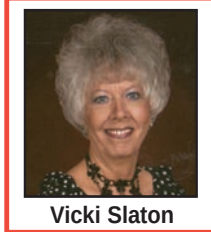


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Dale Pittman pours batter onto the grill during the Big Spring Kiwanis Club's annual Pancake Supper Friday evening at Howard College's Student Union Building.

Spring forward

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

HC acquires contractor for dorms

Renovations to be made this summer

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer


Hansen

During a special meeting Friday, Howard College trustees approved the hiring of a Weatherford firm to oversee renovation of student dormitories this summer.

RBR Construction was selected over five other proposals, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

The $3.5 million renovation project, which will upgrade the dormitories' electrical, plumbing, heating and ventilation systems, is expected to begin immediately after students vacate the dorms for the summer in mid-May.

Aside from being the low bidder, the firm was selected based on a grading process, said Terry Hansen, executive vice president of the college.

"In the competitive sealed proposal format, you establish selection criteria that includes the cost of the bid, references, past experience and other factors," Hansen said. "We graded each of the proposals ... and RBR ended up with the best score."

"It was close," Sparks said. "Out of the six proposals, there was just fractions of a point differentiating the different bids."

The dormitory renovations are being financed through a $3.5 revenue bond approved by trustees earlier this year. Unlike tax bonds, it will be repaid through student fees and not tax money.

Hansen said the received bids all exceeded the $3.5 million raised by bonds. The

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Officials: Upgrades at BSHS a must to meet safety and educational needs

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles about Big Spring Independent School District's $60 million bond election scheduled for May 8.

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Among the variety of projects Big Spring Independent School District officials hope to finance through a $60 million construction bond are $12 million in renovations to the local high school.

Big Spring High School was originally constructed in the early 1950s, with an addition built in the 1960s. While certainly spacious — the building was designed for 2,500 students and currently houses 975 — the campus is need of several renovations, officials said.

"Because it's so big — it only has 40 percent of the students it once had — it's not as big of a replacement priority as the elementary schools. It's got plenty of room, so we'll be in good shape with these improvements"


Stevens

Those needed upgrades are literally from the top down, starting with the roof, said Dr. Michael Stevens, special assistant to the superintendent.

The roof — three separate roofs, actually, Stevens said — were last renovated following a major hail storm in 1996. Since that time, water seepage has blistered the roof surface and weakened structural supports.

Work last summer to clear the roof drains alleviated but did not eliminate the problem, he said.

"What happened is that you actually have three separate roofs on that building," Stevens said. "You have the original roof, then one on top of that and another on top of that. You've got to go down to the bottom to make it right."

While repairing the roof, officials also want to install new lighting and a fire-suppression system.

The new lighting system would be more energy efficient, saving

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Health Fair booths available

Just one week remains to reserve one for $80, however

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

A renewed interest in diet and exercise makes the lure of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Health Fair even more relevant for health-related businesses and corporations this year.

The event — in its 28th year — is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10. The theme is "Wild About Good Health." Admission is free.

"In this day and age, everywhere you look there is an emphasis on losing weight, exercising, proper diet," said Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde. "If you have a business or organization that has anything to do with health, we'd like to have you set up at the Health Fair. We are encouraging people who have not signed up to get their $80 booths by March 19."

Booth spaces are available through Friday, March 19, for $80 each and include a 10x10 space, a skirted table, two chairs, a trash can and a sign with the name of the vendor.

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Lady Steers off to hot start in San Marcos

Herald Staff Report

SAN MARCOS — The Lady Steers are cleaning up at the San Marcos Rattler Classic.

The Lady Steers went 3-0 in pool play and took a win in the first round of bracket play, taking the top seed into Saturday's championship bracket.

Kenzie Hunt was exceptional for Big Spring (13-5), earning wins over Wimberly, San Marcos and previously undefeated Argyle.

"Everyone played well today with each person on the team contributing," coach John Sparks said. "Today seemed to be a confidence builder for the girls. They are having fun and growing as a team."

Hunt struck out six from the circle in a 2-0 win over Wimberly while tossing the shutout. The Lady Steers got the only offense they would need in the opening frame when Hunt scored Logan Yarbar on a squeeze play and Jillian Valle scored later on a wild pitch.

The Lady Steers took a close one in their second game 4-3 over Palacios. The Sharks got on the board in the first, but Big Spring came back in the second when Macy Briggs drove Valerie Ross home with a double, and again in the third when Hunt scored Linzee Yarbar and Brandi Gutierrez. The Lady Steers took the lead for good when Gabby Torres drove a single to left field to score Briggs.

Hunt again led the Lady Steers to a win over tournament host San Marcos 2-1 in the third game, allowing just one run in the third inning.

"San Marcos put the ball in play and made us make a play," coach John Sparks said. "I was very pleased with how we stayed focused through the whole game."

The Lady Steers got what proved to be the winning run in the third, when Carson Riebe scored on a Valle single.

In seeding play, the Lady Steers took down Dallas-Fort Worth area Argyle 10-0, which was previously unbeaten. Hunt again earned the victory, striking out nine in the win.

She drove in two runs in the first inning, scoring Linzee Yarbar and Valle. Valle singled in the second to score both the Yarbar sisters, and the Big Spring offense was in high gear as it pounded out 10 runs in the game.

Grady rebounds way to state finals

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

AUSTIN — The Cinderella shoe fits for the Grady Wildcats.

Grady, the only team new to the state tournament from last season, moved on to the Class A Division II finals Friday with a 63-57 win over Leggett at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

The Wildcats move on to the state championship Saturday against Nazareth. Tipoff is 7 p.m. Saturday.

"I've said it all year, but these kids play with heart and guts, and they played like that today," Grady coach Shawn Harrison said.

Shane Teague scored 19 points, one of four Grady (31-4) players in double figures. Bryley Pinkerton and Dylan Cox each scored 12 and Jacob Rodriquez chipped in 11.

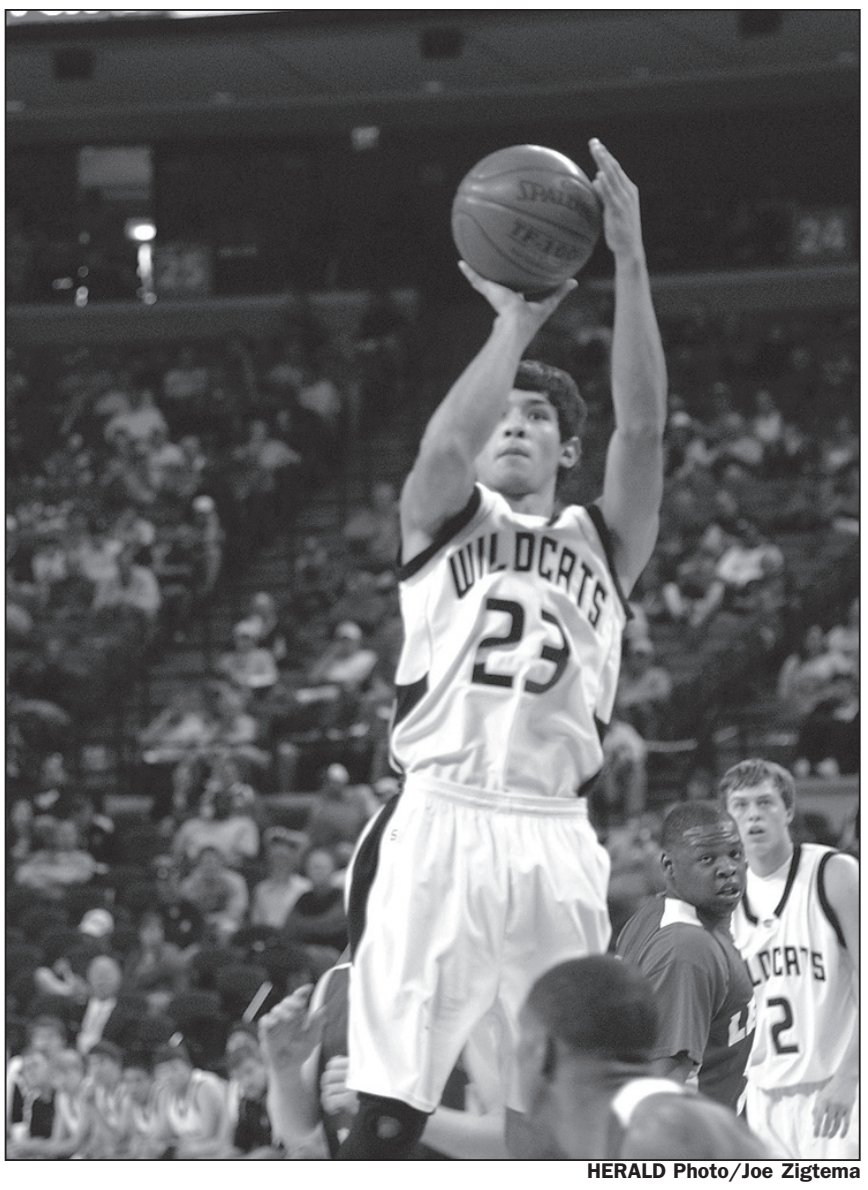
"They were smaller than us so I tried to get in the post, and I was knocking down my shots from outside so that really helped us," Teague said.

The Wildcats were dominant on the boards against a Leggett team that had one player at the 6-foot mark, outrebounding the Pirates 58-36. Cox grabbed 14 boards and Teague and Rodriquez each pulled down 11.

"We had the height advantage, the physical advantage, we just played hard, blocked out well and went up and got some boards," Cox said.

Grady held Leggett point guard Joe Johnson in check just enough to pull out the win. Johnson finished with 32 points, six steals and five assists.

"We couldn't really do anything to stop him," Shawn Harrison said. "We just tried to get in his way and hoped he missed his shots."



HERALD Photo/Joe Zigtema

Shane Teague lets a shot go Friday during Grady's 63-57 semifinal win over Leggett. The Wildcats played Nazareth for the state title at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Grady used a 6-0 run in the first quarter to lead much of the first half. Pinkerton started the run with a jumper from the lane and the Wildcats took at 15-9 lead at the end of the first frame.

The Wildcats traded buckets with Leggett in the second quarter until the Pirates' Johnson led a 6-0 run, including a buzzer-beating two to pull his team within two at half. Teague had

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Forsan takes down state champion Miles

Herald Staff Report

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffs put district 7-A — and defending state champion Miles — on notice Friday at Forsan High School.

The Buffs didn't make it pretty, but they turned a Miles comeback into a walkoff win over the Bulldogs at Forsan High School for their ninth straight win.

Payton Parker tossed six solid innings for the Buffs as they built a 10-4 lead going into the seventh. He scattered six hits over six, struck out four and allowed just two earned runs. Dylan Lowrey pitched the seventh, where he allowed two hits and one earned run, but six crossed the plate in the frame due to three errors.

Lowrey made up for it in the bottom half of the inning though, as he singled and took advantage of two Miles errors to come home for the score.

"We wanted to obviously play better today, but an ugly win is better than an ugly loss," coach Jason Phillips said. "Hopefully we can get rolling again, play better defense and we'll be alright."

Forsan (9-0) got three RBI each from Foster Burchett and Ryan Flores, plus two from Evan Burton.

"They threw two pretty good pitchers at us, and we were patient at the plate," Phillips said. "We drew a lot of walks, and top to bottom we put the ball in play a lot and took advantage of some errors."

Phillips noted the Buffs' tenacity on the base paths, which he said won Forsan the game.

"We're very aggressive, probably sometimes too aggressive on the bases," he said, "but we've got some speed that we can do some things with."

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Kansas State holds off late Baylor charge

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Standing along the baseline opposite the ball, Dominique Sutton raced to the other side of the rim and snatched

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Kansas zone defense freezes Aggies; Jayhawks roll to victory

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas does not often use a zone defense, and a shell-shocked Texas A&M must be wondering why.

Outplayed all night, the No. 1 Jayhawks went with a zone and a variation of a zone and embarked on a stunning 21-2 run that broke a tight game wide open Friday night and led them to a 79-66 victory over the No. 23 Aggies in a Big 12 semifinal.

Xavier Henry scored 11 points in the run, while Texas A&M went 8 minutes without a field goal.

"Maybe it just got them out of rhythm, and it was hard for them to get it back," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "Whether it was the zone or our offense or whatever, we played pretty good the last 10 minutes. We got the ball where it needed to go and our first-shot defense was good and we rebounded the ball pretty well."

Texas A&M (23-9) led by as many as nine points early in the second half while the regular-season Big 12 champion Jayhawks (31-2) fouled and fumbled and committed turnover after turnover.

But when the Aggies went cold, the Jayhawks went hot, hitting seven straight shots at one point.

"I thought we were great for 32 minutes," Texas A&M coach Mark Turgeon said. "My guys gave it everything they had. They executed, they defended. We're not going to make any excuses. But for 32 we were really good."

Sherron Collins had six of his 26 points in the big run that made Kansas 16-1 all-time against the Aggies and sent them into the finals against the semifinal winner between No. 9 Kansas State and No. 21 Baylor.

Donald Sloan, playing in his school-record 136th game, hit a jumper at the 8:52 mark that put the Aggies on top 57-56. But A&M didn't have another bucket until Sloan connected with 45.8 seconds left. Sloan led the Aggies with 24 points.

"They're really good when they're really physical like that," Texas A&M's Bryan Davis said. "They hit three big 3s. The physicality of the game had been pretty much even until the last 8 minutes of this game and they were able to pull away from us."

Marcus Morris, the Jayhawks' third-leading scorer, picked up his fourth foul with 11:58 to play and the Aggies holding a 51-48 lead. Less than a minute later, Cole Aldrich went to the bench with his third. With Morris and Aldrich both on the bench and A&M leading 55-51, Kansas coach Bill Self went with the zone and a small lineup with only one player over 6-foot-6.

Henry immediately drained a 3-pointer that ignited the game-turning run that gave Bill Self his 200th win as coach of the Jayhawks, one game after the storied program recorded all-time win No. 2,000.

"My 11 points, it was all my teammates finding me," Henry said. "They looked for me all the time and I just tried to find the open shot."

Officials called a double technical foul on Markieff Morris and Davis after the teams began jawing at each other while struggling for the ball under the Aggies basket. Coaches went on to the court to separate everyone.

Texas A&M, a 59-54 loser at home to Kansas in February, also got 14 points from Khris Middleton and 12 from B.J. Holmes. Henry had 15 points and Markieff Morris had 10, while Cole Aldrich, plagued by turnovers in the first half had nine points

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Tips for a blowout barbecue on a budget

FAMILY FEATURES

With spring around the corner, it's time to dust off the grill (if you put it away, that is) and showcase your skills with an early start to one of America's favorite family pastimes — charcoal grilling. An outdoor cookout is an inexpensive way to gather family and friends for great-tasting barbecue that celebrates the start of warmer weather.

Whether it's a quick meal fired up for the family, or a big backyard cookout for the whole neighborhood, grilling gives you the flexibility to prepare delicious food that feeds a crowd without spending a fortune. Try these cash-saving tips:



Champion Pitmaster Chris Lilly

- Ribs, whether beef or pork, are an inexpensive, yet popular star of any cookout. "The secret to any rib is to cook it low and slow so you get tender meat and great flavor," says Chris Lilly, owner of Big Bob Gibson Bar-B-Q in Decatur, Ala. and six-time Memphis in May champion.
- Expensive cuts of meat tend to get a lot of attention — but you can create a great meal with a cut that costs less. Try grilling chicken wings instead of chicken breasts, or go with flank steak for a different beef option.
- Nothing says a backyard barbecue like a hot dog — try taking this staple to the next level by topping with flavorful fixings right from the charcoal grill, such as onions, peppers or a spicy corn relish.
- Hamburgers are the most popular food to hit the grill for very good reasons — everyone loves them and they are inexpensive to prepare. These days, burgers seem to be getting bigger and badder, but grilling veteran Lilly recommends keeping it simple. To achieve burger perfection, choose fresh ground beef and handle it as little as possible. That means flipping just once while cooking!
- Choosing the right charcoal is key to any cookout. This spring, Kingsford charcoal has improved its briquet formula to make it better than ever. America's top-selling charcoal now features deeper, wider and longer grooves to catch the flame more quickly and burn longer, making your bag of charcoal last longer.

For more tips, recipes and instructional videos inspired by new Kingsford briquets, visit Kingsford.com.

Pepper and Herb Crusted Flank Steak

Created by Champion Pitmaster Chris Lilly

Expert's note: The flank steak is one of the most overworked muscles of all cuts of beef. If prepared wrong, it is the toughest. If prepared right, it is one of the best-tasting charcoal-grilled foods. Try using this versatile cut of beef as a topping for salads, a filling for quesadillas, or as a signature entrée. Some fresh herbs, a quick grill, and KC Masterpiece on the side will make this steak explode with flavor.



Makes: 6 servings
Prep time: 15 minutes, plus 2 to 12 hours for marinade
Cook time: 10 minutes

- **2 flank steaks, approximately 2 pounds each**
- **1/4 cup thyme, freshly minced**
- **2 tablespoons tarragon, freshly minced**
- **2 tablespoons black pepper, coarsely ground**
- **1 tablespoon rosemary, freshly minced**
- **4 cloves garlic, finely minced**
- **2 teaspoons salt**
- **2 teaspoons brown sugar**
- **2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil**
- **2 teaspoons soy sauce**
- **1 teaspoon crushed red pepper**

Add all seasonings together in a small bowl and mix well, forming a coarse paste. Spread paste evenly over both sides of each flank steak. Wrap each flank steak individually with plastic cling wrap and refrigerate for 2 to 12 hours.

