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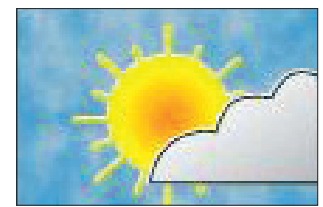
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Robert Kilpatrick, left, and Chip Whitworth peruse the selection of plants during the Howard County Master Gardeners Plant Sale Saturday morning on W. Fourth Street.

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## Routine matters

*Supplemental insurance, property auction on county court's agenda*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners are set to meet Monday morning to consider a number of routine matters, including a presentation from an insurance company for elective coverage.

County Judge Mark Barr said a representative from

Liberty Mutual Insurance contacted him and asked him to put the presentation on the agenda.

"This has nothing to do with our current insurance coverage. It's basically an elective insurance the company wants to offer our employees, so

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**Coming Monday...**  
*Weekend election results*

## BSSH to award RN, LVN of year

*Luncheon slated Wednesday*  
 Herald Staff Report

Big Spring State Hospital administrators will honor the hospital's nursing staff and name the RN of the Year and LVN of the Year during a luncheon Wednesday in the hospital's Allred Building Auditorium.

The yearly award is given to an RN and LVN who has demonstrated the highest level of professionalism and who continually improves the lives of the patients through his or her daily contact.

Big Spring State Hospital Nursing Services hosts the luncheon and awards ceremony each year during National Nurses Week for the nursing staff.

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing

The theme of National Nurses Week 2010 is – "Nurses: Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow."



A judge and the dog's owner look over the canine during the Big Spring Kennel Club's 40th annual show Saturday morning at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The show continues Sunday with doors open at 8 a.m. and judging starting at 9 a.m.

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## Boys & Girls Club accepting 100 applications for summer program

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

As area students hungrily await the end of the school year, many parents are faced with the need for child care during the summer months.

Luckily, the local Big Spring Salvation Army's Boys & Girls Club of America has a ready – and affordable – answer to that dilemma, as the organization gets set to offer its summer program for area children.

"We have a lot of different

*"Boys & Girls Club gives them a chance to participate in arts and crafts, sports and other activities that will help them grow as people."*

—Sonnet Hildebrand, Boys & Girls Club director

activities planned this year," said Sonnet Hildebrand, director of the annual program. "Our program coordinator this year is Stephanie Painter, and we're really glad to have her. We have all sorts of activities planned, from arts

and crafts to a splash day."

The program will run from June 1 until Aug. 13, according to Hildebrand, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

"For a lot of parents, day-care just isn't an option," said

Hildebrand. "The charge will be \$20 for the first two months, and \$10 for August. That's the whole summer for \$50, which is within the reach of most parents. And they have the option of paying the entire amount up front, or just paying on a month-to-month basis."

And while the program is certainly a God-send for many of the area's working parents, Hildebrand said it's also a chance for the children

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Coahoma batter Jordan Martin (21) waits on a pitch during the second inning of the Bulldogettes' Class 2A area softball playoff series opener against Clyde Friday in San Angelo. Martin was 2-for-3 with a double as the Bulldogettes won, 5-2.

## Coahoma opens area series with 5-2 victory

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

SAN ANGELO — An added emphasis on hitting is paying dividends for the Coahoma Bulldogettes.

The Bulldogettes, who have struggled at the plate at times this season, broke open a scoreless battle with Clyde with a pair of runs in both the third and fourth innings en route to a 5-2 victory in the Class 2A area softball playoff series opener for both teams at the San Angelo Central High School field Friday afternoon.

Coahoma didn't have a ton of hits — managing only six off Clyde pitcher Reagan Darnell — but the Bulldogettes certainly maximized their scoring opportunities.

"We hit the ball well, and that's certainly good to see," CHS Coach Tracy

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## Bulldogs blast Early, 15-8, in bi-district action

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — It's remarkable how a big inning can improve your outlook.

The Coahoma Bulldogs used a nine-run third inning to power past the Early Longhorns, 13-7, in their Class 2A bi-district baseball playoff series opener at McMurry University Friday night.

The Bulldogs (16-8) rapped out eight hits and took advantage of six Early errors

and very conservative strike zone to take the win in the first game of the teams' best-of-three series, which continues at 4 p.m. Saturday at McMurry. A third game, if necessary, will be played 30 minutes after Game 2's conclusion.

"The guys had to deal with some adversity and they made some mistakes," Coahoma Head Coach Shane Fuller said. "But half of our guys had never been in the playoffs before ... Once they

got going, they played well."

The Bulldogs spotted Early a 2-0 lead heading into the third inning, but that's when Coahoma took control of the game. Ray Gutierrez hit a three-run double and Lupe Abrego had a run-scoring triple during the frame, but the Bulldogs did most of their damage in less dramatic fashion.

"The umpire had a very small strike zone," Fuller said. "He was consistent, but it was a small zone, so

I told my guys not to swing until they had two strikes on them."

The patient approach paid off as Coahoma loaded the bases on walks, then scored on another free pass before adding another run on a double steal before relying on Gutierrez's and Abrego's fireworks.

"We were just able to keep things going by doing a couple of different things," Fuller said.

A major benefit from the

third-inning explosion was it allowed Fuller to stay with starting pitcher Chance Hart, who had his own struggles adjusting to the small strike zone. Hart finished the game with 12 strikeouts but also allowed consecutive bases-loaded walks in the seventh. He also allowed seven hits.

"Chance showed a lot of character because he was dealing with something he

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## Area playoff schedule

### Saturday

Howard College softball vs. Midland College, Region V tournament, 11:30 a.m., Odessa College.

Big Spring baseball vs. Canyon Randall, 1 p.m., Lubbock High School (third game, if necessary, follows 30 minutes after conclusion).

Coahoma baseball vs. Early, 4 p.m., McMurry University, Abilene (third game, if necessary, follows 30 minutes after conclusion).

Coahoma softball vs. Clyde, 2 p.m., San Angelo Central High School field (third game, if necessary, follows 30 minutes after conclusion).



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Howard College basketball player Lamont Austin, center, is joined by teammate Jae Crowder and coach Mark Adams as he signs a letter of intent to play for Moorehead State (Ky.) at the HC Student Union Building recently.

## Female knuckleballer arrives in America

CHICO, Calif. (AP) — Eri Yoshida is like many girls her age. She has an affinity for torn blue jeans, loves music and giggles uncontrollably, sometimes for no reason at all.

The 18-year-old Japanese teen also throws a pretty mean knuckleball, which she hopes to parlay into a professional baseball career.

Yoshida was introduced on Friday as a member of the Chico Outlaws, a minor league team that plays in the independent Golden Baseball League. The press conference came less than two weeks after Yoshida graduated from high school and only a few hours after she landed in San Francisco following a flight from Tokyo.

"This is such a real opportunity for me to be here and to play for this team in America," Yoshida said through an interpreter. "I will try the best I can and will work really hard as much as I can. I'd really like to show what I can do on the mound."

Yoshida already owns the dis-

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# Scouting around



The spring Lone Star District Camporee was held April 23 atop Scenic Mountain. "The first camporee to be held in many years was a great success, thanks to Ricky Sneed, Big Spring State Park, the staff who helped with the event and all of the Scouts who participated," said Deanna Kulbeth, Buffalo Trail Council Lone Star District executive.



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# Obituaries

## Ladie Fred Crain Caffey

Ladie Fred Caffey left her tired and broken earthly body behind to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on May 6, 2010.

Ladie Fred was born to John Cox and Madge Kathleen Crain on Sept. 20, 1923, in Trent, where she grew up. She graduated from Trent High School in 1941, before attending Hardin-Simmons University. She married Haskell Ralph Caffey on Dec. 7, 1943, while he was home on furlough from the Marine Air Corp during World War II.

Ladie Fred served faithfully alongside her husband as a full-time pastor's wife for more than 45 years, serving in 15 churches in Texas, California, North Dakota and Minnesota, never complaining about a single move or inconvenience. She served as librarian of the Martin County Library before returning, as a grandmother, to Hardin-Simmons University, graduating in 1970 with a bachelor of science degree.

She began her career as a school teacher, teaching in Texas and North Dakota, first in kindergarten and then as a basic skills teacher. She was recognized in the Who's Who Biographical Record of Child Development Professionals published in 1976. During the 1980's she and Ralph traveled with International Crusades to Peru and India. She taught children in Sunday school, mission organizations, and discipleship classes until she was 78 years old. She was a member of College Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Ladie Fred was a Proverbs 31 woman, "a wife of noble character, worth far more than rubies. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."

She loved working with children in the classroom, both in school and in the church. She read the Bible cover to cover innumerable times. But Ladie Fred's greatest work here on earth may have been her prayer life. She loved her Lord and was a vigilant prayer warrior, faithfully calling on God daily for her family first, her friends, pastors, and missionaries around the globe, all by name. Only

eternity will fully reveal what her prayer life produced in the lives of so many.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Ralph, and her parents John and Madge Crain. She is survived by one brother, Joel Crain and his wife Hilda of Hewitt; daughters Linda Russell and her husband Micheal of Midland, Dianne Haun of Irving, and Deborah Heath and her husband Kenny of Rawlings, Md.; grandchildren, Angie Kinnett and husband Mike of Edgewood, Trevor Roten of Midland, Stephanie Melton and husband Derrick of Midland, Tim Russell and wife April of Marysville, Wash., Johnny Haun and wife Laura of Temple, and Mary and Clayton Heath of Rawlings, Md.; great-grandchildren, Hannah and Hunter Haun, Krista, Logan and Dakota Kinnett, Morgan and husband Byron Phillips, Corbin, Hayden and Sterling Melton, Amanda, Ashleigh and Alec Roten, Kayla White and Ethan Russell; one great-great-grandson, Carson Phillips; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home, 301 E. 24th St., Big Spring, from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 8. Funeral services will be held at College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, at 10 a.m. Monday, May 9, 2010, with the Rev. Ken McMeans and the Rev. Kenny Heath officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Pallbearers are her grandsons, Mike Kinnett, Logan Kinnett, Johnny Haun, Hunter Haun, Trevor Roten, Alec Roten, Derrick Melton, Corbin Melton, Byron Phillips and Sterling Melton.

The family wants to thank the owners and staff of the Yellow Rose Christian Home in Midland for their loving and diligent care of our mother and grandmother, Lori, Rose and other staff members of Home Hospice, as well as Dr. Sponsel and Dr. Bartha.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701; College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720; or Western Baptist Association, 1101 National Highway, LaVale, Md. 21502.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

## Larry Mac Clement

Larry Mac Clement, 61, died Thursday, May 6, 2010, at his residence in Odessa. He was born in Lamesa and was a roughneck.

He is survived by his wife, Cheyrl Clement of Odessa; two daughters, Misty Torres and husband Felipe, and Dee Hill and husband Jacob, both of Odessa; brother, James Tackel of Odessa; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at Acres West Funeral Chapel in Odessa, officiated by Pastor Clydell Chapman. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel and Crematory. Online condolences may be sent at [acreswestfuneral.com](http://acreswestfuneral.com).

# Take Note

The Big Spring High School Class of 1975 will have its 35-year reunion June 25-26. We will also have members from the classes of 1973, 1974 and 1976 joining in the fun. If you, or someone you know, is a member of any of these classes and would like to attend and join in on the fun, contact Roxie McDaniel Blair at 432-553-8551 or by e-mail at [roxieblair@matthewblair.com](mailto:roxieblair@matthewblair.com) for more details.

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. today:

- SERINA CROCKET, 29, of Lubbock, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAMES WENDELL TUBBS, 31, of 511 Galveston, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.
- FRANKIE LOPEZ JUAREZ, 41, of 1008 N.W. Second St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: In the 1100 block of E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. In the 400 block of Dallas Street.
- THEFT was reported: In the 1200 block of Pennsylvania. In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1700 block of W. Third Street.

# Support Groups

SUNDAY  
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 5/9	Mon 5/10	Tue 5/11	Wed 5/12	Thu 5/13
<b>79/65</b> Cloudy skies. High 79F. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.	<b>96/61</b> Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.	<b>95/60</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.	<b>94/57</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>83/56</b> Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:53 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:33 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:52 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:33 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:51 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:34 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:35 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 6:50 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:35 PM

## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	75	54	cloudy	Kingsville	91	74	pt sunny
Austin	85	70	cloudy	Livingston	86	66	pt sunny
Beaumont	85	68	pt sunny	Longview	80	65	cloudy
Brownsville	93	74	pt sunny	Lubbock	75	61	cloudy
Brownwood	82	68	cloudy	Lufkin	88	66	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	87	75	pt sunny	Midland	84	68	cloudy
Corsicana	81	68	cloudy	Raymondville	93	73	pt sunny
Dallas	81	69	cloudy	Rosenberg	86	70	pt sunny
Del Rio	88	69	cloudy	San Antonio	88	73	cloudy
El Paso	93	70	windy	San Marcos	86	71	cloudy
Fort Stockton	92	66	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	77	67	cloudy
Gainesville	71	64	t-storm	Sweetwater	78	66	cloudy
Greenville	77	65	cloudy	Tyler	80	65	cloudy
Houston	86	70	pt sunny	Weatherford	77	66	rain
				Wichita Falls	67	62	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	71	49	pt sunny	Minneapolis	59	47	mst sunny
Boston	58	39	windy	New York	58	44	windy
Chicago	60	40	mst sunny	Phoenix	90	59	windy
Dallas	81	69	cloudy	San Francisco	60	48	pt sunny
Denver	72	46	mst sunny	Seattle	66	45	mst sunny
Houston	86	70	pt sunny	St. Louis	64	50	cloudy
Los Angeles	66	52	pt sunny	Washington, DC	66	44	sunny
Miami	88	75	sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Sun 5/9	Mon 5/10	Tue 5/11	Wed 5/12	Thu 5/13
<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
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The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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## PITCHER

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inction of being the first female to be drafted by a professional team in Japan, having been selected in the seventh round of the 2009 draft by the Kobe 9 Cruise. Now she's ready to tackle America.

Chico manager Garry Templeton and team president Mike Marshall, both former major leaguers, came across Yoshida while she was pitching in the Arizona Winter League recently. Yoshida pitched in 10 games for the Yuma Scorpions, going 1-1 with a 4.79 ERA.

Already she's become a national story in the United States. The Outlaws have received requests for Yoshida to appear on the CBS Evening News with Katie Couric and on Jimmy Kimmel Live, and a combination of local and international media turned out Friday.

Yoshida didn't disappoint.

She entered the room flashing a bright smile and wearing blue jeans with huge rips near the knee and on her left leg. She also had on a pair of red Nike high-top shoes, which matched perfectly with her new red Outlaws hat and white No. 3 jersey.

"She wants to pursue her dream of playing in the major leagues, either in Japan

or the United States," Marshall said. "We thought (this) would be a great place for her to start. She really is that driven."

What makes Yoshida's story so unique — besides being an 18-year-old female trying to make it in a male-dominated sport — is that her primary pitch is a knuckleball. She taught herself to throw the pitch after watching videos of Boston's Tim Wakefield, and quickly became comfortable with it.

Yoshida met Wakefield when the Red Sox were in spring training this year.

"That was a big surprise to me," Yoshida said. "There are so many things I didn't know about but he really showed me how to get a target when I throw the knuckleball. That was the best advice I got."

Yoshida is expected to pitch in an intrasquad game for Chico next week. The Outlaws will be in spring training for the next two weeks before opening the regular season at Tijuana.

When she does, she'll become the first female to play professionally in America since Ila Borders in 1997.

"I want to give her a chance to get her legs underneath her," Templeton said. "She brings a lot to the table. Either she did a lot of studying or she had a great mentor growing up in Japan, because I saw her do some things in the AWL that I was kind of shocked."

## Texans' Cushing suspended for violating NFL drug policy

Cushing suspended for violating NFL policy on PEDs

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans linebacker Brian Cushing was suspended for four games on Friday for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing substances.

The 2009 Defensive Rookie of the Year will miss the first four games of the upcoming season and be eligible to return during the week of Oct. 4. The Texans play Indianapolis, Washington, Dallas and Oakland during his suspension.

Cushing can participate in pre-season practices and games.

