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HC five make all-state

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer

Some Howard College choir members will get the chance to sing on a much bigger stage.

Five Howard College choral students have won all-state recognition and one has gained national honors.

Kevin Porras, Damian Perez, Nadia Garcia and Amber Bernal of Big Spring and Brantley Cahoon of Forsan were recently named to the Texas Two-Year College Choral Directors' All-State Honor Choir, HC Music Director Ed-

die Vandewalker announced.

In addition to all-state honors, Porras was selected to the American Choral Directors Association's National Men's Honor Choir, Vandewalker said.

Porras is no stranger to all-state honors, having earned

that distinction as a member of the Big Spring High School Choir, but he admitted this latest honor is a step up.

"It was a lot harder as far as the level of competition goes," he said. "The music is more advanced and the voices you're competing against are

a lot more mature.

"I'm pretty excited, more so for all the others," he said, pointing to his HC colleagues. "It's an awesome experience for any musician."

Porras will perform with

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Bus wreck sends four to hospital

Icy roads factor in Scurry County accident, DPS says

Herald Staff Report

HERMLEIGH — Four children who were passengers in a two-vehicle school bus crash here Thursday escaped major injury, authorities say.

Fifteen-year-old Mary Ann Porillo, 8-year-old Haygen Halkowitz, 7-year-old Devin Moore and 10-year-old Zach Harty were all transported to Cogell Memorial Hospital in Snyder, where they were treated. At least one of the students — Harty — had been released from the hospital as of Friday. All of the children were listed in good condition.

According to Department of Public Safety Senior Trooper Sparky Dean, a 2006 Thomas school bus driven by Ronnie Roemisch of Loraine was stopped in front of the Hermleigh Independent School District building at about 9:50 a.m. when it was rear-ended by a 1992 International bus driven by Charlene Mason Dacus of Hermleigh.

A DPS report cited that the International bus failed to stop because of ice on the road.

The accident is under investigation by Trooper Jason Ray McMillan.

School makeup days

Forsan Independent School District will hold classes Monday, Feb. 14 to make up for classes canceled Tuesday.

Big Spring ISD will have its makeup day May 6. Coahoma ISD's choice to make up the classes has yet to be determined.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Police and emergency medical service personnel responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Third and Birdwell streets shortly after 5 p.m. Friday. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with undisclosed injuries.

Super in Arlington!

SCHUYLER DIXON
 Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Football fans whose flights had been canceled struggled Saturday to get to Dallas for Sunday's big game, while those already in town for the Super Bowl were contending with temperatures and snow typical of Pittsburgh and Green Bay but unusual in Texas.

Super cold, that is

A fresh blast of snow and ice canceled hundreds of flights Friday, transformed highways into ribbons of white and caused dangerous sheets of ice to fall from Cowboys Stadium, sending at least six people to the hospital. It was enough to turn the biggest week in American sports into a Super Mess.

The injured included private contractors the NFL hired to prepare the stadium for the game, authorities said. One man was hit in the head, another in the shoulder. None of the injuries was considered life-threatening.

Alison Crombie, a spokeswoman for Getty Images, said Saturday

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Council to convene Monday evening

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer

Final reading of a measure that could help the municipality save between \$5,000 and \$25,000 a year tops the agenda for Monday night's meeting of the Big Spring City Council.

The meeting — which was rescheduled for Monday to avoid conflicts with Howard County Day in Austin — is set to get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St.

According to Lubbock-based First Southwest representative Eric Macha, general obligation bonds issued in 2002 are eligible to be refinanced at a lower interest rate that could save the city thousands of dollars during the next three years.

"How much the city can save depends solely on the interest rates, and no one really knows what they will do," Macha told the council members.

"They reached an all-time low recently. However, based just on a .01 percent change, that can change the amount saved from the \$25,000 we're looking at now to something much lower."

Macha explained to the council the move — which, for reasons of simplicity Mayor Tommy Duncan referred to as refinancing — would not affect the pay off date, a fact

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• American Legion Post 506 will hold a Super Bowl Party on Sunday. There will be food, door prizes and give-aways. No cover charge. The lodge is located at 3203 W. Highway 80. For more information, call 263-2084.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will hold its annual pancake supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 11 at the Howard College Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be obtained from any Kiwanis Club member or by contacting Don McGonagill at 267-7601.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• Big Spring's own Charley Johnson will be inducted as a member of the 2010 Class into the Texas Sports Hall Of Fame on Feb. 7 in Waco. If you can't attend but would like to list your name in an official program ad that congratulates Charley for this momentous achievement, contact Ken Johnson at 940-325-4366 for details or e-mail at kenrocknj@sudenlink.net. If you want to attend the ceremonies, contact Ken about discount tickets.

• An account has been set up to help Bob and Jeanine Fishback with Bob's medical and travel

expenses: Bob Fishback Medical Account 915967, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 263-8393.

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

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it visiting a patient, or working in the office, or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, at Compass Hospice, 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Bring this note when you join and receive a box of Weight Watchers snacks through Oct. 31. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children

in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.



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- HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the “Hat Lady,” Marci Lykken at 267-2915 or the local ACS office at 432-683-6375.

COLD

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one of its photographers, Win McNamee, also was hurt. He was flying home and would be assessed by his doctor there, she said.

Most stadium entrances were closed as a precaution. Officials raised the temperature inside the arena in an attempt to melt remaining ice.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area received as much as 5 inches of snow over-

night — nearly twice its annual average — and by Friday morning downtown Dallas hotels were selling ski hats and scarves alongside cowboy hats. A winter storm warning was issued for suburban Arlington, home of the \$1.3 billion stadium where the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Green Bay Packers are to play Sunday.

“It looks like, ‘Oh, no, I’m back in Canada,’” said Sammy Sandu, a 32-year-old property developer from Kelowna,

British Columbia. “It’s just pouring down snow. Are we still at home, or have we left? We didn’t drink that much last night, did we?”

Forecasters expected game day to be mostly sunny, with highs in the 40s, which would probably not be warm enough to melt all the snow and ice.

Sandu made it to Dallas with his father Thursday, but other members of their party weren’t so lucky. His brother still hoped to ar-

rive from Miami in time for the game, but a friend abandoned the trip after a flight from Vancouver was canceled.

The winter weather wasn’t expected to faze the teams competing in the real event, nor their hardy fans, who are used to cooler climes. The temperature in Dallas on Friday stood at 20 — the same as Pittsburgh. Green Bay was slightly colder at 17.

“We deal with it very well back home,” Steelers fan Alex Sax said on

his way the NFL Experience fan festival in Dallas. “Here, they don’t know how to deal with it. There’s no plows. No salt trucks. When we drove from airport, we were the only car on the road.”

Asked if the weather could affect future Super Bowl bids, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said the conditions this year have been exceptional.

“We’ve had a winter to remember. Some would say to forget,” Goodell

said. “It’s going to be a great weekend for us, and the weather’s getting better.”

The Super Bowl is scheduled to be played in Indianapolis next year and in the open-air New Meadowlands stadium in New Jersey in 2014.

COUNCIL

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many of the council members were very pleased with.

And while saving money was something everyone on the council agreed on, Duncan asked the members to put a minimum price on the change — which must take place within a six-month time limit — with the city only opting to refinance if the savings were at least \$5,000.

“If we can save just \$5,000 in that three-year period, I would be

happy,” Duncan told the council. First reading of the measure passed by a unanimous vote.

Unfortunately, just how effective the move will be won’t be known until it receives final approval and the bonds are taken to the market, according to Macha.

“No one really knows what’s going to happen with interest rates between now and then, so it’s impossible to project an accurate amount the city will save. All of the costs associated with selling the bonds have been figured in,” Macha said.

Also on the meeting

agenda:

- Presentation and acceptance of the Big Spring Police Department’s annual traffic contact report for 2010.
- First reading of a resolution supporting and participating in a regional water education and conservation program developed and implemented by the Colorado River Municipal Water District.
- Approval of a landlord lien subordination agreement with State National Bank concerning property owned by Ceram-Kote Coatings Inc.

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YOUR VIEWS

Gestapo tactics

TO THE EDITOR:

A few days ago I witnessed a fender bender in H-E-B parking lot. It seems that a local police officer insisted that a young woman in a pickup had hit a parked car. She stated that she had not but saw the car that did hit the parked car. The police officer told her that if she didn't admit to it he was going to arrest her and lock her up.

I don't know about you but that reeks of Gestapo tactics. Since H-E-B has surveillance cameras, why didn't he just look at the surveillance tapes instead of terrifying this poor lady?

DAVID MCCAFFITY

BIG SPRING

Remembering Aloma

TO THE EDITOR:

I couldn't help but cry when I read in the paper that Aloma Hobdy had passed away. Because in my life I have met a lot of people, some of them Christians, some not — but Aloma was truly a Christian. God's word was her way of life. Aloma loved all of God's children from the oldest to the youngest. They all knew the warmth of her hugs and homemade cookies.

If this world had more people like Aloma Hobdy it would be a better place to be.

Goodbye, Aloma.

I will always remember you for you had the heart of an angel.

LANA F. ANGUIANO

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we develop our genius, Lord, and put our trust in You. Amen

Aunt Maude puts her foot down

Thanks to timely intervention of Aunt Maude, Homeland Security was able to cross off a potential problem at Super Bowl XLV. Oh, Uncle Mort, her 98-year-old hubby, meant no harm. But, if he'd carried out his scheme, probability of gumming up the works loomed large.

Maude said Mort had been acting strangely for several weeks. His plans came into sharp focus on the eve of Ground Hog Day when he dozed off-as is his nightly ritual — while watching TV news. As Mort's snoring reached full bore, his Big Chief tablet fell to the floor.

Open to the front page, it revealed his plan to "get rich" at the Super Bowl. Maude, drinking in details, flatly vowing that Mort would not attend the game in Arlington....

I don't know if she confined him in leg irons, locked him in the barn, tied him to a tree or put double-strength sleeping pills in his Ovaltine. Had I read the details Mort had formulated, I'd have restrained him, too.

We've known for decades that Mort — along with National Football League brass — would have graduated with highest honors from the P.T. Barnum School of People Fooling.

Who could deny Barnum's contention that a "fool" is born every minute?

With 45 years of Super Bowl experience under their belts, honchos of the NFL have found that Barnum hit the nail of truth squarely. They've determined



DR. DON NEWBURY

that a quarter-million or so fans will show up to pay money for just about anything the league wants to sell. Football fanatics are drawn to the game screaming, "Feed me!," and the league is happy to accommodate. The NFL has layers of trappings for both attendees and a vast TV audience, including a football game!

All Mort wanted to do was "piggy-back" on the NFL.

At least that's what Maude learned upon reading details of his nefarious scheme....

On the "to do" portion of the list, Mort wrote of affixing "Thicket Emergency Vehicle" signage to his golf cart, his only means of conveyance. (It would take six hours at top speed to make it to JerryWorld, assuming a slight tailwind.)

He reminded himself to "shine his helmet" — the one he wore in World War II — as well as his "Honorary Deputy Sheriff" badge. Mort borrowed a stethoscope and portable oxygen bottle to legitimize his appearance. He scrawled reminders to "wear dark shades and a press pass around his neck." Further, he'd hang a walkie-talkie and billy club from his belt and "be sure to bring along a marks-a-lot."

Mort thought his "get-up" would get him past the ticket-takers at the plaza party, where fans paid hundreds of dollars to stand outside the stadium and watch the game on jumbo screens. Once admitted, he'd spend the first half drawing fake knotholes on the stadium wall with the marks-a-lot. During the second half, he figured it would be easy to identify fans whose refreshment excesses had eased them into a state of warm lubrication, or, as he put it, "amiable

incandescence."

He'd line up sober helpers to man the fake knotholes. They'd then charge fans \$50 for one-minute views. Fans would welcome the offer, amazed that anything sold at the Super Bowl would go for a mere half-hundred. Mort dreamed of wheelbarrows overflowing with cash.

"I don't need to worry that they don't see anything," Mort analyzed. "They'll think there's something wrong with their eyes. The NFL will wonder why they didn't think of it."

Mort envisioned hundreds of thousands of fans telling their grandchildren about how they "saw" Super Bowl XLV for just 50 bucks. Reminds one that millions of baseball fans claimed to have been present in Atlanta Stadium for Hank Aaron's homer that put him at the top of the list ahead of Babe Ruth.

He figured his scheme to be a "no-brainer." If it turned to mush, he'd apply the well-known theory that it's easier to apologize than to get permission.

Kinfolks are congratulating Maude for "putting her foot down," even if it meant Mort missing the biggest game of the year.

Realizing that seeing the game was a high priority for her husband, Maude arranged for a neighbor to record it. When Mort sobers up, wakes up, gains release and/or calms down, she'll make sure he's invited over to see the game, perhaps as early as the last week in February.

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It's Reagan's 100th birthday

Liberals loathed him. Conservatives idolized him. The middle overwhelmingly loved him. He charmed America. His knack to connect was unmistakable. And although many have tried to replicate his charisma and appeal, no one has ever come close to being Ronald Reagan.

He made us laugh when we didn't think we could, or should. He always had a way to comfort us in the midst of tragedy. He could disarm the press with a one-liner; and get a chuckle from even his fiercest opponents.

The first time I saw Ronald Reagan was at the 1968 Republican Convention in Miami Beach. Much to the dismay of my dyed-in-the-wool Democrat grandmother, I was there as a proud Texas College Republican delegate. He lost the nomination to Nixon, but I was sold on Reagan from that moment on.

Of course, I instantly liked him for his automobile of choice — a jeep. I drove the same kind, still do. He appealed to me and other renegade conservatives my age, particularly those of us in the yellow-dog South, because we were a herd without a shepherd. Back then, it was taboo to be a Republican in Texas. But then, along came Reagan. We were Reagan Republicans.

Reagan cut the class warfare. He transformed the "country-club GOP" image, and brought conservatism out of the shadows. It was cool to be a conserva-



U.S. REP. TED POE

tive. He represented what Americans wanted — democrats and republicans alike. He wasn't the Grand Old Party leader; he was the People's President.

President Reagan's tenure in the White House saw some of the most historic events in our country and the world. "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall." Although criticized by his foes for being a Hollywood actor, President Reagan masterfully engineered a feat that so-called political experts had little confidence could be accomplished — the end of the Cold War.