Build a charcoal fire for direct grilling. Grill steaks directly over coals (approximately 450° to 500°F) for 5 minutes on each side. Internal temperature of steak should reach 140° to 150°F for medium rare to medium doneness.

For optimum tenderness, cut flank steaks across the grain into 1/4-inch slices and serve.

Grilled Chicken Wings

Created by Champion Pitmaster Chris Lilly

Serves: 4
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 1 1/2 to 2 hours

- **4 tablespoons granulated garlic**
- **2 teaspoons red pepper**
- **1 teaspoon salt**
- **1 pound chicken wings**
- **1 1/2 cups Hidden Valley Original Ranch dressing**
- **2 cups KC Masterpiece Original Barbecue Sauce**

Light grill using Kingsford Charcoal with Sure Fire Grooves. Mix garlic, red pepper and salt; rub onto wings. Pour ranch dressing into food storage bag; add wings. Shake bag to coat wings.

Remove wings from bag; place on aluminum foil, fold into cooking pockets and seal tightly. Place pockets on main grill rack for about an hour and a half. Remove wings from pockets and finish directly on grill over moderate flame. Turn every two minutes until wings develop a crust.

Baste wings with barbecue sauce. Serve warm.

If smoker is available, arrange wings on smoker. Cook for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Remove and place on grill over moderate flame and grill as directed above.

Expert Grilling Tips to Kickstart the Season

- Your grill may be a little rusty from the off-season, so before you begin cooking, make sure it's in competition-level condition. Scrub the grate with a stiff wire grill brush to remove any residual food and always discard any ashes in the grill before cooking to ensure your meal absorbs the maximum amount of flavor.
- Find the perfect spot in the backyard to set up the grill. Grills should always be positioned in a flat area, such as a patio or designated lawn space and should never be used in covered areas.
- Build the right fire by using different briquet arrangements depending on what you're grilling. Thinner pieces of meat respond best to high-temperature, direct-heat grilling, so spread the coals out evenly across the grate. Thicker pieces of meat cook perfectly without burning the outside with a two-zone fire. Stack briquets to one side of the grate to create high and low temperature zones. Begin cooking directly over the coals until the outside of the meat has reached the desired doneness; then move the meat to the low temperature zone to finish cooking.
- Choosing the right charcoal is key to any cookout and can save you time and money. A bag of quality charcoal will last longer, so you can enjoy more cookouts and more great-tasting barbecue. This spring, Kingsford charcoal has improved its briquet formula to make it better than ever. America's top-selling charcoal now features deeper, wider and longer grooves, allowing it to light easier, heat faster and burn just as long as before.

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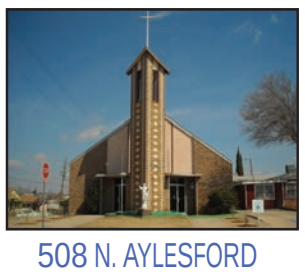
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Obituaries

Michael D. 'Mike' Zimmerman



Michael D. "Mike" Zimmerman, 57, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 11, 2010, in a local hospital.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, March 15, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Mike was born Nov. 8, 1952, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Clifford and Thenna (Ashton) Zimmerman and married Lea Conley on May 22, 1995.

Mike worked in the lumber yard for Harris Ace Hardware for 11 years. He loved woodworking, especially making furniture in his shop.

Survivors include his wife, Lea Zimmerman of Big Spring; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jeremiah and Jennifer Zimmerman of England, Joseph and Annissa Zimmerman of Arizona and Mike and Amber Conley of Colorado; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shawnna-Anne and Perry Benson of Virginia and Cynthia and Matt Graham of Colorado; eight grandchildren; his mother, Thenna Zimmerman of Arizona; one brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Sue Zimmerman of Arizona; one sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Paul Jones of Missouri; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Zimmerman in January of 2004.

The family would like to especially thank Mike's "Ace Hardware Family" and suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, in care of Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th, Big Spring 79720.

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

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Thomas Willard Myles



Thomas Willard Myles, 86, a well driller and salesman of drilling equipment, died Feb. 24 in Prince Frederick, Md., from congestive heart complications.

Mr. Myles was born in Big Spring and was raised in nearby Ackerly. After graduating from high school he served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in World War II in England, France, Belgium and the Philippines. For 20 years after the war he was engaged in well drilling, primarily in West Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. In 1966 he began a second career as a sales representative for the drilling equipment manufacturer George E. Failing Co., working in Houston, Atlanta, New Orleans, Casper, Wyo., and Midland. He retired in 1988.

Upon retiring, Mr. Myles resided until 2005 in Brownwood, where he was active in local organizations, including a term on the board of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. An avid sports enthusiast, Mr. Myles was a lifelong supporter of Texas Tech University athletics. He also helped maintain his Army unit's annual reunion. In 2005, he moved to Frederick, Md., for medical reasons.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Leona Rudeseal Myles of Frederick, Md., son Stanley Myles of Laytonsville, Md., and granddaughter Lee-Ellen Myles of Laytonsville, Md.

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Vivian Corinne Grantham



Vivian Corinne Grantham, 82, of Big Spring, passed away March 10, 2010, after fighting a valiant battle with cancer. A service of remembrance will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2010, officiated by Dr. Ken McIntosh, pastor of First Chrtistian Church, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

A visitation for family and friends will be Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Vivian was born March 24, 1927, in Paradise, Texas, to W.H "Bill" and Della Norwood. She moved to Big Spring in 1947 to go to Howard County Junior College and married Lewes Gilbert "Shorty" Grantham on April 14, 1949. He preceded her in death Oct. 13, 2003, after sharing 54 wonderful years together. She was currently employed by First Christian Church as their nursery attendant.

She is survived by a daughter, Corky Burcham and husband Butch and grandchildren Michael Burcham and Ashlee Burcham; a son, Bubba Grantham and wife Carol and grandchildren Charity Lamar and B.J. Grantham as well as step-grandchildren Debbie Conaway, Christy Isbell, Nick Denton, Amanda Denton and a great-grandson, Todd Lamar; four great-great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Nell Thames, Myrt and Doc Tindol, James and Margi Norwood, Mattie Norwood, Mary and John Palmer, and Bud and Sandy Norwood; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jeren Dunne, Jerry Dunne, Gregory Goeke, Tony Goeke, Kerry Norwood, Gary Prater, Bob Priebe and Neal Tindol. Honorary pallbearers will be Aaron Combs, Mario Moncada, Julian Moncada and Hayden Tubb.

The family will be at 704 Hillside Dr.

The family suggests memorials to "Her Little Congregation" Nursery Building Fund, in care of First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring 79720.

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Marie Johnson Hale



Marie Johnson Hale, 98, resident of Llano and formerly of Big Spring, died March 11, 2009, in Llano. The family received friends Friday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Saturday, March 13, 2010, at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring with Royce Clay officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park with Carey Jones officiating.

Marie was born in the Valley View Community, Mitchell County on Oct. 10, 1911, to Joe and Roxie (Hagler) Johnson.

Marie married John Morgan Hale on June 27, 1943. They lived in the Brown Community of Martin County until moving to Big Spring in 1962. Marie and John moved to Llano in 1989. Marie was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Marie was preceded in death by John on July 11, 1992. She was also preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Mildred Johnson Smith; and one sister in infancy. She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Hale, of Llano and her niece Sylvia (Sissy) Jones and husband Jeff of Big Spring. Also surviving are great-nephew Carey Jones and wife Tonda of Lubbock; great-niece Chrissi Jones of Lubbock; and great-great nephews, Caleb Jones and Cason Jones of Lubbock.

Pallbearers will be Joaquin Barraza, Robin Barraza, Derwood Blagrave, Robert Cox, Junior Ringener and Denis Long.

Memorials may be sent to the Llano Church of Christ, 402 West Main, Llano 78643; Llano County Historical Society, P. O. Box 434, Llano 78643; the Building Fund at 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 S. Main, Big Spring 79720; or a charity of one's choice.

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

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Tommy Soto Jr.



Tommy Soto, Jr., 41, of Gail died Friday, March 12, 2010, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Brother Randy Hardman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Gail, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m, Monday, March 15, 2010, at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 6, 1968, in Big Spring and married Charla Buchanan on March 14, 1987, in Vincent.

Tommy graduated from Coahoma High School in 1987. He was a jack of all trades and was currently a full time student at Western Texas College in Snyder, studying welding.

Survivors include his wife, Charla Soto of Gail; four children, Trey Soto and Christina Soto, both of San Angelo and Tony Soto and Teryn Soto, both of Gail; his parents, Tommy Sr. and Ruth Soto of Big Spring; and his paternal grandmother, Doro Soto of Slaton.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Armando Soto; his maternal grandparents, Rafael and Marciala Luevanos; and his paternal grandfather, Jesus Soto.

The family suggests memorials to the Borden County Booster Club Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 95, Gail, 79738, the Borden County EMS, P. O. Box 95, Gail 79738 or to the First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 257, Gail.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- RAYMOND CHAVARRIA, 54, 1314 State Park, was arrested on a charge of resisting arrest.
- DANIEL COLLINS, 29, 7200 Center Point, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana over four ounces but less than five pounds.
- CECILIA MENDEZ, 33, 7200 Center Point, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana over four ounces but less than five pounds.
- JOE LUNA, 30, 1214 Mulberry, was arrested on two local warrants.
- MARVIN MOHN, 70, 2627 Hunter, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRANDON MENDOZA, 25, 1903 S. Monticello, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid, no insurance and possession of marijuana.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter and the 2600 block of Fairchild.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 1700 block of Fourth.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA was reported in the 7200 block of Center Point.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell.

Lottery

The winning numbers in Friday evening's drawing of the Georgia Lottery's "MEGA Millions" game were:
02-15-25-48-53, Mega Ball: 41

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-0-1-7. Sum It Up: 10

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-6-5. Sum It Up: 20

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
8-13-23-26-35









Kinsler has prime lineup spot

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Ian Kinsler has a prime spot in the Texas Rangers lineup, even though he is no longer the leadoff hitter.

For the first time in three years, Kinsler isn't going into the season at the top of the Rangers order. Instead, he's right in the middle at the No. 5 slot right between sluggers Vladimir Guerrero and Nelson Cruz.

"It takes a little bit of pressure off me, it allows me to be a little bit more of a free swinger," Kinsler said. "I think it's a good spot for me. ... I think both of them are going to have huge years. To be right in the middle of them is going to give me a lot of opportunities."

Texas has finally found a more prototypical leadoff hitter in center fielder Julio Borbon, the young speedster who led off for much of the final two months last season.

Plus, Kinsler's style seems better suited for a lower spot in the order. He hit more flyballs than groundballs last season, his 0.58 ratio of grounders to flyballs being the second-lowest figure in the majors.

The Rangers don't want Kinsler to change his aggressive approach, especially batting behind the trio of Michael Young, Josh Hamilton and Guerrero.

Despite hitting a career-low .253 last season, Kinsler scored 101 runs, drove in 86 and became only the third second baseman in major league history with at least 30 home runs and 30 stolen bases in the same season. He set career highs for games played (144), at-bats (566) and homers (31). He had the first six-hit cycle in a nine-inning major league game in nearly 115 years.

"I don't want him to think he's got to necessarily drive in more runs because he's hitting fifth. That's going to happen just by the nature of being there," general manager Jon Daniels said. "He's shown he's capable of so much, just constantly being a tough out, grinding at-bats. He's one of the guys I don't think pitchers want to see him come up there."

Kinsler failed to make contact on only 13 percent of his swings, the best rate among Rangers players last season.

"It's to Kins' credit that he can bounce around and give the team what we need," Young said. "He's in a great spot in the five-hole, where he can sit in there and knock in runs and do what he does."

Through his first five spring training games, Kinsler was 4 for 10 with four runs scored and two RBIs.

He was scratched from the starting lineup Friday as a precaution after turning his right ankle during drills earlier in the day. Kinsler said it wasn't anything serious.

Kinsler and Young are the only Texas players signed to long-term contracts. Young's deal is through 2013, and Kinsler's contract is through 2012 with a club option for 2013.

"I think he can be a .300 hitter, I think he can steal 30 bags. If he stays healthy, he'll get his 25-30 home runs and he's going to be a catalyst for our ballclub," manager Ron Washington said. "The way he goes about his business and his style, I don't want him to change."

Kinsler's success stealing bases is second-highest among active players with at least 100 attempts at 87.5 percent (91 of 104). Carlos Beltran is the best at 88.3 percent (286 of 324)

But Kinsler hit only .249 in his 110 games leading off last season. In his career, he has hit .288 in his 259 games from the No. 1 slot, and .269 while batting from other spots 256 times.

Kinsler missed two weeks with a strained left hamstring last August, marking the fourth consecutive season since getting to the majors that he went on the disabled list at some point.

"To play a full season and stay healthy, it's definitely at the top of my list this year," Kinsler said.

"Last year wasn't that bad. But hopefully I don't have to experience something like that again, and I'm able to play a full year. "

Berkman to have knee surgery; could spend opening day on DL

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Houston All-Star first baseman Lance Berkman will have minor surgery on his left knee Saturday and miss two-to-four weeks, a recovery period that could sideline him for opening day.

The 34-year-old injured knee during a baserunning drill at spring training on March 1. Tests showed that Berkman bruised his knee, and he played five games after skipping the Astros' spring training opener.

Berkman's knee continued to swell, and team doctor Dr. David Lintner decided on Friday that the five-time All-Star slugger should have arthroscopic surgery.

Astros general manager Ed Wade said the team is confident the injury won't be a lingering problem.

"We certainly don't encourage players to have surgery, but if this is an easy fix, it removes the uncertainty that it could occur again," Wade said. "We think that once it gets addressed, that it's a dead issue and we won't have to worry about it anymore."

Wade said the initial bruise ruled out the option of surgery earlier.

"He had a strawberry on that knee, and Dr. Lintner told us that even if surgery had been prescribed, they wouldn't have been able to do it until that strawberry healed because of the concern for an infection," Wade said. "So we'll address it now, get him moving in a straight line and, hopefully, not have to worry about it for the rest of the season."

Berkman had arthroscopic surgery on the same knee in 1999. He missed 18 games last year with a strained left calf and hit .274, a career low for a full season. He is entering the final season of an $85 million, six-year contract extension.

Davis swinging hot bat in spring

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Texas Rangers first baseman Chris Davis kept swinging and connecting. It took a called third strike to finally end his streak of hits in eight consecutive at-bats.

"It was a ball, dude," Davis said. "I don't swing at balls anymore."

Davis, who had 150 strikeouts in 113 games last season, had three hits and drove in two runs Friday before striking out in the Rangers' 6-2 victory over the San Diego Padres.

"He's been in camp and he's been taking care of business. He's very confident, he's not overswinging, he's controlling the strike zone right now," manager Ron Washington said. "We just have to make sure he stays in that frame of mind."

The results have been good so far. Davis is hitting .550 (11 for 20) with a homer and six RBIs in seven spring games.

After getting a double in his final at-bat Wednesday, Davis went 4 for 4 with three RBIs on Thursday against Colorado. When he was sent back to Triple-A last July, Davis was hitting .202 with a majors-high 114 strikeouts in 77 games. He hit .308 with 36 strikeouts in 36 games after coming back at the end of the season, and didn't take long after that to start preparing for 2010.

"I hit a lot earlier in the offseason this year, made it a point a couple of weeks after the season to get in the cage and start swinging a little bit so I kind of had a feel for it," Davis said. "I didn't have to come out here and recreate a feel against live pitching ... Clear your head and go out and play. I've been able to do that a lot more consistently."

Consistent he has been, getting three straight singles Thursday.

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Military

Army Spec. Robert M. Cisneros has returned to Fort Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska, after being deployed to Afghanistan for one year. He is one of 3,500 members of the 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division stationed at Fort Richardson. Airborne combat team members included soldiers assigned to one of six battalions and regiments of the 25th Infantry Division.

The airborne brigade served in three eastern provinces of Afghanistan, which included the Paktya, Paktika and Khost. Some of the challenges the brigade soldiers faced included poverty, unemployment, security and management of natural resources and government institutions. Soldiers improved roads, provided vocational training in construction and civics, improved and re-opened 29 schools, remodeled six medical clinics and improved three district courthouses.

While deployed in Afghanistan, Cisneros was decorated with the Army Commendation Medal. An ammunition specialist, hes assigned to the 725th Brigade Support Battalion. He has served in the military for 10 years.

He is the grandson of Jose and Delia Ybarra of Big Spring, and was a 1978 graduate of Sands High School.

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Weddings



Strain and Helms

Daina Michelle Strain of San Diego, Calif., and Staff Sgt. James Richard Helms of Big Spring were united in marriage at 1 p.m. Jan. 16, 2010, at the Blinder Memorial Chapel at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, Calif, by Pastor Casey Yorman.

The ceremony was a traditional Christian ceremony with a military sword ceremony at its conclusion.