"We were disappointed to learn that Brian has been suspended for the first four games of the 2010 season," Houston general manager Rick Smith said in a statement. "Brian is a productive member of our team and this is a significant loss, but we have to be prepared to win without him."

Cushing, the 15th overall pick in last year's draft out of Southern California, had 133 tackles in 2009. The Texans finished 9-7 last season for their first winning record thanks in part to the improvement of a young defense that features Cushing, star middle linebacker DeMeco Ryans and 2006 top overall pick Mario Williams.

Veteran Kevin Bentley, who appeared in each game for Houston last season but never started, is Cushing's backup at outside linebacker.

Cushing was hounded by rumors of performance-enhancing drug use before he became a pro, but the Texans were undeterred. They said then they found no truth to those rumors in their draft preparations.

"I've passed every drug test out there and still have," Cushing said during his 2009 draft press conference. "I'm not that kind of guy."

## BULLDOGS

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hadn't dealt with before — that small strike zone," Fuller

said. "He didn't let it frustrate him and he just kept firing."

The Game 1 victory now gives Coahoma a small margin for error heading into Saturday play, Fuller said.

"From a coaching aspect, (the first game victory) really doesn't change anything, but it helps everyone kind of settle down and relax," he said. "It's the whole idea of, 'Now,

we can just go out and play.'"

Freshman Caleb McAdams was expected to take the mound for Coahoma in Game 2. If needed, Gutierrez will start Game 3.

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## AREA

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Tadlock said. "It's something we've been working on a lot lately ... If we score five runs every time Heather (Newton) pitches, we should win every time."

Newton, coming off a

15-strikeout, one-hit performance against Bangs last week, admittedly did not have her best stuff Friday, but struck out eight while scattering five hits and walking none to pick up the victory in the pitcher's circle.

"This definitely wasn't one of my best games. Last week was definitely better," Newton

said. "But we got the job done."

The Bulldogettes opened the scoring in the top half of the first Katie Dunn reached on an error, followed by a single by Newton. Both players eventually scored on a fielder's choice grounder by Kayli Neff.

Coahoma added another pair of runs in

the fourth when Jordan Martin scored on a groundout by Lauren Ruiz and Hayli McCullough came home on a single from Dunn.

The team's final run came in the sixth inning when Martin doubled and scored on a McCullough single.

Martin ended the game 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored.

Although pleased with the win, Tadlock said his team can still improve.

"I don't think we've played our best softball yet," he said. "We've got about seven players who are either starting for the first time this year or started in another position last season ... We're still getting better."

Game 2 of the series will be played at 2 p.m. Saturday with a third game, if necessary, following at approximately 4 p.m.

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**Like a video game: Giant box is lowered slowly, slowly over blown-out well in the Gulf**

ON THE GULF OF MEXICO (AP) — It was part engineering marvel, part video game challenge Friday as crews painstakingly worked to lower a box the size of a house over the ruptured oil well that has spewed an estimated 3 million gallons of crude into the sea.

Camera-equipped underwater robots operated by joystick from the surface labored to maneuver the 100-ton concrete-and-steel vault into place so it could eventually capture the oil and funnel it up to a tanker.

It was an intrepid attempt to defuse an environmental crisis that has been unfolding since a deep-water drilling platform exploded April 20, sending toxic oil toward a shoreline of marshes, shipping channels, fishing grounds and beaches. Eleven workers were killed in the accident.

The slow-moving drama was playing out 50 miles from Louisiana's coast, requiring great precision and attention to detail. It took about two weeks to build the 40-foot box, and the effort to lower it by crane and cable to the seafloor began late Thursday night. It could be Saturday before the vault is on the bottom.

"We are essentially taking a four-story building and lowering it 5,000 feet and setting it on the head of a pin," BP spokesman Bill Salvin told The Associated Press.

**Congress wants review of market plunge; Senate staggers forward on financial sector rules**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are trying to wrench the causes of the drastic stock market sell-off to ensure that high-tech trading is monitored and average investors are protected in the wilds of Wall Street.

Sens. Ted Kaufman, D-Del., and Mark Warner, D-Va., have asked Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd to use the pending overhaul of financial regulations to address the Dow Jones industrial average's sudden, brief drop of almost 1,000 points Thursday. The House has scheduled a hearing on the market plunge for Tuesday.

President Barack Obama said Friday that regu-

latory authorities are evaluating the "unusual market activity" with an eye toward protecting investors and preventing a recurrence. He said regulators would make their findings and recommendations public.

Warner and Kaufman, in a letter to Dodd Friday, want to use the financial overhaul bill moving through the Senate to require the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to undertake a thorough study of high-frequency trading and other tools that move markets in fractions of a second.

"To simply say this was a technology anomaly would be a huge mistake," Warner said in an interview. Trades that use complex algorithms are "even more esoteric than the derivatives sector."

**Stocks slide again a day after wild ride; European woes still a worry**

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks had another volatile day Friday, swinging widely before closing sharply lower.

The Dow Jones industrials closed with a loss of about 140 points, having been down almost 280 earlier. That followed a brief plunge of nearly 1,000 points on Thursday, the biggest one-day drop in the Dow's history. The erratic trading Friday was no surprise — stocks often fluctuate sharply right after the market suffers a big slide.

Traders were still anxious amid lingering questions about what caused Thursday's sudden drop. Several possibilities were being investigated, but as of late Friday no clear explanation had emerged.

The market looked past a surprisingly strong report on the U.S. jobs market and focused instead on the harrowing plunge the day before and the latest moves in Europe's spreading debt crisis that had helped trigger Thursday's big drop.

Technology stocks were particularly hard hit following reports that Nokia Corp. was broadening its legal fight against rival cell phone maker Apple Inc. to include the iPad, Apple's new hit product. Apple shares fell 4.2 percent in heavy trading.

**Obama says U.S. investigating Thursday's stock market swing in hopes of preventing repeat**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Friday that regulatory authorities are evaluat-

ing the "unusual market activity" on Wall Street this week in hopes of keeping such a sudden, violent drop from happening again.

A computerized sell-off mixed with fears that the European debt crisis would spread sent the Dow Jones industrial average plummeting by almost 1,000 points within a half-hour Thursday afternoon. The market regained two-thirds of the loss before the end of trading.

Surrounded by his economic team on the White House driveway, Obama commented on Friday's report that the economy had added 290,000 jobs last month while the unemployment rate inched up to 9.9 percent. Obama said that while his administration is taking steps to boost hiring "we're also mindful of other economic factors that can emerge," such as a plunging stock market and fears of a spreading overseas financial crisis.

He said regulators would make public their findings and recommendations about the market.

Obama also said he spoke Friday morning with German Chancellor Angela Merkel about the economic situation in Europe.

**Abandoned water cooler found near failed bomb closes streets around Times Square for an hour**

NEW YORK (AP) — Police cleared streets around Times Square on Friday and called in the bomb squad after finding a cooler and a shopping bag left on a sidewalk about a block from where a failed car bomb was found over the weekend. They opened streets to traffic after finding out the cooler contained only water bottles.

A nearby shopping bag had books and a gift wrapped in pink tissue paper.

Police had earlier cordoned off a pedestrian mall and nearby streets with yellow tape around 1:15 p.m., while yelling "Get back, get back" at onlookers and guiding bomb-sniffing dogs through the area.

The bomb squad X-rayed the soft-sided green cooler and the bag found on the pedestrian mall to determine, "in an abundance of caution," whether it posed a threat, NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said.

Six NYPD officers opened the cooler and the bag, took out the contents and carried it off about an hour later, when the department said there was no threat.

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they asked if they could come in and make a presentation to the commissioners court," said Barr. "But it's not something the employees have to participate in, it's just there if they want it."

The court is also ex-

pected to consider a resolution to approve auction of several properties, according to Barr.

"Mouton & Mouton, the legal firm that handles our delinquent tax collections, asked us to put this matter on the agenda," said Barr. "I believe there are about seven or eight properties they are wanting to

add to the sheriff's auction. These are properties where the owners haven't paid their taxes and are in the process of being foreclosed on."

Also on the agenda, the court is to meet with County Auditor Jackie Olson to discuss invoices, purchase requests and hear a presentation of the county's monthly financial report.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is to discuss personnel considerations and a payroll report, while County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will report on pipeline crossings and road maintenance.

The commissioners court is also scheduled to go into executive session to consider person-

nel matters.

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact the County Judge's Office at 264-2202.

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**PROGRAM**

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to learn and grow.

"For a lot of these children, the alternative is pretty bleak," she said. "Boys & Girls Club gives them a chance to participate in arts and crafts, sports and other activities that will help them grow as people. If they weren't participating in the program, however, many of them might be getting into trouble or causing prob-

lems in the community. So it not only provides a much-needed service to the parents and the children, it also helps keep these kids off the streets and out of trouble. We feel like that's very important."

Hildebrand said lunches will be provided during the first month, and after that, the children will be expected to bring a sack lunch.

"The first month we'll be busing the kids to the (Big Spring) high school for lunch," she said. "After that, the chil-

dren will be responsible for bringing their own lunch, while we'll provide a snack for them."

The program is limited to 100 children, she added.

"Sign-ups for the summer program are going on now," said Hildebrand. "There are no financial restrictions to be met or anything like that. Once the program is full, there will be a waiting list in case any of the children drop out."

For more information on the program, contact

Hildebrand at 264-0455.

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# Suns push Spurs to the brink

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Phoenix Suns would be thrilled to finally beat the Spurs in the playoffs by any margin.

But a sweep? That would be especially sweet.

Phoenix is one win away from ending years of playoff misery against San Antonio, taking a 3-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinals with a 110-96 victory Friday night, putting the Spurs in a historically irreparable hole.

"I think it's safe to say that that may have been the best fourth-quarter performance I have ever seen in a playoff game," Suns forward Grant Hill said.

He wasn't talking about the team.

He was just talking about Goran Dragic.

The backup point guard scored 23 of his 26 points in a brilliant fourth quarter, rendering Steve Nash unneeded until the final 3 minutes.

Amare Stoudemire? He never even took off his warmups in the fourth quarter.

Dragic hit nine of 11 shots in the fourth, including all four 3-point attempts.

After his last one with 5.7 seconds left, the Suns impatiently waited for the final seconds to tick away before swarming Dragic. The Spurs shuffled away in a 3-0 deficit — which no team in NBA history has ever come back from.

Stunned Spurs fans could still be overheard muttering "Goran Dragic? Goran Dragic?" long after most of the AT&T Center emptied. It was about that time that Suns coach Alvin Gentry, having finished his postgame news conference, walked back across the court.

Goran Dragic?  
"He's my secret weapon," Gentry said while breezing past the scorer's table, smiling wide. "I don't know where

he came from, either."

Dragic said he's been there all along. He was apparently disguised under the 7.9 points he averaged during the regular season, and his 5.6 scoring average in the playoffs entering Game 3.

"During halftime I was talking with Coach Gentry and he told me I have to be more aggressive and drive the lane," said Dragic, playing in his first career postseason. "When I came back on the court I just did what he told me."

The Spurs have put Phoenix through a decade of post-season misery, ousting the Suns from the playoffs four consecutive times since 2003. Another win finally ends all that.

Game 4 is Sunday night in San Antonio.

"Everything we tried, it was a bucket and it was demoralizing," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. "We're going to

have to have a perfect game."

Ginobili led the Spurs with 27 points while welcoming Tony Parker back to the starting lineup, but it was a move that didn't work out as the Spurs planned.

Parker had come off the bench since returning from a broken right hand last month, and finally reclaimed his starting role from George Hill with the hopes of rescuing this series.

Hill had started 46 consecutive games since January but has struggled against Phoenix. Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said it was just a matter of time until Parker — who had started every playoff game since 2002 for the Spurs before this postseason — would get his job back.

But it wasn't exactly a triumphant return. Parker averaged 23 as a reserve in Games 1 and 2 but didn't provide the same jolt while reclaiming his starting job. He scored 10

points on 5-of-17 shooting.

Parker got an X-ray on his shoulder after the game, but the results weren't immediately known.

The Spurs blew a big lead for the second straight game. The Suns trailed 39-21 early in the second quarter while missing 13 of their first 21 shots, putting Phoenix in the biggest hole it faced thus far in the playoffs.

But like the other deficits, this one didn't last.

"Definitely an opportunity wasted," said Spurs forward Tim Duncan, who had 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Dragic's layup on the second Phoenix possession of the fourth quarter put the Suns ahead 73-72, their first lead of the game. Phoenix outscored San Antonio 39-24 in the fourth quarter and shot 71 percent from the field.

Jason Richardson had 21 points and Hill added 18 for the Suns.

# James scores 38 to pace Cavs past Celtics

BOSTON (AP) — LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers only needed one quarter to elbow their way back into the lead of their Eastern Conference semifinal with the Boston Celtics.

James scored 21 of his 38 points in the first quarter to help Cleveland beat Boston 124-95 on Friday night, handing the Celtics their worst home playoff loss ever and taking a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinals.

"It started with me tonight. Everyone else saw my aggression and took advantage of it," James said.

"I think rest helped me; rest helped all of us, and we were able to put together a complete game for the first time in these playoffs."

Showing no ill-effects of an elbow problem that was the talk of Cleveland during the three-day layoff since a Game 2 loss at home, James

finished with eight rebounds and seven assists.

The 21 points in a quarter was a franchise postseason record.

"I know I'm going to hear a lot about the elbow, but I'm here to play basketball and give our team a chance to win," James said.

"We knew how important it was to come out and play aggressively after giving away Game 2."

Antawn Jamison had 20 points and 12 rebounds for Cleveland, while Shaquille O'Neal added 12 points and nine rebounds.

Rajon Rondo, who had 19 assists in Boston's Game 2 victory on Monday, had 18 points and eight assists.

The Celtics missed 10 of their first 13 shots, hitting just 27 percent in the first quarter to spot Cleveland a 21-point lead. The Cavaliers shot 67 percent from the field in the first — and 59 percent

for the game — and Boston was never able to recover. The Celtics' previous worst home playoff loss was 97-70 to Indiana on May 7, 2005, in Game 7 of the first round.

"It was great to see LeBron set the tone from the jump," Cleveland coach Mike Brown said. "And the rest of the team followed."

Game 4 is Sunday, and the Celtics need a victory to split their home games and assure themselves of another.

James wore a black sleeve on his right elbow, which became a concern after he shot a free throw left-handed in the closing minutes of Cleveland's first-round playoff clincher against Chicago. But he went 8 of 10 from the field in the first quarter — most of them mid- to long-range jumpers — and after that it didn't matter.

"I think he's healthy," said Celtics coach Doc Rivers, who has been dismissive of

James' injury.

"His elbow looked very good tonight. So enough with the elbow injury. I think we can go ahead and focus on basketball."

James headed to the bench to rest his strained and bruised elbow with 5:41 left in the game.

For 45 minutes afterward, he had it wrapped in ice.

"I had it going, we had it going," he said, "and I wasn't tired."

The Celtics had high hopes for an upset of the top-seeded Cavaliers after taking Game 2 104-86 in Cleveland to swipe the home-court advantage. But Cleveland earned it back in Game 3, needing just one quarter to silence the Boston crowd that grew even more downcast when the Red Sox and Bruins also fell behind early — and then lost.

"There was no reason for me as a leader to be angry," James said. "We played awful

in Game 2, and I knew how important the next game was. I know how important the whole series is."

The fans booed when Boston left the court at halftime down 65-43.

And they cleared the building midway through the fourth, when Rivers pulled his starters and James headed to the bench to rest his strained and bruised right elbow.

"That was embarrassing. That's embarrassing when you lose at home like that," said Paul Pierce, who scored 11 points on 4-of-15 shooting and didn't make his first basket until midway through the second quarter.

"We just let our guard down. ... You've got to know the Cleveland Cavaliers are going to come in here with all the urgency in the world. They took the fight to us early, and we didn't respond to it."

## Sports in brief

### Papers: Taylor admits to paying for sex

NEW YORK (AP) — Disgraced gridiron great Lawrence Taylor admitted paying for sex at a suburban Holiday Inn where police say he raped a 16-year-old runaway, federal prosecutors said in a criminal complaint against the girl's alleged pimp.

The papers filed in federal court in Manhattan refer to Taylor only as "Client-1."

In the paperwork, authorities claim the Pro Football Hall of Famer told police following his arrest on Thursday that he had taken a car service from Newark International Airport to the hotel north of New York City to meet "Victim-1."