Within minutes of his swearing in, news broke in one of the most widely followed situations of that time. President Reagan announced the Iran hostage crisis was over. The Americans were coming home. Make no mistake that the significance of his election was an intimidating and influential factor in their release.

When our nation was devastated by the Challenger tragedy, Reagan addressed a grieving nation, giving one of his most memorable and touching speeches. His ability to heal a broken hearted nation with words was more than an admired political attribute. He never talked above the people, always to the people. It was what made him one of us.

And of course, there is his most beloved legacy. He single handedly made the jelly bean a national treasure.

Reagan never took himself too seriously. Even when his own life was on the line, the Leader of the Free World was cracking jokes.

On his way into emergency surgery after the 1981 assassination attempt, he looked up at the surgeons and said: "I hope you

are all Republicans."

While he was a one-of-a-kind politician, he was the Everyman of our time. He was a "pull yourself up by the boot straps" kind of guy. From union halls to country clubs, everyone felt like Reagan was one of them. Being an American meant something to him. He was unabashedly unapologetic for our country's success.

He was the great defender of capitalism. Reaganomics was hailed as ingenious by the supply-side, pro-growth economists; harshly criticized as "voodoo" by the big government crowd. Reagan proved that lower taxes and leaner government stimulates growth, spurs private enterprise, inspires harder work and enables more savings and investment. The American people got it then, and they want it back now.

As we celebrate the 100th birthday of President Reagan this Sunday (or the 61st anniversary of his 39th birthday; he never missed a chance to poke fun at his own age), we should learn from the Great Communicator.

Americans want to be talked to again, not pushed aside by a government that talks above them. In Reagan's inaugural address he said: "It is time to check and reverse the growth of government which shows signs of having grown beyond the consent of the governed."

The Gipper was right then, and he is right now. Happy birthday, Mr. President. And that's just the way it is.

Ted Poe was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2004 to represent the Second Congressional District of Texas. He can be reached at (202) 225-6565.

How Google removed Egypt's muzzle on Twitter

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Even before his first day on the job at Google, Ujjwal Singh was trying to figure out how to use his passion for the spoken word and the company's technological prowess to help Egyptians bypass government efforts to muzzle the massive protests there.

Singh, 38, helped start an online service that lets fans share voice messages with the likes of Miley Cyrus and the Jonas Brothers. Google bought the startup Jan. 25, and a Google product team leader trying to figure out a way around Egypt's recent Internet blackout asked Singh for help before he reported to work.

A weekend of brainstorming and programming later, Speak2Tweet was born — a service that lets people call a phone number and leave a message, then posts a link to the message to Twitter.

It allowed Egyptians to communicate even as the regime of President Hosni Mubarak cut Internet and cell phone services for days, trying to squelch furious protests in the streets of Cairo demanding an end to his three decades of authoritarian rule.

By the time Singh started his job Monday, his service was already part of the uprising.

Almost 2,900 spoken tweets had been posted as of Friday afternoon on the Twitter account

(at)speak2tweet. Some of the heaviest volume came after access to both Twitter and the Internet was restored in Egypt earlier this week. The alternative method of tweeting has turned into a forum for longer-form expression because the voice recordings aren't confined to Twitter's 140-character limit.

Another Twitter account, (at)AliveInEgypt, has been set up to transcribe the messages, which are mostly in Arabic, into text. An Internet radio station also is playing the voice recordings at <http://egypt.periskopradio.hu>.

The service has been used to express outrage, indignation, fear, exhilaration and pleas for help in the fight to oust Mubarak. "This corrupt regime must be eliminated," said one of the translated tweets on AliveInEgypt. Another said: "For all our Arab Brothers, for all the men in Tahrir Square. Please help us, stand with us, if you abandon us we will die."

There is no way to verify that every tweet came from the site of the protests, or even from Egypt. When the service can trace the country code of the call, it adds a note, or hashtag, specifying the location.

The service's use was limited by the very problem that created it: Without Internet access, most Egyptians didn't know Speak2Tweet existed, says Jillian York,

a project coordinator for the Berkman Center for Internet & Society in Harvard University.

Even so, it provided a vital link between Egypt and the rest of the world, says Cynthia Wong, director of the Center for Democracy & Technology's Project on Global Internet Freedom. As the word of the service spreads, York expects it to attract more voice messages because only about one-fourth of Egypt's population has Internet access.

"It's important for activists and companies to do everything they can to keep the channels of communication open when a government is trying to shut them down," Wong says.

The service got its start Jan. 28, when Crossan began to wonder how people might be able to get their messages out to a mass audience without the help of Internet or text messaging on mobile phones.

Crossan says he wasn't interested in making a political statement — he just wanted to tackle a complex problem that also might further Google's crusade to "organize the world's information and make it universally accessible."

So Crossan contacted a former Google colleague, Katie Stanton, who now oversees Twitter's international services. She referred him to Benjy Weinberger, another former Google employee who is now a

Twitter engineer. The two men spent the rest of Friday swapping ideas through instant messages and e-mail.

Cooperating with Google on the project was a no-brainer for Twitter. "Twitter is more about human communications than technology," Stanton says. "We want people's voices to be heard."

Initially, Crossan and Weinberger tinkered with a system that would interpret

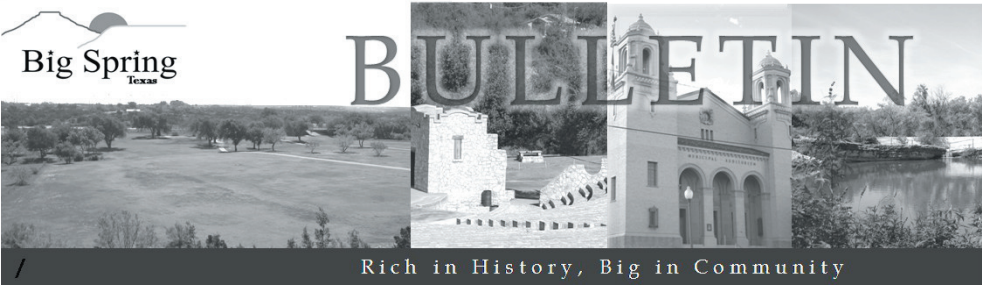
the tones of a telephone keypad and translate the sounds into tweets. After that idea proved too complicated, Crossan remembered something he had read earlier in the week: Google had just acquired a Palo Alto, Calif., startup called SayNow, which developed technology that lets teens exchange spoken messages with celebrities.

Crossan, 39, decided to contact SayNow's founders, Singh and

Nikhyl Singhal, about the problem before they were scheduled to start work for their new parent company.

Crossan was helping his 2-year-old son ride a bike for the first time in a neighborhood park Saturday morning when he heard back from Singh.

The two men figured they might be able to develop a voice-to-tweet service by building on the same technology SayNow used.



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The Big Spring City Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. There will not be a meeting on Tuesday, February 8th.

City Council Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Big Spring City Council Chambers located at 307 East 4th Street. If you need special assistance in order to participate in a City Council meeting, please contact Lesa Gamble, at 432-264-2401, in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.

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Obituaries

John Lewis Stripling

FORT WORTH — John Lewis Stripling, 94, was called by the Lord in the early morning hours of Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011.

Funeral: 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at Ridglea United Methodist Church, 6036 Locke Ave. Interment: Greenwood Memorial Park.

John was born Jan. 15, 1917, in Big Spring to the late Fox and Fannie Stripling. John received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and his master's degree from McMurry in Abilene. He served in the military for much of his life and retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Army at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, after serving in World War II and the Korean War. Although he and his family lived in various places all over the world, they had made Fort Worth their home for the past 40 years. After military retirement, he began a career as a teacher and later retired from O.D. Wyatt High School in Fort Worth. John loved to play both golf and tennis and played until his late 80s. He was a wonderful storyteller who touched many lives during his 94 years. He will be missed by all who knew him.

John was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; one sister; and grandson, Stefan Schultz.

Survivors: His beloved wife of 65 years, Marjorie Albaugh Stripling; children, Marjorie Schultz and husband, Albert, Jeanne DuBois and husband, Richard, John Stripling Jr., Martha Walsh, Julie Mulvey and husband, Kim; grandchildren, Hailey Allen, Amanda Allen, Cameron Walsh, Mackenzie Mulvey, Ryan DuBois, Connor Walsh and Mollie Mulvey; great-grandson, Fritz Schultz; sister, Emma Ruth Webb and husband, Darrell; and many nieces and nephews.

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Lillian 'Dirt' Hildebrand

Lillian Hildebrand, 87, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, in Lamesa. Services are pending at this time.

She was born Oct. 3, 1923, in Colorado City to Glen and Artie Jones. She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring.

She is survived by five children, daughters, Anne Moody and Madeline Began and husband Bob; sons, Tommy Hildebrand, David Hildebrand and wife Mary, Tony Kennedy and wife Lori; 19 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; five brothers and four sisters, Jiggs Jones, Skint and Geraldine Jones, Punk Garrett, Tut and Bobbie Jones, Rabbit and Sue Jones, Dinah and Jack Matlock, Rick and Pat Jones, Mirl Clement and Cricket and Johnny Dempsey; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Brad Hildebrand; and two siblings, Bounce Jones and Sis Stewart.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your favorite charity or church affiliation.

Patti Robertson

Patti Robertson, 57, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 31, 2011, in a local hospital. Memorial services will be held at a later time.

Patti was born on May 29, 1953, in Colorado City and moved around West Texas. She graduated from Big Spring High School.

Survivors include one daughter, Amanda Robertson and husband Joe of Helotes; one son, Caleb Robertson of Big Spring; three granddaughters; one grandson; her mother, Vera Robertson; one brother, Mike Robertson; and one sister, Vicki Martin.

She was preceded in death by her father, E.H. Robertson; her husband, Randy Robertson; and one brother, Scott Robertson.

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

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On behalf of the Gonzales Family, we would like to express our appreciation to friends, relatives and neighbors for their kindness and moral support shown to us in the loss of our sister, **Erlinda Gonzales**.

Special thanks to: Home Hospice of Odessa for taking excellent care of **Erlinda**.
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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday and early Saturday:

- MANUEL DEJESUS LOPEZ-LUNA, 71, 408 S. Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHRISTOPHER JOHN GARCIA, 28, San Angelo, was arrested on a charge of speeding.
- JUNIOR JONES, 24, 1015 E. 20th, was arrested on a warrant charging two counts of indecency with a child.
- CREIG WARNER HOLLANBD, 52, Amarillo, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- MARTIN RODRIQUEZ, 50, 815 Timothy Lane, was arrested on a warrant charging open container possession of alcohol in a motor vehicle.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth and the 600 block of Elgin.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1200 block of Marijo.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in Friday's "Mega Millions" game were: 6-20-29-48-55; Mega Ball: 6.

The winning numbers drawn in Friday's "Cash 5" game were: 3-6-13-18-21.

The winning numbers from Friday's "Daily 4" night drawing were: 5-0-2-7; Sum It Up: 14.

The winning numbers from Friday's "Pick 3" night drawing were: 9-8-6; Sum It Up: 23.

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.

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

• 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

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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Limited funds are available to assist in defraying the cost of college education or of vocational training. These scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis according to academic achievement and financial need. Eligible candidates for the 2011-2012 academic year must return completed applications postmarked no later than March 31, 2011.

Direct a written request for an application to Peggy Laskoski, Sid Richardson Memorial Fund, 309 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 or plaskoski@sidrichardson.org. The request may also be faxed to 817-332-2176. Include student name and address, qualifying employee name, Social Security number of employee, qualifying company name, and dates of employment.

MINUTES OF COUNTY FINANCES TREASURER'S REPORT

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF
TERESA THOMAS TREASURER OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS IN
REGULAR SESSION JANUARY TERM 2011
IN ACCORDANCE with Section 114.026, Local Government Code, we, the undersigned, constituting the entire Commissioners Court of said County, certify that on the 24th day of January, 2011 at the Regular term of Court, we compared and examined the monthly report of TERESA THOMAS, Treasurer of Howard County, Texas, for December 31, 2010, and finding the same correct, entered an order in the Minutes approving said Report, which states total cash and other assets on hand as \$11,066,871.15.

Mark Barr, County Judge
Emma Brown, Commissioner Pct. 1
Donnie Baker, Commissioner Pct. 2
Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct. 3
John Cline, Commissioner Pct. 4

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, by Mark Barr, County Judge, and County Commissioners of said Howard County, each respectively, on this the 24th day of January, 2011.

Attest: Donna Wright, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD THIS 24TH DAY OF January, 2011, and recorded on the 24th day of January, A.D. 2011.

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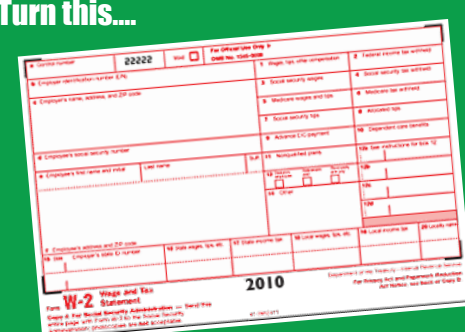
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News in brief

Texas judge names counsel to probe Toyota lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Texas judge has named a special counsel to investigate whether Toyota Motor Corp. intentionally hid evidence during a lawsuit filed by a woman paralyzed in a car accident.

Court documents show District Judge John E. Neill appointed J. Gregory Coontz on Thursday after reviewing information from former Toyota lawyer Dimitrios Biller, who said the automaker held back safety data.

Crash victim Pennie Green settled for \$1.5 million in 2007 but later filed a motion to hold Toyota in contempt.

Biller says he will probably testify before the special counsel. He says he was subpoenaed and gave documents to the Texas judge in October.

Toyota issued a statement saying the company is confident it acted appropriately in the case.

The appointment was first reported by the Los Angeles Times.

Texan to face death penalty in 4 slayings

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (AP) — The Prince George’s County State’s Attorney says she will seek the death penalty for a Texas man accused of fatally shooting four people, including two children, in

August.

Angela Alsobrooks said Friday that she would seek the death penalty against 44-year-old Darrell Lynn Bellard of Dickinson, Texas.

Bellard and 18-year-old Tkeisha Nicole Gilmer, also of Texas, were charged with murder in the slayings.

The bodies of 3-year-old Shayla Shante Sikyala; 4-year-old Shakur Sylvester Sikyala; their mother, 38-year-old Dawn Yvette Brooks, and their aunt, 41-year-old Mwasiti Sikyala, 41 were found in a trash-filled apartment above a detached garage in Lanham. Police said the victims were shot to death.