The bride is the daughter of Sallie and Brian Oliver of Garner, N.C, and Kelly Strain of Corona, Calif. She is the granddaughter of La Verne and Robert Drake of Loma Linda, Calif., and Stan and Topsy Strian of Ramsey, Ill.

The groom is the son of Dick and Connie Helms of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Eugene Helms of Big Spring and Darlene Moore of San Angelo.

The bride was given away by her step father, Brian Oliver. She wore a white princess style tulle over satin gown with a beaded bodice and a chapel train. She carried a bouquet of pink and white roses adorned with pearls and pearlized seashells.

She was attended by Amber Palzkill, the maid of honor, and bridesmaids Kelli Oliver, sister-in-law of the bride, and Stephanie Stevens, the bride's cousin.

The groom was attired in his Marine Corps dress blues uniform. He was attended by Sean Dix, who served as best man, and groomsmen Jason Helms of Seguin and Jerrod Helms of Austin, bothers of the groom.

Flower girls were Kelly and Morgan Helms of Seguin, the groom's nieces, and the ring bearer was Taylor Helms of Seguin, the groom's niece.

Following the wedding a reception was held at the Staff NCO Club at Camp Pendleton. The reception was ocean themed and the colors were royal blue and silver.

The couple will be going to Montego Bay, Jamaica, in April for their honeymoon.

Sgt. Helms recently received orders transferring him to Camp Lejeune, and the couple will be moving to North Carolina at the end of March.

Sanders and Peterson

Michael Cade Peterson and Shiloh Nicole Sanders were wed Friday, March 12, 2010.

The bride is the daughter of Terry and Cindy Sanders of Lomax. She is the granddaughter of Bernard and Shirley McMahan of Big Spring; Earl and the late Luci Sanders of Maysville, Okla.; and Barbara Sanders of Dayton, Texas.

She is a graduate of Forsan High School and Howard College, attended Tarleton State University and is employed by the Kott Coop Gin.

The groom is the son of Mike and Penny Peterson of Vealmoor. He is the grandson of Grady and Ann Grantham of Knott and Larry and Charlotte Peterson of Luther.

He is a graduate of Borden County High School and a local cotton farmer.

The couple will make its home in Vealmoor.



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Tuesday — Beef and chicken fajitas, flour tortillas, refried beans, guacamole, chips, fruit, milk.

Wednesday — Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cornbread, cherry cobbler, milk.

Thursday — Baked chicken, cornbread stuffing, squash medley, rolls, tapioca pudding, milk.

Friday — Albacore tuna sandwich, baked potato chips, carrot and raisin salad, oatmeal raisin cookies, milk.

Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton ISDs will be on spring break, returning to classes — and the cafeteria — March 22.

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DORMS

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balance of the money for the project will come from the college's student housing services reserve fund.

"The total scope of the project, as originally designed, came in a little higher than expected," Hansen said. "But it is going to be more cost effective and efficient in the long run if we pull a small amount from fund balance and complete the entire project now, rather than just pulling out portions of the contract and waiting, at minimum, another year to complete them at a higher cost."

Because the clock is literally ticking on the project — the work needs to be completed by the time students return in August — naming a contractor now gives the firm time to complete all the preparations necessary so that it can "hit the ground running" on the project once students vacate the dorms May 15, Sparks said.

RBR has another incentive to complete the work on time — a $2,500 penalty for each day work continues past the Aug. 15 deadline, Sparks said.

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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 3/14	Mon 3/15	Tue 3/16	Wed 3/17	Thu 3/18
77/46 Sunny, along with a few afternoon clouds. High 77F. Sunrise: 6:57 AM Sunset: 6:53 PM	**50/41** Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms.. Sunrise: 6:56 AM Sunset: 6:54 PM	**62/37** Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s. Sunrise: 6:55 AM Sunset: 6:55 PM	**64/39** Sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s. Sunrise: 6:54 AM Sunset: 6:55 PM	**68/47** Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s. Sunrise: 6:52 AM Sunset: 6:56 PM

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

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

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

Take Note

• The American Red Cross will offer a Red Cross Babysitter's Training Courses March 19 at the Red Cross office, 9601 Wright Dr. in Midland. Babysitter's training is for youth ages 11-15 and introduces the role and skills of being a babysitter. Course includes training in child and infant CPR and first aid. Course cost is $35 per person. Participants will need a brown bag lunch. Class size is limited. Call (432) 563-2267 for more information or registration.

• Cornell Corrections Relay For Life team, Team Lockout, will host a shrimp boil at 11:30 a.m. March 19. The event will be held at the Building 35 Warehouse, 1701 Apron Drive in front of Western Container. Eat in or carry out. Large dishes are $15; small dishes are $10.

• An account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Faye McGee of Big Spring to help defray the cost of medical bills and treatment. She is in ICU at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Contact CFCU at 400 E. Marcy in Big Spring, account 762989 or call Cosden at 264-2600 or toll free 800 725-2673.

• Home Hospice is looking for adult volunteers and junior volunteers. New training time will be at 9 a.m. April 17 at the Hospice office, 111 E. Seventh St. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• A Dinner Theatre is slated for March 27 at KoKopelli's to benefit the Big Spring Educational Science Trip, aka the Big Spring UFO'S. The meal will consist of brisket, pinto beans, potato salad, Texas toast, lemonade, water or tea. Price is $10 a person or $18 per couple, Purchase tickets from Medicine Center Pharmacy; ask for Monika. Aa silent auction will be held as well.

• A fund has been established at Wood Forest National Bank for Jeffery Cate (Bubba). He is a lifetime resident of Big Spring and is employed at B&E Roustabout. He was in a car accident New Year's Eve. The medical bills and family travel expenses are adding up. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

BSISD

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the district money in the long run, Stevens said. And installing a sprinkler system would have obvious safety benefits, he added.

Another renovation need is to expand the band hall, Stevens said.

"It's the only part of the high school that's too small and it always has been," he said. "When you put 150 kids in there, they're really wall to wall. We're very proud of the band program. It's obviously been very successful. But when you're successful, you get a lot of kids in the program and we don't have enough room for all of them."

The biggest priority at the high school, however, is a plan to upgrade the building's science labs, which are no longer adequate to meet safety and educational standards, Stevens said.

"The labs are just old," he said. "There have been some major safety standards put into place since that campus was built, plus the state has increased its science requirements for students and the existing labs don't meet that new standard."

Making these renovations now would put the building in good shape for at least the next two decades and possibly longer, Stevens said.

"Because it's so big — it only has 40 percent of the students it once had — it's not as big of a replacement priority as the elementary schools," Stevens said. "It's got plenty of room, so we'll be in good shape with these improvements."

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BOOTHS

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After March 19, the cost will be $100 per booth. No booths will be accepted after April 2, said ValVerde.

Some of the free screenings to be offered at the Health Fair are blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, prostate screening for the first 100 men, fluoride treatment for children and fingerprinting and photos for children and senior adults.

United Blood Services Blood Mobile will be at the Fair to take donations. Other booths and services will be offered by Scenic Mountain Medical Rehabilitation Service, Sleep Center, Senior Circle and Healthy Woman program; H-E-B Buddy; Big Spring YMCA; the American Cancer Society; and the Howard County Extension Office.

The Chamber is also welcoming corporate sponsors.

"For 28 years, this (fair) has offered free admission and free screenings. We could not do that without our sponsors," said ValVerde.

Corporate sponsors for this year's fair include the Big Spring Air Evac Lifeteam, Alon USA - Big Spring Refinery, All District Screen Printing, the Big Spring Herald, Caring Hearts Home Health, Cornell Companies, Crossroads Hospice, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, H-E-B, KBST/KBTS, KBYG, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, Parkview Nursing & Rehab / Parkplace Retirement Living, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Warren Chiropractic/Big Spring Physical Therapy and the West Texas VA Health Care Systems.

To reserve a booth or make a donation — or to find out more information about the Health Fair — call the Chamber office at (432) 263-7641.

Contact Bill McClellan at 263-7331, ext. 235 or by e-mail at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com.

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Marie Hale, 98, died Thursday. Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Giants ace Lincecum taking routine more seriously

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Tim Lincecum stayed under cover on the dugout steps and quickly assessed the heavy rain soaking the San Francisco Giants' spring training field.

Then he was off, headed to the weight room for a workout. Entering his third full major league season, the two-time reigning NL Cy Young Award winner knows he needs to take his routine up a notch in order to maintain his dominance on the mound.

This isn't a revelation that came to him overnight, but rather over the recent months, he said.

Lincecum experienced an offseason of highs and lows. There was his marijuana arrest back home in Washington state only a few weeks before he received his second Cy Young Award.

There were awards dinners and court appearances.

"It was a pretty crazy offseason," he said.

Lincecum believes he's grown up through all of it.

The 25-year-old right-hander has a new perspective on baseball and his career, a maturity that largely came about following his legal trouble. Manager Bruce Bochy has noticed and so has the owner and Giants' brass, which last month rewarded Lincecum with a $23 million, two-year contract.

"I think Timmy knows as good as he is, he's got room for improvement," Bochy said. "He's been working on some things since he's been here, and in a more serious manner.

"That is part of maturing as a player. I think he understands you never arrive as a player."

Lincecum has apologized every which way for embarrassing himself and his franchise. He has committed to being a more responsible, better person going forward.

Lincecum even trimmed several inches off his Northwest grunge-style hairdo this winter because it was getting a little unhealthy. His father, Chris, told him he'd look more professional and presentable going to a salary arbitration hearing that wound up never happening.

"I was awe-struck when I first got up here, just glad to be here, hopefully doing the work I needed to do, but really not knowing what it was going toward," Lincecum said this week.

"As opposed to now knowing what I need to do and what it takes."

K-STATE

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on offensive rebound, setting up the decisive shot.

A single play, one of hundreds on the night made all the difference for Kansas State and set up what should be one of the biggest nights in Kansas City sports history.

Sutton grabbed a key offensive rebound that led to Jacob Pullen's 3-pointer with 2:02 left, giving No. 9 Kansas State an 82-75 win over No. 21 Baylor on Friday night and setting up a monumental Big 12 title game matchup against rival Kansas.

"That's a big-time play," Kansas State coach Frank Martin said. "That's a guy making a play who has an unbelievable desire to win."

Pullen burned Baylor for the second straight game, finishing with 26 points, and Denis Clemente added 24 and seven assists to give Kansas State a school single-season record for wins.

Sutton was the difference, though, playing with the relentless energy he'd been missing over the final weeks of the season.

The junior provided the spark for listless Kansas State (26-6) early on and made the big plays when it got tight, finishing with 14 points and 14 rebounds to send the second-seeded Wildcats into their first conference title game since 1993.

"He had the will tonight," said Pullen, who had 25 points the first meeting with Baylor. "He decided he wanted to get every rebound that came off the rim."

If it weren't for Sutton, Baylor (25-7) would likely be headed to a second straight Big 12 title game.

The Bears baffled Kansas State with their zone early, shot 54 percent overall and got big nights from LaceDarius Dunn (26 points) and Ekpe Udoh (18 points, 11 rebounds). Baylor's biggest problem was keeping the Wildcats off the glass, giving up 17 offensive rebounds that led to 18 points, including eight by Sutton.

"He definitely was a difference-maker tonight," Baylor coach Scott Drew said.

After dismantling Oklahoma State in the quarterfinals, Kansas State found itself in a steel-cage match against a Baylor team with similar traits: long, athletic, aggressive.

The Bears had the edge early, the Wildcats responded and the two latched on like rottweilers the rest of the way, neither willing to back down.

Kansas State grinded out a win, but it doesn't get any easier from here.

Next up for the Wildcats is a shot at Kansas on Saturday in a super Sunflower Showdown that will likely go down in the annals of Kansas City sports, up there with the 2007 Border War at Arrowhead Stadium, the 1988 national title game at Kemper Arena and the 1985 "Show Me" World Series.

The top-ranked Jayhawks swept the season series, so, yeah, the Wildcats will be up for it.

"I've got to think it's going to be the best environment of any conference championship in the country," Martin said.

Baylor made an improbable run in last year's tournament, winning three straight games to reach the title game as the No. 9 seed. The Bears had a better season that led to a better seed this year, and had won five straight after beating Texas for the third time this season in Thursday's quarterfinals.

The Bears are done in the Big 12 tournament, but are sure to get a good seed in the NCAA tournament after their taught battle with K-State.

"Everything they normally look for — high RPI, good road wins and strong conference performance we had — hopefully we get a good seed," Baylor coach Scott Drew said.

Baylor had no trouble with Kansas State's overplaying man defense early, hitting eight of its first nine shots.

Of course, the offense was pretty simple: get the ball to Dunn.

The Big 12's second-leading scorer hit a postup and a 3-pointer in the first 60 seconds, and had 10 points in five minutes — even with Pullen waving a hand in his face like a windshield wiper.

Sutton put an end to Dunn's run, hounding him all over the court for a scoreless final 15 minutes. But like any good shooter, he kept firing, finishing 9 of 17 from the floor.

Kansas State needed a little time to figure out Baylor's 1-3-1 zone, keeping it close with nine offensive rebounds — four by Sutton — in the first 9½ minutes. Pullen and Clemente then solved the Bears' zone; Pullen by shooting over it (four 3-pointers) and Clemente with his barely-in-control sprints past the defenders.

They combined for 27 of Kansas State's 36 points, leaving the Wildcats just one behind at halftime, and kept firing in the second half to set up one of the biggest games in program — and Kansas City — history.

"I just hope we've got some juice left in the tank to try and compete with the best team in the country tomorrow," Martin said.

A&M

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and nine rebounds.

The Aggies took advantage of an uncharacteristic 12 turnovers by Kansas to seize a 38-35 halftime lead.

Aldrich, the Jayhawks' 6-11 all-conference center, was particularly fumble-fingered in the first half, committing four quick turnovers and was even benched for a few minutes.

After rebounding a miss by A&M, Aldrich had the ball simply slide out of his grasp into the hands of an Aggie, drawing a pained "what's-the-matter?" expression from his close friend Collins.

"A&M controlled the game for the most part for the first 30 minutes and we were a basket or two behind the entire time," Self said. "I thought we tried real hard in the first half, but we had a few defensive breakdowns from a mental standpoint, but it wasn't from a lack of effort."

GRADY

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12 in the first 16 minutes.

Johnson pulled the Wildcats back in it in the second half with six straight points, including two straight steals and layups. Fernandino Diosdado hit two free throws to follow that gave Leggett a 33-32 advantage, its first lead since the opening seconds.

But Grady would respond with a run of its own as Zach Perez hit a jumper and Bryley Pinkerton followed with two consecutive buckets. Grady led by a point through three stanzas.

The Wildcats closed it out on defense in the fourth quarter, holding Johnson and Leggett without a basket in two of the last three minutes down the stretch.

The Grady crowd, which took up an entire section of bright yellow in the stands, made its presence felt at the Frank Erwin Center.

"It means a lot to know that the fans are behind us," Cox said. "It definitely pumped us up before the game."

Teague agreed.

"It was amazing to see all these people," he said. "It was insane. I loved it."

Now there's only one thing left for Cox and the Wildcats to do in Austin.

"Win a state championship," he said.

Grady 63, Leggett 57
LHS 9 15 19 14 -- 57
GHS 15 11 18 19 -- 63

Leggett (57)
Johnson 12-27 6-10 32, Fletcher 2-6 0-0 6, Botley 6-17 0-0 12, McQueen 0-3 0-0 0, Diosdado 3-9 1-2 7, Pittman 0-1 0-0 0, A. Diosdado 0-3 0-0 0; Totals 23-70 7-12 57.

Grady (63)
Johan Wiebe 1-3 0-0 2, Jacob Rodriquez 5-16 1-3 11, Shane Teague 8-15 0-0 19, Dylan Cox 4-16 4-6 12, Tyler Matthews 0-2 0-0 0, Bryley Pinkerton 5-11 2-2 12, Zach Perez 3-4 1-1 7; Totals 26-67, 8-12 63.

Halftime 26-24 Grady. 3-point goals LHS 4-20, GHS 3-16; Rebounds 58-36 GHS (Cox

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Dear Annie: Several years ago, I had to spend a few hours with my mother-in-law. I had worked all night, and then helped my husband drive three hours to a business meeting. I went to Mom's house, where I waited for his return.

While there, she called everyone she knew (with me sitting beside her) to tell them how fat I was. "Big as a house" was the most frequently used term. She may not have phoned every single friend, but she certainly called all the relatives.

Since that day, I have kept my distance. Mom recently asked my husband, again, why I don't call her or attend family get-togethers.

Up until then, he had made excuses, but he finally told her the truth. Mom claims she didn't mean anything by her comments and can't understand why the episode would keep me away.

Annie, I don't fault this woman for being who she is, but I see no reason to continue to subject myself to her belittling remarks, whether about my size, stature, hair color or any other issue.

My husband is staying neutral. What do you think? — *Avoider in Pennsylvania*

Dear Avoider: Mom sounds like one of those people who thinks she's entitled to say what she likes and can't understand why you are insulted.

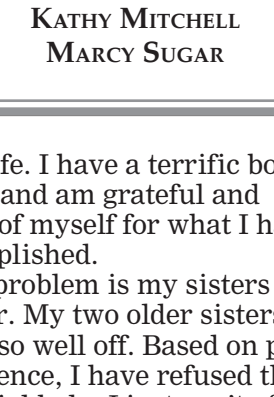
If you are willing to teach her, it could help your relationship and might be worth it, especially if there are grandchildren involved.