Taylor told investigators that after "engaging in sex acts" with the victim, he paid her \$300 in cash, the complaint says. The man charged in the complaint, Rasheed Davis, had told the Giants legend that

the girl was 19, the court papers say.

Taylor, 51, was charged Thursday in Suffern, N.Y. with third-degree rape and patronizing a prostitute. His lawyer, Arthur Aidala, has denied the charges.

### Hamlin claims Nationwide win

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Denny Hamlin raced to his third straight Nationwide victory at Darlington Raceway, pulling away from teammate Kyle Busch with five laps left.

Hamlin started from the pole and led much of the race.

Still, it was a side-by-side drag race with Busch on the last restart. Busch looked as if he had the stuff to prevail, moving about half a car length in front. But Hamlin's Toyota quickly regained the lead and moved out to about a half-second edge.

Busch was second. Jamie McMurray, the pole winner earlier for the

Sprint Cup Southern 500, finished third.

### Montreal to field MLS team

NEW YORK (AP) — Montreal will join Major League Soccer as its 19th team in 2012, and commissioner Don Garber hopes to add a second New York club as early as 2013.

Montreal was announced at a news conference and will be owned by the Saputo family, which runs the Montreal Impact of the U.S. Soccer Federation D-2 Pro League. It will play primarily in Saputo Stadium, which opened two years ago and is to undergo about \$22 million in renovations. Its capacity will increase from 13,000 to 20,000.

### Westwood leads at Players Championship

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Lee Westwood ran off three straight birdies

to start his back nine on the way to a 7-under 65 and a one-stroke lead over Heath Slocum (66), Francesco Molinari (65) and Ryuji Imada (66).

Westwood was at 12-under 132, the lowest score to lead after 36 holes at The Players Championship since 1994, when Greg Norman was at 14 under on his way to setting the 72-hole record.

But as the wind picked up and the temperatures rose late in the afternoon, there were signs that the TPC Sawgrass was starting to get firm after two days of relatively soft conditions.

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson will be around for the weekend, which is about all that could be said for golf's two biggest stars. Woods overcame one tee shot that flew off to the right at a 45-degree angle and

gave him double bogey for a 1-under 71.

Mickelson flirted with the cut line late in the day until making a tough chip look easy for birdie on the 16th.

### Hed leads Italian Open

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Sweden's Fredrik Andersson Hed shot a

6-under 66 to take a one-stroke lead after the second round of the Italian Open.

Hed was 8 under on the Royal Park I Roveri course.

Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez, Alejandro Canizares and Ignacio Garrido and Belgium's Nicolas Colsaerts are tied for second.

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# Menus

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Tuesday: Chicken and dumplings, buttered carrots, crackers, line Jello and pineapples, milk, V8 juice.

Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, potato soup, crackers, fruit cup, yellow cake, milk, V8 juice.

Thursday: Steak with peppers and onions, mushroom gravy, baked potatoes, Italian green beans, peach slices with cherries, milk, V8 juice.

Friday: Chicken strips, pork & beans, onion rings, butterscotch square, milk, V8 juice.

## Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Donuts, yogurt, juice, milk. Lunch - Barbecue on a bun, cool ranch Doritos, corn on the cob, pickle spears, fruit choice, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Breakfast on a bun, juice, milk. Lunch - Pigs in a blanket, tater tots, ranch style beans, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - Meat and bean chalupa, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomato, rosie applesauce, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast pocket, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken and noodles, cooked carrots, saltine crackers, pineapple tidbits, chocolate cake, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot roll, fresh apple, milk.

## Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast - PopTarts, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch - Breaded chicken, creamed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls; Sloppy Joes.

Tuesday: Breakfast - French toast, sausage links, juice, milk. Lunch - Hamburgers, chips, salad trays, pears, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Sweetened rice, ham, juice, milk. Lunch - Tacos, salad, pinto beans, tortilla chips, milk; Burritos.

Thursday: Breakfast - Donuts, ham, apple

sauce, milk. Lunch: Barbecue beef on a bun, chips, apples, baby carrots; Corn dogs.

Friday: Breakfast - Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: Smothered steak, creamed potatoes, fruit cups, bread, milk; McRibs.

## Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Pancakes. Lunch - Barbecued weiners or manager's choice, seasoned corn, vegetable sticks, apple, French bread, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Oatmeal. Lunch - Pizza or manager's choice, green beans, garden salad, pears, milk, pudding cup.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Biscuit, sausage, gravy. Lunch - Pot roast or baked chicken, mashed potatoes, English peas, peaches, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - French toast sticks. Lunch - Beef tacos, corn or flour tortilla, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Burrito. Lunch - Ham-

burger or cheeseburger, baked chips, vegetarian beans, hamburger salad, fruit cup, milk, cookie.

## Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast - Cereal, sausage patty, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken patty with cheese, corn, fruit cocktail, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Biscuits, chicken patty, juice, milk. Lunch - Cheeseburger mac, broccoli, cheese sauce, Orange Smiles, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Baked cheese sticks, fruit cup, milk. Lunch - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, apples, roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast - Pancake sausage on a stick, juice, milk. Lunch - Chicken fajitas, tortilla, ranch beans, Spanish rice, apricot cobbler, milk.

Friday: Breakfast - Cherry frudel, juice, milk. Lunch - Cheeseburger, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, applesauce, fruit, milk.

## Who's Who

### Coahoma's Hanlan named to perform with TCDA Elementary Honor Choir

Jori Hanlan, a fourth-grade student at Coahoma Elementary School, was recently named to sing with the Texas Choral Directors Association Elementary Honor Choir during the association's annual convention this summer in San Antonio.

She will be one of 106 singers selected from elementary choirs across the state to work with nationally known clinician Rollo Dilworth for three days at the convention and then perform a concert the final afternoon.

She was selected on the basis of an audition CD sent in by her choir teacher, Sandy Wallace. She is a first-year member of the Coahoma Choir Kids and the daughter of James Hanlan of Midland and Misty and Michael Henson of Big Spring.



### 14 Big Spring students receive diplomas at UT Permian Basin

Saturday, 14 students from Big Spring were among the 349 graduates who received their diplomas during commencement exercises at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa.

The Big Spring graduates, their degrees and areas of specialization were: Jeremie Alley, BBA in finance; Frances Batterton, BA in child and family studies; Krista Chesworth, BBA in management; Camilla Correa, BA in English; Chalesa Johnson, BA in sociology; Melissa Kukoly, BA in criminology; Charles Maldonao, BA in political science; Nikki Martinez, BA in psychology; Rachel Ortega, BSW in social work; Krystin Parker, BBA in management; Donnie Tubb, MBA in administration; Jason Watson, MS in kinesiology; and Kelly Wingert, BA in child and family studies.

## Devil's Advocate

I avoid scary movies as a rule.

Ever since I went screaming from the theatre as a kid after "Night of the Living Dead" scared me half out of my wits, I began paying attention to what I consciously let into my head.

But when travels abroad left me but one English-speaking channel on TV, I sat gripped, watching the brilliant (albeit terrifying) "Devil's Advocate" starring Al Pacino and Keanu Reeves.

Playing the devil himself, Pacino lured young attorneys into his firm



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ite sin!" Pacino plays this wickedly handsome power broker who convincingly pronounces today's legal profession the ultimate devil's playground because, (as he puts it) "The law puts us into everything....It's the ultimate backstage pass!"

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**Linda Lopez**

## Military News

Army Pvt. Bryan A. Martin graduated from the Multiple Launch Rocket System Operations/Fire Direction Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla.

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## OUR VIEW

# Make sure you remember Mom on her holiday

Today is Mother's Day, the day on which we honor the most important women in our lives — those who gave us life, and for about half of us, those who gave our children life.

This is a day to devote ourselves to praising and honoring those who by nature are perhaps the most devoted people on earth.

Mothers, after all, are nurturers. They are naturally giving, caring and fiercely loyal.

As a matter of fact, mothers perform the hardest job in the world — from giving us birth and providing for all our needs as infants, to nursing a myriad of ailments and illnesses during our formative years and, finally, letting us cut the apron strings and allowing us to venture into adulthood.

Too many times we've forgotten to say "thank you." Too often we've taken their efforts for granted. And too often we've been embarrassed or chafed at what seemed like too much concern on her part.

But not today, please.

What will you do for your mother today to show her how much you love her and appreciate the years of unconditional love she's given you?

Whether it's flowers, a special meal, a tender greeting card or a simple hug and uttered "thank you," offer them from your heart.

Lord knows they're deserved.

## YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Technically, I am not a resident of Big Spring. I actually live in Sand Springs.

However, I work, shop, etc. in Big Spring. I have read all the letters in the Herald for the past several weeks with people blasting the mayor and city council. One this past weekend said very few people could remember how great Big Spring was 50 or 60 years ago.

I may not be old enough to remember that, but I think Big Spring is still

a pretty good place to be. I also believe if the citizens would quit looking for the negative things to complain about and start looking for the positive, they would also see that Big Spring is a good place to live.

Most of all, I firmly believe if all Christians would begin to pray and ask God's will for Big Spring, it would become THE place to live like no other in Texas.

**BRENT ZITTERKOPF**  
SAND SPRINGS

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You by our side, Lord, executive decisions are easier.

Amen

# Smaller government, anyone?

Maybe not this week. With the oil spilling in the Gulf, it's hard to find too many people calling for less government and more reliance on the private sector.

Drill, Baby, Drill? Maybe not so fast.

BP, to its credit, is taking responsibility for the spill, promising to do everything it can to stem the disaster. But I haven't heard too many Louisiana Republicans telling the federal government to stay out of it and leave the cleanup to BP. Not even close.

A foolish consistency may be the hobgoblin of small minds, but when it comes to federalism and big government, the only consistency tends to be based on whose ox is being gored.

No one is for the feds staying out when their coastline, their industry and their economic and environmental well-being are at stake.

On a bipartisan basis, the complaints are always that the feds are doing too little too late, not too much too soon.

Is Republican Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal now demanding more help from the feds? You bet he is.

In New York City, Mayor

Michael Bloomberg wants more cameras. Darn right. Law enforcement agencies deserve credit for moving swiftly in the face of the terrifying near-bombing in Times Square. And I don't know a soul — even my hard-core civil liberties friends — who will be standing up this week demanding less surveillance in public places.

With two mining disasters in recent weeks, is anyone saying that the feds should get off the backs of mine owners and leave safety concerns to the private sector so we can get more coal more quickly?

New rules go into effect this week limiting the amount of time passengers can be kept sitting on airport runways, notwithstanding the airlines' protests that it will increase costs and complicate schedules if they have to return to the gate after three hours with nothing to eat or drink (and sometimes no functioning lavatories).

They can protest all they want, but I don't know too many frequent fliers — regardless of party affiliation — who oppose the new rules.

As a lawyer, I'm familiar with this particular phenomenon. Nobody likes lawyers (well, almost nobody) until they need one. But when you need a lawyer, everyone wants the best — the toughest, the most aggressive. People will swear up and down about outrageous recoveries and

ridiculous awards, until they're injured and you explain to them that there are caps on their awards and limits on pain and suffering. Then they are outraged at the injustice.

The reverse of the old joke — that a conservative is a liberal who's been mugged — is equally true: A liberal is a conservative who's been investigated or, worse, "wrongly" charged.

The disaster in the Gulf is a timely reminder that the real issue isn't "big government" versus "small government."

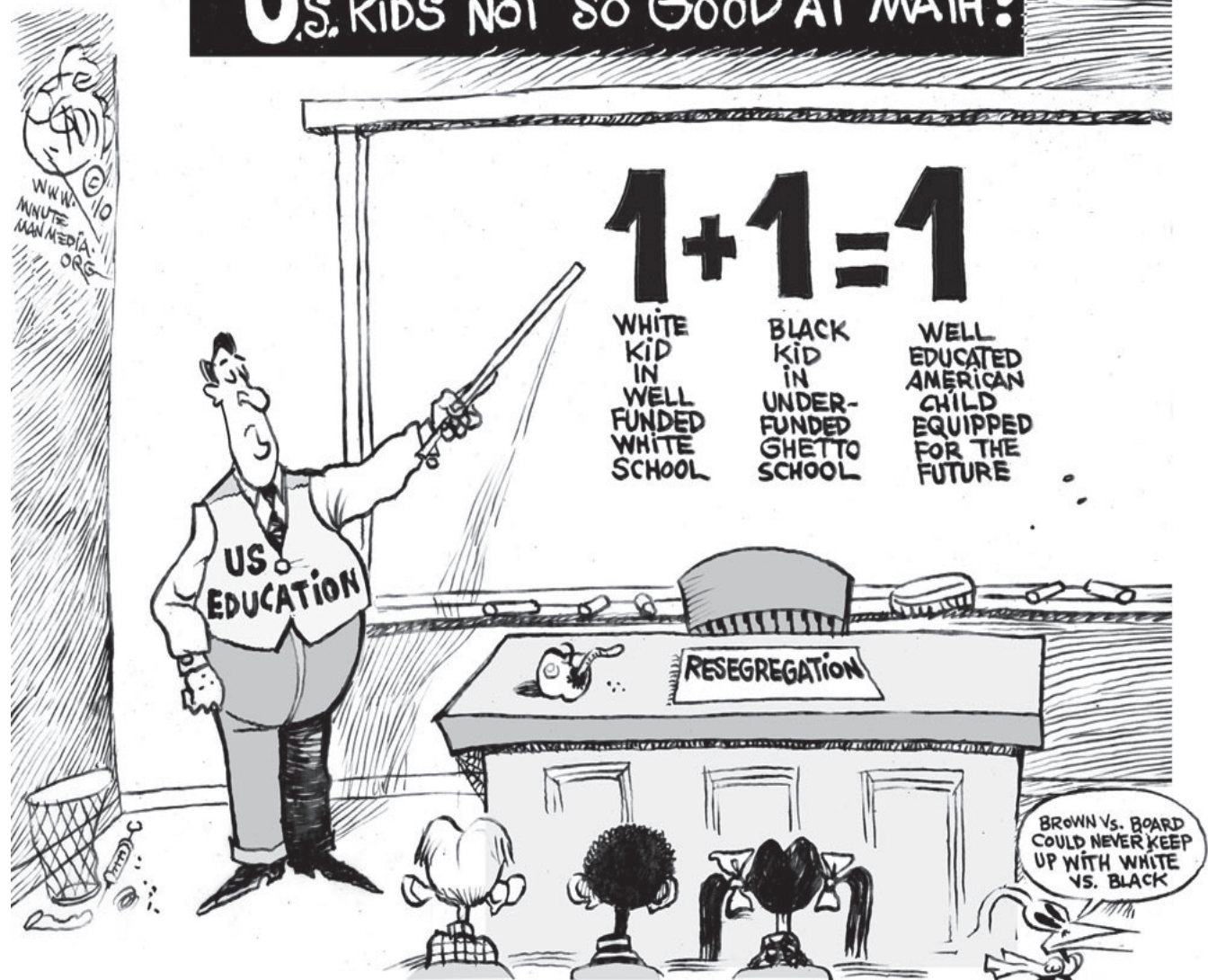
We are all guilty of wanting to pay for small government while getting the benefits of big government when we need it.

Medicare and Social Security are classic instances of big government — and, also, the third rail in American politics. Environmentalists are easy to dismiss as anti-business, until an environmental disaster threatens to destroy the local economy or miners are trapped and killed in a collapse.

Simplistic rhetoric about "cutting the size of government," "leaving things to the private sector" and "reducing regulation" may score on political polls, but this week most people recognize that what we really need is strong, effective government to keep our people safe and our economy strong.

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## U.S. KIDS NOT SO GOOD AT MATH:



# Lessons from Times Square dud

Eventually, even a stupid terrorist can get lucky. So why are so many people who think they're so smart so quick to dismiss the very dangers that threaten American lives?

Enter New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg, who became the poster politician for jumping to blame the wrong folks without cause.

Before the arrest of Faisal Shahzad, Bloomberg told CBS' Katie Couric, "If I had to guess 25 cents, this would be exactly that, somebody, homegrown, maybe a mentally deranged person or somebody with a political agenda that doesn't like the health care bill or something, it could be anything."