No trial date has been set.

Husband: Giffords would embrace flight decision

HOUSTON (AP) — The astronaut husband of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords said Friday his wounded wife would embrace his decision to rocket into space in two months and he expects her to be well enough to be at his launch.

Space shuttle commander Mark Kelly refused to say whether the congresswoman took part in his decision and declined to go into details about her condition or whether she can communicate.

“I know her very well and she would be very comfortable with the decision that I made,” Kelly told

reporters.

His decision, announced Friday, comes just four weeks after Giffords was shot in the head outside a Tucson, Ariz., supermarket. His choice to lead space shuttle Endeavour’s final voyage was made easier, he said, by his wife’s rapid progress in rehab.

The 46-year-old astronaut said he never imagined in the immediate aftermath of the shooting that he would ever fly the two-week mission. He immediately quit training after the Jan. 8 shooting.

Companies ready to spend big again at Super Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — This Super Bowl is shaping up to be a blowout — for corporate America.

Spending on hotel rooms, dining and entertainment during Super Bowl week is expected to top \$200 million, beating the record from 2007 — before the recession made it taboo to throw lavish parties and treat clients to skyboxes. Much of the tab will be put on corporate cards.

Companies have started throwing money around again now that their finances are improving, fears of a double-dip have subsided, and memories of bailouts and mass layoffs are fading. Last quarter, large businesses spent 10 percent more on entertainment — think rounds of golf, New York Yankees games and the opera — than a year earlier.

Officials warn about night driving in major Mexican city

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Officials are warning U.S. citizens not to drive at night in parts of the western Mexican city of Guadalajara after suspected drug-gang members burned vehicles and blocked streets.

A separate U.S. alert Friday reported the northern city of Monterrey has undergone a significant increase in armed robberies at restaurants and convenience stores.

Some of the blockades in Guadalajara took place on a highway leading to the city’s airport and to Lake Chapala, a popular retirement and vacation spot for U.S. and Canadian citizens.

Hotel managers on Lake Chapala said Friday the warning has not significantly affected business.

The U.S. consulate in Guadalajara, Mexico’s second-largest city, posted a message on its website Thursday say-

ing that it had prohibited U.S. diplomatic personnel from traveling the highway to the airport at night, and that it “recommends that U.S. citizens consider similar precautions.”

On Tuesday, assailants hurled grenades, burned vehicles and blocked several Guadalajara streets and highways in seven near-simultaneous attacks that injured a policeman and two transportation workers. Such tactics have been used by cartels in the past to aid their escapes from police.

The attacks were staged by drug gangs, possibly in retaliation for the arrests of their members, said Fernando Guzman Perez, interior secretary of Jalisco state, where Guadalajara is located.

Such alerts have been issued in the past for highways in northern and western Mexico, but are uncommon for Gua-

dalajara, which is not considered one of the focal points of an drug war that has claimed more than 34,600 lives since 2006.

Chapala, a shimmering, mountain-ringed lake, has been popular among U.S. and Canadian citizens for decades.

Ricardo Soto, manager of the lakeside Quinta San Carlos hotel, said the drug gangs’ actions this week had affected business “a little.”

He said some customers almost didn’t show up because they did not know there were other routes to get to the hotel.

“Once you explain it to them, the people come,” said Soto, who noted that the hotel was nearly booked Friday. “This is a wonderful place, and all the problems with drug trafficking haven’t really affected us, because it is all more over toward the airport.”

Ricardo Hernandez, who manages the Casa Mis Amores hotel in the nearby lakeside town of Ajijic, said of the problems, “It hasn’t affected us up to now.”

The consulate’s message advised motorists encountering roadblocks to get off the highway immediately and take shelter in a shopping mall, hotel or any other business they could find nearby.

It also included some creative driving tips.

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News in brief

Protesters meet with Egypt PM to discuss ways to ease Mubarak out

CAIRO (AP) — Leaders of Egypt’s unprecedented wave of anti-government protests have held talks with the prime minister over ways to ease President Hosni Mubarak out of office. Under one proposal, the 82-year-old leader would hand his powers to his vice president, though not his title immediately, to give him a graceful exit.

Mubarak has staunchly refused to leave, insisting on serving out the rest of his term until September, and his aides have repeatedly said in recent days that the country’s leader of nearly 30 years must not be dumped in a humiliating way.

The protesters, in turn, say they will not stop their giant rallies or enter substantive negotiations on democratic reform until Mubarak quits. Thousands continued to gather Saturday in Cairo’s central Tahrir Square, a day after some 100,000 protesters massed there demanding Mubarak leave power immediately.

Egyptian crisis is lifting oil and food prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The standoff in Egypt and uncertainty about where it will lead is causing global economic jitters. It’s already pushing up the price of oil and food, and there’s no telling how long the turmoil will last.

The big worry is that popular uprisings and revolution will spread to Egypt’s rich autocratic neighbors who control much of the world’s oil supply.

How far will anti-government movements go? Will oil supplies be disrupted? Will the U.S. see its influence in the region decline and that of Iran and other fundamental Islamic regimes surge?

Right now, these are open questions. But there’s no question that the crisis has created new risks for still shaky world economies and put a cloud over world financial markets.

Instability in the Middle East, if prolonged, could jeopardize fragile recoveries in the United States and Europe. It could limit job creation and fuel inflation.

Obama says government and businesses share responsibility for helping U.S. compete globally

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government has a responsibility to make the U.S. the best place in the world to do business, but companies have a responsibility to invest in the nation’s future by keeping jobs here, hiring American workers and paying decent

wages, President Barack Obama says.

Obama devoted his weekly radio and Internet message Saturday to ideas from his State of the Union address, specifically a plan to put the U.S. on a more competitive footing globally by spending scarce dollars on innovation, education and the nation’s infrastructure.

Underscoring his points, Obama referenced his visit this week to Penn State University, where researchers are designing more energy-efficient buildings. He also spoke about next Thursday’s trip to Marquette, Mich., a place the White House says illustrates how increased Internet access can help businesses grow. Obama has called for expanding high-speed, wireless Internet access to 98 percent of Americans within five years.

He talked about federal tax credits and financing programs that are helping companies boost their bottom lines and hire workers.

Republicans devoted their weekly message to the economy and jobs, too, but Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas used it to chide Obama for proposing to extend Washington’s “spending binge” at a time of growing budget deficits.

Now appearing on new most-wanted list: fugitives who scammed Medicare and Medicaid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health care fraud used to be a faceless crime — until now.

Medicare and Medicaid scams cost taxpayers more than \$60 billion a year, but the average bank holdup is likely to get more attention. Seeking the public’s help to catch more than 170 fugitive fraudsters, the government has launched a new health care most-wanted list, with its own website.

Among those featured is Leonard Nwafor, convicted a couple of years ago in Los Angeles of billing Medicare more than \$1 million for motorized wheelchairs that beneficiaries didn’t need. One of those who got a wheelchair was a blind man who later testified he couldn’t see to operate it.

Facing time in federal prison, Nwafor disappeared before his sentencing.

“We’re looking for new ways to press the issue of catching fugitives,” said Gerald Roy, deputy inspector general for investigations at the Health and Human Services Department. “If someone walks into a bank and steals \$3,000 or \$4,000, it would be all over the newspaper. These people manage to do it from a less high profile position, but they still have a tremendous impact.”

Scammers “often utilize their ties to a particular community,” Roy added. “They take advantage of

ethnic communities based on language barriers or lack of knowledge about how the Medicare system works. These folks are exploiting low-income communities.”

New START nuclear arms treaty being finalized between Russia and U.S. at Munich conference

MUNICH (AP) — The U.S. and Russia finalize a nuclear arms treaty Saturday, a key foreign policy goal of President Barack Obama that will limit the number of atomic warheads the two former Cold War foes are allowed to possess.

The New START treaty was approved by the U.S. Senate in December after Obama pressed strongly for its passage, and Russia ratified the deal last month.

The treaty goes into effect when U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton exchanges the ratification papers with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference.

New START is a cornerstone of Obama’s efforts to “reset” U.S. relations with Russia.

Clinton said that the treaty is “another example of the kind of clear-eyed cooperation that is in everyone’s interests.”

Sarah Palin: America dangerously out of step with Ronald Reagan’s values, on ‘road to ruin’

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — America is on a “road to ruin” because of misguided policies in Washington and needs to get back in step with the values of Ronald Reagan, Sarah Palin said at an event honoring the former president’s legacy.

The 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee delivered a stinging critique of Washington during her speech Friday, part of the national celebration marking the centennial of Reagan’s birth on Feb. 6.

Revisiting themes familiar from her 2008 campaign, she said the nation was being shackled by high debt and taxes, dense government regulation and rising spending, often for programs that don’t work. She said a rush toward green energy was overlooking the nation’s oil and natural gas reserves, a choice that will cost jobs and drive up pump prices.

She blamed Washington leaders — an apparent reference to the Obama administration — for doing “everything in their power to stymie responsible domestic drilling.”

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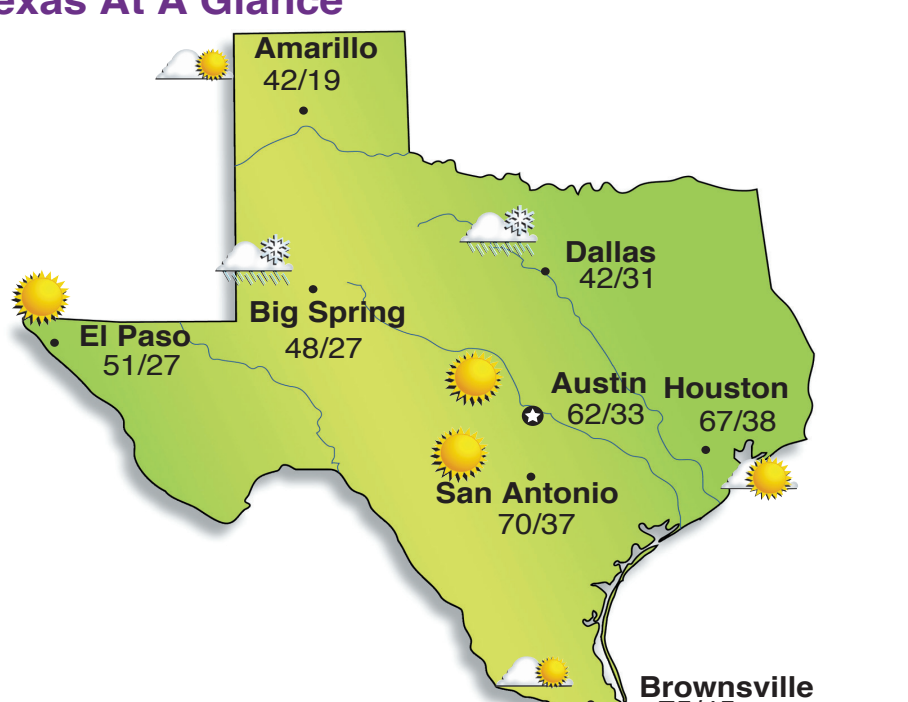
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Texas At A Glance



City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	42	19	pt sunny
Big Spring	48	27	sunny
El Paso	51	27	sunny
Dallas	42	31	pt sunny
Austin	62	33	sunny
Houston	67	38	mst sunny
San Antonio	70	37	sunny
Brownsville	75	45	sn shower

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	45	30	mixed	El Paso	51	27	sunny	Midland	47	26	sn shower
Amarillo	42	19	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	50	31	pt sunny	Raymondville	75	43	sunny
Austin	62	33	sunny	Gainesville	36	25	sn shower	Rosenberg	68	37	mst sunny
Beaumont	66	39	mst sunny	Greenville	40	28	mixed	San Antonio	70	37	sunny
Brownsville	75	45	pt sunny	Houston	67	38	mst sunny	San Marcos	64	34	sunny
Brownwood	48	30	pt sunny	Kingsville	74	40	sunny	Sulphur Springs	43	32	mixed
Corpus Christi	70	41	sunny	Livingston	64	34	pt sunny	Sweetwater	47	28	mixed
Corsicana	44	30	rain	Longview	51	33	rain	Tyler	49	31	rain
Dallas	42	31	mixed	Lubbock	45	20	sn shower	Weatherford	39	27	mixed
Del Rio	62	33	windy	Lufkin	62	34	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	40	24	sn shower

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	53	36	sunny	Houston	67	38	mst sunny	Phoenix	69	44	sunny
Boston	37	21	pt sunny	Los Angeles	75	51	sunny	San Francisco	70	50	pt sunny
Chicago	31	25	sn shower	Miami	80	63	pt sunny	Seattle	52	45	rain
Dallas	42	31	mixed	Minneapolis	29	9	sn shower	St. Louis	39	28	sn shower
Denver	36	22	cloudy	New York	38	30	mst sunny	Washington, DC	45	36	sunny

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Making the comparison

Matchups for Super Bowl XLV between Steelers, Packers



AP File Photo

Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers hope to make it seven Lombardi Trophies when they take on the Green Bay Packers today in Super Bowl XLV.

The Associated Press

When the Steelers have the ball

Pittsburgh typically wants to do exactly what it did in the first half of the AFC championship game: ram the ball down an opponent's throat. Actually, RB Rashard Mendenhall (34) showed plenty of speed and some moves, too, against the Jets, and that's what the Steelers need to see against Green Bay's 18th-ranked rushing defense.

Of course, the Packers' defense isn't likely to consistently miss tackles and be out of position the way the Jets were for 30 decisive minutes. LBs Clay Matthews (52), A.J. Hawk (50) and Desmond Bishop (55) are major reasons Green Bay (13-6) has been stingy against the run in the playoffs, and defensive backs Charles Woodson (21), Tramon Williams (38), and Nick Collins (36) are solid in support. They also excel in pass coverage, along with nickel back Sam Shields (37), a rookie who had two interceptions in the NFC title game.

If Mendenhall can find room to roam behind a depleted offensive line that still has been steady — it desperately needs standout rookie C Maurkice Pouncey (53) to recover from a left ankle sprain and be in the lineup — the Steelers will keep pounding. But there's vulnerability in their blocking unit, particularly declining RT Flozell Adams (71), and the Packers have been getting production from NT B.J. Raji (90) and DE Cullen Jenkins (77) in all areas. Raji even had a pick for a touchdown against the Bears.