Attend the next family gathering. If Mom says anything rude, inform her very politely that you (and your family) are leaving. The same applies to phone calls.

You will have to give her a few opportunities to connect her behavior with the consequences, but it can be done, and your husband should back you up.

Of course, if she continues to insult you, by all means, stay away.

Dear Annie: I was raised poor, but now, at age 20, I have a good life. I have a terrific boyfriend and am grateful and proud of myself for what I have accomplished.



Kathy Mitchell
Marcy Sugar

The problem is my sisters and mother. My two older sisters aren't so well off. Based on past experience, I have refused them financial help. I just can't afford it anymore.

I learned the other day that they feel I "don't love them" and consider me "stuck up."

I don't understand how they came to those conclusions. I try to be loving and understanding, but it's hard with people who make me feel used. What do I do? — *Loving Sister*

Dear Sister: Your siblings make these claims to justify their own behavior. If you won't loan them money, it must be because you don't love them or are stuck up, not because they have failings of their own. It is manipulative.

We urge you to continue being loving and understanding — and sensible enough not to let these comments get to you.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Alone in Florida," who retired and moved with her husband, and is having trouble meeting other intelligent, active women in her area who enjoy the same interests.

Please tell her to go online to meetup.com. She can type in her area of interest, and all kinds of different groups in her area will pop up. They are free to join. There are women's groups, men's groups, couples' groups, everything.

I recently joined a groupof women who like to walk for exercise and another group that enjoys bike riding. There is no reason to be alone when there are so many nice people out there waiting to be your friend. — *Happily Retired in Rancho Cucamonga*

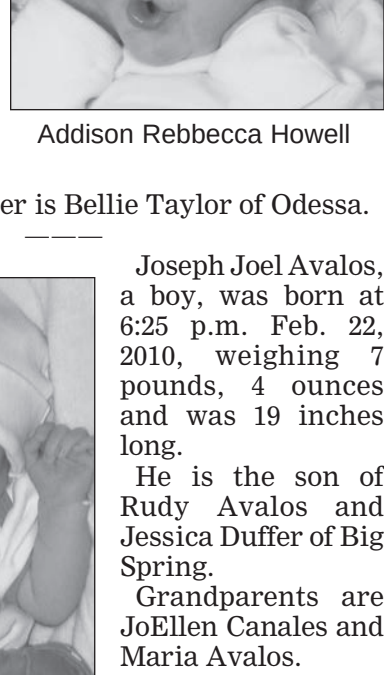
Dear Happily Retired: Thanks for the suggestion. We also hope she will consider volunteer work. Doing good for others could do wonders for her.

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Births

Addison Rebbecca Howell, a girl, was born at 6:24 p.m. Jan. 6, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.



Addison Rebbecca Howell

She is the daughter of Montana and Christy Howell of Fort Worth.

Maternal grandparents are Tim and Sonja Parker of Moore, Okla., and the late Tena Parker of Big Spring. Paternal grandparents are Ron and Pat Howell of Big Spring. Her great-grandmother is Bellie Taylor of Odessa.

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Joseph Joel Avalos

Joseph Joel Avalos, a boy, was born at 6:25 p.m. Feb. 22, 2010, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He is the son of Rudy Avalos and Jessica Duffer of Big Spring.

Grandparents are JoEllen Canales and Maria Avalos.

Joseph was welcomed home by siblings Jaydan and Julia Canales.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

This past week was Texas Public School Week, so please allow me to highlight some special people and events.

First, a big thank you to the Big Spring Masonic Lodge on Main Street for providing a "heart and tummy" warming breakfast to the teachers last Tuesday. Mike and Sheila Abusaab treated the faculty to Jackalope tickets. What a fun night out! Thank you and go Sonic!

Speaking of fun nights, Mr. Ritchey and some of the faculty took approximately 100 students who have been working hard at pulling up math standards in preparation for their TAKS tests to a special Jackalope game Tuesday night.

Though I could not attend, I have heard lots of gracious students saying how much fun they had on that special field trip.

Guess what? Mr. and Mrs. Abusaab also sponsored the tickets!

Of course all year long Mr. Ritchey, faculty members and the staff of Big Spring High School have met with students during special times and sponsored special guest speakers to motivate students to improve themselves. We have tutorials beginning at 7:30 a.m. and some after school until 4:30 p.m. Saturday school to help those students who struggle to attend school on a daily basis. Not to mention the academic, fine arts, career and technology and athletic sponsors who give of their time in a great number of ways and not all monetarily compensated.

Finally, thank you, Mr. Ritchey for the cobbler and ice cream treats Wednesday after school.

Wow, What a leader! We do need leaders of this kind in our school systems. It may sadden and appall Ms. Murray of Spring Branch, but I am proud of BSHS, its students and staff.

JUDY TERELETSKY
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to voice my opinion on the new city pool issue. I am not fully opposed to the city building a new pool for our community. However, I do believe that the water we pay so much for each month, should be taken care of before we build this "aquatic center."

Our water is so dirty and it stinks, we are bathing our children and ourselves in this, brushing our teeth with it and washing our clothes and dishes with it. It isn't fit to be cooked with because it gives everything a metal taste.

Why can't the city use part of this $4.2 million on getting us decent water? I just received yet another notice that in January, our water failed inspection. Why not spend the money getting these

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our relationship with You, Lord, not be a casual acquaintance.

Amen

But do you have a right to rant?

Well, I guess it's time for a Howard Beale-like rant. Then again, maybe it's not. I'll let you readers decide.

Remember Howard Beale? Yeah, that's right, the fictional television anchor who lost his mind in the middle of a newscast in the movie 'Network." His rant is a film classic.



JOHN A. MOSELEY

"I don't have to tell you things are bad," he began his commentary. "Everybody knows things are bad. It's a depression. Everybody's out of work or scared of losing their job. The dollar buys a nickel's work, banks are going bust, shopkeepers keep a gun under the counter. Punks are running wild in the street and there's nobody anywhere who seems to know what to do, and there's no end to it. We know the air is unfit to breathe and our food is unfit to eat, and we sit watching our TVs while some local newscaster tells us that today we had 15 homicides and 63 violent crimes, as if that's the way it's supposed to be. We know things are bad — worse than bad. They're crazy. It's like everything everywhere is going crazy, so we don't go out anymore. We sit in the house, and slowly the world we are living in is getting smaller, and all we say is, 'Please, at least leave us alone in our living rooms. Let me have my toaster and my TV and my steel-belted radials and I won't say anything. Just leave us alone.' Well, I'm not gonna leave you alone. I want you to get mad! I don't want you to protest. I don't want you to riot — I don't want you to write to your congressman because I wouldn't know what to tell you to write. I don't know what to do about the depression and the inflation and the Russians and the crime in the street. All I know is that first you've got to get mad.

"You've got to say, 'I'm a HUMAN BEING, Goddamnit! My life has VALUE!' So I want you to get up now. I want all of you to get up out of your chairs. I want you to get up right now and go to the window. Open it, and stick your head out, and yell,

"'I'M AS MAD AS HELL, AND I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS ANYMORE!' I want you to get up right now, sit up, go to your windows, open them and stick your head out and yell — 'I'm as mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore!' Things have got to change. But first, you've gotta get mad!... You've got to say, 'I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!' Then we'll figure out what to do about the depression and the inflation and the oil crisis. But first get up out of your chairs, open the window, stick your head out, and yell, and say it:

Then, screaming at the top of his lungs, Beale repeated: "I'M AS MAD AS HELL, AND I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS ANYMORE!"

Today, there are many who believe the so-called "Tea Party movement" is much the same thing — that a great many people are turning into Howard Beales.

I think not. No, I'm convinced a great many people in this country dislike what's happening in the halls of government — not just Washington, but in Austin and right here at Big Spring City Hall and the Howard County Courthouse.

Government, they say, just isn't listening to them.

But before someone begins to believe I'm about to go postally insane, it's time for the majority of Americans to really place blame where it belongs — in their own laps.

I can hear the gasp right now. "Heresy! What kind of lunatic are you, fat man?"

Well, to be honest, the kind of lunatic that doesn't like much of what's happening in Washington. I'm not against the concept of health care reform, but I doubt that's what's going to come from all of Congress' wrangling.

Why?

Because there's too much money being spent on lobbyists representing the insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies and just about anyone else that makes the big bucks off the current health care system. Not all of them, mind you, but certainly most of them.

And believe me, money rules in Washington. It has for a very long time.

I'm unhappy with a lot of what's going on in Austin these days, as well. And believe me, I'm not a fan of everything the Howard County Commissioners Court and Big Spring City Council decide.

I can't think of anything off the top of my head that I've really disagreed with the BSISD Board of Trustees, at least not in a long, long time, or the Howard College board, ever.

However, it's important to remember they're our all elected representatives —

in Washington, Austin and right here at home.

And that, folks, is the American way.

That's right, this is not a democracy. Our nation is a republic. Based on democratic principles, yes, but it's a republic.

All of this came to mind the other day while I was watching the ABC national newscast at 5:30 p.m. and Diane Sawyer almost threw away the fact that 62 percent of the Iraqi population eligible to vote when to the polls and cast votes the other day.

I'll say that again ... 62 percent!

That's 62 percent of eligible voters, even though they all knew their lives were in danger if they went to the polls!

Now, what's the percentage of our population that even bothers to register to vote? To be honest, I don't really know, but I'll bet it's less than 50 percent.

And what percentage of those registered voters ever bother to go to the polls? It's sad to say, but quite often that's as few as 10 to 15 percent for some races.

Government's not listening to us? Making decisions without us?

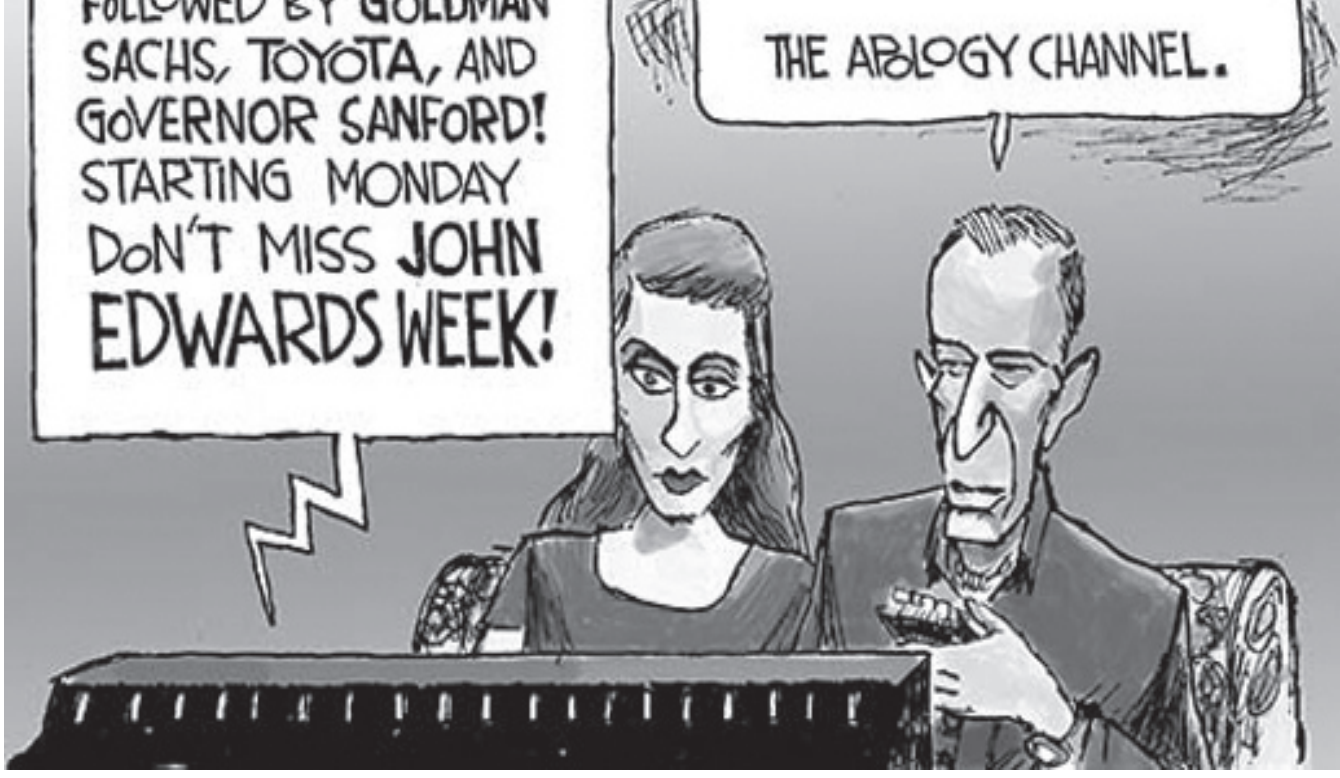
Really?

Maybe the question that should be asked is: Are we really talking to government?

Seems to me that no government can truly be representative unless all of us — at least a mast majority — bother to vote and decide who our representatives are.

So, maybe "Tea Parties" are a good idea. While I might not agree with a lot of the "movement" suggests, getting more people involved, regardless of their views, is a good thing. A very, very good thing.

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Spring training roundup

Peavy sharp in first outing

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Jake Peavy's first spring training outing looked more like a regular-season start.

He was that sharp, and showed no signs of fatigue from jamming at his late-night "Woodjock" charity concert Thursday that drew some 1,200 people.

The Chicago White Sox also looked impressive at the plate in a 10-7 victory against the Los Angeles Angels on Friday, getting two-run homers from Gordon Beckham and Alex Rios in a split-squad game.

Peavy finally got to take the mound in the desert.

His first scheduled start Sunday was rained out, though he still made the most of the day by throwing a bullpen session in the cage against live hitters.

The 2007 NL Cy Young Award winner struck out three in three scoreless innings against Los Angeles, allowing two hits in an efficient 38-pitch performance.

Indians 7 Angels (ss) 7

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Fausto Carmona pitched three scoreless innings but Cleveland blew a three-run lead in the ninth.

The Indians failed to score in their half of the ninth and the game ended in a tie.

Cleveland shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera departed in the fourth inning with a sore left leg.

He walked off after tripling, then diving back on a pickoff attempt.

Mike Napoli had a three-run homer and a run-scoring double for the Angels.

Carmona gave up one hit and struck out one in his first outing this spring.

The right-hander, a 19-game winner in 2007, is seeking to bounce back from a poor 2009 during which he went 5-12 and was sent back to the minors for two months.

Mariners 6, Royals 6

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Chone Figgins ended his spring slump with two hits, including a two-run triple during Seattle's four-run fifth inning.

Figgins, who signed a free-agent deal with the Mariners over the winter, was 0 for 11 this spring.

The game ended after nine innings by mutual agreement after the Royals used all their available pitchers.

Ken Griffey Jr. also had his first two hits of spring training for Seattle, a one-hop double off the center-field wall in the fourth and a bloop RBI single that drove in Figgins in the fifth.

Griffey also had a sacrifice fly in the first.

Luke Hochevar pitched three innings for Kansas City, allowing a run and two hits.

Reds 3 Dodgers 2

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Aroldis Chapman struck out two over two scoreless innings for Cincinnati.

Chapman allowed just two infield singles. His strikeouts came on the last two batters he faced, overpowering Matt Kemp on a high fastball and getting Casey Blake looking.

Chapman defected from Cuba last year and agreed to a $30.25 million, six-year contract with the Reds in January.

The left-hander has allowed three hits over four scoreless innings in two spring outings.

Bronson Arroyo started for Cincinnati and pitched three scoreless innings.

Angelo Songco and Christian Lara each drove in a run in the ninth for Los Angeles.

Rangers 6, Padres 2

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Texas slugger Chris Davis had three hits and drove in two runs, extending his streak of hits to eight consecutive at-bats before finally being retired.

The Rangers got six runs off Clayton Richard, who gave up six hits and walked four in two innings. The left-hander was scheduled to go three, but threw 48 pitches and was done after two.

Texas left-hander Matt Harrison threw three scoreless innings, giving up three singles with two strikeouts and no walks.

Brewers 12, Cubs (ss) 3

PHOENIX (AP) — Jim Edmonds hit a two-run homer to strengthen his case for making Milwaukee's opening-day roster.

Edmonds, who finished with two hits and scored twice, agreed to a minor league deal with the Brewers on Jan. 28. The 39-year-old outfielder with eight Gold Gloves is a career .284 hitter with 382 homers and 1,176 RBIs in 16 seasons, but took last year off.

Edmonds and Gregg Zaun hit consecutive homers in the first inning off Jeff Samardzija, who gave up four runs in the first and was gone after the second.

Giants 9, Rockies 2

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Colorado's Jason Giambi made his spring training debut, flying out to center and taking a pitch off the forearm.

Giambi also made a diving stop at first base, a play he might have missed out on had he followed through with his original plan of being a designated hitter with an American League team this spring.

Instead, he opted to sign a one-year deal with Colorado as a fill-in at first for Todd Helton and a pinch hitter.