After the arrest of Shahzad, who was born in Pakistan, Bloomberg became a statesman. He warned about any backlash against Pakistanis or Muslims. "We will not tolerate any bias," quoth Bloomberg.

I won't be the last person to observe that Bloomberg had little problem with bias when he saw an opportunity to scapegoat a lone right-wing nut. He wised up later.

Let us hope that this incident

serves as a wake-up call to those who have nothing better to do than predict violence from critics of ObamaCare.

There are forces in this country that really do want to kill and intimidate dissenters — and they are not shy about their jihad.

Witness a prominent death threat against Comedy Central because of its "South Park" cartoon portrayal of the prophet Muhammad in a bear costume.

To its credit, the Obama administration has learned a few things since Christmas bomber Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab allegedly tried to blow up a plane in Detroit. Remember when Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano pronounced "the system worked," even though passengers had succeeded where the security system failed? Later, Napolitano had to take back that statement.

The U.S. Department of Justice says he cooperated during questioning for an unknown period under the "public safety exception," and then Mirandized him, after which he continued to cooperate. Wednesday's talk-show controversy revolved around if officials should have delayed reading any suspect his Miranda rights when it is possible he might have vital information about foreign elements planning imminent attacks.

At least Shahzad — unlike Ab-

dulmutallab — is a naturalized U.S. citizen, who will be tried in a civilian court. But I can't shake the nagging suspicion that the Obama Justice Department is so bent on accommodating would-be terrorists' civil rights that it is willing to forfeit short-lived opportunities to glean information needed to prevent potential attacks in the works.

On the Sunday talk-show circuit, Napolitano voiced her belief that the Times Square dud was a "one-off" event — which some conservatives interpreted as Napolitano once again dismissing the incident as the work of a "lone wolf."

Au contraire, a Homeland Security official assured Foreign Policy magazine's The Cable blog, Napolitano was "referencing that at that time, there was no evidence to suggest that there were other trucks parked with explosives in other parts of New York or other cities across the country. Law enforcement expects that kind of threat assessment from us."

But how could she know that there were no other attacks planned the day before authorities pulled Shahzad off a Dubai-bound plane? It is impossible to take her seriously.

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# Wilson fires complete-game win for Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — C.J. Wilson is a starter just as he's long wanted to be for the Texas Rangers. The left-hander still knows how to finish, too. Wilson, the converted reliever who earned a rotation spot this spring, allowed only five singles in his first career nine-inning complete game in the Rangers' 4-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Friday night that kept reigning AL Cy Young winner Zack Greinke winless. "Once I got through the sixth with a low pitch count, I wanted to finish it off," Wilson said. "Once I got into the eighth, I just clicked into another gear and went into closer mode."

Vladimir Guerrero homered on the first pitch leading off the second, his third

consecutive at-bat over two games with a home run. That put the Rangers ahead to stay against Greinke (0-4), the right-hander who made his seventh start of the season. "When Vlad hit that home run, I knew that was it, that we were going to win," Wilson said. Shortstop Elvis Andrus made an incredible play to start the ninth, going deep in the hole toward third base and making an off-balance throw that was scooped by rookie first baseman Justin Smoak to retire Jose Guillen. Alberto Callaspo then singled. After getting a flyout, and the crowd chanting "C-J!, C-J!" Wilson (3-1) struck out Jason Kendall to end the game. Wilson struck out four and

walked two in 113 pitches to lower his ERA to 1.51, third-best in the American League. "We got some runs up there and C.J. did the rest," manager Ron Washington said. "You let those kind of guys (like Greinke) get the lead, they usually know how to take it to the finish line. But tonight, C.J. took it to the finish line." A night after Texas blew an 8-0 lead and had to rally for a 13-12 victory while overtaxing its bullpen again, Wilson did his part to give the relievers a break. No one even got up in the bullpen until the ninth. "I know what it's like to be in the bullpen and have to throw all the time," Wilson said. "I knew those guys needed a day off after yesterday."

It was Wilson's second complete game in his six starts this season. But the other was only six innings, a rain-shortened 5-1 loss to the New York Yankees on April 16. The three consecutive homers by Guerrero came in a span of four pitches. He homered in his last two at-bats Thursday night against the Royals, a two-run blast in the sixth and then a solo shot on an 0-1 pitch in the eighth that broke a 12-all tie. "Vladdy is a superfreak. He can hit it above his head or off his feet," Royals manager Trey Hillman said. A sacrifice fly in the third inning Friday ended Guerrero's homer streak, but gave the Rangers a 3-1 lead. "I don't think about anything when I go to the plate,"

said Guerrero, who has six homers this season. "I just see the pitch and make a good cut." Greinke matched a season high by allowing four runs, three of them earned, over seven innings. His ERA increased from 2.27 to a still outstanding 2.51. He struck out three and walked one while throwing 73 of 108 pitches for strikes. "Definitely not as sharp. They hit a lot of line drives. I wasn't missing many bats or keeping them off balance," Greinke said. "I'm just trying to keep us in ball games. We're just getting beat right now." In his previous start Sunday at Tampa Bay, Greinke threw an 87-pitch complete game and lost 1-0.

# Cubs' rookie has record-setting debut in win

CINCINNATI (AP) — The kid sure knows how to answer a call. Starlin Castro got awakened by his first call to the majors on Friday and arrived in historic style, hitting a three-run homer in his first at-bat and driving in a record six runs during the Chicago Cubs' 14-7 victory over the Cincinnati Reds. "The kid — what a debut!" manager Lou Piniella said. "He's got to be ecstatic. He should be."

The 20-year-old became the youngest shortstop in Cubs history when he stepped onto the field for the first time. Then, he became a sensation. His homer off Homer Bailey (0-2) made him the sixth player in Cubs history to connect in his first at-bat. He added a bases-loaded triple, sliding headfirst into the record books with six RBIs, the most ever in a modern day debut — one more than the previous mark shared by four players.

The last player to drive in five runs in his debut was Ben Grieve in 1997. "I didn't believe it," Castro said. Believe it.

An authenticator from Major League Baseball gathered his blue game jersey, his cap and the lineup card, designating them as little pieces of the game's history. The rookie's impressive arrival staked Chicago to a 9-0 lead after five innings. Carlos Silva (3-0) struggled anyway, lasting only five innings. He gave up a two-run homer by reliever Micah Owings in the fifth, when the Reds batted around for four runs. Not nearly enough on a night when the newcomer named Starlin became a star. The victory snapped Chicago's three-game losing streak and became one of those reference-point moments in not only franchise history but baseball history as well. "Amazing," said Silva, who was bothered by a tight neck. "Unbelievable. I was hitting behind him, looking at everything he was doing. I was like: 'Wow.'"

No one saw it coming. Castro was asleep at Double-A Tennessee after a night game when he got the call at 7 a.m. telling him to head for

Cincinnati. At first, he didn't believe it. Once it sunk in, he called relatives and friends back in the Dominican Republic to relay the surprising news. He found himself in the starting lineup, batting eighth because manager Lou Piniella wanted to break him in slowly. He'd have none of that. Wearing the No. 13 that former Reds shortstop Davey Concepcion made famous in Cincy, Castro came to the plate and worked Bailey to a 2-2 count in the second inning, then drove the next pitch over the wall in right field. No Cub had done that in his first at-bat since Jim Bullinger in 1992. "I never expected to hit a home run my first at-bat," he said.

Castro lined out to Drew Stubbs the next time up, forcing the center fielder to make a sliding catch to rob him of another hit. He came up again in the fifth with the bases loaded and lined a ball into the gap in left-center, making it all the way to third with a headfirst slide. Won't be the last time he kicks up dust in the majors. "Definitely a little frustrating," said Bailey, who hung a breaking ball for Castro's homer. "That first home run, I thought it was going to die on the warning track. It didn't. I was getting a lot of first-pitch strikes, but I couldn't put anybody away." Marlon Byrd added a two-run homer for the Cubs and narrowly missed another. His

eighth-inning drive smacked off the yellow line at the top of the padding in left field. Third base umpire Mike Winters ruled the ball in play, a call that was upheld after a review that took 2 minutes, 24 seconds. Mike Fontenot made it 14-4 with a pinch-hit grand slam in the eighth inning off Carlos Fisher.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Card-Reading

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ J 10 9 5 2  
 ♥ J 10 2  
 ♦ A 9  
 ♣ Q 9 3

**WEST**  
 ♠ 8 7 6  
 ♥ 9 7 6 3  
 ♦ Q J  
 ♣ 10 8 7 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ A K 4  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ 8 7 3 2  
 ♣ A K J 5 4

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ Q 3  
 ♥ A K Q 8 5  
 ♦ K 10 6 5 4  
 ♣ 6

The bidding:  
 East 1♣ South 1♥ West Pass North 2♥  
 Opening lead — two of clubs.

One of the keys to good card play is the step-by-step process by which declarer gradually learns how the adverse cards are distributed and proceeds to take full advantage of this knowledge.

Consider this deal played by Bob Hamman, one of the world's leading players, in a match some years ago between Australia and the United States.

West led a club, won by East with the jack, and East cashed the king of spades before continuing with the ace of clubs. Hamman ruffed and played the queen of spades, taken by

East with the ace.

East led a third round of clubs, ruffed by South, leaving Hamman in a position where he had already lost three tricks and West — although Hamman did not yet know it — held four trumps to his three.

Had Hamman decided to draw trumps at this stage, hoping to take the rest of the tricks on the assumption that the trumps were divided 3-2, he would have failed in his mission. Instead, he cashed the K-A of diamonds in that order, bringing forth West's Q-J.

Hamman now had solid grounds for suspecting that the trumps were divided 4-1 instead of 3-2. West had shown up with just two diamonds, at most four clubs (he had led the deuce at trick one) and probably had three spades, judging from the earlier spade plays.

So Hamman played dummy's spade jack at trick eight and discarded a diamond, finding the suit divided 3-3, as he had expected.

He then cashed the ace of trumps and proceeded to make the last four tricks on a crossruff, trumping dummy's 10-9 of spades with the K-Q of trumps, and his 10-6 of diamonds with the J-10 of trumps. In the process, West's apparently invincible trump trick — which would have come into its own had Hamman drawn any more than one round of trumps — simply disappeared.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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# Blum's Jewelers: A history of change



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Blum's Jewelers owner Greg Brooks checks the quality of a stone before setting it.

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

The story of Blum's Jewelers in Big Spring is one of survival and changing with the times.

In fact, Blum's Jewelers, owned and operated by Greg Brooks, can actually trace its lineage to Lynn's Jewelers, which opened in 1956.

"My grandfather, Joe Blum, and his partner opened Lynn's Jewelers 54 years ago,"

Greg explained. "Five years later, he bought out his partner and renamed the business Blum's Jewelers."

That means Blum's Jewelers will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2011.

"I'm really looking forward to next year," Greg admitted. "We're about a year and a month away from our 50th anniversary and there have been a lot of changes over the years."

The business has been the livelihood for three generations of Brooks' family and made a few

moves along the way. His maternal grandparents, Joe and Pauline Blum, operated the business in its downtown Big Spring location.

Blum's was still located downtown when his parents, Ralph and Lynette Brooks, took over the operation in 1972 after his father retired from the U.S. Air Force. The business moved to the Highland Mall in 1986 and then moved to Big Spring Mall in 1993.

Greg, who's been active in the business since graduating from Texas Tech University in 1979, admits the jewelry business in Big Spring is considerably different today than it was in the 1970s.

"Lots has changed in quite a few businesses over the years, but that's definitely been the case for our store and the business in general," he noted. "As a matter of fact, back when we were located downtown, we were in competition with 10 other jewelry stores."

"We did a lot more business

back in those days," he added. "Of course, Big Spring had a considerably larger population back then and there was lots of oil money going through the community."

And at one time, Blum's Jewelers employed a staff of 10. Today, however, the business is staffed by two people — Brooks and long-time employee Betty Gamboa, whose experience actually predates her boss. She joined the company in 1971.

Greg says he often has people come in the store and tell him they once worked for his grandparents or parents. "It's kind of amazing, people will come in and say they used to work here ... some of them from back before Betty began working here."

The biggest change in the jewelry business is not in the types or quality of merchandise Blum's offers, but in the types of things made possible by technology.

While the principles of jewelry

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## Energy Watch



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Stock market action lately reminds us of the great musical, "Fiddler on the Roof." The fiddler played his instrument on a most precarious place, a roof, and danced while he played. The stock market has been playing a bullish tune for many weeks now and seems unconcerned about how high it is as well as how long it has been dancing.

Both the fiddler and the stock market showed great energy. Describing the fiddler's activity, the song states that "it may not mean a thing, but then again it might!"

So, we ask: what does this stock market activity mean?

One thing the market has been telling us is that it still has some energy left. It has not only stayed up on the "roof" but actually rose recently to a new recovery high for both the Dow and the S&P 500.

The big picture remains bullish and we continue to agree. It says that the economy continues to recover.

The March leading economic indicator index increased for the 12th consecutive month, rising 1.4 percent following a 0.4 percent increase in February. Inflationary pressures remain benign as the core Producer Price Index, excluding the volatile food and energy components, increased only 0.1 percent.

March existing home sales jumped 6.8 percent, and new home sales surged 26.9 percent. Both were helped by better weather and the end of tax incentives on April 30.

Adding to our comfort with the longer term outlook for the stock market is a reasonable price/earnings multiple of 15.6 for the S&P 500 this year. And the market is already looking into 2011, when earnings should be higher.

The market's message about the short-term is less clear. We know that bull markets surprise on the upside as this one has done for more than 13 months. We also know that Wall Street is not a one-way street and that corrections are simply part of the deal when one buys stocks.

Should we just assume that the market's (and the fiddler's) legs will never tire and get off our advice to withhold some cash? Flashing a short-term amber light is no fun for us as long-term bulls, but sometimes it makes good investment sense.

Until we see a real pick-up in momentum rather than a tired market that just hangs in there, we will stick with our "sit on your hands" advice. We would not sell attractive stocks. We would remain bullish.

But we would recognize that the Fiddler on the Roof is a musical and not real life. The stock market is real and not a place of unending pleasure.

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Courtesy photo

Blum's Jewelers and several staff members, as they appeared in the 1970s when the business was located in downtown Big Spring.

## Alon reports quarter results Declares 4-cent cash dividend for first quarter

Special to the Herald

DALLAS — Alon USA Energy Inc. has announced results for the first quarter of 2010. Net loss for the first quarter of 2010 was \$52.9 million, or 98 cents per share, compared to net income of \$17.4 million, or 37 cents per share, for the same period last year.

Excluding special items, Alon recorded net loss of \$49.1 million, or 91 cents per share, for the first quarter of 2010, compared to net income of \$19.3 million, or 41 cents per share, for 2009.

"In March 2010, Alon Refining Krotz Springs prepaid its revolving credit facility from a new \$65 million bridge credit facility that is scheduled to terminate on June 15, 2010," Jeff Morris, Alon's CEO noted. "In April 2010, Alon Refining Krotz Springs signed a multi-year agreement with a major financial institution that will allow us to retire the obligations under this bridge credit facility and support the operation of the Krotz Springs refinery at 75,000 barrels per day. The structure of this new agreement is also expected to result in lower borrowing costs. The Krotz Springs refinery has been shut down since November 2009 for turnaround and capital projects



Morris

work and is expected to be back in full operation in the second half of May. We appreciate the trust and confidence we received from these financial institutions in entering into these arrangements with us.

"Also in March, a U.S. bankruptcy court approved our purchase of the Bakersfield refinery from Big West of California, a subsidiary of Flying J, Inc. We are continuing our work to finalize this transaction. As I have noted before, we believe the Bakersfield refinery provides an alternative solution to convert our current vacuum gas oil production at our California refineries into gasoline and distillate products."

Special items for the first quarter of 2010 include an after-tax loss of \$3.9 million for the write-off of debt issuance costs associated with the prepayment of the Alon Refining Krotz Springs revolving credit facility.

Special items for the first quarter of 2009 included accumulated dividends of \$2 million on the preferred shares of Alon Refining Louisiana prior to their conversion to common stock of Alon at Dec. 31, 2009.

Refinery operating margin at the Big Spring refinery was \$4.91 per barrel for the first quarter of 2010, compared to \$13.63 per barrel for the same period in 2009.