If Pittsburgh (14-4) isn't effective with the run early on, it will keep trying. But there are excellent options in the passing game, which will need to deal with a fair share of blitzing.

QB Ben Roethlisberger (7) has won two Super

Bowls in his seven pro seasons. Despite a four-game suspension at the outset of this season for violating the league's personal conduct policy, he guided the Steelers to the NFC North title, a first-round bye, then to a comeback victory over divisional rival Baltimore in the playoffs. Roethlisberger hurt the Jets more with his feet than his arm, yet the Packers are very aware how dangerous he can be as a passer.

His targets, from longtime team leader Hines Ward (86) to speedy Mike Wallace (17) to solid tight end Heath Miller (83) to rising wideouts Antonio Brown (84) and Emmanuel Sanders (88), are formidable. Wallace is the game-breaker and will see lots of Williams or Woodson in coverage. Ward might operate a lot in the slot, which could make him Shields' responsibility.

Roethlisberger has rising confidence in the youngsters, and Ward and Miller provide comfort zones for him.

Two things the Packers must do if they get pressure on Roethlisberger: keep him from escaping for damaging scrambles, and bring him down when they get their hands on him. Both proved too difficult for the Jets.

When the Packers have the ball

Until RB James Starks (44) emerged in the playoffs, the Packers had virtually no running game. Starks, Brandon Jackson (32) and John Kuhn (30) aren't likely to get far against the league's top-rated run defense, but the Packers certainly should try to find a ground game.

Green Bay's offensive line doesn't get deserved credit. Anchored by RG Josh Sitton (71) and C Scott Wells (63), it's far more suited

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Rodgers fights off Favre legacy to build his own

The Associated Press

DALLAS — As the 2005 draft crept uncomfortably along into hour 2, then hour 3, then hour 4 and beyond, Aaron Rodgers looked at the board, saw the words "Green Bay" up there and knew there was an outside chance his long day would end there.

Then, he heard his name. In a matter of seconds, he went from draft day disappointment to Brett Favre's backup.

A lot of baggage to carry up to the Frozen Tundra.

"I never thought it was baggage," Rodgers said. "I was happy someone picked me."

The Packers are happy, too.

Despite skeptical fans and a less-than-welcoming Favre, Rodgers took over the starting job three years ago. This year, he led the Pack to the Super Bowl and is now as revered in Green Bay as the guy who once wore No. 4 — the quarterback they once said was irreplaceable.

"It was a difficult situation," Rodgers said. "It was tough to stand up every day in front of the media not knowing what questions were coming at me and how the fans were going to react that day in practice. But the whole time, the organization stood by me and they told the truth, and I told the truth, and we moved on together."

Those who knew him, had studied his game and his slow, steady rise through the sport could see this coming.

One of the most savvy moves Rodgers made was to contact Steve Young, who went through a very similar scenario in San Francisco when he waited behind Joe Montana in the 1990s.

Young's advice: "You have to take a laser focus on the opportunity to be on a good team and play good football and not worry about the other stuff. You try to forget about all the things that make it hard. If you go there, you'll find yourself doing the human-nature thing and trying to get people to understand how hard it is. That never works. You never want to let that happen."

Rodgers comes by that credo honestly. His whole career has been about overcoming one obstacle or another.

He was a record-setter at Pleasant Valley High School in Chico, Calif., but at 5-foot-10, 165 pounds, didn't get a serious look from the major colleges. So, he stayed in the area, enrolled at Butte Community College and immediately won over a group of players in their 20s who had as much experience in the school of hard knocks as on the football field.

"I think Aaron had a unique way of kind of reaching to a different cast of characters," said Butte coach Jeff Jordan, who was Rodgers' position coach



AP File Photo

Aaron Rodgers has led the Green Bay Packers to a Super Bowl berth after following famed quarterback Brett Favre.

back then. "Whether it was guys who were there because of academics or guys who were raised on the streets or spent time in the military. It doesn't mean he hung with them, but he accepted them. That's kind of why people maybe gravitated toward him, even though he was this young, 18-year-old, skinny little baby-faced boy coming in."

After throwing for 28 touchdowns in one season at Butte — along with starting a growth spurt that would see him add four inches and 50 pounds — Rodgers made his way to Cal, where he worked with coach Jeff Tedford. In two years there, Rodgers went 14-4 as a starter, threw for 5,469 yards and,

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for pass protection, but has opened enough holes for Starks to break out, and for the other running backs to contribute. They haven't faced a defense like this in the playoffs, though, and Pittsburgh will try to set an early, physical — some say over-the-top dirty — tone with LBs James Harrison (92), LaMarr Woodley (56) and James Farrior (51), All-Pro S Troy Polamalu (43), and DE Brett Keisel (99).

The Steelers will send defenders from everywhere at QB Aaron Rodgers (12); CB Ike Taylor (24) made a huge hit on Mark Sanchez that caused a fumble leading to the winning points in the AFC title game. Rodgers has been spectacular for more than a month now after a strong regular season, and he uses his legs nearly as well as Roethlisberger — not as powerful, but quicker.

Without question, though, Green Bay will need to pass successfully to win its first Super Bowl since the 1996 season. The Packers like to empty their backfield, a dangerous gambit against Pittsburgh's front seven and blitzers. But they can get some good matchups in those situations, whether it's WRs Greg Jennings (85) on Taylor or Donald Driver on Bryant McFadden (20). Driver excels over the middle, but that's where Polamalu and Ryan Clark (25) lurk, and there aren't two more punishing safe-

ties around. Rodgers has gotten a lot of mileage out of James Jones (89) and Jordy Nelson (87) and both will have key roles at Dallas Cowboys Stadium. If Rodgers can spread the ball around and keep the Steelers' pass rush off-balance, Green Bay has an excellent chance.

Special teams

Steelers PK Shaun Suisham (6), who replaced veteran Jeff Reed in midseason, has been superb, making 16 of 18 field goals; Pittsburgh is a difficult place to kick.

So is Lambeau Field, though, and Mason Crosby (2) has made 24 of 31, including a 56-yarder. Neither has kicked under the glaring spotlight of a Super Bowl.

The rest of the Steelers' special teams are adequate. Brown had one kickoff runback for a score during the season. P Jeremy Kapinos (13) doesn't always get great coverage accompanying his kicks.

First-year punter Tim Masthay (8) for Green Bay has been efficient if not spectacular. He had an excellent NFC title game, keeping the ball away from All-Pro returner Devin Hester.

Green Bay gave up more yards than it gained per punt and kickoff this season.

Coaching

A Pittsburgh victory would give Mike Tomlin two

titles in his first four seasons as head coach, tying Joe Gibbs' achievement with Washington. Tomlin, only the third Steelers coach since 1969, is a master motivator who also gives his coordinators — Hall of Famer Dick LeBeau on defense, Bruce Arians on offense — lots of say.

Tomlin needed to guide the Steelers through some early difficulties and did so masterfully. Roethlisberger's four-game suspension could have put the team in a deep hole. Instead, with a trio of replacements at quarterback, Pittsburgh started 3-1.

The Steelers lost key defensive end Aaron Smith (91) for a big chunk of the season. In 2009, that sent them into a spiral. Not this time.

Tomlin also got the team back on track in the divisional playoff game against Baltimore after it fell behind 21-7 at halftime.

Mike McCarthy might have had an even tougher chore because the Packers placed 15 players on injured reserve this season, an absurd number. That included starting RB Ryan Grant, playmaking TE Jermichael Finley and LB Nick Barnett.

Thanks to the depth the Pack built at so many positions, though, they not only survived, but prospered. Still, McCarthy and his staff, particularly defensive coordinator Dom Capers, deserve tremendous credit for rapidly developing backups and having faith in them.

McCarthy also has a strong relationship with Rodgers that has been critical in the QB's development since the Brett Favre purge in 2008.

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ANSWERS

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2	4	1	9	5	6	3	8	7
7	9	8	2	3	1	4	5	6

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Area basketball results from Feb. 4

Coahoma girls

ACUFF — Despite early efforts for an upset, Lubbock Roosevelt was just too strong for the Coahoma Bulldogettes Friday.

Jasmine Brainard's 28 points helped the Lady Eagles cruise past Coahoma. Coahoma's Minnie Goodblanket saw her most extensive action since injuring her knee and came up big with nine points.

Coahoma head coach Mitizi Bell said the

fourth quarter is what buried the Bulldogettes, as they fell to 3-10 in District 3-2A. Coahoma hopes to head into the offseason on a positive note with a win over Colorado City Tuesday, the final game of the season.

Lubbock Roosevelt 57, Coahoma 39
Coahoma 6 15 11 7 - 39

Lubbock Roosevelt 17 11 10 19 - 57

Coahoma — Minnie Goodblanket 9, Joanna Gonzales 2, Haley Pace 9, Lynzi Ferrell 8, Savannah Neff 5, Devon Maddox 4, Jennifer Castilaw 2

Lubbock Roosevelt — Jasmine Brainard 28, Kacy Whitley 13, Carly Welch 7, Janna Adkins 7

3-point field goals — Coahoma 6 (Good-

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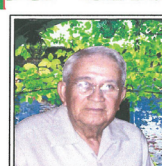


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Rams QB Sam Bradford top offensive rookie

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Top draft choice, top rookie.

St. Louis Rams quarterback Sam Bradford won The Associated Press 2010 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year award on Friday.

The first overall selection in last year’s draft, Bradford guided the Rams from the embarrassment of a 1-15 record to a 7-9 mark. In the weak NFC West, that was good enough to contend for the division title; St. Louis lost out on a tiebreaker to Seattle.

“I think the more I’m out there, the more comfortable I become,” Bradford said. “It’s been like that all year. There’s been some ups, there’s been some downs, but I feel like for the most part I’ve learned from my mistakes each week.

I think the game’s stat-ing to slow down a little bit, but I really still have a long way to go before I’m as comfortable as I want to be.”

The voters certainly were comfortable with Bradford’s passing and leadership.

He earned 44 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the league. Only two other rookies received votes: Tampa Bay wide receiver Mike Williams earned four, and Pittsburgh center Maurkice Pouncey had two.

Bradford is the fourth quarterback since 2004 to win the award. Before that, no quarterbacks had won it.

“If you asked me before the season, I probably wouldn’t have said that we would have thrown

the ball as much,” Bradford said. “As a quarter-back, you love to throw the football. So the fact that our coaching staff feels comfortable with the ball in my hands just gives me confidence. It makes me feel very good about going out there on Sundays.”

Health was one of the major questions about Bradford when he came out of college.

He won the 2008 Heisman Trophy as a red-shirt sophomore, when the Sooners lost to Florida for the national championship, then decided to stay at Oklahoma another season. It was cut short by an early shoulder injury and he barely played in 2009. Still, Bradford so impressed pro scouts

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Lions’ Suh easy choice for DROY

The Associated Press

DALLAS — When Ndamukong Suh heard people call him the best player available in the draft, he didn’t gloat. He took it as a challenge.

“It was something to live up to,” Suh said.

Did he ever.

The Detroit Lions tackle won The Associated Press 2010 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year award on Friday.

The only rookie on the All-Pro team, Suh validated Detroit selecting him second overall in last April’s draft. He earned 48 votes from a nationwide panel of media members who regularly cover the league. New England cornerback Devin McCourty drew the other two votes.

Detroit won its final four games to finish 6-10, triple the number of victories the Lions managed in the previous two seasons combined. Suh was a major reason with 10 sacks, the most at the position, veteran or rookie, and 66 tackles.

“We didn’t learn how to finish games and overcome mistakes until the end of the year,” Suh said. “But we figured it out and I think our four-game winning streak is definitely something for us to build on going into next season.”

Suh is the first Lion to grab the

honor since Al Baker in 1978. He’s also the first non-linebacker to win since Julius Peppers in 2002.

Lions defensive coordinator Gunther Cunningham has been coaching for four decades, nearly three of them in the NFL. When he’s impressed by a player, it carries some impact — sort of like when Suh bull-rushes offensive linemen and knocks them clear to the ground.

“There are so many plays that he’s made that I just marvel at,” Cunningham said. “We were talking about somebody else in the league as a defensive tackle and as we’re watching tape ... I stopped the tape. I said, ‘Now, how many guys could do this?’

“He cleaned the right guard’s clock on a pass rush.”

Suh cleaned so many clocks that he earned a starting berth in the Pro Bowl, which he skipped after undergoing shoulder surgery.

Considering what he achieved despite the injury, imagine what might be ahead for the only defensive player to win the AP’s College Player of the Year award.

“I was fortunate to be able to grasp my role in our scheme and to flourish in it,” Suh said. “I’m just going to keep working hard to improve because I’ll never be satisfied.”

AREA

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blanket 2, Ferrell 2, Neff 1, Pace 1), Lubbock Roosevelt 2 (Whitley 1, Mikayla Welch 1)

Free throws — Coahoma 3-6, Roosevelt 5-10

Total fouls — Coahoma 12, Roosevelt 5

Records: Coahoma (10-17, 3-10)

Next game Colorado City at Coahoma, 6 p.m. Tuesday

Grady girls

LENORAH — Once again, Kelly Cook led the Gardy Lady Wildcats to a victory, scoring 22 points in a win over Loop.

While Loop outscored Grady 20-19 in the second half, the Lady Wildcats already did the damage in the first half, holding their opponents to 15 points.

Charmynee Arnold had nine points and Sarah Clay also had seven for Grady.

Grady 50, Loop 35

Loop 9 6 12 8 —35

Grady 17 14 10 9 —50

Loop — Ramirez 13, Estrada 2, Cartwright 2, Conde 7, Castaneda 11.

Grady — Sarah Clay 7, Savannah Sawyer 1, Charmynee Arnold 9, Julia Schuelke 5, Katie Meeks 6, Kelly Cook 22.

3-point field goals — LHS 4 (Conde, Castaneda 3), GHS 1 (Clay)

Free throws — LHS 7-16, GHS 13-32

Total fouls — LHS 18, GHS 16. Fouled out — Cartwright

Records: Grady (18-9, 8-4)

Next game: Grady at Borden County, 6:30 p.m. Tues-

day

Forsan-Stanton girls

STANTON — Forsan head coach Robert Hillger said it came down to free throws and his team couldn’t take advantage of that in what was a close affair.