Todd Wellemeyer pitched four scoreless innings for the Giants, allowing just two hits. Nate Schierholtz and Buster Posey each drove in two runs.

Rockies starter Jorge De La Rosa went four innings, giving up one earned run.

Diamondbacks 10, Athletics 1

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Adam LaRoche hit a two-run homer off Brett Anderson in the first inning to lead Arizona to the victory.

Ian Kennedy threw three scoreless innings for the Diamondbacks. He allowed two hits, walked one and struck out two.

Anderson pitched 2 2-3 innings, giving up three runs and four hits.

Daric Barton went 3 for 3 for Oakland to raise his spring average to .400.

Cubs (ss) 6, White Sox (ss) 5

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Josh Vitters' two-run triple in the seventh inning put the Cubs ahead to stay.

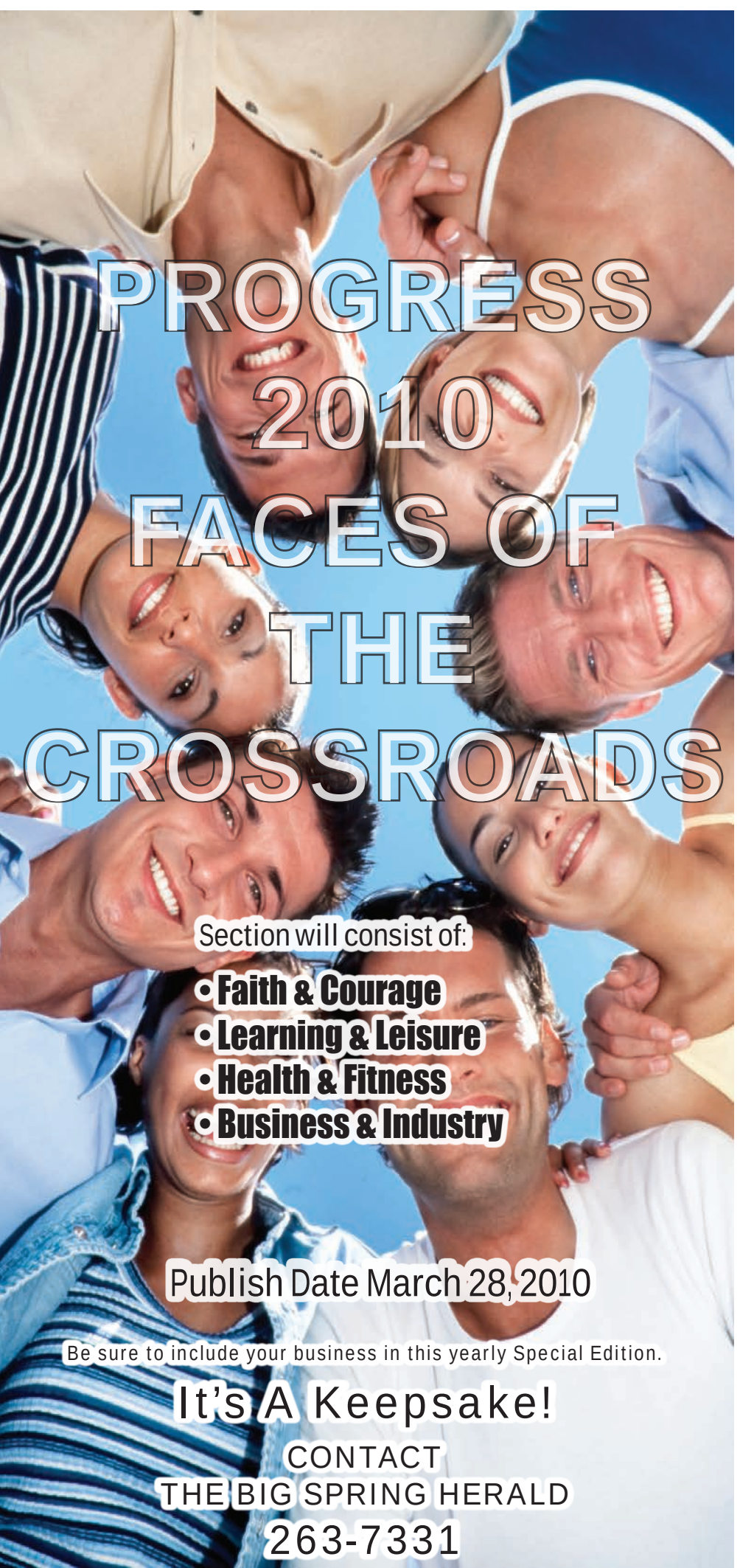
Vitters' hit gave the Cubs a 5-4 lead and he scored on Mike Fontenot's single to stretch the lead to two runs. Fontenot finished with three hits and two RBIs.

Alejandro De Aza's second RBI single pulled the White Sox within one in the eighth.

The White Sox scored three runs in the sixth — capped by De Aza's first RBI single — to take a 4-3 lead, their only advantage of the game.

Mitch Atkins (1-0) earned the victory and Blake Parker got his first save for the Cubs. Jhonny Nunez (0-2) took the loss for the White Sox.

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Don't Mess with Texas scholarship program begins

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN, — Texas high school seniors can earn cash for college by composing a 350-word essay suggesting additional measures to be used in the state's fight against litter.

Dow Chemical Company is partnering with Keep Texas Beautiful to sponsor the 2010 Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Program.

High school seniors are encouraged to submit essays explaining how they tackled a litter-related problem in their own school or community.

The grand-prize winner will receive $3,000 for college tuition, while two second-place winners will receive $1,000 each.

"Here at Dow, we know that ensuring the health and sustainability of our environment takes a commitment from everyone, but particularly our youth," said Community Relations Manager Trish Ritthaler. "We're proud to sponsor a program that encourages high school seniors to come up with great ideas for litter prevention while enabling the winners to get support in furthering their educations."

The Texas Department of Transportation spends millions of dollars each year to pick up litter along Texas highways and research shows those most likely to litter are young Texans.

"If you don't tolerate litter, and if you've ever done something about it, you have a great shot at winning," said Doris Howdeshell, Travel Information Division director for the Texas Department of Transportation, which manages the Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Program.

Eligible high school seniors must plan to pursue a two- or four-year degree at a Texas university or college.

Essays must be 350 words or less and are being accepted now.

Apply online, download an application and view complete rules at DontMessWithTexas.org.

Completed applications and essays must be submitted online or postmarked by April 16. Mailed entries should be sent to the Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship Program c/o EnviroMedia Social Marketing at 1717 W. Sixth Street, Suite 400; Austin 78703.

SIZABLE DONATION



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Skip Hedgpeth of Home Hospice receives a $20,000 check from Dixie Daves-Gleave during a brief ceremony held Wednesday, which would have been the 105th birthday of Odie Thompson, a life long resident of Big Spring, who owned the Beauty Bar Hair Salon. Mrs. Thompson donated the $20,000 in recognition of the care she received prior to her death. The donation was made specifically to honor her direct caregivers, Patty McKitrick (not shown), Sherry Hodnett (far left) and Megan Chandler (far right).

Wind Expo draws big crowd of wind energy professionals

Special to the Herald

FLOYDADA — It was tough to find a parking space at the Unity Center in Floyd County on March 4. The parking lot was at full capacity, packed with wind industry professionals who had booths at the event and others hoping to learn more about the industry and its future in the Texas Panhandle.

The wind energy expo hosted by Caprock Plains Wind Energy Association brought in a crowd of nearly 300 people from across the South Plains.

Attendees came to meet with developers, transmission companies, consultants and manufacturers as well as educational and advocacy groups working in wind energy.

"The event was well attended and a testament to the optimism of wind energy development in West Texas," said the Floydada Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Justin Jaworski. "Floydada EDC is currently working to help develop a proper incentive program for wind farms and looks forward to assisting this process in the near future."

Local companies in the Texas Panhandle such as Turbines Over Texas and Alternative Energy Specialties were hoping to use CPWEA's wind energy expo to promote their products and services.

Randy Craig is an associate professor of biology at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, but three years ago he began building a residential wind turbine with other local residents.

Craig and the Turbines Over Texas crew had the turbine that they are currently manufacturing on display at the expo.

"Through much trial and error we feel that we have achieved a small-wind residential, rural turbine that will allow more people to assist with rising electrical costs and reduce their carbon foot-print on the Earth," Craig said. "The expo was an opportunity for our small manufacturing company to increase the awareness of our wind turbine company and its presence in Hale County, Texas."

Alternative Energy Specialties in Abernathy also had an exhibit at the event. Its exhibit featured a patent pending meteorological tower (often times referred to as a met tower) that they manufacture locally.

"Our Tall-Tilt™ 60- through 80-meter met towers are patent pending technology and were designed and engineered by a local team here in the Lubbock area in 2009," said Glenn Van Slyke, a member of the Alternative Energy Specialties team. "It was beneficial to be in the same venue with the companies that use our products since what we provide is in place, and many times gone, long before power is generated by a turbine."

Hill Country Wind Power is one of the developers that local representatives like Van Slyke were happy to see at the event.

HCWP develops small to mid-sized wind farms. They are a non-traditional wind farm developer as they focus on selling retail electricity from their projects to large end-users like co-ops, school districts and hospitals.

John McNair, director of land acquisitions at HCWP, said the company's focus was to take care of the landowner first. He noted that selling electricity at retail benefits landowners, investors and local communities.

"At the expo I met primarily with landowners in areas we are targeting, some who represented target areas as far as two and a half hours from the expo location," McNair said. "That speaks volumes about what CPWEA is doing, facilitating the introduction of developers to landowners in the windiest areas of Texas."

Alon USA announces hiring of Eisman as president

Special to the Herald

DALLAS — Alon USA Energy Inc. has expanded its executive management team with the appointment of 54-year-old Paul Eisman as president.

With more than 30 years of refining experience, Eisman joins Alon from Frontier Oil Corp. where he held the position of executive vice president of refining and marketing operations. Prior to joining Frontier, Eisman held various positions at leading refiners, including senior vice president of economics and planning at Valero Energy Corp. and executive vice president of corporate development at Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corp. He also supported the industry as vice president of North American operations at KBC Advanced Technologies.

"We are excited to have Paul join our team," said Jeff Morris, Alon's CEO. "I have known and respected him for many years and couldn't think of a better candidate for this new position. His knowledge and experience in the refining industry will help us execute our strategies."

Energy Watch



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



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

Shakespeare must have had the year 2010 in mind when he opened the play "Richard III" with the statement that "now is the winter of our discontent." Yes, discontent has been extreme this winter among investors and most Americans and not simply because of the very cold weather and severe snowstorms.

We are often asked how we could have experienced a big market rally in the past year and how we can remain bullish despite all the valid reasons for discontent. Yes, the economy and financial system are on the mend, but progress is erratic.

In February, consumer confidence fell to 46.0 from 55.9 in January. The upward revised GDP was not as strong as the number might suggest. On the positive side, January durable goods orders were stronger than expected.

The major economic discontent is that the labor market remains very soft. Although we believe unemployment will bottom out this spring, any major improvement is probably years off. Of course, this is not a good thing and will continue to hurt consumer confidence.

Probably the greatest discontent among Americans is due to our politicians in Washington.

In our years in dealing with the market, we have never witnessed such extremely low confidence in our political leadership on both sides of the aisle. The stock market favors gridlock in Washington as folks then believe nothing big will be forced on our nation.

Today, partially because of the severe divisiveness in Washington, the fear is that things Americans don't want could be forced on them anyway. Then we have the scandals on both sides of the aisle to further reduce confidence.

Discontent turns to fear when Americans look abroad. The international scene, starting with Iran, remains very scary. The European Union has very serious economic problems, beginning with Greece.

Weakness in the euro points out that the problems are serious and obvious to most. Relationships between the United States, China and Russia are not creating any smiles. And to swing back to the good old USA, the health bill has caused a firestorm of discontent and will probably end in a reconciliation attempt in the Senate.

The attitude of many folks from all corners of our great country reminds us of the title of that old musical, "Stop the World, I want to Get Off."

So how can the stock market act pretty well and how can we remain bullish past the very short term?

The answer is confidence — confidence in the resilience of our economy; confidence in the basic American spirit; confidence that, as our nation has overcome terrible adversity in the past, we will do it again; confidence that after darkness comes light.

We advise using more correction as a buying opportunity.

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Carl Smith, left, and Kentwood Elementary Principal Dana Byrd plant a tree in the school grounds Friday afternoon. The tree, a Chinese Pistache, is being planted in memory of Smith's daughter, Sarah, 26, a former Kentwood student, who died in 2009.



Courtesy photo

Marcy Elementary had three winners at the Regional Science Fair in Odessa. From left are Alexis Garza, Andre Marquez and Micaela Perez. Alexis placed third in environmental. Andre Marquez placed third in behavioral. Micaela Perez placed second in Earth/space science.

LETTERS

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notices sent out in a timely matter, not two or three months after the fact?

On another note, if people in this town burn down Kids' Zone and cut down our totem pole, what makes them think that anyone will respect and take care of this $4.2 million pool?

It doesn't make sense and I think we as taxpayers should at least be able to vote on it.

S.M. Henry
Big Spring

To the Editor:

The Howard County Conservatives are inviting all area residents to attend a Tea Party on April 17 at the Heart of the City Park in Big Spring from 10 a.m. 1 p.m. There will be conservative speakers, patriotic music and an opportunity to make your voice heard.

I would also like to make our community aware of the Tea Party Patriots mission statement and core values.

Mission statement: "The impetus for the Tea Party movement is excessive government spending and taxation. Our mission is to attract, educate, organize and mobilize our fellow citizens to secure public policy consistent with our three core values of fiscal responsibility, constitutionally limited government and free markets."

If these values are important to you, we hope you will attend the Tea Party.

Bo Fryar
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I am extremely proud to be a citizen of Big Spring and Howard County and believe this community has a lot to offer any potential business or industry. I believe the level and quality of work performed by our city employees, including the police and fire department, are outstanding. I believe strongly that Big Spring can continue to provide recreation including: swimming, fishing, golf, sports complexes, children's activities and scenic walks while promoting an opportunity for growth and prosperity for the citizens, as well as local business and industry. I am convinced this can be accomplished, without raising taxes, by working closely with our city manager and department heads to get the most of our tax dollar.

I firmly believe that our citizens have the right to give final approval, via the voting process, on any significant tax increase or major investments of city funds. Taxes related to bond issues, originally approved by our voters, must be returned to the citizens once bond obligations are met. Big Spring is not immune to the economic decline and rising unemployment throughout our country. Now is not the time to mortgage our children's future by issuing 20 year bonds that we and our children will be burdened with for years to come.

The quality of our water, water distribution systems, and the condition of our residential streets and roads are of deep concern to me. These issues have a negative impact on our citizens, local businesses, and potential business/industry. These 'basic' needs must be a priority and we should assist our city employees in addressing these issues.

I am a retired civil servant with over 10 years experience providing oversight, guidance and training to CEO's and departmental managers of multi-million dollar entities to ensure every federal tax dollar received maximum benefit.

With the above in mind, I have announced my candidacy for the office of Mayor of the City of Big Spring. I would appreciate your support and vote. However, regardless of your views on these matters, I encourage you to become involved in your city by supporting the candidate of your choice.

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USDA Rural Development announces funding available under initiative

Special to the Herald

TEMPLE — The U.S. Department of Agriculture launched a 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' initiative late last year, which promotes local and regional food systems by stimulating community economic development and providing access to affordable fresh food locally.

USDA Rural Development has $40 million available under the Community Facility Program in Texas in the form of guaranteed loans, low interest loans and grants for community projects, including those included in this initiative.

"It is vital that people begin to understand fully where their food comes from and how it gets to their dinner tables," commented Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development's Texas state director. "The 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' Initiative creates new economic opportunities by better connecting consumers with local producers and we are excited to have the opportunity to assist in this process."

The USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program offers direct and guaranteed loans, as well as grants, to finance the development of essential community facilities serving rural areas under 20,000 in population, including those that support and promote local foods. Food banks, food storage, distribution centers, school kitchens and cafeterias, Farm-to-School programs, community gardens, farmers markets, community kitchens and facilities that provide nutrition education and training programs are all examples of facilities that would be included in the initiative.

Funding is available to local government and public bodies, community-based nonprofit organizations and Indian Tribes and may be used to fund the purchase of real estate, buildings and building expansions, equipment and vehicles. Grants range from 15 percent to 75 percent and require matching funds.

If you would like to engage you community in conversations on farming and food, while linking to producers and customers, the 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' website features social media tools to assist you. Visit www.usda.gov for further information.

NRCS extends deadline for organic farming initiative

Special to the Herald

TEMPLE — The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has extended the deadline to apply for conservation funding available to certified organic producers and those transitioning to organic production in Texas to April 2.

Voluntary financial and technical assistance is available through the Organic initiative under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Through the Organic EQIP sign-up, farmers, ranchers and dairy operators may apply for financial assistance and technical expertise to plan and install conservation measures, such as conservation crop rotation, cover crops, nutrient management, pest management, prescribed grazing, forage harvest management and more. Program participants may receive up to $20,000 annually or $80,000 during any six-year period.

Producers must meet basic program eligibility guidelines to be eligible to apply.

Organic producers may also apply for assistance under the general EQIP program that is open to both organic and non-organic producers. Applications for Farm Bill conservation programs are accepted on a continuous basis.