This decrease was primarily due to lower Gulf Coast 3/2/1 crack spreads.

Refinery operating margin at the California refineries was a loss of 42 cents per barrel for the first quarter of 2010 compared to a \$1.21 profit per barrel for the same period in 2009. This decrease primarily resulted from lower West Coast 3/2/1 crack spreads.

The Big Spring refinery and California refineries combined throughput for the first quarter of 2010 averaged 61,047 barrels per day, consisting of 42,784 bpd at the Big Spring refinery and 18,263 bpd at the California refineries compared to a combined average of 93,178 bpd in the first quarter of 2009, consisting of 64,417 bpd at the Big Spring refinery and 28,761 bpd at the California refineries.

The Big Spring refinery throughput was lower due to reformer regeneration work performed during the first quarter of 2010.

The California refineries' throughput was lower due to efforts to optimize asphalt production with demand.

There was no throughput at the Krotz Springs refinery in the first quarter of 2010 due to turnaround and capital projects work. Throughput at the Krotz Springs refinery for the first quarter of

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# 2 NY teens arrested in plot to attack high school

**SAMANTHA GROSS**  
Associated Press Writer  
NEW YORK — A 17-year-old with a grudge against his former Long Island high school planned with his girlfriend to buy shotguns, enter his old school and indiscriminately shoot down students and teachers days before his ex-classmates were scheduled to graduate, police said Friday.

The two teenagers extensively researched bomb making, attempted to buy a shotgun and set a June 10 date for the planned attack on Connetquot High School in Bohemia, Suffolk County police Sgt. Bill Doherty said.

Evidence from the 16-year-old girl's computer and cell phone showed they'd searched bomb-making and explo-

sives websites, and exchanged text messages in which they discussed plans to buy firearms and kill people, police said.

Both were arrested and charged as adults with conspiracy. The boy pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Friday, while his girlfriend entered a not-guilty plea last week. Each could face up to a year in jail if convicted.

Authorities uncovered the plan after the boy's social worker alerted them last month that the two might be planning an attack, Doherty said.

The warning followed what police believe was a public proclamation of the boy's venom for his former classmates. After a car accident that led to the death of two

students earlier this year, someone using the 17-year-old's name left messages on a Facebook memorial page expressing his satisfaction.

"He apparently has quite a bit of hatred for this class in general," Doherty said.

Both teenagers tried to buy a shotgun but were turned away because neither was 18, so they hatched a plan to return on his June 8 birthday to buy one shotgun, then come back the following day for another. They planned to enter the school and start shooting on June 10, Doherty said.

The boy left Connetquot High School and graduated from a special-education program where he met the girl, who is still a student. She was released with-

out bail; the boy will be held in jail until his court date June 8.

Calls to the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County, which is repre-

senting them, went unanswered Friday night. Calls to phone numbers listed under the teenagers' addresses yielded no response.

A woman reached by phone who identified herself as the girl's grandmother declined to give her name.

# Army to accept comments on 'don't ask, don't tell'

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii (AP)** — Army Secretary John McHugh said Friday the military is considering a system for soldiers to anonymously express their opinions about its "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gay troops.

The Pentagon will make a recommendation on changing the policy by the end of the year, McHugh said. Soldiers' would make their comments ahead of that recommendation, he said.

"We're trying to do this in the quietest way possible, and by that, I simply mean not to sensationalize it, to try to really assess the soldiers' opinions," McHugh said at Hawaii's Schofield Barracks. "Anonymity, of course, is an important aspect."

Any policy change would have to come from Congress. Until then, federal law prohibits service members from discussing their sexual orientation. President

Barack Obama supports lifting the ban.

McHugh spoke to reporters alongside Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, who recently urged troops to lobby to keep the ban on openly gay military service. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey told Mixon in March that his actions were inappropriate.

Mixon didn't discuss the issue on Friday.

McHugh stopped in Hawaii at the end of a seven-day tour through Alaska, South Korea and Japan — his first trip to the Asia-Pacific theater since he was confirmed by the Senate in September.

His visit coincided with Friday's announcement that about 800 soldiers from the

25th Infantry Division's headquarters will be deployed to central Iraq by the end of the year.

The deployment doesn't alter the United States' commitment to withdraw all combat forces from Iraq by the end of August, and withdraw all soldiers by the end of next year, McHugh said.

"They fully expect to adhere to the stated drawdown deadline," he said. "Until something different happens, that is, I think, our very achievable goal."

The deployment will focus on empowering Iraqi security forces and continuing the country's development, said Maj. Gen. Bernie Champoux, commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division.

## ODD NEWS

### Colo. man convicted of shooting self in groin

**BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. (AP)** — A Colorado man who claimed he was trying to defend himself from a mugger when he shot himself in the groin has been convicted of illegal discharge of a firearm.

Investigators say there was no evidence to substantiate David Leroy Blurton's self-defense claim and jurors convicted the 50-year-old on Wednesday. The shooting happened at the parking lot of a grocery store in Dillon, Colo., on May 2009. Prosecutors say Blurton had been drinking.

Jurors also convicted Blurton of "prohibited use of a weapon — drunk with a gun" and reckless endangerment. Prosecutors say they will request that Blurton be sentenced to probation.

Blurton maintained that someone hit him in the back of the head and he was trying to defend himself.



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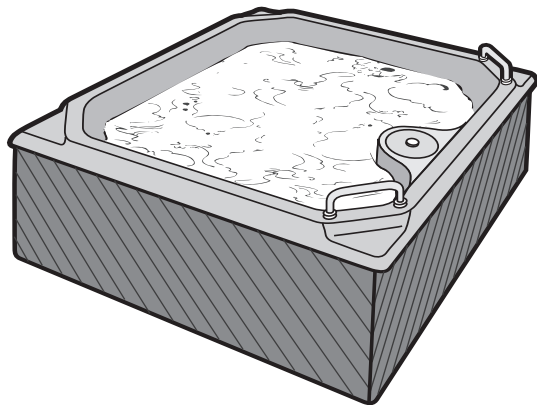


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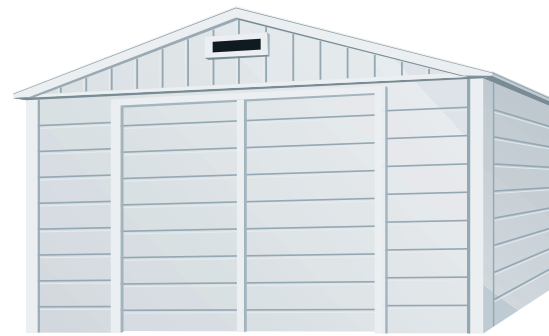
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Judgment and Sentence: Debra Lynn Knott, theft of property - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$116 fine, \$282 court costs, 10 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Daniel Montez Viera Sr., theft of property - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Misty Dawn Clayton, possession of a controlled substance - more than three grams less than 28 grams, \$2,000 fine, \$342 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Michael Allen Seay, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension without fine resolution, \$250 fine, \$282 court costs, 10 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Christopher Lee Bedford, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$282 court costs, 35 days in jail.  
Judgment and Sentence: Alvin John Gillion, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$282 court costs, 35 days in jail.

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Iryna V. Morgan vs. William L. Morgan Jr., divorce.  
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Dean Avant vs. Jeana Sue Avant, divorce.  
Jennifer Pulis vs. Chris Pulis, divorce.  
Milton L. Anderson vs. Alice Vargas, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.  
Nicole Garcia Rios vs. Amador Rios, divorce.  
In Re Alexis J. Scaggs, family.  
Sarah Callendar vs. Cutis Wayne Callendar, divorce.  
Tiffany Rodriguez vs. Paul Lozano Torres, protective order.  
American Express Bank vs. Loyd Thomas, accounts, notes and contracts.  
In Re Benjamin Allen Halford, family.

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Grantee: Michael Nairn  
Property: Lot 1, Block 4, Monticello Addition  
Date: April 30, 2010  
  
Grantor: Samuel L. Priest and Corrine Priest  
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Property: A 5-acre tract out of Section 105, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. Survey  
Date: April 30, 2010

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Grantee: James P. Luna and Sophia Luna  
Property: Lot 35, Block 6, Highland South No. 6  
Date: May 3, 2010  
  
Grantor: J. Vance McCright and Brenda McCright  
Grantee: Evelyn A. Wheeler  
Property: The W/45 feet of Lot 3 and the E/30 feet of Lot 4, Block 5, Washington Place  
Date: May 3, 2010  
  
Grantor: Flora Lee Dyer  
Grantee: Dorathy Ann Fite  
Property: A tract out of Section 34, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: May 3, 2010  
  
Grantor: Amy Leann Andrews and Eric Andrews  
Grantee: Joyce L. Lightner  
Property: Lot 1 and the E/10 feet of Lot 2, Block 15, North Park Hill Addition  
Date: May 4, 2010  
  
Grantor: Mona Lue Tonn  
Grantee: Glenda Kennedy  
Property: Lots 6 and 7, Block 5, William Green Addition  
Date: May 5, 2010

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Grantor: Oscar G. Barraza Jr.  
Grantee: Smith Financial Inc.  
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Date: April 29, 2010  
  
Grantor: Anne Read  
Grantee: Brenda M. Sczesny  
Property: Lot 6, Block 1, Parkwood Addition  
Date: April 30, 2010  
  
Grantor: Dustin Denio and Maureen Denio  
Grantee: William S. Perry and Samara Perry  
Property: A 20.25-acre tract out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: April 30, 2010  
  
Grantor: Donnie R. Baker and Linda Baker  
Grantee: Tim Blackshear and Terri Blackshear  
Property: Lots 1-6, Block 1, Fairview Heights  
Date: May 3, 2010  
  
Grantor: John C. Smith and Shanna Smith  
Grantee: Taylor Parrish  
Property: Lot 14, Block 5, Stanford Park Addition  
Date: May 3, 2010  
  
Grantor: Joe G. Trevino  
Grantee: Michael Runion  
Property: A tract out of Block 11, Wm. B. Currie Subdivision  
Date: May 4, 2010  
  
Grantor: Rebecca Valbuena and Lorenzo Valbuena  
Grantee: Carol Golding  
Property: The S/50 feet of the N/150 feet of the NE/4 of Block 38, College Heights  
Date: May 4, 2010

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making are essentially the same, tools like micro-laser welders make it possible to repair many items that couldn't have been repaired before. What's more, tools like the micro-laser welder allow jewelers to make repairs to things like turquoise and sterling silver jewelry much simpler. "Working on turquoise jewelry used to be very difficult, because you had to take the stones out of the setting or else the heat would break them," Greg explained. "And you had

to be awfully careful not to overheat the silver because it had a pretty low melting point.

"Now I can work on constructing new jewelry pieces or do repair work and never even have to put on a glove," he continued. "You can direct a highly-focused beam of light where you need it and nothing gets overheated.

"You used to have to hold whatever you were working on clamped in place, you'd be holding whatever you were trying to add to the piece with one hand and operating a torch with the other. It always seemed like you needed three hands."

What's more, Brooks said tools like

the new micro-laser allow him to work on a number of items he'd never have worked with before.

"That welder allows me to do things other than jewelry ... like I can do things like repair broken wire frames for glasses," he said. "That's something you just didn't used to do. If you

broke a pair of wire frame, you were just out of luck and having to buy new frames. Now, they can be fixed in just a little while."

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2009 was 53,712 bpd. Gulf Coast 3/2/1 average crack spreads were \$7.09 per barrel for the first quarter of 2010 compared to \$9.65 per barrel for the first quarter of 2009. Gulf Coast 2/1/1 high sulfur diesel average crack spreads were \$6.25 per barrel for the first quarter of 2010

compared to \$9.48 per barrel for the first quarter of 2009. West Coast 3/2/1 average crack spreads were \$10.12 per barrel for the first quarter of 2010 compared to \$17.92 per barrel for the first quarter of 2009.

Alon also announced today that its board of directors has approved the regular quarterly cash dividend of 4 cents per share. The dividend is payable on June 15 to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 28.

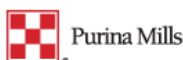

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# Report finds it wasn't just a 'Mancession'

JOCELYN NOVECK

AP National Writer

NEW YORK — They've called it the "Mancession" — a recession that's affected men disproportionately, because of its brutal impact on male-dominated sectors like construction and manufacturing.

But that term rings hollow to women like Sara Wade, an Illinois schoolteacher who became the sole supporter of two school-aged children — possibly for good, she fears — when her ex-husband, a carpenter and contractor, stopped paying child support 15 months ago.

Or to Martha Gonzalez, a divorced mother of three in Texas who had to take a second, part-time job when her work in real estate became scarcer. She lost her benefits, too, and for the first time in her adult working life, has no health insurance.

Or to Angela Grice, single mom of a 3-year-old son, who cobbles together two low-paying, part-time jobs while she tries to get an accounting degree that will lead to some stability for her and her son.

Concerned about women like these, a congressional committee has issued a report, timed for Mother's Day, outlining the adverse impact the recession has had on working women — especially on mothers, and particularly single moms. A copy was provided to The Associated Press ahead of its Monday release.

Strikingly, the report, by the Joint Economic Committee, finds that whereas during the bulk of the recession

job losses were overwhelmingly male, as the economy edged toward recovery, the trend began reversing.

**"A lot of women out there don't have help from men in taking care of their kids. This is a mother's recession, too."**

— Angela Grice, single mom

"As job losses slowed in the final months of 2009, women continued to lose jobs as men found employment," says the report, based on the committee's analysis of data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, including unpub-

lished data. Specifically, from October 2009 to March 2010, women lost 22,000 jobs while men gained 260,000, it says. It adds: "April's strong employment growth showed women gained 86,000 jobs last month, far fewer than the 204,000 jobs gained by men."

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., chair of the committee, noted that the findings were especially dire for single mothers — their unemployment rate went from 8 percent to 13.6 percent between 2007 and 2009.

"Women are losing more jobs, yet families are more dependent on their earnings," she said in a telephone interview.

In all, one-third of jobs lost during the Great Recession belonged to women, Maloney notes. That's striking, she says, because in earlier recessions the percentage was much lower; women accounted for 15 percent of job losses in the 2001 recession, for example.

But even women who've been able to hold onto their jobs have found the economic sands shifting beneath them in ways they never anticipated.

Wade, the Illinois schoolteacher, counts herself among the luckier ones. An 8th-grade English teacher in Skokie for 16 years, she's fortunate to have tenure and seniority. (She thanks her lucky stars she didn't take an extended break from her career earlier on, as she once contemplated.)

Her husband, whom she divorced in 2004, is a carpenter and contractor, "just the kind of job they mean when the call it a 'Mancession,'" she says. But the term seems meaningless because the impact of his job troubles has put her in a risky position she never imagined: the sole source of economic support for their 8-year-old boy and 10-year-old girl.

Wade has had no child support since January of 2009, and bought a new home with the help of her family.

"I can't imagine what I'd be living in if they hadn't helped me out," she says. She's also worried about a potential pay freeze at her school. "It's scary," she says. "I'm the sole provider and I could be stuck here at this level." She reluctantly assumes she'll have to support her kids through college on her own.

There are many like Wade, and they're in a precarious position, says her district's congresswoman, Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill. "If a person like her loses her job, she is in deep trouble," says Schakowsky, chairwoman of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, who also spoke to the AP about the report. "The house will probably follow."

In earlier times, women served as a buffer during recessions; if the hus-

band lost his job, the wife could serve as a backup provider. The frightening thing for women who are the sole breadwinners is that there's no backup plan, says fellow Women's Caucus member Gwen Moore, D-Wis.

"We have no safety net for these women," says Moore. "Eight million women are the sole breadwinners in their family, and public policy needs to be a little more empathetic to this. Because when a woman loses her job, the whole family falls off a huge cliff."

Another problem for working women is what the report terms the "part-time penalty," meaning those in part-time work often earn far less per hour than their full-time counterparts in the same occupation.

In 2009, 3.3 million women worked part time for economic reasons, the report says, meaning that they didn't choose it: Either they couldn't find full-time work, or their hours had been cut from full-time.

Part-time means less money, of course. But it also means other things: More expensive child care per hour (it can be hard to find part-time child care), less seniority at work and fewer benefits, if any.