Forsan was 12 of 29 from the free-throw line in a 12-point loss. Morgan Forshee led the Forsan Lady Buffs with 13 points. Selah Ramsey led Stanton with 11.

Stanton 44, Forsan 42

Forsan 6 15 10 11 —42

Stanton 11 9 10 14 —44

Forsan— Forshee 13, Hill 9, Galloway 7, Roemar 6, Hurgert 3, Crane 2, Stanley 2

Stanton — Selah Ramsey 11, Jennifer Henley 10, Ashton Snellgrove 7, Tara Patterson 7, Bailey Bryan 7, Jamie Hale 2

3-point goals — Stanton 4 (Snellgrove, Patterson, Ramsey, Bryan), Forsan 2 (Hill, Forshee)

Free throws — Stanton 6-15, Forsan 12-29.

Total fouls — Stanton 18 Forsan. Fouled out — Forshee, Stanley, Ramsey

Next game: Stanton at Denver City, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Slaton at Forsan, 6 p.m. Tuesday

Stanton-Forsan boys

STANTON — Stanton is headed to the playoffs after a win over Forsan Friday.

Tyler Fulton scored 21 points, Grayson Gray had 16 and Trace Sidle chipped in 10 in the 27-point win.

Forsan fell to 5-6 in district play, while Stanton earned its ninth win in 3-2A play.

Stanton 65, Forsan 38

Forsan 10 6 7 15 —38

Stanton 19 15 14 17 —65

Forsan — Self 14, Burchett 8, Johnson 7, Shriner 4, Robles 3, Bagnall 2

Stanton — Tyler Fulton 21, Grayson Gray 16, Trace Sidle 10, Ryan Brantley 8, Nate Koonce 4, Jorge Reyna 2, Andres Chavez 2, Ethan Mauldin 1, Blake Evans 1

3-point goals — FHS 7 (Self 3, Burchett 2, Robles, Johnson), SHS 4 (Fulton 3, Sidle)

Free throws — FHS 2-8, SHS 11-16.

Total fouls — FHS 17, SHS 9.

Next: Stanton at Denver City, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Slaton at Forsan, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

Records: Forsan (5-6 in District 3-2A), Stanton (21-3, 9-2)

Grady boys

LENORAH — Grady clinched a playoff spot with the 22-point victory over Loop.

Shane Teague and Jacob Rodriguez did all the damage with 24 and 22 points, respectively.

Grady will be the second-place team out of its district, with Sands being the first.

Grady 63, Loop 41

Loop 14 8 16 3 —41

Grady 23 5 19 16 —63

Loop — Ontiveros 10, Ayala 3, Sellers 5, Bingham 6, Boggan 17

Grady — Shane Teague 24, Zeke Clay 5, Branson Richards 4, Johan Wiebe 5, Bryley Pinkerton 3, Jacob Rodriguez 22

3-point goals — Loop 5 (Ontiveros 2, Ayala, Boggan 2), Grady 4 (Teague 2, Clay, Wiebe)

Free throws — Loop 8-11, Grady 7-17

Total fouls — Loop 14, Grady 12

Records: Grady (24-3, 11-2)

RODGERS

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for a long time in the lead-up to the 2005 draft, was being touted as a possible No. 1 pick.

Reputations change, though, and when his favorite team growing up, the Niners, used the first pick on another quarterback, Alex Smith, Rodgers’ slide down the board began.

Picking at No. 24, the Packers hadn’t spent any time in the offseason considering the possibility that Rodgers would fall down to their spot. But about 10 days before the draft, they saw his stock was still fading. They started doing some homework. They realized they would almost have to take him if he fell that far. It wasn’t so much that they needed a quarterback, it was that Rodgers was such a bargain at that point, he’d be almost impossible to pass up.

The pick, of course, was not all that popular — not with Favre still in the late part of his prime and showing no

signs of the retirement-unretirement game he’d saddle the Packers and others with a few years down the road.

Then again, many other talented quarterbacks — Mark Brunell, Matt Hasselbeck and Kurt Warner — had been brought in as Favre’s backup, spent a few years, then moved on.

“In some ways, sitting for three years and then playing is helpful,” said general manager Ted Thompson, who was questioned when he made the pick, then criticized when he traded Favre to make way for Rodgers to become the starter. “That’s the way it was back in the day. You always brought quarterbacks in and you developed them for about two or three years before you actually played them. That’s hard to do anymore.”

Indeed, in the salary cap era, finances make it hard to justify spending first-round money for a player to sit on the bench, even if he is a quarterback who needs time. Add the fact that

shortly after Rodgers was chosen, Favre said in an interview that it wasn’t his job to mentor his understudies, and it was clear that this was not going to be the most comfortable situation.

“The best way to describe it was, we were teammates the first year,” Rodgers said in a 2008 interview. “It was a very business relationship. But I was kind of in his hip pocket.”

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

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EAST

♠ A Q 10 9 8 2

♥ 6

♦ 9 7

♣ 10 8 5 2

SOUTH

♠ K 3

♥ K J 10 7 5 4

♦ A Q J 10 4

♣ —

The bidding:

South

1 ♥

4 ♥

5 ♥

West

2 ♣

Pass

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

2 ♠

4 ♠

Opening lead — four of spades.

Bridge is mostly a game of reasoning and logic. Of course, there are other factors, such as psychology, temperament, imagination, deception and so on, but basically the player who reasons well is the one who winds up a winner.

For this reason, there are very few plays in bridge that can legitimately be termed “brilliant.” If a play is the

correct play, how can it be brilliant? A hand might be bid well or played well, but from the standpoint of par, that’s to be expected. A player who meets that expectation is therefore only doing what he’s supposed to do.

Consider the accompanying deal where West led the four of spades against South’s five-heart contract. East won the trick with the ace, on which declarer played the king! East naturally thought the king was a singleton and so shifted to a club. South gratefully discarded his three of spades, gave up a trump trick and so made the contract.

Had declarer followed with the spade three at trick one, East would surely have returned a spade for West to ruff, and South would have gone down one.

South’s play of the king is certainly to be commended, but all it proves is that he was alert. He realized from the bidding that East had to have six spades and that a ruff by West was imminent. He also realized that by dropping the king, he might talk East out of returning a spade, which is exactly what happened.

But brilliant? Absolutely not. South simply made the right play, that’s all.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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Goodell wants to get deal done in 'next few weeks'

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Roger Goodell recognized the questioner, even kidded him.

Chad Ochocinco was in no joking mood.

The Bengals receiver, reporting for his own OCNN network, stood up at Good-

ell's annual Super Bowl news conference Friday and asked the NFL commissioner how close the league and players union were to a new contract that would avoid a potential lockout.

"I can tell you the commitment on behalf of the ownership is on getting an agree-

ment," Goodell said. "This is the window of opportunity to get this done right. Otherwise, uncertainty is going to seep into all of our operations. ... I say, let's get to work, let's get an agreement that works for everybody."

Goodell and union officials were to meet Saturday in Dal-

las, the first formal bargaining session since November. Two more sessions have been scheduled for next week, at an undisclosed location.

Goodell said it was imperative to have a deal before the collective bargaining agreement expires in a month.

"I frequently have said that

I think March 4 is a very critical date," Goodell said. "A lot of different strategies will take place if we're not successful in getting an agreement by that time."

"We need to have intensive, round-the clock negotiations to address the issues and find solutions."

BRADFORD

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in postseason workouts that he was a consensus No. 1 pick.

The questions about his durability remained, and he answered them by taking every snap this season. He threw 590 passes, completing 60 percent for 18 touchdowns and 15 interceptions.

"I take a lot in that, especially coming off the shoulder injury last year and knowing that there were a lot of questions about my durability, about my ability to take hits in this league," Bradford said. "So the fact that I've been able to take every snap with this offense, I do take a lot of pride in

that."

Bradford became the starter in training camp and never looked over that shoulder. Coach Steve Spagnuolo and offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur placed their faith in him, and he came through like, well, a rookie of the year.

It didn't begin well — Bradford threw three interceptions and was sacked twice in a 17-13 loss to Arizona. But he began to hit his stride in midseason, at one point going four straight games and five of six without being picked off.

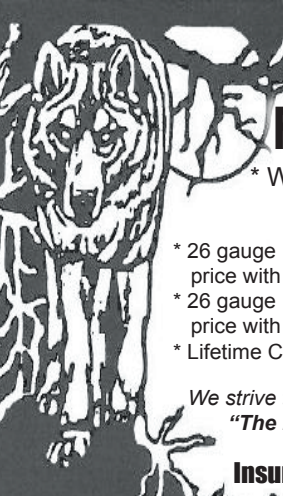
His best performances came in a 36-33 win over Denver, when he had three TD passes and a season-best 308 yards through the air, and in a 20-10 win over Carolina that featured 25-of-32 passing and two touchdowns.

"He's obviously extremely talented, and I think he works his fanny off to make sure that he does the right things and masters the game plan," said Shurmur, now the head coach in Cleveland. "So to say I would be surprised, I would say no."

"To be thankful that he is what he is, I would say yes."

Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger was the first quarterback to win Offensive Rookie of the Year, in 2004, followed by Tennessee's Vince Young in 2006 and Atlanta's Matt Ryan in 2008.

Williams, a fourth-round pick (101 overall) from Syracuse, had 65 catches for 964 yards and 11 touchdowns this season. Pouncey, the rare offensive lineman to collect votes, was a standout in helping the Steelers win the AFC North title.



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3 ways to help make dinnertime more meaningful

Even the busiest of people can enjoy quality time at the dinner table. Try some of these tips to help you make more meaningful connections during mealtime:

1. Involve everyone in dinner preparation. Ask each person to be responsible for some aspect of dinner, whether it's tossing the salad, setting the table or pouring milk. These jobs, when age appropriate, teach valuable skills, help everyone feel like an important member of a group, and foster self-esteem and independence. Download a handy Dinner Job Wheel at www.letsfixdinner.com.
2. Ask specific questions rather than the usual, generic questions like "How was your day?" Specific, detailed questions show you are both aware of and interested in what's important in your family and friends' lives. Download colorful Conversation Starter Placemats for kids at www.letsfixdinner.com to help get them excited.
3. During mealtime, get — and stay — unplugged. Turn off the TV, and only answer emergency phone calls. No texting, playing handheld games or listening to headphones. Tuning in to each other will pay off for everyone.



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Chopped Salad

- 1 large head of romaine lettuce
- 2 large tomatoes
- 2 cups string beans
- 1 cup canned garbanzo beans
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- Salt, pepper and sugar

Rough chop lettuce and place in large salad bowl. Small dice tomatoes, about half inch thick. Drain and rinse garbanzo beans and add to salad mixture. Cut raw string beans 1/4 inch and add to salad mixture.

Dressing: in a small mixing bowl, add lemon juice, Dijon mustard and garlic. Slowly stream in olive oil and season with salt/pepper/sugar to taste. Pour dressing over greens and toss together.

Whole Wheat Garlic Bread

- 1 cup butter
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped fine
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 teaspoon chopped parsley
- 1 large whole wheat baguette

Soften butter and mix with garlic, paprika, Parmesan and parsley. Cut baguette in half lengthwise and spread butter mixture across generously. Put under the broiler until golden brown and bubbly.

Avocado and Bean Salad

- 2 ripe avocados diced into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 tomato diced into 1-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup sliced red onion
- 2 cups canned kidney or white beans
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons finishing oil (such as walnut oil or a fruity light olive oil)
- 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar
- 1 teaspoon chopped rosemary and thyme

Mix all ingredients together and serve.

Asparagus Gratin

- 2 heads of asparagus, white or green
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese
- 2 cups bread crumbs (seasoned)
- Salt and pepper
- Extra virgin olive oil

Bring a sauce pot with 8 cups of water to a boil and season with salt. Trim asparagus (peeling may be necessary depending on the skin). Place all asparagus in boiling water for about 3 minutes. Strain and place in an ice bath to stop the immediate cooking process.

Dry asparagus and place on a flat baking sheet with all the tips facing the same way.

Mix Parmesan and bread crumbs together and season with salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle bread crumb mixture on the base of the asparagus, leaving the tips exposed. Sprinkle with a little olive oil and place under the broiler until golden brown.

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Smart spending: Pay less for that ‘I do’ dress

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AP Retail Writer

Brides-to-be who don't have the funds, or the stomach, to spend thousands of dollars on a dress they'll wear only once don't have to pass up Italian silk for plain polyester.

If you're willing to sift through lots of frocks and forgo the champagne treatment a bridal boutique often provides, you can find a gorgeous gown for much less than the \$1,505 the average bride spends.

Here are six tips for scoring Madison Avenue glamour on a real-life budget.

— HIT SAMPLE SALES: At the sales where designers unload excess merchandise to make room for next season's garments, you'll find gowns discounted up to 75 percent. Most sales happen in early fall and spring, but you should email your favorite designers and the bridal salons that stock them to ask about planned events, says Heather Levine, fashion editor for wedding-plan-

ning site TheKnot.com.

Just be prepared to dig through racks of less-than-perfect merchandise: many of the dresses are floor models with sweat stains, ripped trains or other damage. If you're within driving distance of New York City, it's a sample sale every day at The Bridal Garden, a nonprofit shop that sells overstock donated by designers.

— BUY OFF THE RACK: Skip couture and buy ready-made from retailers like J. Crew, Ann Taylor, Nordstrom and White House Black Market, which have expanded their wedding collections. They offer high-quality dresses for one-tenth the price of an Oscar de la Renta. Nordstrom.com offers two dozen wedding dresses under \$400. The silk Sophia gown from J. Crew is a simple, elegant choice, and for \$250, you could afford to embellish it with a sash or hand beading. Anthropologie, beloved by women who favor vintage-inspired chic, lifts the veil on its debut wedding collec-

tion in February.

— EMBRACE SECONDHAND: Brides have found unusual vintage gowns at consignment stores for generations. Now you can find once-worn dresses online at sites like Pre-ownedWeddingDresses.com, OnceWed.com and RecycledBride.com or on general resale pages of Craigslist, eBay or regional parenting websites. Request a certificate of authenticity or a copy of the original receipt to ensure that the used Vera Wang gown you're interested in is the real deal.

Just beware, says the Knot's Levine, that a dress marked size 8 may have had three inches taken off its waistline or be otherwise altered and some hemline stains are hard to purge, even with professional cleaning. Also, if you're superstitious, you may want to avoid a gown put on the market by a jilted bride, divorcee or someone who broke off an engagement.