Interested producers should visit their nearest USDA Service Center about conservation planning and to determine eligibility.

More information is available at www.nrcs.usda.gov.

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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. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Great Expectations

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 5 4 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ K Q J 2
♣ 4 3

WEST
♠ K Q J 9 6
♥ —
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 10 7 6 5 2

EAST
♠ 10
♥ K 9 8 7 6
♦ 10 9 6 5
♣ J 9 8

SOUTH
♠ 8 7 3
♥ A Q J 4 3
♦ A 8
♣ A K Q

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
6 ♥ !	Pass	Pass	Dble
Redble			

Opening lead — king of spades.

There are players who see every hand through rose-colored glasses. Optimism certainly has its place in bridge and will usually pay handsome dividends when there is a sound basis for it, but the fact remains that an ace is an ace and a deuce is a deuce, regardless of who holds them.

It is clear that South in this deal was a full-fledged member of the Optimists Club. He had an excellent hand, to be sure, but he obviously looked upon his three spade losers as something the good Lord would surely take care of — and he even carried this conviction to the point of redoubling East's double of six hearts!

One thing that can be said about the habitual overbidder is that he is usually a pretty good cardplayer. He gets so much more practice playing contracts that are seemingly out of reach that he becomes highly proficient at getting the most out of his cards. Our declarer in this deal was no exception.

He won the spade lead with the ace and played a low trump to the jack, revealing the 5-0 trump division. Undaunted, South cashed the A-K-Q of clubs, discarding a spade from dummy.

He then played four rounds of diamonds, disposing of his two spade losers. By this time nine tricks had been played, and declarer had won them all. East and South now each had four trumps, while dummy still had the 10-5.

Declarer next led a spade from dummy, and when East ruffed with the seven, South underruffed with the three! East's low trump return ran to dummy's ten, and South's A-Q took the last two tricks to make six hearts redoubled!

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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Census trying to reach immigrants away from border

JOHN McFARLAND
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DALLAS — As census forms begin arriving in mailboxes this week, federal workers tasked with counting humans in the nation's second-most populous state face their usual Texas challenge: how to account for immigrants who'd rather not be noticed.

It's a problem with every decade's census in a state that shares a 2,000-mile frontier with Mexico, but it's not exclusively a border issue. In fact, U.S. Census Bureau officials also are targeting areas away from the border where large pockets of "hard to count" immigrants wind up after entering the country.

The Census Bureau considers Harris County and Dallas County the hardest to count in Texas. Harris ranks fourth nationally and Dallas 10th in the difficulty rankings that consider various factors, including how many surveys were returned in the 2000 census, language, education, mobility, poverty and employment.

When it comes to immigrants, though, the biggest factor is fear.

"They fear the police, they fear deportation and they fear answering questions," said Teresa Sims, a volunteer at an Arlington church that's holding a forum March 20 explaining the census to immigrants.

The Census Bureau has launched a national campaign to better inform immigrants in response to complaints that Hispanics were largely undercounted in 2000. For the first time, millions of census forms have been printed in Spanish. And the bureau's trying to hire bilingual workers to get into isolated communities.

Officials say the key is to get trusted local people such as priests, teachers and immigration attorneys to tell people the census is important and safe. Immigration status is not one of the 10 questions on the form.

"The No. 1 challenge is educating individuals about the confidentiality of the census and how there's really not a sharing of information from government agency to government agency," said Jerome Garza, a Census Bureau area manager in charge of the border. "That's a very foreign concept to many immigrants coming to us."

Another problem is mobility. Luis Castillo, the head of a League of United Latin American Citizens chapter in Arlington, said it's difficult to track people who are willing to leave on short notice to get better jobs.

Starting this week, more than 120 million households will get the census forms in the mail. The results of the population count will determine who gets billions in federal aid for schools, roads, medical clinics and other needs. The census also will decide how congressional seats will be divvied up. Texas stands to gain three or four House seats.

Luis Figueroa, a legislative staff attorney for The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said the two biggest challenges have been convincing people how important the census is and that it's safe.

It's also a challenge just getting that word out. Meetings are scheduled around the state, and all sorts of groups are trying to explain why it's important, in English and Spanish.

Troy Wynne, a city planner in the Dallas suburb of Irving, said efforts there have included sending fliers home with children, putting up posters at schools and showing up at open houses. About one-third of Irving's population is foreign-born, and about 25 percent are non-citizens, said Wynne, who's coordinating the city's efforts to reach hard-to-count people.

Despite the most focused efforts, though, immigrants are still wary.

Sims, who's retired and started an English literacy for immigrants class at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Arlington, says that fear of government has actually been helpful in convincing people how important the census is.

"We need to let them know that if they don't fill out there census, someone will come to their door," she said.

Census Bureau's hardest areas to count

The Associated Press

The U.S. Census Bureau classifies certain areas in the nation as hard to count, based on a statistical formula. Here are the 20 hardest-to-count counties in the nation, as well as the rankings of other Texas counties in the top 50:

1. Los Angeles County, Calif.
2. Cook County, Ill.
3. Kings County, N.Y.
4. Harris County, Texas
5. Bronx County, New York
6. Miami-Dade County, Fla.
7. Queens County, N.Y.
8. New York County, N.Y.
9. Maricopa County, Ariz.
10. Dallas County, Texas
11. San Diego County, Calif.
12. Orange County, Calif.
13. Wayne County, Mich.
14. Philadelphia County, Pa.
15. San Bernandino County, Calif.
16. Hidalgo County, Texas
17. Fresno County, Calif.
18. Riverside County, Calif.
19. Essex County, N.J.
20. Bexar County, Texas

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Texas education board vote reflects far-right influences

APRIL CASTRO
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — A far-right faction of the Texas State Board of Education succeeded Friday in injecting conservative ideals into social studies, history and economics lessons that will be taught to millions of students for the next decade.

Teachers in Texas will be required to cover the Judeo-Christian influences of the nation's Founding Fathers, but not highlight the philosophical rationale for the separation of church and state. Curriculum standards also will describe the U.S. government as a "constitutional republic," rather than "democratic," and students will be required to study the decline in value of the U.S. dollar, including the abandonment of the gold standard.

"We have been about conservatism versus liberalism," said Democrat Mavis Knight of Dallas, explaining her vote against the standards. "We have manipulated strands to insert what we want it to be in the document, regardless as to whether or not it's appropriate."

Following three days of impassioned and acrimonious debate, the board gave preliminary approval to the new standards with a 10-5 party line vote. A final vote is expected in May, after a public comment period that could produce additional amendments and arguments.

Decisions by the board — made up of lawyers, a dentist and a weekly newspaper publisher among others — can affect textbook content nationwide because Texas is one of publishers' biggest clients.

Ultraconservatives wielded their power over hundreds of subjects this week, introducing and rejecting amendments on everything from the civil rights movement to global politics. Hostilities flared and prompted a walkout Thursday by one of the board's most prominent Democrats, Mary Helen Berlanga of Corpus Christi, who accused her colleagues of "whitewashing" curriculum standards.

By late Thursday night, three other Democrats seemed to sense their futility and left, leaving Republicans to easily push through amendments heralding "American exceptionalism" and the U.S. free enterprise system, suggesting it thrives best absent excessive government intervention.

"Some board members themselves acknowledged this morning that the process for revising curriculum standards in Texas is seriously broken, with politics and personal agendas dominating just about every decision," said Kathy Miller, president of the Texas Freedom Network, which advocates for religious freedom.

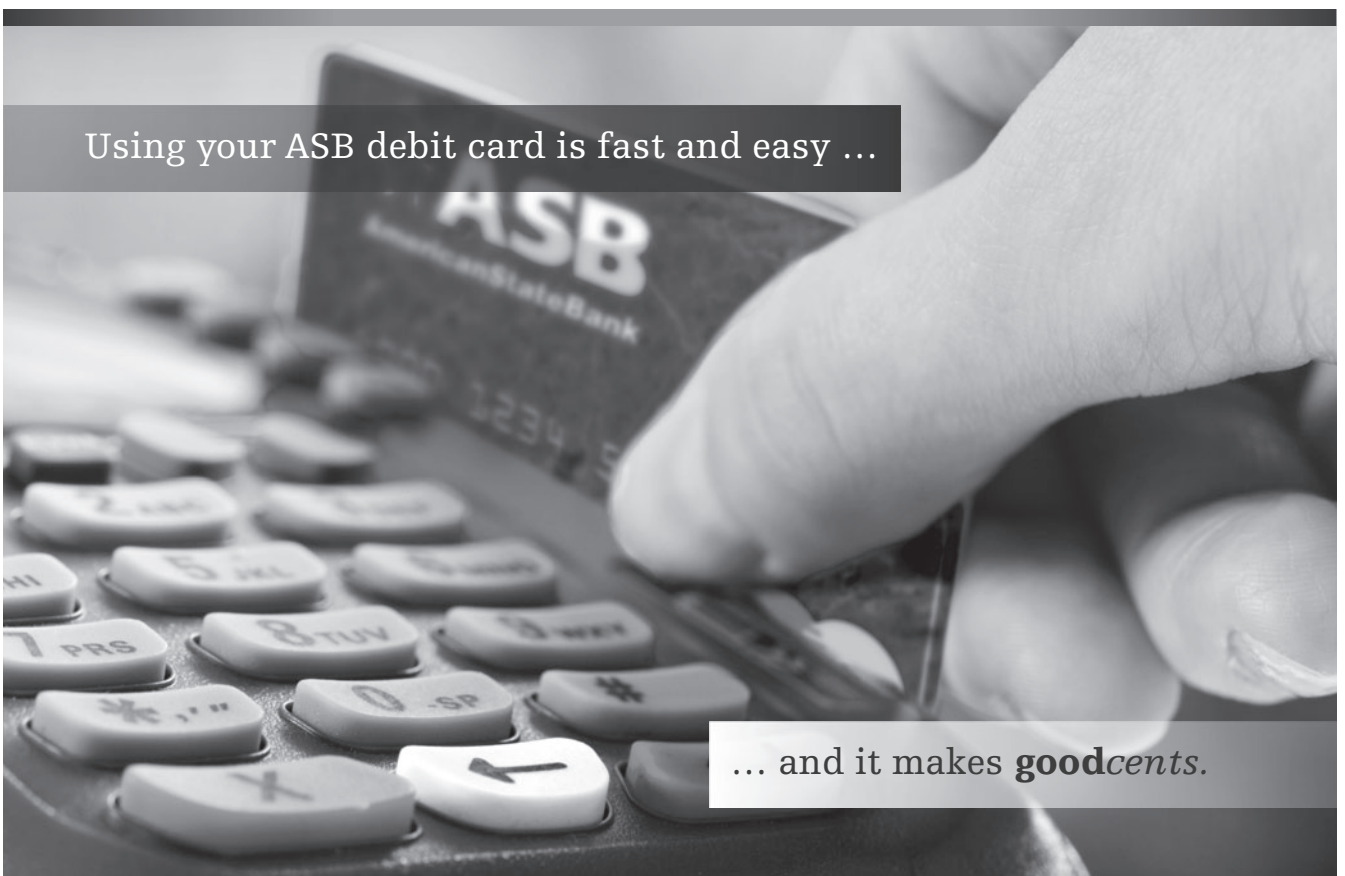
Republican Terri Leo, a member of the powerful Christian conservative voting bloc, called the standards "world class" and "exceptional."

Board members argued about the classification of historic periods (still B.C. and A.D., rather than B.C.E. and C.E.); whether students should be required to explain the origins of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and its impact on global politics (they will); and whether former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir should be required learning (she will).

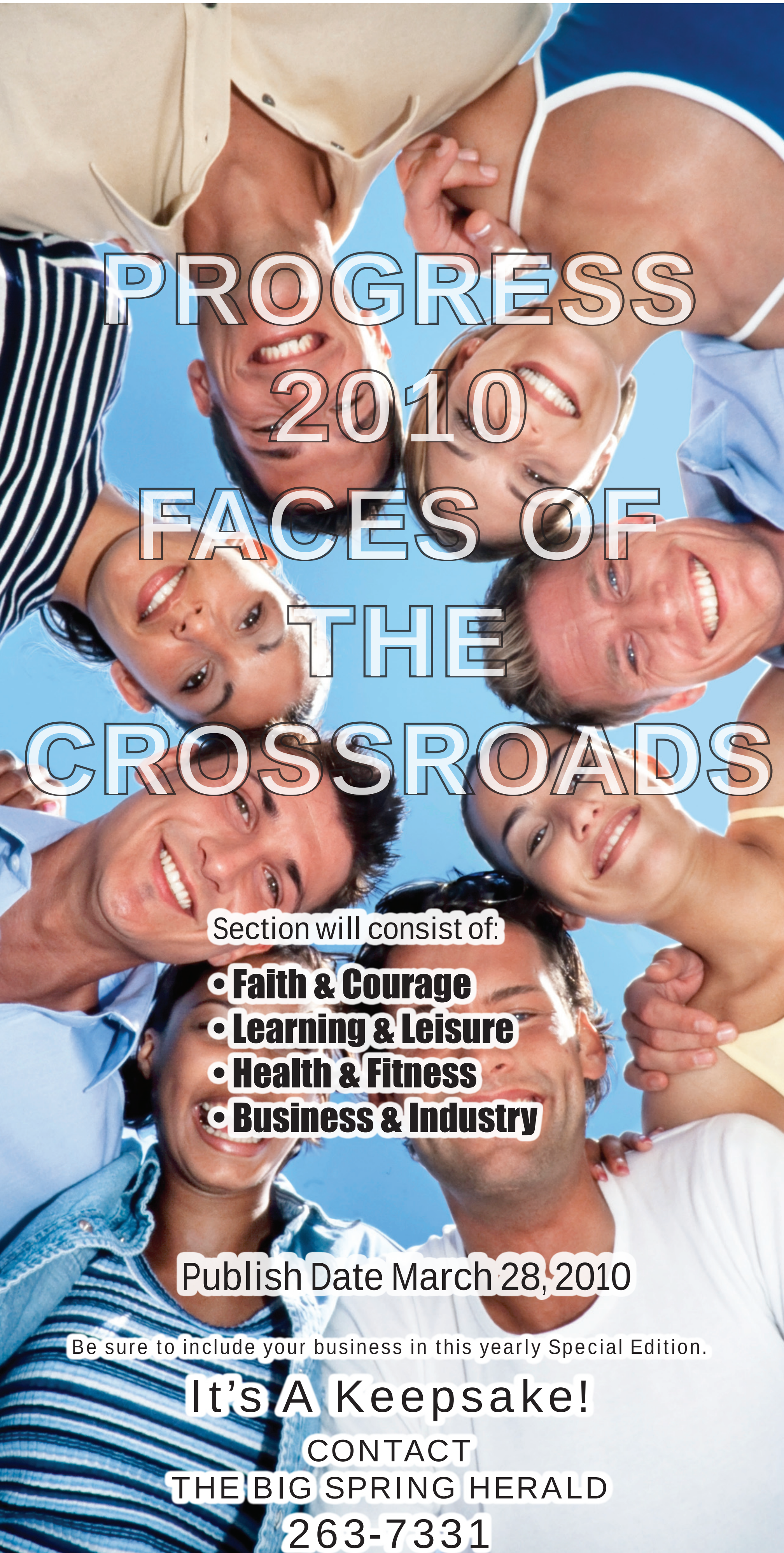
In addition to learning the Bill of Rights, the board specified a reference to the Second Amendment right to bear arms in a section about citizenship in a U.S. government class.

Conservatives beat back multiple attempts to include hip-hop as an example of a significant cultural movement.

Numerous attempts to add the names or references to important Hispanics throughout history also were denied, inducing one amendment that would specify that Tejanos died at the Alamo alongside Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie.



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Texas briefs

Landfill search ends, no sign of missing Arizona boy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police have called off a landfill search after finding no evidence in the disappearance of an 8-month-old Arizona boy.

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus said Friday that authorities had searched 4,600 tons of debris looking for clues about baby Gabriel Johnson.

Gabriel was last seen with his 23-year-old mother, Elizabeth Johnson, in San Antonio on Dec. 26. The Arizona woman is jailed on kidnapping, child abuse and custodial interference charges.

Police turned to the landfill after the mother allegedly sent a text message telling the father the boy was dead. She later recanted but has refused to disclose the baby's whereabouts.

Police excavated a section of the landfill believed to contain trash from a motel where the baby was last seen.

Groups weigh in on records case

AUSTIN (AP) — Three watchdog groups are asking the Texas Supreme Court to overturn a lower court's ruling involving a public records request.

Public Citizen, the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and Texans for Public Justice filed a "friend of the court" brief Friday in the case involving the pharmacy benefits group Caremark, a coalition of labor unions and the state.

The watchdog groups said they disagree with lower court rulings in Travis County that required the labor union coalition Change to Win to disclose information about itself and its associates to obtain documents under the Texas Public Information Act. The watchdog groups said that violates constitutional rights and threatens the public's access to government records.

The labor coalition has asked the Texas Supreme Court to hear the case.

Perry says state looking into border incursion

McALLEN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry says state and federal authorities are trying to get answers regarding a Mexican military helicopter that crossed the Texas-Mexico border late Wednesday afternoon.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection had confirmed that a Mexican military helicopter crossed the border near Falcon Dam in Zapata County before returning to Mexico without landing.

