (butter side up).

Heat a griddle to medium hot. Grill sandwiches until golden brown on one side. Flip and cook the other side until golden brown. Serve warm.

Roast Beef and Southern Sweet Coleslaw Sandwich

4 servings

Total time: 20 minutes

- 8 slices pumpernickel bread
- 2 tablespoons spicy mustard
- 1 pound thinly sliced cooked roast beef or corned beef

For Coleslaw:

- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon celery salt
- 2 cups finely shredded green cabbage (about 1/4 head)
- 2 cups finely shredded purple cabbage (about 1/4 head)
- 1 large carrot, grated
- Salt and pepper to taste

In medium mixing bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, mustard, brown sugar, vinegar and celery salt. Add cabbage and carrots. Toss to coat. Salt and pepper to taste. Cover and chill until ready to use.

Spread spicy mustard on one side of 4 slices of bread. Top with roast beef and coleslaw.

Place remaining 4 slices of bread over coleslaw. Press together with your hands and serve.

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend eating six one-ounce servings of grain foods daily, half of which should come from whole grains. Enjoying a sandwich at dinnertime ensures that you’re getting at least two of those six servings.

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U.S. citizens and legal residents. But only 233 people in those categories applied after learning of the jobs through unemployment offices in California, Texas, Nevada and Arizona.

One grower brought on 36. No one else hired any.

“It surprises me, too, but we do put the information out there for the public,” said Lucy Ruelas, who manages the California Employment Development Department’s agricultural services unit. “If an applicant sees the reality of the job, they might change their mind.”

Sometimes, U.S. workers also will turn down the jobs because they don’t want their unemployment insurance claims to be affected, or because farm labor positions do not begin for several months,

and applicants prefer to be hired immediately, Ruelas said.

Fortin spent \$3,000 this year to make sure that domestic workers have first dibs on his jobs in the sparsely populated stretch of the state, advertising in newspapers and on an electronic job registry.

But he did not get any takers, even though he followed the requirements of a little-known, little-used program to bring in foreign farmworkers the legal way — by applying for guest worker visas.

The California figures represent only a small part of the national effort to recruit domestic workers under the H-2A Guest Worker Program, but they provide a snapshot of how hard it is to get growers to use the program — and to attract Americans to farm labor, even in the San Joaquin Valley, where the average unemployment rate is 15.8 percent.

The majority of farmers

rely on illegal labor to harvest their crops, but they can also use the little-known H-2A visa to hire guest workers, as long as they request the workers months in advance of the harvest season and can show that no Americans want the job.

Of the estimated 40,900 full-time farmers and ranchers in California, just 34, including Fortin, petitioned to bring in foreign farmworkers on the visas, according to government data for the first eight months of the year.

The Labor Department did not respond to a request for comment about the findings, and state officials did not immediately provide figures showing the number of domestic workers hired in July and August.

More than half of farmworkers in the United States are illegal immigrants, the Labor Department says. Proponents of tougher immigration laws — as well as the United Farm

Workers of America — say farmers are used to a cheap, largely undocumented work force, and if growers raised wages and improved working conditions, the jobs would attract Americans.

So far, an effort by the UFW to get Americans to take farm jobs has been more effective in attracting applicants than the official channels.

The UFW in June launched the “Take Our Jobs Campaign,” inviting people to go online and apply. About 8,600 people filled out an application form, but only seven have been placed in farm jobs, UFW President Arturo Rodriguez said.

Some U.S. workers referred for jobs at Fortin’s nursery couldn’t do the grueling work.

“A few years ago when domestic workers were referred here, we saw absentee problems, and we had people asking for time off after they had just started,” he said. “Some

were actually planting the plants upside down.”

Asked what the agency could do to get more U.S. workers into farm jobs, California Employment Development Department spokeswoman Patti Roberts suggested the UFW could refer applicants to the state or employers, and the state could publicize the openings through public service announcements.

Economists have long argued over whether local workers would take jobs in the field if wages rose.

Philip Martin, a professor of agricultural and resource economics at the University of California, Davis, said because so few farmers participate in the H-2A program, it’s hard to draw national conclusions.

“Recruitment of U.S. workers in this program doesn’t work well primarily because employers have already identified who they want to bring in from abroad,” Martin said.

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and over. Child poverty is now 21 percent compared with 9 percent for older Americans. In 2000, when child poverty was at 16 percent, elderly poverty stood at 10 percent.

• Safety nets are helping fill health gaps. The percentage of children covered by gov-

ernment-sponsored health insurance such as Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program jumped to 37 percent, or 27.6 million, from 24 percent in 2000. That helped offset steady losses in employer-sponsored plans.

The 2009 poverty level was set at \$21,954 for a family of four, based on an official government calculation that includes only cash income. It excludes noncash aid such as

food stamps.

Arloc Sherman, a senior researcher at the left-leaning Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, noted the effects of expanded government programs in cushioning the impact of skyrocketing unemployment.

For example, the Census Bureau estimates that 3.6 million people would have been lifted above the poverty line if food stamps were counted

— a number that would have reduced the 2009 poverty rate to 13.2 percent.

Sheldon Danziger, a University of Michigan public policy professor, said while the U.S. has developed policies to combat poverty, it has trouble addressing ever-widening income inequality — even with a growing federal deficit and previous warnings by former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan about soar-

ing executive pay.

An Associated Press-GfK Poll this month found that by 54 percent to 44 percent, most Americans support raising taxes on the highest U.S. earners. Still, many congressional Democrats have expressed wariness about provoking the 44 percent minority so close to Election Day.

“We’re pretty good about not talking about income inequality,” Danziger said.

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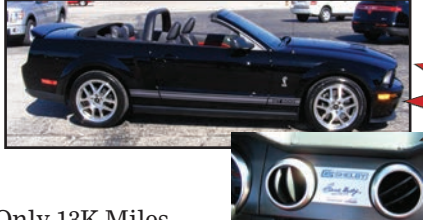


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