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Thalia Monique Rangel

Thalia Monique Rangel, a girl, was born at 2:11 a.m. Jan. 27, 2011, weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 inches long.

She is the daughter of Edward and Angelique Rangel Jr. of Big Spring. Grandparents are Prospero Yanez and Sally Yanez and Edward and Ida Rangel Sr., all of Big Spring. She was welcomed home by siblings Isaiah

Yanez and Anastasia, Isaac, Israel, Enchantra and Isabell Rangel.

Ellie Rhea Craig, a girl, was born at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 28, 2010, at Baylor Medical in Grapevine, weighing 9 pounds and was 21 inches long.

She is the daughter of Cody and Lauren Craig of Bedford. Grandparents are John and Cindy Middleton of Big Spring and Kim and Shelley Craig of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Harry and Janet Middleton of Big Spring, Eldon Carroll of Lubbock, John and Alline Craig of Lubbock and Tommy and Shirley Arnold of Menard.



Ellie Rhea Craig

Cafe Duran is the best

We've all heard of Columbian coffee, Jamaican Blue Mountain coffee and undoubtedly, Brazilian beans. But, What about other countries that produce the glorious brown stuff millions of us chug down every morning? I've been drinking coffee since roughly the age of 10 (mine and grandpa's little secret), so when I first went to Panama many years later I was ecstatic to try some of the beans the country had to offer.

Panamanian coffee has been severely underrated and overlooked in the past; however, in recent years many more coffee lovers, connoisseurs and distributors have



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heard the good word on the amazing coffee Panama has to offer. While you can find seriously select coffees like Café Geisha that can go for up to \$125 a pound at specialty coffee auctions in Panama, they aren't very practical for the everyday Joe. After trying nearly every brand of coffee that I could get my hands on in Panama City (none were disappointing in the least) I came up with two brands that I thoroughly enjoyed and return to time after time.

My first choice in Panamanian coffee is Café Duran. Café Duran is available in every grocery store and most restaurants or even pharmacies in Panama and it's for a good reason. It's great. I prefer the Café Tradicional which is robust, yet naturally sweet and smooth at the same time.

A 15-ounce bag will only set you back around \$5-6 in a Pana-

manian market and it's more than worth it in my opinion. You can order it online (at \$7.95 a bag) and have it shipped to the U.S. or e-mail them for information on shipping to other countries.

What I really like about Café Duran is that they have established a reforestation program on 2,000 acres in Chiriqui where numerous exotic mahogany and cedar trees have been planted.

They also implement their own recycling program for raw materials by using coffee cherries as natural fertilizer and grain husks as combustion in their roasting ovens.

They also use an advanced purifying system which eliminates any pollutants from entering the environment.

My other top pick would be Café Ruiz. Café Ruiz is slightly

more expensive than Café Duran but is also well worth the \$11-12 per 16-ounce bag. Café Ruiz is also grown in the Chiriqui province of Panama in Boquete and produces a rich, flavorful blend that is popular with countless Panamanians and coffee drinkers worldwide. You can check them out at www.ruizcoffee.com for full details on the brand and ordering.

Andrea Midkiff studied visual arts and education as an undergrad student who has recently received her Masters in Humanities from Tiffin University of Ohio. She writes a weekly blog on travel and investment in Panama, Central America, called thepanamagrango. She also works as a content writer for various web sites and occasionally writes marketing web copy.

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— RELIVE PROM: Brides complain that vendors automatically jack up prices when they hear the word "wedding." So consider a snow-white dress intended for another occasion. Early spring is a good time to shop the prom section at department stores and discounters. For a casual or outdoor wedding,

a bride could wear a bridesmaid dress in white, ivory or champagne.

— RENT YOUR DREAM DRESS: Consider doing what grooms — and red-carpet actors and actresses — have done for decades: Borrow. RenttheRunway.com let you wear a designer dress for 90 percent less than it would cost to own. You enter the date of your wedding and your two closest dress sizes. The garments are sent out for

a one-day fitting. You send them back, and the one you pick lands on your doorstep days before the event. After the wedding, you return the dress in a prepaid package. It's a great option for brides who want a less-formal dress, says CEO Jennifer Hyman. Accessorize with a statement piece from Adorn.com, where a \$15,000 pearl-and-diamond necklace in 18-karat gold rents for just \$75, including insurance.

— GET IT CUSTOM

MADE: If you feel you really must have a dream dress that's outside your price range, considering having a replica made in a less-expensive fabric and without some of the detailing, such as lace or beading. The best way to find a talented dressmaker in your area is to inquire at a high-end fabric store.

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Oops! Thousands wrongly claimed electric car tax credit

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Car companies like General Motors and Nissan are slowly rolling out rechargeable electric cars. But that didn't stop thousands of U.S. taxpayers, including prisoners and some IRS employees, from incorrectly claim-

ing lucrative tax credits for the electric vehicles last year.

A Treasury Department inspector general report says nearly 13,000 taxpayers erroneously claimed about \$33 million in credits for plug-in electric and alternative vehicles during the first six months of 2010. The inspector general

says about 20 percent of the \$163.9 million in credits provided to taxpayers were claimed in error. The report did not indicate whether the taxpayers made the claims out of confusion or purposely tried to take advantage of incentives for which they were not qualified.

President Barack

Obama has pushed for 1 million electric cars on the road by 2015 and the tax breaks are part of that strategy. The government has offered numerous incentives to drum up interest in the vehicles, including a \$7,500 tax credit for a plug-in electric drive

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Energy Watch



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Stealth sell-offs just as important as sharp sell-offs

Sometimes the market corrects in a sharp sell-off, while at other times it makes a more stealthy adjustment. The trading day on Friday, Jan. 28 was a recent example of a sharp sell-off. That day, continued civil unrest in Egypt as well as lackluster economic reports gave investors an excuse to take profits. Consequently, the Dow Jones Industrials Average experienced its first one-day decline of over 1 percent since all the way back in November 2010.

In contrast, during the week of Jan. 17, stocks fell victim to a stealth sell-off that didn't really show up in the news headlines. Many so-called "market darlings" were not spared from sizable pullbacks, even though the week as a whole appeared benign and quiet. Indeed, the Dow extended its weekly winning streak to eight with a modest increase of 0.7 percent. And the S&P 500 only fell by 0.7 percent after seven weeks of positive results. Not so bad when seen as a whole, which explains why the week seemed to fly under the news media's radar screens.

But the big picture didn't tell the whole story of a stealthy sell-off during the week, as other indicators gave rise to the question whether the market had reached a short-term top. Many banks, semiconductor companies, and even broad measures of mid- and small-cap indexes, experienced noteworthy declines in the range of 2-4 percent. In addition, the commodity sector took a hit. Our interpretation of these events was that the market benefitted from the pullback to remove some short-term excesses and to infuse a bit of short-term caution before a resumed climb.

Other commentators point to the fact that individual investors' return to equities is a sign of a market top. The Investment Company Institute, a trade organization, reported that retail (i.e., individual) investors poured \$3.8 billion more into stock mutual funds than they took out for the weekly period ending on Jan. 12. Furthermore, an article in the Wall Street Journal entitled, "Will Small Investors Ever Warm Up to Stocks Again?" quoted an economist who said that the recent inflows into stock mutual funds was an unequivocal signal to sell.

In our opinion, individual investors are still talking much more bullishly than they are acting. As pointed out in the same Wall Street Journal article, the \$3.8 billion in stock fund inflows only added 0.09 percent to the total assets in the U.S. stock market. We believe this is hardly a stampede by individual investors to get into stocks. Indeed, it is completely normal for mutual fund purchases to take a jump in January, as people invest their yearly bonuses and 401(k) contributions by both employees and employers take place.

No doubt, investors are contending with some stealthy cross-currents in the markets at this time. In addition, the sharp sell-off on Jan. 28 — coinciding with the Dow repeatedly flirting with 12,000, a level it hadn't seen in two and a half years — will reinforce the notion of a market top in the minds of bearish investors and may lead them to sell their investments. Whether the near future holds another sharp sell-off or another stealth sell-off, or both, we will remain attuned and on alert.

Past Performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced on Jan. 25 by Scott Marcouiller, Wells Fargo Advisors chief market strategist. Wells Fargo Advisors did not assist in the preparation of this article, and its accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed. Additional information is available upon request (432) 684-7335.



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From left, Susan Bowers, Director of the VA Southwest Health Care Network, Daniel Marsh, director of the West Texas VA Health Care System, and Dr. Jesse Burgard, WTVAHCS chief of mental health services, cut the ribbon to mark the opening of the local VA Medical Center's Veteran Healing Center Tuesday afternoon.

MyNextMove

Online tool to help first-time workers, those returning to workforce explore careers, find jobs

Special to the Herald

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Labor has announced the unveiling of a new Website called My Next Move, a tool aimed at providing jobseekers with information on more than 900 occupations, as well as local job openings and training opportunities.

Accessed at <http://mynextmove.dol.gov>, My Next Move is intended to assist all employment seekers. It may be especially useful for students, young adults and other first-time workers as they explore potential careers based on their interests. The tool complements the department's "mySkills myFuture" site at <http://www.mySkillsmyFuture.org>, which is designed to help those with previous work experience match their existing skills to new occupations.

"This administration is committed to expanding opportuni-



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ties for all Americans. That includes ensuring all workers — those with years of experience and those just entering the workforce — have the information they need to make informed career decisions and get good jobs," said Secretary Hilda L. Solis. "By leveraging technology in a user-friendly tool, My Next Move will help those seeking career guidance learn more about work opportunities in fields that are of interest to them and that are likely to have job openings today and well into the future."

The new website allows users to search for jobs by occupation, by industry and using the "O*NET Interest Profiler," which matches an individual's interests with suitable occupations by asking 60 questions. Since 2001, the department's Occupational Infor-

mation Network, or O*NET, has used a 180-question version of the profiler that could be printed out or downloaded to a personal computer. The new, streamlined version is available online for the first time as part of My Next Move.

Users can also search for jobs in three categories: careers with a "bright outlook" in growing industries, jobs that are part of the "green" economy and occupations that have a registered apprenticeship program.

Each occupation that a user selects has an easy-to-read, one-page profile, including information about what knowledge, skills and abilities are needed; the occupation's outlook; the level of education required; technologies used within the occupation; and other, similar jobs. In addition, each occupation page includes direct links to local salary information, training opportunities and relevant job openings.

Bernanke: More jobs needed for real recovery

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The United States can't fully recover from the worst recession in decades until hiring improves, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said this week.

The economy is strengthening, and will likely grow at a faster pace this year as more confident consumers and companies spend more, Bernanke said in a speech to the National Press Club. But he warned that growth won't be strong enough to quickly drive down high unemploy-

ment.

"Until we see a sustained period of stronger job creation, we cannot consider the recovery to be truly established," he said.

His remarks suggest the Fed will stick with its program to prime the economy by purchasing \$600 billion of

Treasury bonds by the end of June.

The Fed chief also issued a stern warning to Congress and the White House to come up with a plan to reduce the government's bloated budget deficits. And he told Congress not to play political games with the Treasury Depart-

ment's request to boost the government's borrowing authority beyond the current \$14.3 trillion statutory cap.

On the hiring front, Bernanke said it will take "several years" for unemployment to return to more normal

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Judgment and Sentence: Tyson Demetrius Barker, evading arrest or detention, \$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 75 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Jose Alfredo Gomez Jr., cruelty to non-livestock animals - failure to provide, \$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 75 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Melissa Rose Minter, possession of a controlled substance, \$750 fine, \$342 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Jeffrey Michael Haggard, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$457 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Nicholas Coy Hernandez, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Pedro C. Carrillo, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Luis Miguel Lopez, harassment, \$332 court costs, 20 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Tyson Demetrius Barker, burglary of a vehicle, \$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 75 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Tamara Nicole Russell, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 120 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Lana Ruth Munoz, theft of property - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$282 court costs, 20 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Russ C. Hesson, terroristic threat, \$450 fine, \$332 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Gilberto Ray Hinojos, failure to identify - giving false information, \$282 court costs, 10 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Kimberly Gaston Cogburn, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Johnny Jorge Rodriguez Jr., driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: John Carlos Lopez, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 90 days in jail.
District Court Filings:
Valarie Jean Armstrong vs. Bobby Ray Armstrong Jr., divorce.
Dina Wilkinson vs. David Wilkinson, divorce.
Paul Ross Castillo vs. Jose A. Talamantes Jr., injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
Target National Bank vs. Santiago Ter-cero Jr., accounts, notes and contracts.
Kayla M. Howard vs. Rusty R. Howard, divorce.
Ramona Stewart vs. Kenneth Stewart, divorce.
In Re Danny Harris, civil.
Jason Dagel vs. John W. Mullins, accounts, notes and contracts.
Marriage Licenses:
Lance Wade Brockman, 24, and Criselda Chavera, 23, both of Big Spring.
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motor vehicle and incentives for converting a car into a plug-in.
Auto companies are just beginning to mass market the vehicles. Since December, GM has sold 647 Chevrolet Volts, an electric car with a backup gasoline-powered engine.

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levels. Last month, the Fed chief was more specific, saying it would take four or five years for the unemployment rate to drop to a historically normal level of around 5.5 percent or 6 percent.
The Fed chief spoke before the government releases its employment snapshot for January. Economists believe the unemployment rate ticked up to 9.5 percent last month, from 9.4 percent in December, and employers added a net total of around 146,000 jobs. Job-creation would need to be twice as fast each month to make a noticeable dent in unemployment.
Still, Bernanke said Thursday's sharp decline in requests for unemployment benefits is encouraging. And he was hopeful that companies will become more willing to hire this year, saying he expected stronger jobs reports "pretty soon."

Discussing the nation's fiscal situation, Bernanke warned that the economy could be hurt if Congress and the White House fail to craft a long-term plan to reduce the government's \$1 trillion-plus budget deficits.
Persistent budget deficits will prompt investors to demand more returns on government loans, causing interest rates to soar. Higher

During the same period, Nissan sold 106 versions of the Leaf, which is powered by a rechargeable battery.
But a Treasury Department inspector general review of provisions in the economic recovery law found problems with thousands of taxpayers claiming the credits for cars that failed to qualify. For example, some car owners tried to claim the \$7,500 credit for their Hummer H3, Dodge Durango or Cadillac Escalade.