Calls for comment to the Mexican Navy were not returned. The Mexican army and navy are both involved in anti-drug trafficking operations in Mexican border cities.

In a prepared statement Friday, Perry called for better communication between U.S. and Mexican authorities along the border.

Court throws out $15.8M judgment in fatal wreck

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court has thrown out a $15.8 million civil trial judgment involving a wreck that killed four members of a family in northern Texas.

The court ruled unanimously Friday that lawyers improperly introduced evidence that a gravel truck driver blamed for the 2002 accident in Wise County was an illegal immigrant.

The justices said that was an attempt to inflame jurors' passions against the driver and his employer, TXI Transportation Co.

The court ordered a new trial while also handing a victory to the family of the victims. The court ruled 7-1 that the family can reintroduce testimony from an accident reconstruction expert that blamed the crash on the truck driver.

4 incendiary devices found in eastern Texas mail

DALLAS (AP) — At least four incendiary devices have been found recently in mailboxes or postal processing facilities in eastern Texas, although none posed a danger to the public, authorities said.

U.S. Postal Inspector Amanda McMurrey said Friday that one of the devices was discovered Tuesday night at a processing site in Owentown, a town near Tyler 95 miles east of Dallas.

McMurrey declined to describe the device or to comment on reports of similar devices found in two nearby counties, but she said the public was never in danger.

The Tyler Morning Telegraph, citing a Smith County sheriff's report, said the device found in Owentown consisted of a beer bottle filled with gasoline and topped with a wick.

Rusk County Sheriff Danny Pirtle told the newspaper that two incendiary devices were found recently in his jurisdiction. A fourth device was found March 5 in a mailbox in the main post office in Kilgore, city police Lt. Roman Roberson told The Associated Press. He said it was a beer bottle that contained an unidentified flammable liquid and a wick. He said the top of the bottle was wrapped in paper that had writing on it, but that he didn't know what was written.

Texas agency says gas drilling oversight improving

FORT WORTH (AP) — The state's environmental agency is taking steps to hold gas drilling companies more accountable in Texas.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality says it is hiring six new inspectors for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. It's part of the two-dozen-county area atop the Barnett Shale, one of the nation's biggest natural gas fields.

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Bid to remove senators' projects from bill runs into political reality

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama says he wants projects helping specific states yanked from the health care bill Congress is writing. Democratic senators, being senators, beg to differ.

The Senate-approved health measure lawmakers hope to send to Obama soon would steer $600 million over the next decade to Vermont in added federal payments for Medicaid and nearly as much to Massachusetts.

Connecticut would get $100 million to build a hospital. About 800,000 Florida seniors could keep certain Medicare benefits. Asbestos-disease victims in tiny Libby, Mont., and some coal miners with black lung disease or their widows would get help, and there are prizes for Louisiana, the Dakotas and more states.

"We're going to do what we have to do to get a bill out of the House and Senate," said James Manley, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. As for Obama's wish list of deletions: "We'll certainly keep it in mind as we pull together a final bill."

That tepid salute underscores the prickliness with which many senators have greeted what they consider Obama's meddling in their business and raises questions about how successful the president will be in erasing the special projects from final legislation.

Iraq vote results show Prime Minister leading in key Baghdad tally

BAGHDAD (AP) — A coalition led by Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki was winning in the all-important capital, according to a partial tally of results released Saturday.

If the trend continues, the vote tallies would be a substantial boost to al-Maliki and his chances to regain the prime minister's office. Baghdad accounts for 70 of the parliament's 325 seats and would go a long way toward deciding who will be tasked with forming a government which will oversee the country as U.S. forces go home.

Al-Maliki has been leading so far in preliminary results that have been trickling out from election officials since last Sunday's election. With the partial Baghdad results, the prime minister is now leading in eight provinces compared to two for his secular challenger Ayad Allawi, the leader of the Iraqiya coalition, and one for the Iraqi National Alliance, a Shiite religious coalition with ties to Iran. A Kurdish coalition, as expected, is ahead in Irbil in northern Iraq's autonomous Kurdish region.

The partial Baghdad results show al-Maliki's State of Law coalition with almost 159,000 votes compared to about 108,000 for the INA. Allawi's Iraqiya coalition was in third with about 105,000 votes.

Colo. mom says daughter held in alleged terror plot against cartoonist

DENVER (AP) — Jamie Paulin-Ramirez was a straight-A nursing student when she abruptly left Colorado last fall with her 6-year-old son and turned up in Ireland, where her parents say she was arrested this week in an alleged plot to assassinate a Swedish cartoonist.

Christine Mott of Leadville told The Associated Press that she was told of the arrest of her 31-year-old daughter in the case by the FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies.

She said that Jamie Paulin-Ramirez told her family after she left last September that she went to Ireland and married an Algerian whom she met online.

Irish authorities this week announced the arrest of seven Muslims in the alleged plot, only identifying them as three Algerians, a Libyan, a Palestinian, a Croatian and an American woman married to one of the Algerians.

They were arrested Tuesday, hours before U.S. authorities unveiled a terror indictment against Colleen LaRose, 46, of Philadelphia, who bills herself as "Jihad Jane."

LaRose is accused of plotting with others to kill Swedish cartoonist Lars Vilks because of his 2007 sketch depicting the head of the Muslim prophet Muhammad on a dog's body. The drawing provoked terror front Al-Qaida in Iraq to offer a $100,000 bounty for his slaying.

Obama to outline overhaul of federal education law

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Saturday promised to rewrite the nation's sweeping and controversial education law known as No Child Left Behind with a plan to prepare students for life after high school and to place better teachers at the blackboards.

Obama said he would send Congress his proposed overhaul of the 2001 education law that focused on accountability in the classroom but has fallen short of its original goals. The announcement's timing suggests Obama is looking beyond the health care proposal that still lingers in Congress, has delayed the president's international trip next week and threatens his party's electoral prospects in November.

Education — unlike proposed financial regulatory reform or environmental laws also on Congress' radar — is a kitchen-table issue certain to resonate with voters looking at Republicans seeking to retake both chambers of Congress in the midterm elections. Local classrooms trump vague regulations, and few oppose the principle of improving education.

Police say suicide bomber at security checkpoint kills 13 in northwest Pakistan

SAIDU SHARIF, Pakistan (AP) — A suicide bomber driving a motorized rickshaw blew himself up at a security checkpoint in northwestern Pakistan on Saturday, officials said, killing at least 13 people, injuring 52 and underscoring the nation's relentless security threat.

The blast in the small town of Saidu Sharif in Pakistan's violence-battered Swat Valley was the second major attack in the country in less than 24 hours, raising fears of a new wave of violence by anti-government militants. Suicide bombers killed 55 people in near-simultaneous blasts Friday in the eastern city of Lahore.


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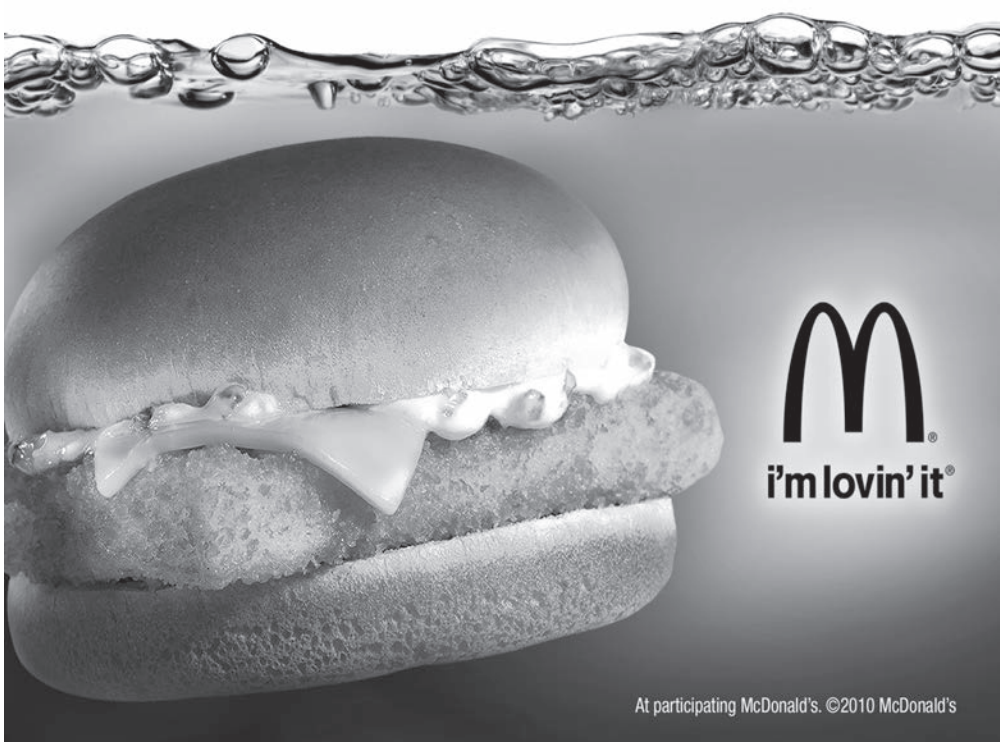
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Pisces energy is at large. The sun, the moon, Mercury, Jupiter and Uranus are all in the spiritual sign of the fish. Stop searching for answers, and realize that the answers are already in you. You are like Dorothy trying to get back to Kansas on a hot-air balloon. Little did she realize that the ruby-red slippers on her feet were the ticket all along.


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ARIES (March 21-April 19). People who sit up too straight have always made you suspicious. They look like they're up to something. You will sit up too straight yourself today — because you're up to something.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Timing is everything. You have felt a shift coming, but you haven't known what form it was going to take. Here it is now, and it couldn't have come at a better moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). While it is generally a sign of good character to downplay your virtues, in your case, you may have gone too far. Recognize yourself for the shining star you are. You can own it without waving it around.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your guiding luminary is the ever-changing moon. As it waxes and wanes, so do your moods. You will now innately know how to use your emotions to your most powerful advantage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are driven to put something in the world that wasn't there before. And you prefer that the "something" be not only tangible, but impressive. Spending most of your day on this pursuit will bring great happiness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're hip to new ways of doing things, but not if they are clearly wrong. What one person calls "nontraditional shopping," you call "stealing." In the end, you will be rewarded for your unwavering morality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Whoever stole your A-game needs to give it back. You feel slightly off today, but you have the "push go" to will your way through it — which is actually a very A-game thing to do. So maybe no one took it, after all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Call someone you haven't talked to in a long while. It's an interesting way to measure the time and distance between your incarnations. Touch base and you'll understand just how far you are from where you're from.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you're hot, you're hot. And that's when your confidence radiates. You won't just walk into a room. You'll make an entrance that sparks intrigue and captures the attention of all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). An inexplicable sense of anticipation takes hold. Though you may not be able to think of anything in particular that would make you so excited, your subconscious knows when something good is coming.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have no idea where the term 'guilty pleasures' comes from, but it sure doesn't apply to you. Everything you like, you love. All the way through. Why should you apologize for something that makes you happy?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can't be totally "on" all the time, so don't beat yourself up if you miss a beat. Regroup, review, re-strategize. One of your best attributes is that you never lose sight of the long view.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 14). It's one of your most romantic years to date, but in a broad sense of the word. You will journey along the path of heroic adventure and strange beauty. Even your professional life is guided by passion. In July, a new interest will bring you together with an unusual group of people. Family additions come in August. Scorpio and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 3, 10, 22 and 19.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: There's a bittersweet tone to the week, as the heavens are heavy with dewy Pisces energy. It's a complex system at play here, and the focus shifts from introspective to extraterrestrial in a heartbeat. Neptune rules Pisces and is the planet of dreams, imagination and faith. Pisces energy can do funny things to our sense of self as we begin to identify with the collective. Who are you really? Not a body. Not a collection of possessions, positions and roles. Who you are is something deeper than these temporal extensions — something unchanging. And since the sun, the moon, Mercury and Uranus are all transiting Pisces at some point this week, many of us are feeling extremely sensitive and impressionable. This is the last week of the Pisces solar transit of 2010. Saturday brings the vernal equinox and the start of a new zodiac cycle. If you get the grave sense that things are coming to a close, try not to turn this into a total downer, and remember the cyclic nature of life. Nothing is ever really lost; everything is just transmuted into a new incarnation. Endings are beginnings, closings bring openings, and the rest is, as Natasha Bedingfield sings, "still unwritten."

CELEBRITY PROFILES: We usually feature living celebs, but if I were born on the same day as one of the most iconic geniuses of all time, I would want to know. Wouldn't you? Pisces Albert Einstein was born under a broadminded Sagittarian moon. Mercury, Venus and Saturn in fiery Aries signifies a quick thinker with great passion. Ruled by Neptune, Einstein believed that "imagination is more important than knowledge."

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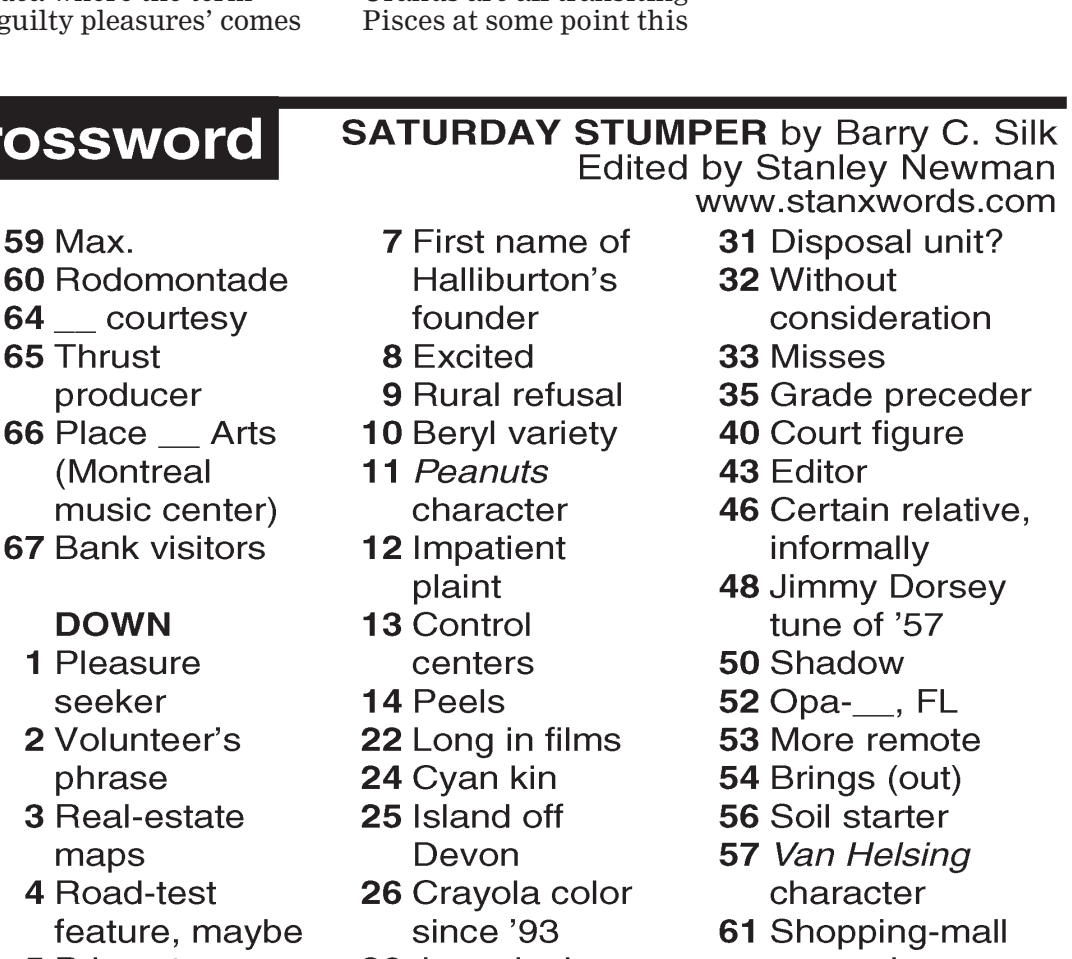
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ACROSS
1 Craft-store purchase
12 Slangy letters of identification
15 Sports-season highlight
16 Mid.
17 Inflation worker
18 Dull finish
19 Case officer's charge: Abbr.
20 Brief bylaw
21 Kind of carpet
23 "The deal's off!"
26 "Is that so?"
27 Beef
30 Floors
31 Naval officer
34 Leader of Cambodia
36 *Happy Days* diner
37 When Julius Caesar was appointed consul
38 At this *situation*
39 TaxCut option
41 Time div.
42 Jerks
44 Less
45 University VIP
47 Receives fewer votes than
49 Shoots
51 Like some old lamps
55 Test-prep request
56 Display
58 Text-scanning technology
59 Max.
60 Rodomontade
64 __ courtesy
65 Thrust producer
66 Place __ Arts (Montreal music center)
67 Bank visitors

DOWN
1 Pleasure seeker
2 Volunteer's phrase
3 Real-estate maps
4 Road-test feature, maybe
5 Price pts.
6 Major L.A. avenue
7 First name of Halliburton's founder
8 Excited
9 Rural refusal
10 Beryl variety
11 *Peanuts* character
12 Impatient plaint
13 Control centers
14 Peels
22 Long in films
24 Cyan kin
25 Island off Devon
26 Crayola color since '93
28 Java denizens
29 Pool equipment
31 Disposal unit?
32 Without consideration
33 Misses
35 Grade preceder
40 Court figure
43 Editor
46 Certain relative, informally
48 Jimmy Dorsey tune of '57
50 Shadow
52 Opa-__, FL
53 More remote
54 Brings (out)
56 Soil starter
57 *Van Helsing* character
61 Shopping-mall convenience
62 Cabinet div.
63 Not often: Abbr.