That's what Gonzalez, the Brownsville, Texas woman, has learned. Happily working full-time in real estate sales and leasing, with a salary and benefits, she was forced to switch to contract work when her company made cutbacks. She took on a second job, working afternoons and early evenings as a receptionist. She hauled her ex-husband into court to get him to pay back child support.

"I'm making it," she says, but she currently has no health insurance — at 57, it's something she hasn't experienced before. Asked what she would do if something catastrophic happened, she replies: "I don't want to think about that."

At only 20, Grice, the single mother in Milwaukee, is just trying to begin her career. As she pursues an accounting degree, she cobbles together two part-time jobs, one in a hair salon and another at a call center.

It's a teetering house of cards. If her son is sick, she loses wages, and may have to choose between paying the rent or paying the phone bill. "My income feels temporary, and the bills feel permanent," she says.

Before the recession, Grice could count on her father for support. But he lost his job at a factory in June, and her parents moved to Texas, meaning she could no longer live with them.

Is it a man's recession? Grice doesn't think so. "A lot of women out there don't have help from men in taking care of their kids," she says. "This is a mother's recession, too."

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How helpless human babies are in comparison to other young animals. We are utterly dependent on mother or on one who assumes the role. This Mother's Day begins under the spiritual Pisces moon and ends under the childlike Aries moon. Gratitude will extend to mothers and beyond as we remember all who have nurtured our development.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You think you're limited because of a problem, when in fact your problem expands you. The very thing you see as a limitation gives you the impulse to soar in a uniquely creative way.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You love to make things. Today involves invention or renovation. Once you get buzzing on something creative, you'll ride the productive energy all week long. A Pisces is your ally.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll be working with a loved one, which could have an effect on the more leisurely things you do together. Be mindful not to rush through playful customs.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It benefits you to follow someone's lead, as long as the person you ensue truly has some experience, wisdom or, at the very least, intention of getting somewhere good.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You've been trying to add or subtract a habit from your life for several weeks now. Finally, the connection clicks. You'll figure out how to best motivate, encourage and reward yourself.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know information that could, if put into the wrong hands, wreak havoc on someone's personal life. You'll take pride in the fact that you are a trustworthy and loyal friend.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are supported by your loved ones in various ways, though perhaps not in the ways you want. For instance, if you need 10 dollars, a hug won't do. Take the

hug anyway. Be comforted by it. Then ask for the 10.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A small problem keeps getting overlooked because it seems so inconsequential. However, you realize that nothing is inconsequential. Fixing this problem sends a message to the universe that you'd like everything to be in order.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If there's something you're selling, you'll be getting some interesting leads. And even if you don't have concrete goods and services to market, you will be winning people over with your ideas and personality.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People will do what comes easily to them. That's why it's important to stock your team with people who are naturally good natured, positive and kind.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll derive a great deal of pleasure from your work. That's why you'll be wrapped up in it even if this is supposed to be your day off. Bounce your ideas off of a Capricorn or Gemini sounding

board. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Is a process worthwhile even if it doesn't produce the intended result? That will be the question you put to yourself and to a group. Likely, the answer isn't so cut and dried.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 9). You'll have to work harder and smarter this year, and the result makes all your effort worthwhile. You'll offer a new slant on an old project, and this time you'll be successful. June brings a new friend or love. Family celebrates in July. In August, there's a chance to give back to someone who helped you along the way. Pisces and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 12, 24, 5 and 41.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** Next time you walk down a crowded street, take a good look at all the different people around you and consider what they all have in common. One conclusion you could draw is that every single one of these people came from a mother. So it is with

human beings, and we'll be celebrating that fact at the top of the week under the Taurus sun and the Pisces moon. The success of any venture, including and especially the raising of children, depends on the motivation, determination and tenacity of individuals. These are the characteristics that the Taurus sun emphasizes. As you think about your mother and others who have contributed to your growth, it will strike you just how committed one has to be in order to see another person through the unavoidable awkward and difficult stages of life. You'll find much to be grateful for and the perfect way to express it, as the spiritual Pisces moon helps us get to the essence of our feelings. Mercury is still retrograde on Sunday and Monday, so there will be those who forget about Mother's Day or whose cards and presents arrive late. However, things can easily be

rectified Tuesday, when Mercury returns to direct motion.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Outgoing Taurus Audrina Patridge is a Venus-ruled beauty on the fast track to movie stardom. She surfed straight from the popular MTV series "The Hills" onto the big screen in "Into the Blue 2: The Reef," and the movie parts keep coming. Mercury and Jupiter in Gemini suggest that Patridge talks her way into fabulous good fortune and that she owes her success to her witty ways.

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Dear Margo by Margo Howard

Come Clean, and watch the problem go away

Dear Margo: One of my best friends, "James," has feelings for me. He always tries to hold my hand, put his arm around me or hug me. He tells me my hair smells nice and offers me his jacket when I'm cold. Although he hasn't said it in so many words, he's made his feelings pretty clear.



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Despite all this, I can't bring myself to reciprocate. James is a great guy, but not the one for me. I love having him as a friend and have been careful not to lead him on. James knows perfectly well that I am interested in someone else (call him "Nick"). The problem is that James won't stop doing these things around other people. It's one thing to hug me when we're alone, but quite another to try to hold my hand in a group setting, especially when Nick is around.

Enough people already think we are together because of the way he acts, and it's starting to affect my relationship with Nick, who now believes he is caught in a love triangle. I've tried to avoid explicitly telling him that I'm not interested and he has to stop. Instead, I talk about how much I like Nick, hoping he'll take the hint. How do I tell him without hurting his feelings? — Protective of a Friend's Feelings

Dear Pro: Put the poor guy out of his misery, and level with him. Of

course you will hurt his feelings, but it's the fair thing to do. And why is it OK for him to hug you when you two are alone? Whether you're aware of it or not, you are permitting this awkward situation to continue. Be direct, inform him of

his "best friend" status, and restructure the relationship. You need to face the music and put the kibosh on this crush. —Margo, determinedly

*Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All*

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Legals

**CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE** April 20, 2010

THE BIG SPRING PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:30 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 24, 2010 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER

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**ESTRAY NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY**

On the 1st day of May, 2010, I impounded the following estray: Kind of Animal: Horse Breed: Palomino Gelding Color: Yellow Age: 9 Size 11 Hands And on the 6th day of May, 2010, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Howard County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in

Howard County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, and contacted local owner of the estray but the search did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray, is not determined by the 26th day of May, 2010, said estray will be sold at public auction/ Sheriff's Sale at 500 N. Birdwell Lane at 10:00 am. Witness my hand this 6th day of May 2010. Deputy Sheriff of Howard County Texas #6537 May 9 & 16, 2010

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**AMERICAN SELF STORAGE** Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, American Self Storage which is located at 3314 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at American Self Storage 3314 East F.M. 700 Big Spring, Texas. Property will be sold to highest bidder

for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property may be sold item by item or in batches, or by the space. All sales are subject to Texas State Sales Tax. Sale is on the contents of: Tenant: Manuel Ontiveros. Consisting of: mattresses, microwave, boxes, containers #6528 May 9 & 16, 2010

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# 45-year-old civil rights slaying still unresolved in Montgomery

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — It took more than four decades for a former Alabama state trooper to be indicted on charges that he gunned down a black demonstrator — a killing that helped galvanize the civil rights movement. Now a three-year delay for the trial has both sides fearing that elderly witnesses could die before they get a chance to testify.

The lag since the indictment, due in part to a feud between the prosecutor and judge, is on track to be the longest for a major civil rights case since authorities in the 1970s began reopening investigations of the slayings of activists from the previous decade.

No trial date has been set for James Bonard Fowler on charges he killed Jimmie Lee Jackson in 1965 during the chaotic aftermath of a nighttime civil rights march in Marion. A grand jury indicted Fowler on murder charges May 9, 2007.

Jackson's daughter wonders if she'll ever be able to fill the gaps about what happened to her father when she was 4 years old.

"There is a void in my life I want to fill," said Cordelia Herd Billingsley of Marion.

The 76-year-old former trooper, meanwhile, said the case has left him broke, in declining health and uncertain about his future.

"Every day I think they want to keep it open to wear me down until I die," Fowler said in a recent interview.

The case has been delayed by factors ranging from an appeal of a judge's order to the sparse court schedule in rural Perry County, which only holds court a few weeks each year.

In the appeal, the prosecution challenged an order that they give the defense a list of potential witnesses and their expected testimony. The Alabama Supreme Court ruled the judge went too far.

Other motions yet to be resolved include one by the prosecution saying the judge, who is white, has become Fowler's "guardian angel" and should turn the case over to a new judge.

The defense also is waiting for a ruling on its claim that a fair trial is impossible in Marion, where historic markers memorialize Jackson as a

martyr and a play about him extended its run last year because it drew such large audiences.

District Attorney Michael Jackson, who's not related to the victim, said the judge must rule on the recusal request before anything can happen. "I'm cautiously optimistic that in the next few months there will be a court date set," he said.

That may be too optimistic. Some of Alabama's top Democrats have recommended that President Barack Obama appoint Fowler's lead attorney, George Beck, to the U.S. Attorney's post in Montgomery. If that happens, Beck would withdraw from the case and Fowler would need a new lawyer.

Any further delay threatens to thin the roster of witnesses. Two troopers with Fowler at the Marion demonstration died before the indictment, as did many of the demonstrators and the doctors who treated the victim. The witnesses who testified to the grand jury were all elderly, but all remain alive, according to the district attorney.

The biggest risk in civil rights-era cases is having witnesses die or suffer a medical problem that makes them unable to testify, said former U.S. Attorney Doug Jones, who prosecuted two former Ku Klux Klansmen indicted in May 2000 for a Birmingham church bombing that killed four girls in 1963.

"With every day that passes, there is the potential for problems for either side," Jones said.

The church-bombing case was resolved much faster than Fowler's: One defendant was convicted within a year of indictment and the other within two years. Still, Jones said four witnesses in his trials died within a few months of the convictions.

Fowler's case is on track to exceed the most drawn-out civil rights cold case prosecution so far. Three years and two months elapsed between the indictment and 2004 conviction of white supremacist Byron De La Beckwith for the slaying of Medgar Evers in Mississippi in 1963.

Billingsley, the slain demonstrator's daughter, was elated when Fowler was indicted. But now she's amazed that

months pass without anything happening in the case.

"It's crazy. I can't understand why it is taking so long," she said.

Her father was shot in Marion when street lights went out and violence erupted after law enforcement officers tried to stop the march. Historians and the prosecutor say Jackson was trying to stop troopers from beating his grandfather and mother. Fowler maintains he shot in self-defense after Jackson hit him with a bottle and tried to grab his gun. The 26-year-old man died eight days later of an infection at a hospital.

Jackson's shooting prompted activists to set out on a Selma-to-Montgomery march, which was turned back at Selma by club-wielding troopers and deputies in what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

A later march, led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., made it all the way to the Alabama Capitol and prompted Congress to pass the 1965 Voting Rights Act. That act allowed millions of Southern blacks to register to vote.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Taylor Branch, who wrote three books about the civil rights movement, said Fowler's trial is important not only for justice, but for history.

"Millions of people are voting today who might not be voting if not for that case," he said.

A federal grand jury in Mobile reviewed the shooting shortly after it occurred and brought no charges. Michael Jackson reopened the investigation after he became Perry County's first black district attorney in 2005.

Until Fowler's indictment, he was living a quiet life on a small farm near Geneva in southeast Alabama.

In 1968, he was fired from the highway patrol for beating a supervisor. He became an Army Ranger and received Silver Stars for service in Vietnam.

Fowler said he has been forced to sell farmland to pay his legal bills — \$50,000 up front and \$1,000 a month — and is now broke.

"I feel like my rights have been violated. If I was black, it wouldn't be like that, and everybody knows that," he said.

# Rape suspect eyed in attacks in two states

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Detectives in Missouri and California are diving into cold-case files as they investigate a career convict charged this week in a string of Kansas City rapes in the mid-1980s.

Bernard Jackson, a 52-year-old sex offender who has spent most of his adult life in prison, was charged Thursday with sexually assaulting four women in Kansas City between July 1983 and February 1984, after authorities say DNA evidence linked him to the attacks.

Investigators also consider Jackson a "person of interest" in five recent rapes in the same area of Kansas City as the previous attacks, as well as a suspect in at least 17 sexual attacks in Sacramento, Calif., in the mid-1980s.

As in the 1980s cases in Kansas City, the attacker in the most-recent attacks is believed to have entered the victims' homes through unlocked doors or windows. And they all happened in the middle-class neighborhood of Waldo, the same general area of the older attacks. Police tracked Jackson to a friend's home in Kansas City on Wednesday and chased him down after he fled out the back door. He was arrested on a parole violation for failing to report back to a halfway house.

Investigators said they haven't charged Jackson with the most recent attacks because they still need to gather more evidence, but that with him behind bars it gives them time to build a strong case.

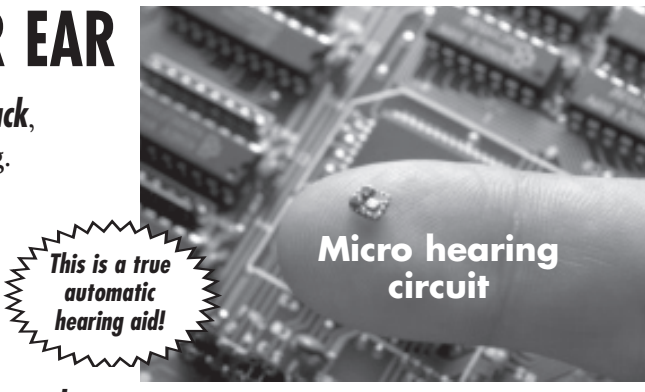
"It's just a matter of when we're able to get that done," police spokesman Rich Lockhart told The Associated Press. "We believe he's a very strong person of interest. Now that he's charged with four rapes, he's not going anywhere."

It was unclear Friday whether Jackson had an attorney. The state's electronic database of cases does not list an attorney for him, and police said they didn't know if he had one. A phone message for Jackson left at the Jackson County jail was not immediately returned.

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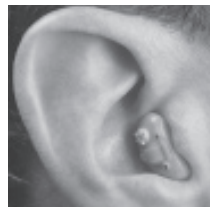
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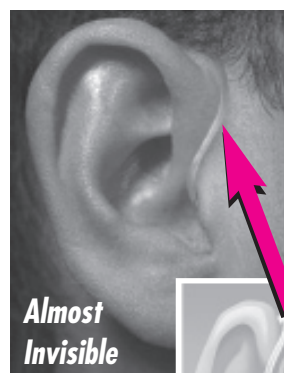
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**LEGAL AUTHORITY:**  
Chapter 27 of Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of The Railroad Commission of Texas.  
Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application, should be submitted, in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Division, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. (Telephone (512)463-6792) #6530 May 9, 2010

**Legals**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS**  
Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.  
**CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**

Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6128-52-001 for PICNIC AREA AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE IN MITCHELL COUNTY, etc will be opened on June 08, 2010 at 1:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$16,044.20.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
NPO: 32754

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#6524 May 9 & 16, 2010

**Legals**

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:**  
TO: JIM TRAVIS COKER AND ANNETTE COKER  
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. 45, Bk 31, T1N, Howard County, Texas  
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$8,082.90, 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 date of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Intervenor, against JIM TRAVIS COKER, ANNETTE COKER AND JIM JASON COKER and others, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on March 30, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JIM TRAVIS COKER, ANNETTE COKER AND JIM JASON COKER, 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 5519 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.