Someone claimed it for a golf cart.
The report said some IRS employees erroneously claimed the credits.
They were referred to the department's Office of Investigations for further review. The IRS and inspector general's office declined to provide additional details on the cases.
Even prisoners tried to take advantage. The inspector general found that 29 prison-

ers received \$49,926 in vehicle credits even though they were incarcerated throughout 2009.
The IRS agreed with a series of recommendations made by the inspector general to recover erroneous credits and to make changes to manuals and software systems to ensure that taxpayers don't claim vehicles that fail to qualify.
The report said efforts by IRS management to reduce

the incorrect claims helped the department protect \$3.1 million in revenue.
The IRS said in a statement it was "committed to running a balanced program on Recovery-related provisions, making sure we process taxpayer claims quickly and accurately while safeguarding against improper payments." The IRS said it was "taking aggressive steps to recapture the credits people erroneously claimed."

borrowing costs would crimp spending by consumers and businesses, slowing economic activity.
"If government debt and deficits were actually to grow at the pace envisioned, the economic and financial effect would be severe," Bernanke said.
The budget deficit has averaged approximately 9 percent of the nation's \$14 trillion economy over the past two years. That's up from an average of 2 percent during the three years before the recession, Bernanke said.
The Treasury Department has asked Congress to let it borrow more so that it can continue to pay its bills. In the unlikely event that Congress was to deny the request, the U.S. government would be

at risk of defaulting on its debt. Bernanke said the implications would be catastrophic. He urged Congress not to use the debt limit issue as a "bargaining chip" in broader discussions about how to reduce the government's debt and deficits.
On the economy, Bernanke said he expected inflation to be quite low despite a recent increase in commodities prices, such as oil and gasoline. The Fed has said that it believes competitive pressures will prevent companies from passing along all of these higher costs by significantly boosting prices to consumers.
Bernanke wouldn't talk about what economic impact, if any, political upheaval in Egypt would have on the U.S. and the global economy.

He attributed the rise in global food and oil prices to strong demand from fast-growing countries like China — not on the Fed's policies to stimulate growth in the United States.
Last week, Bernanke and his colleagues said the \$600 billion bond-purchase program is needed to help the

economy grow more strongly and ease unemployment. Low inflation gives the Fed leeway to stay the course.
A Fed committee headed by vice chair Janet Yellen will soon have recommendations on ways to improve the Fed's communications with the public and investors, Bernanke said.

One of the options is for Bernanke to have periodic press conferences. Bernanke said the Fed wants to be more open and do a better job of explaining its policies. At the same time, the Fed doesn't want to unnecessarily rattle financial markets by saying too much or not communicating clearly.

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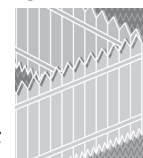
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus and Jupiter are in a cosmic tiff. The tense situation reaches the boiling point today and then simmers down over the next three days. You can avoid trouble by being as self-sufficient as possible in matters of the heart. Love and appreciate your own efforts, and by Wednesday, others will come around to do the same.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There will be a certain amount of chaos, and somehow you'll stay calm and focused anyway. Your powers of concentration are so impressive that you could be put in charge of an important job.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are good about periodically checking in with your loved ones, but there is one person you haven't talked to in too long a while. This will be an auspicious time to catch up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are at ease with a process that has many people puzzled, frustrated and perhaps even fearful. You can make a difference by helping others through the maze that you understand so well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your eyes and heart are wide open, and you won't miss a beat. When someone needs help getting a door open, you'll be right there with a smile. This is true both literally and figuratively.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a way of making things happen and of un-sticking people who are stuck. You speak frankly and make it easy for them to tell you honestly where they are in their process.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know that the key to happiness is in finding it right now instead of waiting until you have a better job, home or relationship. Whatever is going on at work, you make it fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be inspired by a risk taker. You don't always agree with this person, but you like the energy rush that comes from the association. You have your own ideas about what is appropriate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are still healing from a physical or psychic wound, and all is progressing perfectly in this regard. You're right to protect yourself, take it easy and let nature take over.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can see that someone needs help even before that person understands that to be the case. You'll offer your kind consideration, and it will take a while for the other person to respond.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've done most of the preliminary work on a project, and now you're ready to get into the juicy parts. You've earned this — so don't let anyone or anything stop you from enjoying it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Could you get rich off of your popularity? It's possible, especially for someone as friendly as you. Consider becoming a sales representative for a new product.

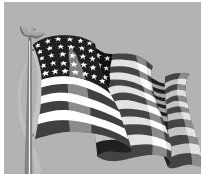
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You love beauty in whatever form it comes to you. When you're seeing something rare and wonderful, you recognize it right away. You'll have to point it out to the others who are not nearly as in tune.

and will still have enough free time to develop an important project. Someone invests in you in April. Travel in July brings financial gain. Scorpio and Leo people are enthusiastic admirers. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 24, 18 and 41.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Venus is quite the drama queen this week. First, she takes issue with Big Daddy Jupiter, accusing him of neglect. It may feel as though loved ones do not provide the quality attention that's needed. If that's what you think, you can be sure that others are thinking the same way about you. But fear not, extra measures can be taken to either clear up or avoid the whole problem. Make the effort to give your familiars the same kind of lovely eye contact and stellar manners that you would give a very important visitor — like the queen or the president. If you've fallen into the habit of calling to your loved ones from three rooms away, stop yourself. Go to them, and look them in the eye when you're talking. Be generous with your kind words and other displays of appreciation. By Wednesday, everything should be back to normal or, hopefully, better than normal. Venus will align with the dwarf planet Pluto on Wednesday to magnify our passions. There are those you hardly know and yet still feel very connected to for reasons you can't quite understand. That kind of relationship will become more significant in your life in the weeks to come.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Guns N' Roses lead singer Axl Rose may be the embodiment of a 1980s rock star, but he's also moving into the new decade with a fresh appetite for making new music. Rose has an unusual natal chart, as he was born when the sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn were all stationed in the musical realm of Aquarius. His moon is in sensitive and intuitive Pisces.

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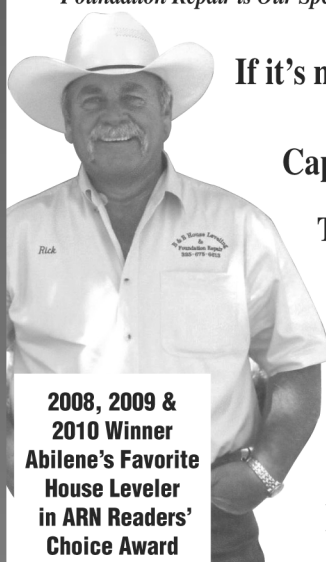
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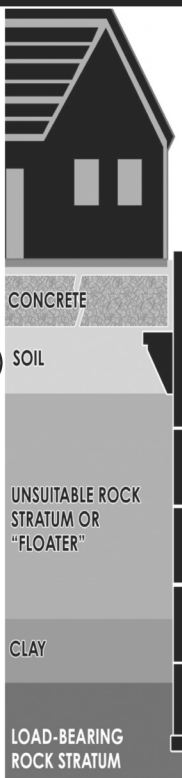
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FRED L. AKIN AND
EDITH AKIN, ET AL
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF SUIT TO
FORECLOSE TAX LIEN
PURSUANT TO PROPERTY
TAX CODE SECTION 33.57

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

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

1. A petition to foreclose the tax lien against each parcel shown on the Petition was filed on the 20th day of February, 2011, commencing foreclosure proceedings;

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

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

4. Final hearing on the Petition is scheduled for the 14th day of March, 2011 at 1:00 o'clock p.m.;

5. Each and every owner of any interest in each parcel the subject of this suit may lose whatever property interest they own in such parcel as a result of the hearing and any subsequent tax sale;

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

7. The name, address and telephone number of the taxing units are as follows:

Howard College
1001 Birdwell Lane
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone number: (432)264-5000
Howard County
300 S. Main
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone number: (432)264-2332
City of Big Spring
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone number: (432)264-2401
City of Coahoma
P. O. Box L
Coahoma, TX 79511
Telephone number: (432)394-4287
City of Forsan
P. O. Box 714
Forsan, TX 79733
Telephone number: (432)457-2355
Big Spring ISD
708 11th Place
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone number: (432)264-3620
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P. O. Drawer A
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Telephone number: (432)398-5444
Howard County Water Control and Improvement District
7917 N. Service Rd.
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Telephone number: (432)393-5233
Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District
P. O. Box 1314
Stanton, TX 79782
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The name, address and telephone number of the attorney for the taxing units is shown at the bottom of this notice;

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

Respectfully Submitted,
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A Professional Corporation
Attorneys at Law
P. O. Box 1030
Big Spring, TX 79721
Telephone No.: (432) 263-7676
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ATTORNEY FOR ALL
PLAINTIFF TAXING UNITS

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VS
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EDITH AKIN, ET AL
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
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118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL
PETITION
TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF
SAID COURT:

Now comes THE COUNTY OF HOWARD, which brings this action for itself and as agent for HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT, CITY OF BIG SPRING, BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY OF COAHOMA, CITY OF FORSAN, FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, HOWARD COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, and PERMIAN BASIN UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, hereinafter called Plaintiffs, whether one or more, and for cause of action would show the Court the following:

I
Defendants are those persons

and legal entities named and described in the attached Exhibits "1-69" if living, and if any or all of the named Defendant(s) be deceased, the unknown heirs of each of such deceased Defendant(s); the unknown owner or owners of any of the property the subject of this suit; the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees, devisees of the any Defendant; and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon any of the property the subject of this suit, on which property there are delinquent taxes, penalties and interest, assessed and justly due, owing, and unpaid to Plaintiffs in the amounts and for the years shown on the Tax Statement(s) made a part of each Exhibit attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if repeated verbatim, on each property separately assessed for all delinquent years up to and including 2009.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
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By: Drew Mouton
State Bar No. 14606400
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

EXHIBIT 1
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 6, Bk 2, Bowser Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$187.65 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1991-2009

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

Fred L. Akin
Edith Akin

EXHIBIT 2
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt 8, Bk 7, Earle's Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$949.75 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.

Years owed:
1992-2009

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Anna T. Alcantar
aka Anna Teresa Alcantar
607 Douglas St.
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 3
Property and Amounts Owed
E/40' of the W/80' of Lt 1, Bk 4, Earle's Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$578.13 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1993-1996 & 2003-2009

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Angelita Alvarez
aka Angelita H. Alvarez
503 West 8th St.
301 E. 19th St.
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 4
Property and Amounts Owed
Lts 7 & 8, Bk 14, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$770.84 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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D.M. Bales, W.E. Davis and Artie Bell Davis

The following are lienholders and may be notified by service of citation by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested at the address shown below:

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

EXHIBIT 5
Property and Amounts Owed
Being the E/86.5' out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit
TOTAL DUE:.....\$2,016.47 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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May Ballard
Lloyd Daniel Ballard
Jessie Gertrude Ballard Brackett
Morris Lee Ballard
Lucille Ballard Howland
1503 W. 5th St.
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 6
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt. 1, Bk 14, Jones Valley Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$385.42 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described

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James Barber

EXHIBIT 7
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt. 1, Bk 112, Original Town to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$670.16 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Mary E. Barrientos
907 E. 15th

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

EXHIBIT 8
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt. 6, Bk D, Moore's Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$240.29 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Tommie Biggs aka Tomie Biggs

Ruby Biggs
1009 Sgt. Paredes St.

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

EXHIBIT 9
Property and Amounts Owed
A parcel of land 50' by 50' in the SE corner of Lt 17, Bk 99, Original Townsite of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit; and A 46' square in the SW corner of Bk 99, in the town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$197.19 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1992-2009

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Julia Mendez Bonilla aka Julia M. Bonilla

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

EXHIBIT 10
Property and Amounts Owed
The W/105' of the N/15' of Lt 9, and the S/35' of Lt 9, Bk 16, Boyd-

stun Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

The W/105' of the S/5' of Lt 10, Bk 16, Boydston Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$2,662.47 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.

Years owed:
1990-2009

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Alvin Lee Brownfield
aka Alvin L. Brownfield

Nan Elizabeth Brownfield
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Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 11
Property and Amounts Owed

A tract of land out of the SE/4 of Sc 31, Bk 33, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit

TOTAL DUE:.....\$1,560.74 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.

Years owed:
1990-2009

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Milton Emsley Burnett
aka M.E. Burnett

EXHIBIT 12
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt. 28, Bk 4, Wrights Airport Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$767.82 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Erminia Bustamante
1113 Lloyd Ave.

Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 13
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt. 6, Bk A, Moore's Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$240.29 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Paubla T. Bustamante
and Rita Fierro

EXHIBIT 14
Property and Amounts Owed

Lot. 6, Bk 24, Boydston Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 8, Bk 1, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 9, Bk 1, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 10, Bk 1, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 3, Bk 2, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 5, Bk 2, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 3, Bk 3, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Lt 5, Bk 3, Rice Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

TOTAL DUE:.....\$9,406.30 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.

Years owed:
1990-2009

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W.D. Caldwell, Inc. by
and through Registered Agent

W.D. Caldwell
607 N. Benton St.

Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 15
Property and Amounts Owed

N/2' of Lt. 7, Bk 2, Muir Height's Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

TOTAL DUE:.....\$123.47 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.

Years owed:
1990-2009

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Coleman C. Calvert
Karen L. Calvert
RR1, Box 81

Holdenville, OK 74848

EXHIBIT 16
Property and Amounts Owed

Being a parcel of land out of Tract No. 42, of the Wm. B. Currie Subdivision, same being a part of the SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit
TOTAL DUE:.....\$501.13 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.
Years owed:
1990-2009

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Felicita G. Carrasco
aka Felicitas G. Carrasco

806 E. 13th

Big Spring, TX 79720

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City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren

310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 17
Property and Amounts Owed

Lt. 3, Bk 60, Original Town to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

TOTAL DUE:.....\$2,024.66 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.

Years owed:
1990-2009

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The following Defendant(s) are owners of a property interest in or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified at

L.M. Casselman

The following defendants are owners of a property interest in, or lien against, the property described in this exhibit and may be notified by service of citation by certified

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George Thaddeus Thomas
100 Lincoln
Big Spring, TX 79720
Jason Seay
P.O. Box 829
2406 Robb St.
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 66
Property and Amounts Owed
Lt. 8, Bk 22, Government Heights to Bauer Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$982.34 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.