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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: B.F. Carr and wife, Lillian Carr, R. P. Porter and wife, Lillian Porter, C.D. Buck and wife, Gilda Buck
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

A tract of land out of Sc 31, Bk 33, T1N, Howard County, Texas described by meets and bounds on the attached exhibit

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: $2,045.82, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LOCKHART FOUNDATION, B.F. CARR AND WIFE, LILLIAN CARR, R.P. PORTER AND WIFE, LILLIAN PORTER, C.D. BUCK AND WIFE, GILDA BUCK and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 6, 2004, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LOCKHART FOUNDATION, B.F. CARR AND WIFE, LILLIAN CARR, R.P. PORTER AND WIFE, LILLIAN PORTER, C.D. BUCK AND WIFE, GILDA BUCK, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4682 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 5th day of April, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 26th day of February, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6454 March 7 & 14, 2010

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TO: Helen Miller, Merle J. Stewart, Lucille Collins, Lola Belle Rix, Keith M. Stewart and Laverne Yeatman, as Stockholders of Forsan Townsite Company
All unknown heir of M.J. Stewart
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lts 3 & 4, Bk 28, Original Town, City of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value-$600.00 Amt. owed- $40.04

Lt 8, Bk 28, Original Town, City of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value-$93,525.00 Amt. owed- $8,827.28

Lt 12, Bk 28, Original Town, City of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value-$100.00 Amt. owed- $6.71

Lts 13 & 14, Bk 28, Original Town, City of Forsan, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value-$27,525.00 Amt. owed- $3,377.86

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: $12,251.89, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JEFF KESTER, INDIVIDUALLY AND DBA ROYALTY SUPPLY, INC. and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JEFF KESTER, INDIVIDUALLY AND DBA ROYALTY SUPPLY INC., for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5742 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 5th day of April, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 26th day of February, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6457 March 7 & 14, 2010

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: Raymond Lopez and
Cindy Lopez
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

The South 25 feet (S/25') of Lt 9, and all of Lts 10 & 11, Bk 2, W.J. Gordon Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value- $37,106.00 Amt. owed- $2,131.64

Lt 12, Bk 2, W.J. Gordon Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas Assessed Value- $2,000.00 Amt. owed- $183.90

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: $2,315.54, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against RAMOND LOPEZ AND CINDY LOPEZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on January 20, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. RAMOND LOPEZ AND CINDY LOPEZ, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5642 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 5th day of April, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 26th day of February, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
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118th Judicial District.
#6455 March 7 & 14, 2010

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IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
TO: Anselmo Hilario
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: $4,302.61, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ANSELMO HILARIO and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 29, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ANSELMO HILARIO, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5744 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 5th day of April, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 26th day of February, A.D. 2010.

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TO: Dallas Nursing Homes, Inc. Defendant Lienholder and Amerivest Mortgage Services, Inc., Defendant Lienholder
the unknown heirs of said above named defendant lienholders, and the unknown defendant lienholder of the hereinafter described land, and the executor, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named defendant lienholders, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Three tracts of land comprising approximately 6.05 acres, as follows:

TRACT ONE:
a 4.140 acre tract of land out of Sections Forty-three and Forty-four (43 & 44) Block Thirty-two (32), Township-One-North (T1N) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas more fully described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "A";
TRACT TWO:
a 1.28 acre tract of land out of Sections Forty-three and Forty-four (43 & 44) Block Thirty-two (32), Township-One-North (T1N) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas more fully described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "B";
TRACT THREE:
a 0.63 acre tract of land out of Sections Forty-three and Forty-four (43 & 44) Block Thirty-two (32), Township-One-North (T1N) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas more fully described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "C";

Said parcel sometimes alternatively descried as three tracts comprising approximately 6.043 acres, as follow:
TRACT ONE:
a 3.44 acre tract of land out of Sections Forty-three and Forty-four (43 & 44) Block Thirty-two (32), Township-One-North (T1N) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas more fully described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "D";
TRACT TWO:
a 1.77 acre tract of land out of Sections Forty-three and Forty-four (43 & 44) Block Thirty-two (32), Township-One-North (T1N) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas more fully described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "E";
TRACT THREE:
a 0.833 acre tract of land out of Sections Forty-three and Forty-four (43 & 44) Block Thirty-two (32), Township-One-North (T1N) in the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas more fully described by metes and bounds on the attached Exhibit "F";

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: $614,619.80, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against MANAGED CARE, LC DBA BIG SPRING CARE CENTER, ET AL and others, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on March 10, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MANAGED CARE, LC DBA BIG SPRING CARE CENTER, ET AL, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 03-01-4542 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 21st day of April, 2010 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 10th day of March, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#6460 March 14 & 21, 2010

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: Jose Cuellar, Jr., Respondent
GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 118th District Court, Howard County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Big Spring, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Service, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of November 2009, against Jose Cuellar, Jr., Respondent, and said suit being numbered 46874 on the docket of said Court and entitled "In the Interest of Desirea Cuellar, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request for protection of a child, for conservatorship, and for termination in suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this citation shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this the 9th day of March, 2010.

COLLEEN BARTON,
District Clerk
118th District Court,
Howard County, Texas
By Brandie Martinez, Deputy
#6459 March 14, 2010

Legals

Notice of Public Hearing on the proposed financing by Howard County VFD located in Howard County will meet on March 30, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the HCVFD training center located at 200 N. Midway Rd for the purpose of holding a public hearing pursuant to the requirements of section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, on a proposal that the issuer enter into an agreement in order to finance certain equipment. The equipment to be financed consists of two (2) 4-door Commercial Pumpers that will be located in the City of Coahoma and City of Forsan. To finance the costs of such equipment and to pay costs and expenses incidental to the financing the issuer proposes to enter into a loan agreement in the maximum aggregate principal amount of $300,000.00. The issuer will be required to pay all taxes on the equipment. The rental payments due pursuant to the loan agreement will be secured by a security interest in the equipment. All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place or may file written comments with the Howard County VFD P.O. Box 2877 Big Spring, TX 79721 prior to the Date of hearing set forth here-to-fore.
Tommy Sullivan Fire Chief
#6461 March 14, 2010

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Arch Coal acquires stake in Trailblazer Energy Center

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ST. LOUIS — Arch Coal Inc. and Tenaska Inc. announced this weed that Arch has acquired a 35 percent equity interest in the Trailblazer Energy Center, which is being developed by Tenaska near Sweetwater. Arch's investment will be staged over time as the development of the project reaches key milestones.

The Trailblazer Energy Center will rank among the world's cleanest fossil-fuel-based power plants and act as a strategic source of carbon dioxide for enhanced oil recovery (EOR) applications in West Texas. Moreover, Trailblazer will supply the Texas economy with an additional 600 megawatts of clean, secure, reliable electric generating capacity.

"We are enthusiastic about partnering with Tenaska – a successful and highly respected leader in power plant development – to make the Trailblazer Energy Center a reality," said David B. Peugh, Arch's vice president of business development. "Trailblazer will harness the most advanced coal-based technologies to supply secure, low-carbon production of electricity to the rapidly growing Texas marketplace. Furthermore, Trailblazer's success could set the stage for a new generation of power plants fueled with America's most abundant, reliable and cost-competitive fuel."

Tenaska Business Development President David Fiorelli said the partnership with Arch will bring a number of strategic benefits to the Trailblazer project.

"The agreement is another indication of the significant progress Tenaska, as managing partner, is making in the development of the pioneering Trailblazer Energy Center," said Fiorelli. "As one of the largest suppliers of low-sulfur Powder River Basin coal, Arch brings its 40 years of experience in the energy and coal industries. By working together, we will help lead the way to using our nation's most abundant energy resource in an environmentally responsible manner."

In capturing 85 to 90 percent of the carbon dioxide emissions from the plant, Trailblazer will emit 70 percent less carbon dioxide than the cleanest natural gas-based power plants. Moreover, Trailblazer will ship the captured carbon dioxide to the nearby Permian Basin, where it will be used to boost oil production and extend the life of that critically important domestic energy resource.

As part of the agreement, Arch will supply the plant's fuel needs for the first 20 years of operation from its Powder River Basin operations in Wyoming.

A recent Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) report projects that Texas will need to add more than 55 gigawatts of new and replacement power-generating capacity over the next two decades to meet projected demand growth.

Today's announcement is consistent with Arch's ongoing strategy of making small but strategic investments in technology companies focused on making coal use cleaner. In addition to Trailblazer, Arch's technology portfolio includes an equity interest in DKRW Advanced Fuels, which is planning to convert coal into clean-burning transportation fuel on Arch reserves in southern Wyoming, and ADA-ES, a leading-edge emissions control company.

Tenaska Inc. is one of the largest privately-owned energy companies in the United States, with revenues of approximately $8 billion in 2009. Forbes and Fortune magazines rank Tenaska 16th and 25th, respectively, among the largest privately-held U.S. companies. Headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, it develops, constructs, owns and operates non-utility generation and cogeneration plants. The company also markets natural gas, biofuels and electric power, and provides risk management services. Tenaska is involved in asset acquisition, fuel supply, natural gas exploration, production and transportation systems and electric transmission development.

Tenaska has developed approximately 9,000 megawatts of electric generating capacity across the United States. Tenaska's affiliates operate and manage eight power plants in six states totaling more than 6,700 megawatts of generating capacity owned in partnership with other companies.

In 2008, Tenaska was listed in benchmarking studies by the Natural Resources Defense Council as having the best fleet-wide record in the United States for controlling emission of CO2 and as one of the top performing companies for controlling emissions of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide.

St. Louis-based Arch Coal is the second largest U.S. coal producer, with revenues of $2.6 billion in 2009. Through its national network of mines, Arch supplies cleaner-burning, low-sulfur coal to U.S. power producers to fuel roughly 8 percent of the nation's electricity.

The company also ships coal to domestic and international steel manufacturers as well as international power producers.

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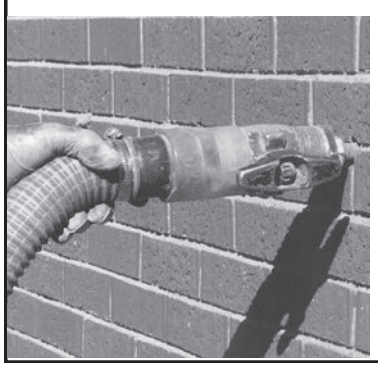
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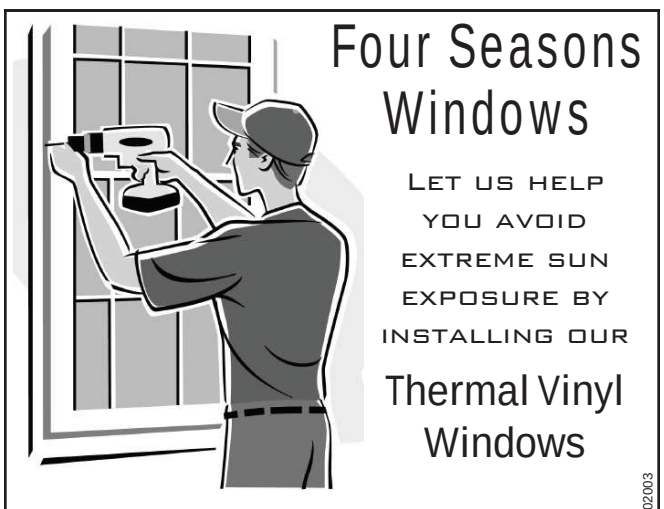
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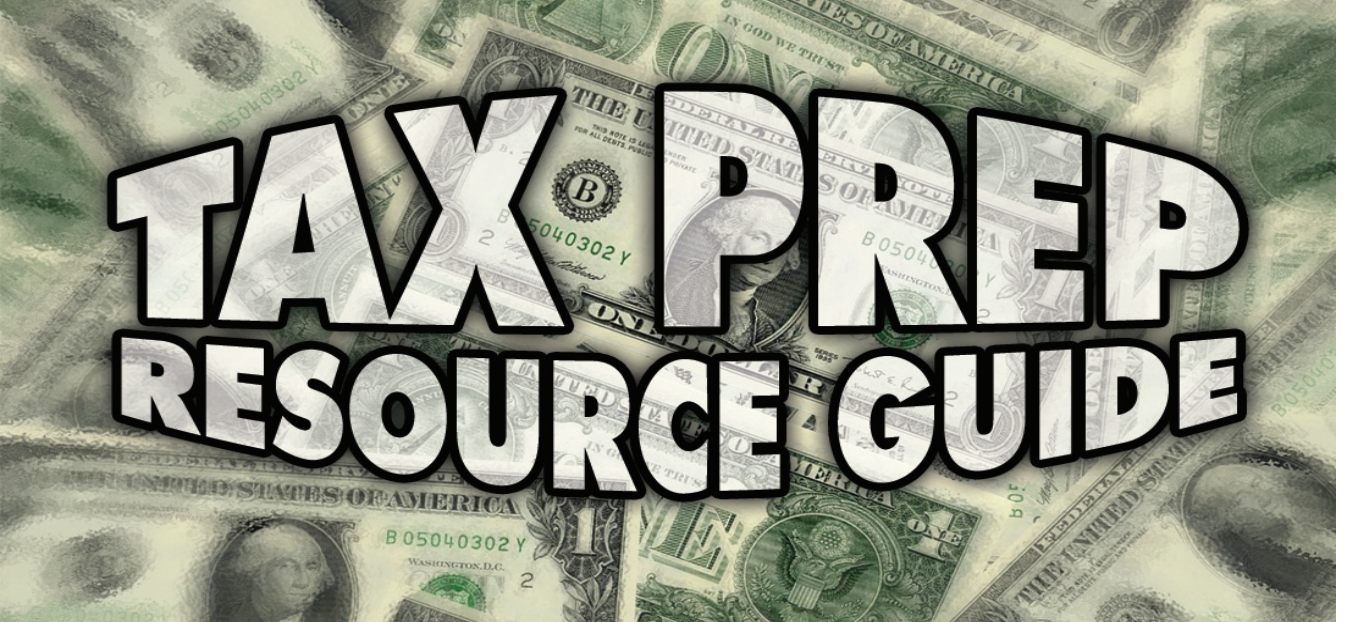
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Dear Margo

Dear Margo: I recently accepted a position in a large office. I think it's very nice that people want to express their good wishes for events in co-workers' lives, but why do these people not understand the rules of good taste that accompany these situations?

I have been invited to (and expected to attend and provide a gift for) "baby showers" for a co-worker's second or third child. I have been invited to "wedding showers" where both parties have been divorced before (sometimes more than once) and I will not even be invited to the wedding.

I don't wish to be coerced into buying gifts for people I know only on a professional basis.

To me, these are personal events, and I feel these celebrations should be held outside of work.

I have no problem with those who wish to express their good wishes on an individual basis, but I will not participate in this sort of "gift hounding."

How do I let others know that not only will I not participate, but these types of "showers" are in poor taste? — *Among the Unwilling*

Dear Am: To the first part of your question — letting others know that you do not wish to participate — simply beg off by saying you don't know X all that well, and that your own thinking about such galas is that they should be held in hotels or people's homes.

This will pretty much guarantee you the fish eye, seeing as how office showers are quite an established tradition. As for how you should let people know you find these celebrations in poor taste ... well, you shouldn't.

Your job is not to be Miss Manners, and I am not even sure you are right. Perhaps when you've been there longer and have made some friends you will feel differently. Or not. — *Margo, responsively*

Dear Margo: My husband has only one sibling, an adopted brother who's in his 40s. He is a great guy, with a good job, clean record, etc. He is also gay.

My in-laws just found out a couple of years ago, when he told them. They were and are furious.

After some time, they began to treat him as they did before, but never mentioning his being gay or asking about his social life.

The parents have redone their wills leaving everything to my husband, only because his brother is gay.

They are very well off. This slap in the face to my b-i-l angers both my husband and me, but we cannot get them to budge. My b-i-l will be heartbroken, as he adores them both.

We have no intention of leaving my b-i-l out when the time comes, but he will be very hurt by their intentions.

What can we do to convince them to put him back in the will and make them realize how much their intended exclusion will hurt him? — *Distressed*

Dear Dis: I don't know that you can make much headway, since their homophobia sounds quite strong, but at a propitious moment, you and your husband might sit down with them and try pointing out how hurt their other son will be.

Money, of course, is many things, and one of them is emotional. Ask them to think of their son as they've known him for all these years, not merely in terms of his sexuality.

As for "not leaving him out when the time comes," I know of such a case. A former husband was the sole beneficiary of a childless aunt who left everything to him.

He thought this was incorrect and hurtful and volitionally shared the estate with his sister. You can do the same. — *Margo, equally*

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