Intervenor and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day

of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of June, 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 29th day of April, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6532 May 9 & 16, 2010

**Legals**

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

Lt 20, Bk 9, South Haven Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$585.95, 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 C.O. TRANTHAM and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on March 31, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. C.O. TRANTHAM, 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 5803 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment

and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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

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Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6533 May 9 & 16, 2010

**Legals**

**CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE**  
April 20, 2010

THE BIG SPRING COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:  
A ZONE CHANGE: 4000 BILGER DESCRIBED AS 5.8 ACRES WITHIN ALL OF BLOCK 4, COLONIAL HILLS, HOWARD COUNTY, BIG SPRING, TEXAS, FROM SINGLE FAMILY-2 (SF-2) TO MULTIPLE FAMILY (MF)  
#6538 May 9, 2010

**Legals**

**CITY OF BIG SPRING**  
310 Nolan Street  
Big Spring, TX 79720-2657  
432-264-2513

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE 5 OF THE BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING SECTION 18-153 ENTITLED, "NO PARKING ON EAST SIDE OF N. SCURRY FROM NW 9TH ST. TO NW 10TH ST.", PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS DISCUSSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.  
TAMI L. DAVIS  
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY  
#6525 May 7 & 9, 2010

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TO: Ed Myers  
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 the NE/4 of Sc 45, Bk 31, T1N, Howard County, Texas  
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$845.68, 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 ED MYERS and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on November 24, 2009, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ED MYERS, 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 5749 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of June, 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 29th day of April, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6535 May 9 & 16, 2010

**Answer to previous puzzle**

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|---|---|--|--|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                                 | <b>59</b> Flurries                                    | <b>10</b> Canon components                     | <b>37</b> Hummus ingredient            |
| <b>1</b> Many modern gadgets                  | <b>61</b> Golden brown                                | <b>11</b> Four-time AL Hank Aaron Award winner | <b>38</b> Deny                         |
| <b>10</b> Implied                             | <b>62</b> Currently                                   | <b>12</b> Release                              | <b>39</b> Arch                         |
| <b>15</b> British East India Company governor | <b>63</b> Unmatched                                   | <b>13</b> A source                             | <b>40</b> Ride                         |
| <b>16</b> Scrape out                          | <b>64</b> European dynasty                            | <b>14</b> Keep dry                             | <b>41</b> Nine-symbol message          |
| <b>17</b> Man of the House autobiographer     | <b>DOWN</b>   | <b>21</b> Labor union founded in 1857          | <b>42</b> Roughhousing one             |
| <b>18</b> Like some gods                      | <b>1</b> Tony winner for <i>Song and Dance</i> , 1986 | <b>26</b> Year in Urban II's reign             | <b>43</b> Concord                      |
| <b>19</b> Case                                | <b>2</b> Piglet of kiddie lit                         | <b>27</b> Z follower                           | <b>44</b> Unspoiled                    |
| <b>20</b> Canceled, in a way                  | <b>3</b> Ages   | <b>28</b> Choice                               | <b>45</b> Dark-meat delicacy           |
| <b>22</b> Shape of a benzene molecule         | <b>4</b> Type of footwear                             | <b>29</b> Aura                                 | <b>46</b> Plentiful                    |
| <b>23</b> Reach                               | <b>5</b> Spoiler, maybe                               | <b>31</b> Concord, for one                     | <b>47</b> Worked as                    |
| <b>24</b> Eastern path                        | <b>6</b> Preferential status, in sports               | <b>32</b> Cry of doom                          | <b>48</b> "Are as moonlight": Tennyson |
| <b>25</b> Major Boeing client                 | <b>7</b> Refuge                                       | <b>33</b> It's often passed down               | <b>49</b> Around the Horn airer        |
| <b>26</b> Big name in game-show history       | <b>8</b> Lois Lane's mother                           | <b>35</b> Iroquois Confederacy cofounder       | <b>50</b> Rung                         |
| <b>30</b> Upward mobility                     | <b>9</b> Diamond bigwig                               | <b>36</b> Haughty                              | <b>51</b> Age                          |
| <b>32</b> Common stock                        |   |  |  |
| <b>34</b> Empire builder of old               |   |  |  |
| <b>35</b> Base of some springs                |   |  |  |
| <b>40</b> Project Runway Canada host          |   |  |  |
| <b>41</b> With an air of mystery              |   |  |  |
| <b>42</b> Proscenium neighbors                |   |  |  |
| <b>45</b> Alluring                            |   |  |  |
| <b>46</b> Slicker                             |   |  |  |
| <b>49</b> Food                                |   |  |  |
| <b>50</b> Gates-of-heaven opener for Apollo   |   |  |  |
| <b>52</b> Verbally assault                    |   |  |  |
| <b>53</b> Serpentine line                     |   |  |  |
| <b>57</b> "Invincible Eagle" composer         |   |  |  |
| <b>58</b> Like psi                            |   |  |  |

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From right, Ron Whipkey, Paschal Odom, Terry Wofford and Don Hood prepare pancakes for the Breakfast Fly In at the Big Spring Airport Saturday morning. The event drew pilots from all over the Permian Basin.



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This owner runs with his dog during judging at the Big Spring Kennel Club's 40th annual show at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The show continues Sunday with doors open at 8 a.m. and judging starting at 9 a.m.

## Fishback 5K run/walk set May 22

On May 22, the Howard County Road Kill Running Club (HCRK) will host the first Bob Fishback 5K fun run/walk in Comanche Trail Park.

The event will start at the Alice Hayes Pavilion which is located by the Kids' Zone play area.

All proceeds will be donated to the Fishback family to help pay for medical expenses.

Entry fee is \$20 and there will be awards for first through third place female and male participants.

You can either pre-register, or register the morning of the event. Registration will open at 6:30 a.m.

You can download the flyer at <http://pages.suddenlink.net/hcrk/docs/Annual%20Bob%20Fishback.pdf>

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL  
PROPERTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF HOWARD §  
By virtue of an ORDER OF SALE issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 26th day of April, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 1st day of June, 2010, being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO.  
STYLE  
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION  
CITY OF BIG SPRING,  
HOWARD COUNTY  
T-5782  
Howard County, et al vs. Floyd Clifford Coates  
All of Lts 5 & 6, Bk 9, Brown Addn (1600 W. 3rd)  
T-5719  
Tony Carl and Christina Carl  
All of Lt 8, Bk 8, McDowell Heights Addn (113 E. 14th)  
T-5582  
Jeremy R. Grant and Deanna R. Grant  
Being a 0.27 acre tract out of a 2.0 acre tract of land in the NW/4 of Sc 44, Bk 31, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey (9507 E. Midway Rd)  
T-5711  
Sirilo Nieto and Norma Alicia Nieto  
Lts 9 & 10, Buckner Place Addn (1400 & 1402 Virginia)  
CAUSE NO. 5784  
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS  
LOUISA BAUER, ET AL  
EXHIBIT NO.  
DEFENDANT NAME  
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION  
BIG SPRING,  
HOWARD COUNTY  
ADDRESS

No. 1  
Louisa Bauer  
Lt 3, Bk 7 Bauer Addn  
704 NW 5th  
No. 2  
Martha E. Birdwell  
Lt 11, Bk 60, Original Town of Big Spring  
703 Nolan  
No. 3  
Earnest Byrd and Addie Byrd  
W/2 of Lt 12, Bk 99, Original Town of Big Spring  
619 Sargent Paredes  
No. 4  
Lee Canales, Jr.  
W/20 of Lt 2, all Lt 3, Bk 24, Boyd-stun Second Addn  
1206 E. 5th  
No. 5  
Jessie Cervantes and wife, Jessie Cervantes  
S/50' of NE/4 of Bk 30, Bauer Addn.  
907 N. Scurry  
No. 6  
Dorothy Cope, Bob Bowland, Tara Bowman, Julie Ann Cope, Bill Jay Cope  
Lt 6, Bk 17, Monticello Addn  
1211 Blackmon  
No. 7  
John A. Currie  
Lts 2, 3 and E/2 of Lt 4, Bk D, Moore's Heights Addn  
1005 NW 4th  
No. 8  
Billie May DeBarra  
N/2 of Lt 9, and all of Lt 10, Bk 1, Porter Addn  
405 Owens  
No. 9  
C.A. Gore  
Lt 12, Bk 4, Lakeview Addn  
211 Hillcrest  
No. 10  
N. Graham and Josie Graham  
N/10' of Lt 10, Bk 14, McDowell Heights Addn  
n/a  
No. 11  
Grace Grandstaff  
A tract of land being part of NE/4 Sec. 44, Bk 32, T-1-N  
1625 E. 3rd  
No. 12  
Clara Creak, Individually and as Ind. Exec. of the Estate of Annie Pachal, Deceased, John Creak, Henry Pachal, Lola Pachal, Olga Lamkin, Alva Lamkin, Hulda Thuman, Adolf Thuman, Louise Schweke, Fenton G. Schweke, Hattie Lamkin and Louis Lamkin  
1.25 acres out of the E/2 of Sc 18, Bk 31, T2N, T&P Ry Co Survey  
n/a  
No. 13  
C.R. McHenry  
Lt 9, Bk 21, Jones Valley Addn  
n/a (1104 W. 6th)  
No. 14

Ralph Pierce  
Lt 3, Bk 21, Jones Valley Addn  
n/a  
No. 15  
Ruth Marie Pierce  
Lts 1 & 2, Bk 8, Brown Addn  
1610 W. 2nd  
No. 16  
Gayland Pitman  
Lt 5, Bk 25, Bauer Addn  
409 NW 9th  
No. 17  
Plainsmen Corporation  
Lt 1, Bk 2, Douglas Addn.  
3800 Hamilton  
No. 17  
Plainsmen Corporation  
Lt 2, Bk 2, Douglas Addn.  
3802 Hamilton  
No. 17  
Plainsmen Corporation  
Lt 3, Bk 2, Douglas Addn.  
3804 Hamilton  
No. 17  
Plainsmen Corporation  
Lt 4, Bk 2, Douglas Addn.  
3806 Hamilton  
No. 18  
Isabel Ramirez  
W/2 of Lt 6, Bk 99, Original Town of Big Spring  
622 NW 3rd  
No. 19  
Trannie Randle  
Lt 2, Bk F, Moore's Heights Addn  
809 Sargent Paredes  
No. 20  
Johnny Rangel and Clara Rangel  
Lt 7, Bk 31, Bauer Addn  
306 NW 9th  
No. 21  
Melton Rangel aka Melton Montelongo Rangel and Dominga Rangel aka Dominga Correa Rangel  
E/60' of Lts 19 & 20, Bk 2, Wright's Airport Addn  
n/a  
No. 22  
Precilla B. Reyna  
Lt 2, Bk 7, Lakeview Addn  
108 Algeria  
No. 23  
Joey D. Roberts  
A tract of land beign part of Tract 42, William B. Currie Subdivision out of SE/4 Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey  
108 NE 10th  
No. 24  
Willie Robinson  
Lts 1 & 2, Bk 2, Sunset Addn  
401 Sunset Blvd  
No. 25  
Casimiro Rodriguez and Rosa Rodriguez  
A tract of land being part of Tract 24, William B. Currie Subdivision out of SE/4 of Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey  
502 NE 9th  
No. 27  
Juanna Rodriguez  
Lt 1, Bk 7, Lakeview Addn  
110 Algeria  
No. 28  
Luisa Rodriguez aka Maria Luisa Rodriguez and Gertrude Rodriguez  
Lt 7, Bk 24, Government Heights to Bauer Addn  
510 NW 8th  
No. 29  
Joe Rogers, Joe E. Rogers and Mary Rogers  
Lt 12, Bk 14, Jones Valley Addn  
910 W. 8th  
No. 30  
George M. Rojo and Carolina Rojo  
Lt 7, Bk 116, Original Town of Big Spring  
200 NE 3rd  
No. 31  
Eddie Ross, Willie Albert Elkins Ross, Rickey Lee Ross, Jacqueline M. Ross, Theresa Ann Ross and Barbara Denise Ross  
A tract of land being part of Tract No. 22, William B. Currie Subdivision out of SE/4 Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry Co Survey  
210 NE 9th  
No. 32  
Isabell Runyan  
East Fifty-Five feet (E/55') of Lt 9, and East Fifty-Five feet (E/55') of the South One-Half (S/2) of Lt 10, Bk 5, Tennyson's Addn  
201 N. Nolan  
No. 33  
Cleto Salinos and wife  
Lt 12, Bk 8, Jones Valley Addn  
1611 W. 1st  
No. 34  
Robert Shannon  
Lt 8, Bk 2, Sunset Addn  
413 Sunset  
No. 35  
Jose J. Silva  
Lt 22, Bk 7, Wright's Airport Addn  
1305 Lindbergh  
No. 36  
Edith W. Simmons  
Lts 5 & 6, Bk 102, Original Town of Big Spring  
n/a (corner of N. 3rd & N. Bell)  
No. 37  
C.W. Smith  
Lt 9, Bk 2, Lakeview Addn  
200 Algeria  
No. 38  
W.L. Smith and Rosa Allene Smith  
Lt 4, Bk 3, Mountain View Addn  
1311 Mesa  
No. 39  
Jerry Stevens aka Jerry Stephens  
Lt 11, Bk 4, Bowser Addn  
100 Dillworth

No. 40  
Dewey Stewart and Rosa Lee Stewart  
W/25' of Lt 8, Bk A, Moore's Heights Addn  
808 Sargent Paredes  
No. 41  
Earnest Sturgeon  
N/2 of Lt 1, Bk 8, Banks Addn  
810 Cherry  
No. 42  
M.S. Thetford and Emmie Thetford  
Lt 6, Bk 25, Governments Heights to Bauer Addn  
411 NW 9th  
No. 43  
J.W. Trantham  
Lt 19, Bk 9, South Haven Addn  
Sterling Rd.  
No. 44  
Edgar Ray Van Kirk  
Lt 26, Bk 6, South Haven Addn  
Dawson Dr.  
No. 45  
Tomas Vela  
W/2 of Lt 10, Bk 99, Original Town of Big Spring  
627 Sargent Paredes  
No. 46  
Jose Esteben Velasquez  
Lt 4, Bk 7, Brown Addn  
1604 W. 1st  
No. 47  
Marcello Vera, Marcello I. Vera  
N/part of Lts 11 & 12, Bk 9, Jones Valley Addn  
509 Galveston  
No. 48  
Florinda Viera  
Lt 5, Bk 60, Original Town of Big Spring  
710 Goliad  
No. 49  
George A. Weatherall  
Lt 7, Bk 2, Denton Addn  
806 NW 5th  
No. 50  
Peggy Brown Weatherall  
Lt 8, Bk 2, Denton Addn  
808 NW 5th  
No. 51  
E.R. Weatherman  
N/100' of NE/4 of Bk 13, Bauer Addn  
n/a (corner of N. Scurry & N 7th)  
No. 52  
Frank Weaver, Jr.  
Lt 4, Bk 1, North Park Addn  
912 Ohio  
No. 53  
Ramona Lee Lawson White and Rory Jay Lawson  
S/2 of Lts 7 & 8, Bk 12, Jones Valley Addn  
610 San Jacinto  
No. 54  
Dee Scaggs and Bobbie L. Williams fka Bobbie Scaggs  
A tract of land being part of the N/2 of Tract No. 25, of the Wm B. Currie Subdivision SE/4, Sc 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey  
616 NE 9th  
No. 55  
V.P. Wilson  
Lt 9, Bk 2, Sunset Addn  
415 Sunset  
No. 56  
Joe Willie Wrightsil aka Willie Wrightsil  
Lt 1, Bk I, Moore's Heights Addn  
1001 NW 2nd  
No. 57  
Prospero Yanez  
Lt 1, Bk 7, Bauer Addn  
700 NW 5th  
No. 57  
Prospero Yanez  
Lt 2, Bk 7, Bauer Addn  
702 NW 5th  
No. 58  
Juan Zubia aka Juan Subia  
Lt 6, Bk 7, Bauer Addn  
710 NW 5th  
Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.  
Witness my hand this 26th day of April, 2010.  
Stan Parker  
SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS  
BY: Deputy  
PROPERTY ADDRESSES ARE PROVIDED BY THE HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROSPECTIVE BUYERS SHOULD SATISFY THEMSELVES AS TO THE ACTUAL LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY PROSPECTIVE BUYERS SHOULD CHECK TITLE RECORDS FOR METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTIONS OF PROPERTY AND TO DETERMINE STATUS OF TITLE ALL PROPERTIES SOLD "AS IS", WITHOUT WARRANTY OF TITLE" PROSPECTIVE BUYERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEED RECORDING FEES EACH PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHT AND REDEMPTION BUYERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF 2009 TAXES; PLEASE CONTACT KATHY SAYLES, HOWARD COUNTY TAC #6519 May 2, 9 & 16, 2010

## Legals

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

TO: Sara Beth Homan Reid aka Sara Beth Homan, Anne Margaret Vincent, aka Anne Margaret Vinson aka Anne Margarita Vincent aka Anne Margarita Homan, Katherine Homan, Harry Jack Hepner and Margaret Katherine Hepner  
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:

North Half (N/2) of Sc 7, Bk 33, T1S, T&P RR Co. Survey Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value-\$28,024.00 Amt. owed-\$1,946.21  
Sc 29, Bk 34, T1S, T&P RR CO. Survey Howard County, Texas (Save and Except the property described in right-of-way to the State of Texas recorded in Vol. 149, pg 96, deed records of Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value-\$115,716.00 Amt. owed-\$1,822.91  
Sc 12, Bk 34, T1S, T&P RR CO. Survey Howard County, Texas: Assessed Value-\$48,240.00 Amt. owed-\$2,365.53

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$6,139.65, 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 SARA BETH HOMAN REID AKA SARA BETH HOMAN, ANNE MARGARET VINCENT, AKA ANNE MARGARET VINSON AKA ANNE MARGARITA VINCENT AKA ANNE MARGARITA HOMAN, KATHERINE HOMAN, HARRY JACK HEPNER AND MARGARET KATHERINE HEPNER and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on April 29, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. SARA BETH HOMAN REID AKA SARA BETH HOMAN, ANNE MARGARET VINCENT, AKA ANNE MARGARET VINSON AKA ANNE MARGARITA VINCENT AKA ANNE MARGARITA HOMAN, KATHERINE HOMAN, HARRY JACK HEPNER AND MARGARET KATHERINE HEPNER, 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 5827 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of June, 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 29th day of April, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6536 May 9 & 16, 2010

Tenant: Jason Hopper  
Property: Golf clubs, TV, flat top stove, gun case, misc. clothing  
Tenant: Rebecca Marquez  
Property: Fridge, TV, Speakers, bed, AB lounge, misc. household goods  
#6522 May 2 & 9, 2010

## Legals

PROPERTY TAX PROTEST  
AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- \* The market or appraised value of your property
- \* The unequal appraisal of your property
- \* The inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- \* Any exemptions that may apply to you
- \* The qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- \* The taxable status of your property
- \* The local governments which should be taxing your property
- \* The ownership of property
- \* The change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- \* Any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Review by the  
Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The CAD might ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a cop of an written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. you or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720

NOTE: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator or SOAH  
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you received the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal with the applicable filing fee.

## Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

## More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas 432/263-3801.

## You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at PO Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

DEADLINE FOR FILING  
PROTESTS WITH THE ARB\*

## Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late Protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

## Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you. For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.  
#6529 May 9, 2010

## Legals

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TO: Palemon Diaz  
and Yolanda Diaz

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 part of Tract No. 22 of the Wm B. Currie Subdivision out of the SE/4 of Sc. 42, Bk 32, T1N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value- \$1,149.00 Amt. owed-\$417.33  
Lt 16, Bk 1, Avion Village Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value-\$24,155.00 Amt. owed-\$565.73

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,020.81, 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 PALEMON DIAZ AND YOLANDA DIAZ and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on March 30, 2010, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. PALEMON DIAZ AND YOLANDA DIAZ, 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 5704 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of June, 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 29th day of April, A.D. 2010.

Brandie Martinez  
Deputy Clerk of the District Court  
Howard County, Texas,  
118th Judicial District.  
#6534 May 9 & 16, 2010

## Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

ConocoPhillips Company, 3300 N.A. Street, Building 6, Midland, TX 79705, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend permit to inject fluid into a formation that is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, Roberts, Dora, Well No. 31W. This well is a water injection well. The well is located 6 miles E

from Forsan, Texas, in the Howard Glasscock Field in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the subsurface depth interval of 2304'-2568'.  
**LEGAL AUTHORITY:**  
Chapter 27 of Texas Water Code, as amended. Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of The Railroad Commission of Texas.  
Request for a public hearing from

persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application, should be submitted, in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Division, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. (Telephone) (512)463-6792  
#6531 May 9, 2010

## Legals

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Mini Storage which is located at 3301 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on May 15, 2010, at AAA Mini

Storage, 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants, with brief description of contents in each space.  
Tenant: Russell Johnson  
Property: Misc. boxes, extension cord, sm. radio, clothing  
Tenant: Cynidii Vonda Wrye

Property: Misc. boxes, unpainted ceramics, stuffed animals, sm. gas heater, arts & crafts  
Tenant: D'Carlon Mata  
Property: Misc. totes, trunk, clothing, misc. furniture  
Tenant: Jaqueline Byrde  
Property: Misc. boxes, household goods, misc. furniture

Tenant: Jason Hopper  
Property: Golf clubs, TV, flat top stove, gun case, misc. clothing  
Tenant: Rebecca Marquez  
Property: Fridge, TV, Speakers, bed, AB lounge, misc. household goods  
#6522 May 2 & 9, 2010

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# De-cluttering your digital life can set you free

LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press Writer

We've got multiple e-mail accounts, social networks, media streams, blogs, websites, electronic calendars, instant messages, phone contacts, online bills, passwords coming out of our ears and screen after screen after screen of computer stuff to back up, share and sync.

That doesn't include the virtual reams floating in the ether, enough to fill the Library of Congress more than 40,000 times, said Douglas C. Merrill, former chief information officer for Google, Ph.D. in cognitive science and dude who wants to help us better manage our digital clutter.

"That's 32 feet of books for every man, woman and child in America. We're drowning in information," said Merrill, who nearly wrecked his health helping to manage the details of taking Google public.

Merrill, once an information scientist at the Rand Corp., struggled with dyslexia as a kid, so de-cluttering — digital and otherwise — is a huge priority for him, so much that he's written a book on the subject with James Martin, "Getting Organized in the Google Era."

We all know about clutter offline, but our digital selves have filled up in a huge way, too. We're suffering, but we can't dig out or keep up with rapidly changing and proliferating tools. Geeks do. They track products and reviews — and have the time and skills to test them. The rest of us fret and stress.

"I have several e-mail ac-

counts. I have several websites. I'm constantly behind returning phone calls. It's a good day if the number of unread messages is below 200," said Berit Brogaard, a St. Louis college professor and single mom to a busy 6-year-old whose life also needs to be managed.

Anybody looking for a non-urgent e-mail reply from Brogaard might be waiting awhile. She relies on a few canned e-mail responses that she stashes in Gmail and rolls out when she's swamped, like this one for close friends:

"Hey there! Miss you. I am insanely busy. Sorry for being so lame. Will fill you in soon."

Merrill, who left Google for the music company EMI, then his own financial startup in Los Angeles, said a good place to begin a digital de-clutter is accepting that our brains are lousy multitaskers, among other bad things. They need all the help they can get in clearing out space, just like our computers and smart phones.

Another good place to start is taking heart in the array and flexibility of today's tools. He offers these tips, acknowledging there's no one-size-fits-all answer:

### SEARCH, DON'T FILE

Abandon the notion of "filing" and "folders" as a way to alleviate anxiety over a messy computer desktop, Merrill said. Folders, the paper and digital kind, must be maintained, and your brain must remember what you've put in them.

"The problem is we can nev-

er find the information we've stored, so we wind up with folders and folders we don't know what to do with," Merrill said. "Search is the new organization. Search can set us free from the clutter of our imperfect minds" by allowing us to get a little messy. No time is lost on meticulously filing and hunting for folders when well-defined searches are used.

Desktop tools don't have to be fancy or expensive. They're everywhere, including right there in Windows and operating systems for Macs and other computers. Tools like Google Desktop or Spotlight allow you to search with the same ease you enjoy for the Web. Quicksilver is popular with geeks.

"The goal is to keep yourself from being overwhelmed emotionally by not making your brain do what it's not good at. Computers are good at searching. You're not. They're good at remembering. You're not."

### SOME PAPER'S OK

You'd think Mr. Google would have no use for paper. Not true.

"I think paper's great for certain things," Merrill said. "It's still important."

He uses huge sticky sheets that he plasters on his walls when he's brainstorming a big idea. They're easy to move around as his thoughts firm up. He also uses paper for legal and tax documents that could be scanned into electronic files only to be retrieved and printed on demand when lawyers and accountants require hard copy.

The idea of a paperless office has been bounced around for three decades. In the early days, Google required employees to submit a trail of paper forms for reimbursement of expenses, Merrill said.

The goal is to be more efficient, so evaluate digital tools versus paper, or digital as a backup to hard copy when trying to decide. Are you looking for storage alone? Do you need to share information with many people at work, or with a small group of trusted loved ones in emergencies? We need wills, contracts and life insurance policies on paper, but should we take the time to scan them for sharing and protection?

### PASSWORDS

For the truly nervous, storing numerous login names and passwords can be done on paper, but since it's recommended that passwords change substantially at least every six months, that could be time consuming. Merrill suggests e-mailing yourself password hints.

Plenty of software power and browser tools are available for sorting dozens of passwords. The important thing, he said, is to actually change passwords and make the changes substantial.

### MINIMIZING FAKE CLUTTER

A paperless real-world desk isn't realistic at the end of each day, but well organized piles by subject, project or function will do a lot of good to relieve the stress and guilt of walking away from a cluttered work space that looks

like a pile of loose ends.

Merrill suggests taking an hour each week to evaluate what's on your desk, determining what can go, what can be converted to digital, what needs to be in a physical file cabinet and what remains on your to-do list.

Some people swear by hard-copy task management planners, but the Web is full of online apps to do the same. Online to-do apps can be easily updated on the go.

Having several e-mail accounts may be another of your unavoidable realities, but they don't need to be a source of stress. Use Gmail or smart phones, for instance, to check accounts for you so you're not constantly jumping from one e-mail server to another.

"Get rid of the wasted effort," Merrill said.

### SOCIAL NETWORKS

Twitter, Facebook and other social networks mean different things to different people. They've become a business tool for many but remain entertainment or a way to stay in touch for others.

Either way, many interfaces — like Tweetdeck — exist to integrate our busy social network lives that often have us posting frequent updates or sifting through the output of others.

One that Merrill likes, mostly for Twitter, is Brizzly. It offers support for viewing pictures online, expanding links that have been shortened, for people with multiple Twitter accounts, and includes some features for Facebook as well.

## ADVOCATE

Continued from Page 3C

Not to bash the legal profession (for I believe lawyers, like blondes, make for great jokes until you need one), but

it did jog my memory as to the history behind the term: Devil's Advocate.

The original D.A. was not found in a courtroom, but rather was a religious appointee created by the Roman Catholic Church. When a candidate was up for canonization, two roles were created to debate the pros and cons of the proposition: one played God's

Advocate; the other—the Devil's. In cross argument, the candidate was put on trial, as it were. Once debated, the vote was cast.

In Pacino's movie, there was no vote, only one individual's decision (i.e. Keanu's) as to what price one would pay to be a part of the priesthood.

Though far from suggesting you watch the movie, I will tell you that yes, in the course of our history, there truly was a Devil's Advocate!

*Karlen Evins, author of "I Didn't Know That," welcomes your feedback at [www.karlenevins.com](http://www.karlenevins.com)*

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# Dealing with Parkinson's Disease

## Special to the Herald

Al Don Edwards was always an active man and was still working as a mechanic when he began to notice symptoms that concerned him.

Having the ability to simply handwrite his name with ease had become a challenge. Within a short time, he was losing his balance, having frequent falls and difficulty eating a meal without getting choked. His legs were constantly shaking and moving.

"We have had 48 years of happiness together, we don't want it to end now," Al Don said of his wife, Frances.

He decided to seek medical attention. After consulting three specialists, he was finally diagnosed with Parkinson's in the spring of

2006 at the age of 68 and began taking medication to control some of the symptoms. As time went on, and his disease progressed, he had to retire from his job.

One Sunday evening as Al Don and Frances were leaving church, Al Don fell. He had to go to the emergency room and received 18 stitches in his head.

His family saw that he was beginning to lose his ability to walk safely and be independent. Frances was constantly helping him get up from a sitting position and staying close to him when he walked. A concerned family member mentioned the LSVT program that Accolade Homecare provided. They contacted Accolade and began the therapy and after only

## Raising awareness

In an effort to raise awareness about Parkinson's disease, Accolade Homecare is offering a Parkinson's presentation and various informative pieces.

These will include a risk quiz assessment, caregiver's guide and a timed up and go test, which is used to indicate a person's functional independence and is a predictor of an individual's risk for falling. This will be offered to Big Spring and surrounding area residents at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler Dr. on May 20 at 11 a.m.

four weeks Al Don was able to get up from a sitting position alone, walk independently and prevent falling again.

Al Don has just begun his second LSVT program, as most often people need "tune ups" when they notice some of their symptoms coming back.

"The care and education Accolade has provided us has been a life

saver, it has given us hope and taught us that we can have an enjoyable life living with Parkinson's," said Frances.

"Our specialized short-term programs for Parkinson's Disease patient's focuses on giving them back their independence while managing the day-to-day changes that come with a progressive neurological disease," said

Thomas Collier, an Accolade Homecare Physical Therapist.

Accolade, a Texas-based home healthcare and hospice provider, observes Parkinson's disease in hopes of driving awareness of Parkinson's disease. Accolade's innovative LSVT BIG® program enables people living with the disease to live life to the fullest while remaining independent.

According to the National Parkinson Foundation, more than 1.5 million Americans currently have Parkinson's disease and another 50,000-60,000 new cases are diagnosed in the United States each year. Parkinson's disease, a neurodegenerative disease, affects the brain's "control system," making everyday activities and habitual movements difficult.

Accolade's short-term program for Parkinson's disease is designed to assist in the transitions of the disease process for newly diagnosed and patients already living with the disease. The program helps patients manage symptoms,

function independently and make appropriate adjustments to live with a chronic illness. Since there is currently no known treatment to slow or stop the progression of the disease, Accolade focuses its care on maximizing the patient's quality of life, coping with the symptoms and establishing implementation of specialized treatment plans.

In addition to Accolade's specialized short-term program for Parkinson's disease, it offers physical therapy to aide in postural instability or impaired balance, occupational therapy to regain independence in activities of daily living and adjustment to tremors, speech therapy to assist in speech and swallowing difficulties as well as cognition problems for more progressive cases.

For more information about Accolade Home Care's Parkinson's presentation and screenings, contact Angela Smith at [angela.smith@accoladehomecare.com](mailto:angela.smith@accoladehomecare.com) or 432-935-4146.



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## Marcy House offers breakfast to law officers

### Special to the Herald

In honor of National Police Week, May 9-15, and Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15, Marcy House is hosting a free breakfast for active duty and retired police officers in the Big Spring area.

Marcy House is a senior living community operated by Assisted Living Concepts Inc.

To show support and appreciation, Marcy House will offer a free breakfast from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, May 14, consisting of coffee, juice, cinnamon rolls and sausage biscuits. Tours and information on assisted living will also be available during breakfast. For active duty officers between shifts, a grab-and-go breakfast will be offered.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day. The week in which that date falls is "Police Week." Every year since, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the nation converge on Washington, D.C., to participate in a number of planned events which honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Marcy House, located near the Marcy Elementary School at 2301 Wasson, promotes independence and individuality, while providing seniors with extra assistance in their daily routine. Residents enjoy the freedom and advantages of living independently in an environment surrounded by friends and a caring staff.

For more information about the appreciation breakfast or to schedule a tour at Marcy House, contact the residence director at (432) 268-9041 or visit [www.alcco.com](http://www.alcco.com)

## Energy applications accepted

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced USDA Rural Development is seeking applicants interested in increasing the production and use of renewable energy sources.

Funding is available from the USDA Rural Development Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

Eligible projects include installing renewable energy systems such as wind turbines, solar, geothermal, biomass, anaerobic digesters, hydroelectric, and ocean or hydrogen systems.

Funding may also be used to purchase energy-efficient equipment, add insulation, and improve heating and cooling systems. In fiscal year 2009, this program helped fund 1,485 REAP projects in 50 states, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Western Pacific Islands.

The program is designed to assist farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses that are able to demonstrate financial need. All agricultural producers, including farmers and ranchers, who gain 50 percent or more of their gross income from the agricultural operations are eligible. Small businesses that are located in a rural area can also apply. Rural electric cooperatives may also be eligible to apply. Typically eligible businesses have less than 500 employees and revenue of less than \$6.5 million.

All applications should be mailed to Business Programs, 101 S Main St, Suite 102, Temple, TX 76701.