Years owed:
1990-2009
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Mary Vera
706 NW 8th
1302 St. Hwy 176
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 67
Property and Amounts Owed
The S/100' of Tract 12, Wm. B. Currie Subdivision, out of the SE/4 Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas
TOTAL DUE:.....\$871.29 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.

Years owed:
1990-2009
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Wells Fargo Bank Texas, NA

fka State National Bank of El Paso
as Trustee of the Marital Trust and The Residuary Trust under the Will of Lucille S. Rogers, deceased
221 N. Kansas
El Paso, TX 79901

EXHIBIT 68
Property and Amounts Owed
A tract of land out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit
TOTAL DUE:.....\$2,977.15 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.

Years owed:
1995-2009
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Talmer Lee White
Iva Mae White
8901 Quarry Ridge Trail
Fort Worth, TX 76244
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City of Big Spring
Attn: City Attorney Linda Sjogren
310 Nolan
Big Spring, TX 79720

EXHIBIT 69
Property and Amounts Owed
A tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit
TOTAL DUE:.....\$6,659.34 plus additional penalty and interest which continues to accrue.

Years owed:
1990-2009

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William L. Woods
aka William L. Wood
4910 Hershey Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78220-4822
#6870 February 6 & 13, 2011

Dear Annie: We live in a community made up mostly of retired couples who rotate having dinner get-togethers. One of the men in our group seems unable to keep his hands out of the ice bucket.

His usual routine is to remove the ice tongs, stir the ice around with his hand and then lift some into his wife's glass and his own.

We've told him that this is unsanitary, but it seems to go over his head.

When filling my glass after him, I will often go to the refrigerator to get ice, and he always says, "There's still ice in the bucket."

His latest procedure is to announce to the whole room that he washed his hands before coming over.

Then he dives into the ice bucket. Are we expecting too much? Two ice buckets, one for him and one for everyone else? — *Phil from Philly*

Dear Phil: That is one solution. The other is to ask him why he doesn't use the tongs.

Some people find them difficult to grasp. Your friend may have some arthritis and not want you to know.

Try putting a serving spoon in the bucket and see if it makes a difference.

The hosts could also bring out the ice bucket and fill everyone's glass

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KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

at the beginning of the dinner, precluding the need for your friend to stick his hands in it.

Dear Annie: Two months ago, a dear friend died. He had named me as his emergency contact and had given me a copy of his living will.

I knew he had two children, but they did not have a close relationship, and I had only a vague idea of their first names and where I thought they resided.

After his death, I did everything I could think of to find them. So did the hospital and funeral home.

A search of my friend's possessions turned up no information.

The funeral director tried the sheriff's office and the State Patrol. We all searched the Internet and came up with nothing.

Two days ago, I received an irate phone call from his daughter, who claimed she recently found out about her father's death via the Internet.

She told me it was my responsibility to try to get in touch with her and accused me of having no

morals.

I was absolutely stunned and hurt by her accusations. I explained that everything possible had been done to locate her, and that I did the best I could with the information I had at the time.

I later learned that she called the funeral home and my friend's apartment manager, blaming them, as well.

My friends tell me she probably feels guilty for not keeping in contact with her father and this is why she is lashing out.

They say I shouldn't blame myself, but I am heartsick at the thought that perhaps I could have done more in this situation. What do you think? — *Sad Friend*

Dear Sad: We think your friends are right. You did nothing wrong, and the girl undoubtedly feels guilty.

It's easier for her to blame others than recognize that her father didn't care if she knew about his death.

Your job was to attempt to find the children, and you fulfilled your duty honorably. Our condolences on your loss.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Disappointed Church Member," whose pastor wouldn't pray for her husband because he attends a different church.

I am Jewish, and at my synagogue, we say a Hebrew prayer for healing at each service. Before the prayer, a list of those who are ill is read aloud, followed by the question, "Does anyone have any other names?"

It makes me proud of my faith to hear the names of both Jews and Christians.

"Disappointed" should tell her pastor that this is a common practice, not only among different churches but also across different faiths. — *Southern Jew*

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bobby Lee Mears, Deceased, were issued on January 24, 2011, in Cause No. P-13929, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Bryan Keith Mears.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Bryan Keith Mears**
1608 Bailey
San Angelo, TX 76901

DATED the 24th day of January, 2011.

GLYNNA MOUTON
Attorney for
Bryan Keith Mears
State Bar No.: 14606500
200 West Third Street
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone: (432)263-7676
Facsimile: (432)263-8686
#6889 February 6, 2011

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Lee Lewis Construction, Inc. will receive proposals for the **Asbestos Abatement and Demolition of College Heights Elementary**. Proposals are due by 2:00pm, February 24, 2011. No proposals will be accepted after this time. Please fax in proposals to the below referenced number.

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc.
7810 Orlando Ave.
Lubbock, Texas 79423
P:806-797-8400
F:806-797-8492

A Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be conducted on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 2:00PM at College Heights Elementary, 1801 South Goliad; Big Spring, TX.

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Public Notice

The County will list larger surplus items as they become available online at www.GovDeals.com. Please check the website periodically as the County will not advertise each item.

#6875 February 6, 2011

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6221-71-001 for REST AREA TOTAL MAINTENANCE, OPERATION, & REPAIR in NO-LAN County, etc will be opened on March 08, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$4,224,000.00.
All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 6221-71-001 to be held on February 22, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the 150 EAST RIVERSIDE DR, ROOM 1B.1, AUSTIN TX.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below.

If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 35425

State Office
Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
#6888 February 6 & 13, 2011

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3 Shania Twain, e.g.
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5 Designer of the Mae West Lips Sofa
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8 Big chunk of show biz
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11 Scout's project
12 Torn
13 Post stuff
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26 Energy source since 1942
27 They may overcome the competition
28 1 Down aardvark
29 Water chestnut's family
31 Frequent sci-fi subjects
34 Some wet bars
35 Unerring
38 About 1 o'clock, for short
40 Finds new players for
41 Federal agency whose first head was FDR, Jr.

42 Literally, "harbor wave"
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49 Approach perfection
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Unemployment falls to 9 percent

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WASHINGTON — The unemployment rate is sinking at the fastest pace in half a century because a surprisingly large number of people in a survey of households say they're finding work.

That picture is more encouraging than the results of a separate government survey of businesses that shows weak job growth last month. But that survey doesn't count the self-employed and likely undercounts the nation's smallest businesses. Also, harsh weather disrupted business payrolls in January.

The unemployment rate dropped sharply last month to 9 percent, based on a government survey that found that more than a half-million people found work. A separate Labor Department survey of company payrolls showed 36,000 net jobs created — barely a quarter of the number needed to keep pace with population growth.

The government's survey of households, which is used to calculate the unemploy-

ment rate, measures the self-employed, farm workers and household employees. Many economists also say the household survey includes more people who work at small companies.

The number of people who called themselves self-employed rose by 165,000 to 9.7 million in January, the report said. That's the highest total since last May.

"It is clear that the drop in unemployment reflected more jobs being added, not a drop in the labor force," said Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight.

Harsh snowstorms last month also affected the payroll survey. They cut into construction employment, which fell by 32,000, the most since May. Transportation and warehousing was also likely affected and fell by 38,000 — the most in a year.

"The thumbprints of the weather were all over this report," said Neil Dutta, an economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Hiring was suppressed last month and will likely rebound in February, he said. "We know the

job market is recovering."

In another bright spot, manufacturing added 49,000 jobs, the most since August 1998. And retailers added 28,000 jobs, the largest number in a year.

Treasury yields rose after the report came out, a sign that traders think the job market is improving.

The unemployment rate has fallen by eight-tenths of a percentage point in the past two months. That's the steepest two-month drop in nearly 53 years.

But part of that drop has occurred as many of those out of work gave up on their job searches. When unemployed people stop looking for jobs, the government no longer counts them as unemployed.

The number of people who have given up looking rose to 2.8 million last month, from 2.6 million in December. About one million of those workers said they were discouraged. The others stopped looking because they returned to school or for other reasons.

And the participation rate, which is the percentage of

the working-age population working or looking for work, fell to a 26-year low of 64.2 percent.

The number of people unemployed fell by more than 600,000 in January to 13.9 million. That's still about double the total that were out of work before the recession began in December 2007.

The January jobs report also includes the government's annual revisions to the employment data, which showed that fewer jobs were created in 2010 than previously thought. All told, about 909,000 net new jobs were added last year, down from a previous estimate of 1.1 million. The economy lost about 8 million jobs in 2008 and 2009.

In the past three months, the economy generated an average of 83,000 net jobs per month. That's not enough to keep up with population growth.

The weakness in the government payroll survey was widespread. Restaurants and hotels cut 2,200 jobs. Governments shed 14,000 positions. And temporary help agencies eliminated 11,000 jobs. Finan-

cial services lost 10,000 positions.

Education and health care services, one of the few steady job generators through the downturn, added 13,000 jobs, the fewest in almost two years. Financial services lost 10,000 jobs.

The number of people employed part time, but who would like full-time work, fell sharply to 8.4 million, from 8.9 million in December. When taken together with the people who have given up looking for work, the so-called "underemployment" rate was 16.1 percent. That's down from 16.7 percent the previous month.

Other recent reports show the economy is picking up. Factories are cranking out more goods, retail sales are increasing, and fewer people are applying for unemployment benefits.

Consumers are spending more and businesses are investing in more equipment and machinery. That's expected to lift economic growth to 3.2 percent this year, according to an AP survey of economists.



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► Church News

First Christian Church

You are invited to attend First Christian Church, located at the corner of E. Ninth and Goliad. Sunday starts with coffee, juice and doughnuts at 9:30 a.m., before Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. We have several classes for all ages. Church starts at 10:50 a.m. Each week, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth McIntosh brings a great message from the Bible. These messages help us have a greater relationship with other persons in a way that Jesus wants all persons to act. He also has a great kid's moment with the kids in the church each Sunday morning.

As we finish up the first month of 2011 and start February here at

First Christian Church, we pray that you have had a great start to this new year, and if you need to find a church please come in and worship the Lord with us this Sunday.

We celebrate communion every week. The Lord's Table is the center of our worship each time we worship. We practice an open table, which means anyone who is a follower of Jesus is welcomed at the communion table. Christ is remembered as we offer to one another the bread and cup of remembrance.

This Sunday is the fifth Sunday after Epiphany in the Christian calendar — Ken will be sharing his message entitled, "What Are You Full of?" from the book

of Romans 12:9-21

Choir will have practice Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the church. Anyone wanting to be in the choir needs to come to choir practice. To check with the choir director, call Ruth at 935-6460.

There is also a group that meets in the fellowship hall on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. which is TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), a weight support group. To get more information about TOPS please call 213-1342.

There will a Worship Committee Meeting on Wednesday the 9th at 7 p.m. at the church. So if you are on the Worship Committee, try to make arrangements to be there for the meeting.

The Outreach Mission here in Big Spring is our Isaiah 58 Food Pan-

try at 107 Runnels St. It is open Mondays at 4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m. and again from 4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. for food and clothing assistance. We are always in need of volunteers to help in unloading, putting items up, boxing items for the clients during the three sessions that we are open, so if you any time to volunteer call 263-4758 on Monday or Tuesday.

We have a combined youth group with First Presbyterian, and St Mary's Episcopal that meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. Each church takes a month to host the youth group. This February, First Presbyterian will be hosting the group at Runnels and Eighth.

Great Texas Soup Cook-Off set Feb. 19

STANTON — The 22nd Annual Great Texas Soup Cook-Offs set for Saturday, Feb. 19 in the Martin County Community Center.

This is the Martin County Convent, Inc. yearly fund-raiser to restore and protect the historic Carmelite Monastery building.

"Come and be a part of this event and earn a year of bragging rights," said Kim Baker, Martin County Chamber of Commerce director. "The soup cook-off is a terrific way to get out your best recipe and compete with other chefs from around the Permian Basin for the greatest tasting soup."

The public votes for the soup of their choice and plaques are given for the top three winners and the best decorated table, Baker said.

Along with the soup cook-off there will be a Desert Auction. The contests will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Baker at 432-756-3386.

The Martin County Convent, Inc. is a non-profit group of citizens working to restore and maintain the Historic Carmelite Monastery.

► Menus

Big Spring Senior Center

Monday: Chicken and dumplings, crackers, seasoned green beans, tossed salad, banana pudding, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburger steak with gravy, potatoes with pimento, steamed broccoli, lime pineapple gelatin, milk.

Wednesday: Roast beef with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, rolls, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Thursday: Beef & macaroni casserole, seasoned zucchini, rolls, peaches and cherries, milk, V8 juice.

Friday: Steak with peppers and onions, mixed vegetables, pasta salad, Texas toast, apricots, milk.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast – Oatmeal, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch – Smothered steak, creamed potatoes, peaches, bread, milk. McRibbs.

Tuesday: Breakfast – Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch – Pizza, salad, oranges, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – Pancake sausage on a stick, juice, milk; Lunch – Cheeseburger pockets, baked beans, strawberries, milk. Hot Pocket.

Thursday: Breakfast – Pop Tarts, sausage, apple sauce, milk; Lunch – Homemade burritos, potato salad, apples, milk. Corndogs.

Friday: Breakfast – French toast, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch – Taco beef pie, ranch beans, baby carrots, Jell-O with fruit, milk. Burritos.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast – Blueberry muffin, juice, milk; Lunch – Rib patty sandwich, potato rounds, baked beans, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – Sausage roll, juice, milk; Lunch – Green enchiladas, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, orange smiles, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – Breakfast burrito, juice, milk; Lunch – Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sliced apples, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – Cinnamon french toast, juice, milk; Lunch – Chicken fajitas, tortrilla, ranch beans, spanish rice, apricot cobbler, milk.

Friday: Breakfast – Breakfast quesadilla, juice, milk; Lunch – Hamburger, french fries, lettuce and tomatoes, pickles, fresh fruit, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast – Cinnamon roll, juice, milk; Lunch – Beef fajitas, pinto beans, seasoned corn, rosie applesauce, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast – Scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch – Grilled chicken sandwich, veggies, tater tots, baby carrots, peaches and cream, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast – Biscuit, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch – Beef tips and noodles, green beans, apple and orange smiles, spice cake, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast – Sausage on a stick, juice, milk; Lunch – Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli with cheese, garlic toast, fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Breakfast – Cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch – Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, pineapple-orange salad, milk.

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